

# Bembridge Parish News

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*A Postcard of Bembridge*

## BEMBRIDGE PARISH NEWS

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**FEBRUARY 2012**

**45p**

## Bob Boyce – Bembridge Methodist Church Pastor

As I was preparing this article it was blowing a gale outside. Trees were coming down and fence panels being flattened. The people passing by my window were wrapped up for arctic conditions. The news on the radio was all about the financial storms battering the national economies and the tsunami of debt that is sweeping the world. Gloomy stuff - bad weather and bad news! It makes you feel like going back to bed and staying there until it has blown over!

At such times it is easy to give up and lose hope. All of us face personal storms of varying degrees in our lives, such as illness, unemployment, break down of relationships or financial problems. These can begin to overwhelm and dishearten us. Where do we look to for the hope and expectation to carry on and overcome our troubles? Who can we turn to, who can we trust, who is dependable and stable?

Well, God never changes and in Him our future is secure and eternal.

A story is told of a shipwrecked sailor who clung to a rock in great danger until the tide went down. Later a friend asked him, "Didn't you shake with fear when you were hanging on to the rock?" He simply replied, "Yes, but the rock didn't."

Life and its uncertainties may shake us, but God - who is the Rock of Ages - does not move. If we cling to Him, His strength sustains us.

*"He alone is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I shall never be shaken."* (Psalm 62:7).

Look in the bible for a promise that clearly applies to you today. Claim it and then choose to live your life as though you really do believe that God's faithfulness toward you will never change. Remember, faith is not believing that God **can** do something, but believing that He **will** do what He has promised. He never changes and because God never changes, our future is secure and eternal.

## Bob

# LENT 2012

Ash Wednesday 22nd February 10.00 am at St Luke's Service of Holy Communion with the Imposition of Ashes.

An ancient ceremony for the beginning of Lent where we receive the sign of the Cross in Ash on our forehead as a symbol of our intention to keep a Holy Lent.

Ecumenical House Groups will meet during Lent.

As usual; we hope to use the York Course. This year's course is entitled 'Handing on the Torch: sacred words for a secular world' Details of the groups will be in all three churches during March, and groups will start meeting during the week beginning 27 February.

## Lent Lunches 2012

Every Friday during Lent between 12 noon and 1.30pm in The Cloisters from Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February until Friday March 30<sup>th</sup>, in return for a donation you will receive a bowl of soup, bread, tea or coffee and plenty of good company. After expenses the donations will be divided between Christian Aid and the Bishop of Portsmouth's Lent Appeal. Everyone is warmly welcomed - just turn up at any time.

If anyone would like to help with the making of a soup please get in touch with Janet Carty on 875922. Extra helpers will also be required.



## Bembridge Street Fair

Bembridge Street Fair falls on Bank Holiday Monday, 4th June 2012 as part of the Queens Jubilee Weekend celebrations in Bembridge.

The invitations to regular stall holders will go out at the beginning of March. Those interested in a stall please contact the Stalls Manager, Mr. Paul Booth, email: paulhbooth@yahoo.com or telephone 01983 875555.

Geoff Giles  
Street Fair Coordinator

## Bembridge RNLi Lifeboat Guild News

At a festive gathering at the Windmill Hotel on Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> December, over eighty members of the Guild, lifeboat crew and officers enjoyed the annual Lifeboat Guild Christmas dinner.



The chairman, John Gulliver thanked the members for their work throughout the year, by manning the souvenir shop and the boathouse, carrying out coffee mornings, raffles, flag days and collecting donations.

The Lifeboat Operations Manager, Mike Samuelson also made a brief address, acknowledging the work carried out by the Guild and also recognising the achievements of the previous Operations Manager, Captain Graham Hall, who was also present.

It was a festive way to end a successful year for the Bembridge Lifeboat and Guild and a good occasion to look forward to 2012.

On Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> December, the all-weather lifeboat "*Alfred Albert Williams*" joined up with the neighbouring lifeboats from Portsmouth, Selsey and Hayling Island for a social gathering at Sparks Marina, just inside the entrance to Chichester Harbour.

This event enables the lifeboat crews to socialise and exchange information and is held annually at Christmas.

Years ago, the social event was when the Bembridge lifeboat took greetings and festive fare to the light keepers on the Nab Tower, before it became automated.

After setting off in the morning, the lifeboat was back on station by mid-afternoon.

On Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> February there will be a coffee morning at the Village Hall from 10am to 12 midday. There will be sales of cakes, books, bric-a-brac, souvenirs, jewellery and craft, also a tombola and raffle.

The Guild will meet on the first Monday of the month at the Methodist Church Hall, Foreland Road at 2.30pm. Tea and coffee will be available, everyone welcome as usual.

**Ken Orchard**

*Bembridge RNLI Lifeboat Guild Press Officer*

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## **THE FRIENDS OF HOLY TRINITY**

Invite you and your friends to a

### **QUIZ NIGHT**

on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> February

At the Village Inn

High Street, Bembridge

7.30 pm for prompt start at 8.00 pm

£2.50 per person

in aid of the refurbishment of The Cloisters

Come on your own and make up a team

or bring along a team of 6

To book phone

**Olive on 874218**

(answerphone on at times)

# BEMBRIDGE WINDMILL WI



What an evening of magic, mystery and illusion!!

Playing cards and other items including a £5 note were made to disappear and reappear in a different place. A ring was locked onto a padlock and nothing would open it except a date known only to a rather worried Joan who owned the ring. Knives were thrust through a box whilst it sat on Jeanie's head and Brenda was sawn in half with an electric saw!

The members of Bembridge Windmill WI were amazed, astounded and astonished as Aaron Isted performed illusion after illusion, all at close quarters and no one saw how. At times members were reduced to tears of laughter to be followed by an open-mouthed 'how did he do that?'

It was a fantastic way to start the Christmas celebrations aided with a magnificent display of nibbles and mulled wine. We welcomed a visitor and a new member to



the hall that was festooned with hand knitted bunting and the many and varied achievements of the hobby club.

We are looking forward to a thrilling year of interesting and varied monthly meetings interspersed with the opportunity to learn new skills, visit new places and enjoy being "ladies who lunch".

Our February meeting will be held on Monday 20 February at 7.30pm at the Cloisters when it will be hands on to make something beautiful out of felt.

We love to share our fun with others and if you would like to see what we are all about just come along or contact Sarah 873873 or Ginny 874246 for more information.

Women's World Day  
of Prayer

An Ecumenical Service  
prepared by the  
Ladies of Malaysia

'Let Justice Prevail'

Friday 2 March 2012

At: 2 p.m.

St. Michael's Church  
Walls Road, Bembridge

Speaker: Ann Thorp

Everybody welcome

There will be refreshments to  
follow

THURSDAY BAZAAR  
Free entry

A Bazaar is held in the  
Village Hall  
each Thursday 9am - 1pm

There are many interesting  
stalls, light refreshments  
are available.

There are collection boxes  
for Help for Heroes.

Organiser Ron Holloway  
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# St. MICHAEL'S RC CALENDAR

WALLS ROAD, BEMBRIDGE

(Combined Parish of Bembridge and Ryde)

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## WEEKEND SERVICES ALL YEAR

<b>Saturdays:</b>	6.00 p.m.	<i>Vigil Mass at Ryde</i>
<b>Sundays:</b>	7.45 a.m.	<i>(said) Mass at Ryde</i>
	9.15 a.m.	<i>(sung) Mass at Bembridge</i>
	11.00 a.m.	<i>(sung) Mass at Ryde</i>
	10.00 a.m.	<i>Mass - at both Quarr Abbey and St. Cecilia's Convent</i>
<b>Tuesdays:</b>	10.00 a.m.	<i>Rosary &amp; Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>
	10.30 a.m.	<i>(said) Mass at Bembridge</i>

## News from St Michael's

To mark the end of the week of Christian Unity, an ecumenical service was held at St. Michael's on 22nd January. It was well attended by all the churches and the get-together, with refreshments, which followed, was greatly enjoyed by all.

Ash Wednesday, on 19th February, marks the start of Lent and the Lent Groups, which are organised between the three churches, will commence once again. How time flies!

This year marks the centenary of the Abbey Church at Quarr - a wonderful haven of peace and tranquility at any time, with an interesting bookshop and a newly redesigned teasop in the gardens.

An ecumenical project started recently in Ryde, the "Open Arms" drop-in centre. At the present time, the centre feeds approximately 20 people a week, offering comfort to those less fortunate people who may be homeless, for one reason or another, or just lonely and glad of company and warmth.

The Taize Group continues to meet at St. Michael's and the date in February is the 14th (Valentine's Day!), 7-8 p.m. All are welcome to this hour of song, prayer and meditation.

*Angela Haydon.*



# HOLY TRINITY CALENDAR

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## SUNDAY SERVICES

8.00am

Holy Communion at St Luke's (BCP)

10.30am

Parish Communion with STEPPING STONES for children at Holy Trinity (Common Worship)

1st SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH

10.30am

Thank God it's Sunday! Worship for all ages.

## FEBRUARY 2012

Wednesday	1st	9.30am	Matins at St Luke's
		10.00am	Holy Communion at St. Luke's MU Corporate Communion
Saturday	4th	3.00pm	Baptism
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>5th</b>	<b>The 3rd SUNDAY BEFORE LENT</b>	
		8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP) at St Luke's
		10.30am	Thank God it's Sunday
Monday	6th	9.00am	Monday Meditation
		8.00pm onwards	Pub Night in the Windmill
Wednesday	8th	9.30am	Matins at St Luke's
		10.00am	Holy Communion at St Luke's
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>12th</b>	<b>THE 2nd SUNDAY BEFORE LENT</b>	
		8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP) at St Luke's
		10.30am	Parish Communion with Stepping Stones
Monday	13th	9.00am	Monday Meditation
Wednesday	15th	9.30am	Matins at St Luke's
		10.00am	Holy Communion at St Luke's
Thursday	16th	7.30pm	PCC Meeting
Saturday	18th	7.30pm	Friends of Holy Trinity Quiz Night in the Village Inn

**SUNDAY 19th THE SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT**  
Normal Sunday Services

Monday 20th 9.00am Monday Meditation

Wednesday 22nd **ASH WEDNESDAY**  
9.30am Matins at St Luke's  
10.00am Holy Communion at St Luke's  
with the Imposition of Ashes

Friday 24th 12.00noon – 1.30pm Lent Lunches at The Cloisters

**SUNDAY 26th THE 1st SUNDAY OF LENT**  
8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) at St Luke's  
10.30am Parish Communion  
with Stepping Stones  
Preacher: The Venerable Karen Schmidt  
Archdeacon of the Isle of Wight

Monday 27th 9.00am Monday Meditation

Week begining Monday 27th – Ecumenical House Groups



**BAPTISM** 18th December Matthew DOWNING

**FUNERALS** 19th December Eileen HARMAN  
2012  
6th January Jack CHAMPION  
20th January Joyce LANGSTON



## *Holy Trinity Mothers' Union*



Wed 1<sup>st</sup> Feb 10.30am Corporate Communion at St Luke's  
Thu 9<sup>th</sup> Feb 2.30pm Branch Meeting at The Cloisters  
– Speaker Mrs Jean Cooke –  
working as a Street Pastor

Tue 28<sup>th</sup> Feb 2.30pm First meeting of our LENT GROUP at  
the Cloisters.

*Sheila Wheeler – Branch Leader (874065)*



# The Methodist Church

*A warm welcome in the name of Jesus*

Pastor Bob Boyce. (01983) 873785  
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## **FEBRUARY CALENDAR**

### **MIDWEEK EVENTS AND SUNDAY WORSHIP**

Sun 5th	10.30 am 4.00pm	Paster Bob Boyce, Sacrament of Holy Communion Grapevine Family Service, Sacrament of Holy Communion
Sun 12th	10.30 am 2.30pm to 4.30pm	Mr Ian Preece, Local Preacher Vine Arts, (Children 8 & over)
Sun 19th	10.30 am 4.00pm	Mrs Mary White Grapevine Family Service, Sacrament of Holy Communion
Sun 26th	10.30am 6.30pm	Grapevine Family Service & Rev. Dr. Andrew Wood Inspire Youth Group, 13+ years of age

### **ACTIVITIES AND GROUPS IN THE CHURCH**

Alternative Tuesday in month	10.00 am	Church Friendship Walk Contact 873393
Every Wednesday in month	10.00 am 2.45 pm 6.30 pm 8.00 pm	Seekers Together Wednesday Welcome Rock Solid (co-sponsored and supported by Holy Trinity) Nite Lite
Alternative Thursday in month	7.30 pm	Manse Bible Study at 45 Crossway
First Thursday in month	3.30 - 5.30 pm	Pebbles
First Friday in month	10.00 am 7.45 pm	Coffee morning Grapevine Prayer Meeting

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*Our church is situated in Foreland Road*

# The Methodist Noticeboard

We invite you to join us at

Grapevine or Pebbles or Vine Arts or Inspire  
or Pebbles Plus or Refresh

at Bembridge Methodist Church

## 1st Quarter Diary

### February 2012

Thursday 2nd	Pebbles 3.30-5.30pm
Friday 3rd	Prayer Meeting 7.45pm
Sunday 5th	Family Communion 4pm
Sunday 12th	Vine Arts 2.30-4.30pm
Sunday 19th	Family Service 4pm
Sunday 26th	Family Service 10.30am and Inspire 6.30pm

### March 2012

Thursday 1st	Pebbles 3.30-5.30pm
Friday 2nd	Prayer Meeting 7.45pm
Sunday 4th	Family Communion 6pm
Sunday 11th	Vine Arts 2.30-4.30pm
Sunday 18th	Pebbles Plus 4pm
Sunday 25th	Family Service 10.30am and Inspire 6.30pm

### April 2012

Sunday 1st	Palm Sunday Family Communion 4pm (Note, NO Pebbles this month)
Friday 6th	Good Friday Special Event for Children, details TBD
Sunday 8th	Easter Day Family Service at 10.30am
Sunday 15th	Family Service 4pm
Sunday 22nd	Family Service 10.30am (Note, NO Inspire this evening)
Sunday 29th	Refresh at 4pm

## News from Bembridge Community Library

The Library held a Welcome Morning on 10<sup>th</sup> December which was a great success. The morning comprised music, refreshments, children's activities and a raffle.

The library was packed with happy people all morning and the event exceeded everyone's expectations. The Committee hope to hold another such event in the Easter holidays.



The Library is operating well and it has been delightful to see how the volunteers have 'honed' their skills over the first few months. The feeling of goodwill and friendly appreciation from those using the library has been most pleasurable.

Following an excellent response last year the Library currently has an adequate pool of volunteers to operate, however we always welcome those who feel they may be able to contribute to the successful running of the Library.

In particular we urgently need a volunteer to undertake the role of Building Maintenance Supervisor. Currently a part time member of the Rural

Communities Council has been providing building maintenance advice but this is unlikely to continue beyond April.

We have a number of people able to undertake maintenance work but it is the overarching supervisory role we desperately need to fill. Anyone who could help in this way is asked to come into the library and leave their name.

The Community Library offers the full range of services that the previous Council controlled Library provided and its current opening hours are:

*Mornings:*

***Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday***

***9.30 am – 12.30***

*and*

*Afternoons:*

***Monday and Friday***

***1.30 pm – 4.30 pm***

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**JIGSAW PUZZLES** – If you have any unwanted complete jigsaw puzzles, please would you consider donating them to Bembridge Community Library? We want to restart the popular jigsaw loan scheme, and donations would be warmly welcome.

Please contact Glynis Cunliffe tel. 874402, or take them into the library.

Thank You!

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## A BIG 'THANK YOU' TO WIGHT ISLAND PLAYERS

*Bembridge Community Library have been given a cheque for £135 from Wight Island Players. This represents half the proceeds from the raffles taken at their recent Panto Alladin held in the Village Hall.*

*We would like to thank Mr Rolf, the President, all those who took part in the Panto and all those who bought a raffle ticket.*

*Your generosity is very greatly appreciated and we are delighted to receive this donation.*

# Bembridge Vectis Townswomen's Guild

The hall looked lovely with pots of bulbs and crackers for Bembridge Vectis T.G.'s Christmas Party.

After a short business time, members enjoyed a glass of sherry and nibbles.

This was followed by the Drama Group, who this year, were doing a sketch entitled A Modern Miracle from an idea by a member and developed by the whole group. This enabled them to read some of the Nativity stories Gervase Phinn writes about in his book. Gervase was an inspector of schools for Yorkshire and saw many Nativity Plays on his visits to schools. He recounts the many funny things children say. One such anecdote being a small boy who insisted to the local vicar that he knew the name of the baby Jesus! The baby's name was 'Wayne' and nothing could persuade him otherwise because they had sung in assembly "A Wayne in a Manger"! The Drama Group then continued; followed a stranger to a barn where they find a baby in a manger and give him the gifts they had.

Everyone then joined in singing carols. We were indebted to Dot Harrison for playing so beautifully for us. After a game we all enjoyed a super tea.

In February the Luncheon Club will meet:

on Feb 7th at Fox's,

the Gardening Club on Feb 22nd at Maureen's

and the Drama Group on Feb 24th at Judy's.

The speaker at the meeting on February 16th will be Linda Grant who will be showing us how she makes her lovely glass jewellery.

The competition will be a pretty button.

*Judith Sutton 872477*

## **Cover picture:**

Foreland Road as it was in about 1908. Hardly changed, has it. There wasn't a pavement then and the road appears to be in a better condition than now! The previous name for Foreland Road was Locks Lane. The photograph was taken by Mr. Wilson of Bembridge.

# Bembridge Horticultural Society

[www.bembridgeblooms.org.uk](http://www.bembridgeblooms.org.uk)

## MEETINGS:

3 <sup>rd</sup> February	Keith Brewer	Sweet Peas
17 <sup>th</sup> February	Alma Butcher	Ferret Rescue

I think that this month we will be clearing up after all the awful weather of January.

If it hasn't already been done trim trees and bushes while they are asleep.

Start sowing seeds in propagators for an early start.

On a nice day while wandering round the garden lift and pot up little seedlings that have sprung up all over the garden.

Give plants that have been over wintering in the greenhouse and cold frames a little water and a tidy up give them room to start growing again.

Decide what to grow for vegetables this year and remember to rotate the crops, digging over the veg bed and perhaps try growing some veg in the flower beds such as runner beans and peas on wigwams and tomatoes.

Look out for snowdrops and daffodils which remind us that spring is on its way, a little light hoeing the flower beds and putting compost round to stop weeds from taking over.

Buy potatoes and chit ready for planting.

If you were lucky enough to have had garden tokens for xmas a trip to a garden centre for a coffee and browse round a spending spree.

A gentle start in the garden on nicer days planning and weeding and planting ready for hard work later on, feed and water the little birds they are an asset in the garden.

### ***The Snowdrop Fairy***

*Deep sleeps the winter, cold wet and grey.  
Surely all the world is dead, spring is far away.  
Wait! The world shall waken, it's not dead for lo,  
The Fair Maids of February stand in the snow.*



Cicely Mary Barker  
***Happy Gardening.***