

St Dominick

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EXHIBITION AND SALE OF PAINTINGS AND CARDS

By Jo Totterdell

Friday 15th November 2024 from 9.30am to 3.30pm

At St Dominick Parish Hall

Many of you will know Jo Totterdell and be familiar with her beautiful botanical paintings.

Jo has lived in St Dominick for most of her life, and for the past 15 years, has concentrated on painting botanical subjects, producing a calendar of her work for ten years from 2011 to 2022, and had exhibitions and sales of her paintings at Sterts Theatre, St Dominick Chapel and the Tamar Valley Centre.



Due to health problems, Jo is no longer painting regularly, and has decided to have a final exhibition and sale of paintings and cards (some framed and some simply mounted) in the parish hall.

Jo will also be raffling one of her paintings in aid of Parkinsons UK.

Tea and coffee will be available.

Please come and have a browse, a cuppa and a chat – everyone will be very welcome!

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Each Advent Season individuals and village organisations fill the little bags that are put daily onto the church windows. The contents are then taken to the Callington Food Bank after Christmas. This year, more than ever, The Food Bank needs our help and are very grateful for all the donations we can give them.

As usual the items most needed are personal hygiene products such as deodorants, men and women, shampoo & conditioner, toothpaste, disposable razors, handwash, soaps. Household products of washing up liquid, laundry tabs, toilet cleaner, all purpose cloths, spray surface cleaners, furniture polish, bin liners. Larger items such as soap powder, toilet rolls can be left in the box at the back of the church and will be delivered before Christmas.



Thank you in advance for all of your gifts.

Flower Demonstration

Don't forget to get tickets for the Christmas Flower Demonstration to be given by Mandy Nicholson in the parish hall on Saturday 7th December from 2 'till 4 o'clock. Mandy will be showing us how to make beautiful



decorations for the Christmas season. Tickets are £6 and will include refreshments of tea/coffee, mince pie and cream and the floral items will be raffled at the end of the demonstration.

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Barrett's Privateers Air Ambulance Fundraiser at the Who'd – 8pm Friday 15th November.

It will start with a short performance in the Conservatory and then, after a short break, will be followed by a traditional Cornish Shout or singalong in the bar. The 'Shout' is no stranger to the Who'd as the St Piran's celebrations, 5th March, have been held here for the last 10 years.

Jeremy, from the Cornwall Air Ambulance will be there and CDs will be on sale from their current 'Sing it Home' campaign. They are raising 1.85 million to fund a second helicopter which will cover the times when the current one is away for service, often taking 3 months.

Barrett's Privateers have been involved, along with other groups, in recording the song, 'Sing it Home' and the Cornwall Air Ambulance



fundraisers are hoping that there will be enough cd sales for it to enter the UK Music Charts.

To pre-order your copy of the cd which is being released on 8th November, please scan the code below, visit the pub where a large advert is being displayed, or come along and join us on the 15th.

St Dominick Advent Window Trail 2024

(initiated by The Who'd during lockdown)

If you would like to join in the fun of St. Dominick Advent Window Trail please email stdominickchurch@gmail.com with your phone number and address *as soon as possible*, and say where you are and which week you'd like to light up your window (or call Ann on 077900 40458)

The Advent Window Trail starts to light up on December 1st. Each Sunday is used to tell the Advent Story – and the last two dates are usually the Who'd and the Church – otherwise the choice is yours - if you ***get in quick!*** ****There are, at going to PN on 15th Oct – 8 dates vacant!****

But we need to fill ALL the dates by 10th November to get it into the parish news for December – so please do not delay - Thank You!

The theme for 2024 will be 'CHRISTMAS CAROLS' *(suggested by a past entrant, this idea received several positive responses on fb)*

As before, each participating household will have their December date on which to display their decorated window (on the map) and to remain up and lit until the end of the month for everyone to have time to view all the entries for voting. We will also have an independent judge and there will be a prize!

Want to see past windows for inspiration? Go to facebook and search for **StDominickAdventWindows** and scroll down.

How to be part of this lovely Village Event

****Preferably**, either live in the area between the Who'd and the Parish Church and want to make an Advent Window display** (including The Meadows, Cross, Vogus lane, Park Road, Edgcumbe Road, Baber, Church View, Peppers Court, Pensingers, Rous Road and the bits in between)

****This is both for safety reasons – as to view the windows people, often families with children, are walking around the streets after dark – and also a practical reason - as it was found that those further out *just didn't get the viewings they deserved.*****

HOWEVER not all of us live in this area ...

So we have a OR... **Or**, if you would like to **Make a Window** we can try to find you a window to display it in within this area....

And another OR– Or, if you are *not* arty-crafty, but would be willing to **HOST a window** – please let us know and we can try to match you up with a Window Maker!



Parish Council Report September 2024

So, we were back in the Parish Hall, the normal venue,
No Andrew Long who had been unwell.

As always almost the first item on the agenda is to declare any gifts, I look around the room and no new clothes were in evidence but that's not a very nice thing to write, so we will have to believe they had received nothing, as they stated.

A member of the public was there, with her husband as backup, who was representing the Festivities Committee. She spoke first to say that the Festivities Committee were offering £150.00 towards the cost of the controversial gate into Lovells. Councillor Greene reiterated this, apparently the Festivities committee were "so excited to hear about the new gate they insisted on offering the money". She had done various costings re the gate and was asking the Parish Council to offer to pay the rest. After mumblings and foot dragging a vote was passed to pay £999 towards it, a vote passed of 5-4. It would have been 6-4 but councillor Fry turned up late as he had fallen asleep.

At his point the members of the public could have left but they said it was better than TV and stayed on.

Councillor Brady, I think, and I apologise if it wasn't her, had looked into grant funding for the proposed purchase of the Glebe ground if they would sell it to us, which set it all off again. It was decided that no grant funding is available unless lots of consultation with the public is done first. And, if there was parking across the road at the bottom of the hill would anyone use it? Councillor Heslop said the schoolteachers could use it, but you can't make anyone do anything. Councillor Hunn thought it was a poor choice and Councillor Potter thought that if everyone parked at their own properties properly things would be considerable better, squared up a bit. There would be room for allotment holders to park at their allotments, but they might not want to. He thought the parking at

Baber was much more problematical. Don't know the outcome, might have fizzled out.

But Councillor Brown had been on a course, which I think was on community engagement. It involved such things as improving the website, having a dedicated Facebook page and lots of things which I can't remember but will no doubt arise. Perhaps having a Parish Council report in the parish news was an idea. One thing I have noticed, and this has been brought up a few times locally, is that people have stopped speaking to each other since the covid restrictions were lifted. People are on Facebook asking if anyone knows "a.n.other", and the answer is, "yes, next door to you". We will see what happens. If more communication is needed I will write a description of the councillors as has been done before so you can all accost them. They will like that.

The goal posts have been purchased.

No one has any idea why Cormac removed the hall carpark surface but it's going to cost a lot to replace. However councillor Fry knows someone with a vibrating roller, so all is not lost – apparently.

And guess what?

South West Water, or whoever they are currently, who have been chasing the council for money:

They began with £4,000.00 a few years ago

Reduced it to £1,700.00 over time

The council offered £176.41 which was rejected.

There was a dispute over the VAT

And now.....the council have been offered a refund of £312.11 and I think they are going to accept this!

Then we all went home. The Festivities committee member left and I asked her if she was still excited by the end of the meeting. Don't know the answer. Next meeting First Wednesday in November, Parish Hall 7.00

Did you know that you can find the official website of St Dominic Parish Council here <https://www.stdominicpc.org.uk/>

The aim of the website is to provide both residents of St Dominick parish and visitors with information about the Parish Council and local area.

It includes a list of your current Parish Councillors, the official meeting reports (minutes) of past meetings and the date and agenda for the next meeting.

There is also an enquiries page where you can pass on any queries, observations or constructive criticisms initially to the Parish Clerk, for the Parish Council to consider.

Florence and the Little Horse

by Diana Greene

Our very own Diana Greene has had her first book published. It is a story book with pictures about an adventurous little girl called Florence, a lonely horse and her Granny-Cornwall. It is beautifully illustrated by a lovely local artist called Helen Eynon who encapsulated Diana's vision of Florence immediately (pictured).

The community shop is hosting a signing on Friday 13th December where you can pick up a signed copy – a great Christmas gift for an adventurous little one you might know?



Gardening and Nature Notes

In the garden at this time of year as we prepare for the colder and wetter months, there is still plenty to do.

Tender plants should be moved to the greenhouse or closer to a house for protection. It is also a good time to clean the greenhouse glass when all the summer plants such as tomatoes, cucumbers etc. have been removed. This will allow maximum light for any plants that you may wish to overwinter.

It is also good practice to drain and clean the inside of any water butts at this time of year.

In the veg plot any bare soil can be given an application of homemade compost. This will improve the soil fertility and structure as well as suppressing weeds.

Some gardeners sow their broad beans in November in order to get the plants established before winter and therefore give an earlier crop in the spring. It is worth planting a few extra to compensate for any losses at this time of year. (Remember the old country saying –

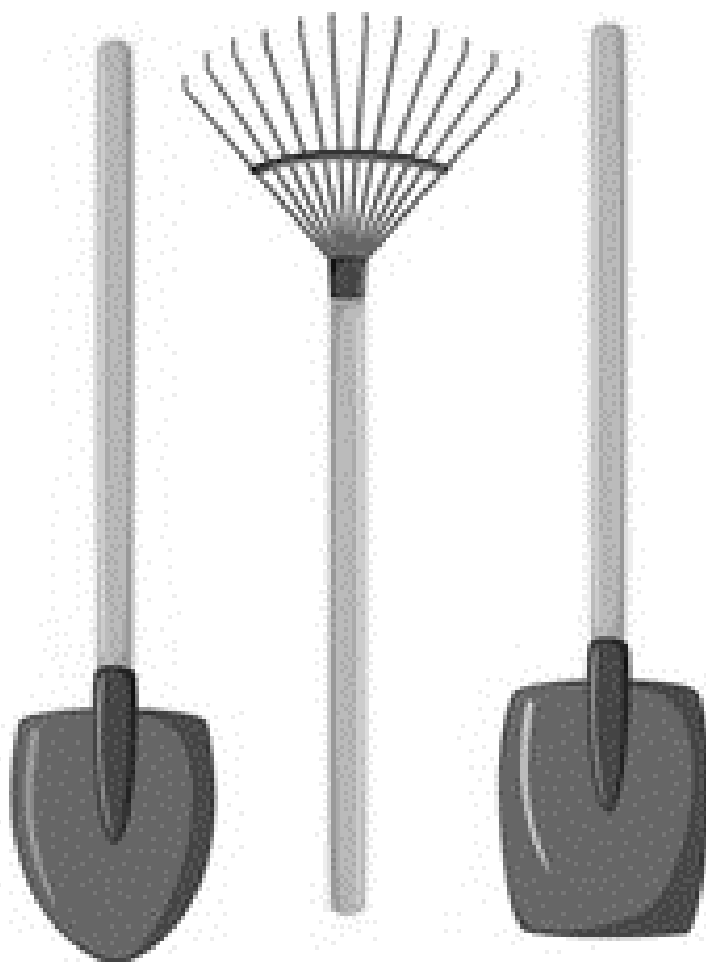
“Plant one to rot,

One to grow,

One for the rook and

One for the crow”)

Plants such as parsnips and swedes can be harvested now and



will probably be sweeter after a bit of frost, as will brassicas such as kale and Brussels sprouts.

November is a good month to plant bare root fruit trees such as apples, pears, cherries etc. as well as bare root plants for shrubs or hedges.

If you have left some berries on your shrubs and hedges after trimming you may be lucky enough to see winter visiting birds such as redwings and fieldfares competing with our resident blackbirds and thrushes for this good food source.

If the weather is mild you may have to still mow your lawn, if so set the mower a little higher than you would in the summer to allow the grass to overwinter in a better condition and it is also a good time to aerate your lawn, this will also aid with drainage.

If you are busy clearing up fallen leaves then don't waste them, either bag them up or put into a pile to make your own leaf mould to use as a soil conditioner – if you have a pond remove fallen leaves off the surface.

Should you be planning to have a garden bonfire with any material not suitable for composting do check that there is no wildlife such as hedgehogs in residence before lighting.

Finally, as ever, remember to keep bird feeders/bird tables clean and topped up with suitable food.

St Dominick Church Harvest Supper

We had a very enjoyable supper followed by an auction of Produce when we raised £485 for The Children's Society.





ST DOMINICK DIARY

October 2024

Parish Church services

Sunday 3rd 3pm Cornish Evening Prayer at Halton Quay

Sunday 10th 10am Holy Communion
10.50am Act of Remembrance

Tuesday 24th 10am Contemporary Worship

Sunday 26th 9.30am Holy Communion

Toddler Group

Thursdays: 14th, 21st and 28th.

From 9.30 to 11.30, informal play and chat. Free, open to all under school age with an adult.

For details of Services in other Churches of the Benefice please look at the 7 Link on the following website [Tamar Valley Benefice \(google.com\)](https://www.tamarvalleybenefice.org.uk) Churchwarden:

Mrs Clare Lee clareleepcc@btinternet.com 01579 351381

Jessop Price pricejessop@gmail.com 01579 350049

Methodist Services. Sundays at 6pm

Sunday 3rd Keith Mutton

Sunday 10th Revd Tim Wilkinson

Sunday 17th Brenda Grundy

Sunday 24th Rev Steve Emery-Wright – Holy Communion

NOVEMBER

- Tuesday 5th Tuesday Club speaker: Bridie Kent – Organ and Tissue Donation. **The Last Tuesday Club!**
- Wed 6th Parish council meeting
- Thurs 7th– 9th Church Craft Fair
- Sun 10th 10.50 Act of Remembrance service St Dominick Church.
- Tues 12th Hobbies 1-5 Just come along between these times with something to do, or read.
- Friday 15th Sale of paintings, cards by Jo Totterdell, local botanical artist in the Parish Hall 9.30-3.30
- Friday 15th Library Van Parish Hall 11.45 – 12.05
- Friday 15th Air Ambulance Fundraiser Barratts Privateers at Who'd Have Thought it 8pm.
- Saturday 23rd Parish Hall School Christmas Fair – see article
- Tues 26th Hobbies as above
- Sat 30th Christmas Tree switch on

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- Sun 1st Dec Callington Gospel Choir tickets Charmian Saunders or committee member
- Wed 4th Parish Council
- Sat 7th Friends of the church. Flower arranging demonstration Parish Hall
- Sat 7th Cllr Andrew Long Who'd Have thought It (morning)
- Fri 13th Florence and the Little Horse Book Signing



St. Dominick Hand Bell Ringers Fridays 7.30 Contact Robin Wood 01579 350 767

St. Dominick Community Shop (Village Hall car park) 01579 350841
Open Mon-Fri 8.45-5.30. Saturday 9-5.30. Sunday 9.15-11.30

Post Office Friday 9-12pm – please note the updated hours.

Fish van and other services see shop article

Who'd Open Mic 7-9.30pm every 3rd Thursday with Steve Brown

Parish Hall bookings contact: lornabc@talktalk.net 01579 350776

Items for the Diary page to: ourparishnews@gmail.com by the 15th of each month.

St Dominick Community Shop

It's that time of year again and the Shop is gearing up for the busy Christmas period to make sure you can find lots of delicious Christmas foods, ideas for gifts, stocking fillers and more. Check out the dates below in What's On this month so you can make a note of some important dates in our 2024 programme.

Congratulations to Ann-Marie Davey and Graham Wilkins who won the £5 Shop gift vouchers for their photos submitted to the Shop tote bag competition. Our thanks to Alan Cox & family for judging the anonymised photo entries and to all those that submitted their summer snaps.

As mentioned in our article last month, our new Home Delivery service has now rolled out. If you haven't had a chance to check it out yet, you

can pick up a leaflet in the Shop to keep for when you might want to use it in the future.

Our new printing service has also had its first few orders so just a reminder it's there when you need. Full details available in the Shop.

We are keen to continue our hot drinks machine and takeaway sandwiches services on offer so please do take advantage of either or both to keep our sales ticking over at a good level. Check out the Meal Deal we now have in place – buy a drink & a sandwich and get a FREE small bag of Burts crisps. More details in the Shop.

Here's what's coming up in November which includes dates for the start of our 2024 Christmas programme:


Early November – watch out for our next guest cheese of the month. You can find more details on the poster in the Shop or on Facebook.

Fridays 1st, 15th & 29th November - the Pengelly's fish van will be in the car park between 10.30 – 11.30 offering their normal great range of fresh fish. If you would like to order please call 01503 262246 or email orders@pengellysfish.com by no later than 1.00pm on the day before (Thursday). If you cannot collect your fish from the van during the time it is here, we are happy to keep it in the bottom of one of our fridges so you can collect later in the day.

Every Friday – the Post Office service is available between 9.00-12.00 midday. A reminder that you can withdraw or deposit money in your bank account as well as posting letters and parcels.

Every Saturday – you can get hot pasties – steak, steak & gravy, cheese & onion and now a new flavour, cheese & bacon as well as sausage rolls from our pasty warmer between 10.00-1.00pm. If you would like to order

in advance, please let one of our Volunteers know by no later than 5.30pm on the Thursday before.

Saturday 16th November – our Santa post box will be out on the counter  so the little ones can post their letter to the man himself and get a reply before Christmas. Waiting for confirmation from Royal Mail but last posting date is tentatively Saturday 30th November. The address for Santa letters is:

**Santa/Father Christmas,
Santa's Grotto,
Reindeerland, XM4 5HQ**



Mid November – order forms will be available from the Shop for your meat orders from Trehill & Cornish Farmhouse. Last orders will be Friday 6th December.



Mid November – order forms will be available from the Shop for your deli orders – cheeses & cream. Last orders will be Friday 6th December.



Saturday 30th November – our Christmas raffle gets underway with 3 great prizes as always. More details will be available in the Shop towards the end of the month.



Saturday 30th November – we will be turning on the Shop Christmas lights after the village Christmas tree lights are turned on. Officially counting down to the festive season!

More dates in the next issue of Parish News for the December Christmas programme including the date for a very special book signing event with Diana Green signing her new children's book.

We hope that you will have a good browse round the Shop for your Christmas shopping this year. Every time you spend money in your local Shop it helps us build up a small surplus that we can plough back into community projects.

We are now stocking a greater range of fruit – grapes, pears, easy peelers & bananas – which seem to be going down well. If you hadn't noticed, please do have a browse at our fruit & veg section next time you are in the Shop. Our thanks to Martin Hunn for the continuing supply of our seasonal veg

And finally, we now have a very smart new magazine rack on the back door of the old cabin. The rack has more space for the display of our magazine choice so you will be able to browse more easily to find your selection. It also frees up space to expand our range of cards and stops the magazines from getting dog-eared at the entrance to the Shop.

That's it until next month. As always, we look forward to seeing you in the Shop very soon.

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St Dominick Christmas Craft Fair

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We will be open from 11am to 5pm with about 40 different stalls. There are several new crafters and those that have been popular in recent years. Come and buy all your presents in one place.

Refreshments will also be available at the same time, so you can have a coffee, shop, eat lunch, finish your shopping and have a cuppa and cake before you go home.

Friends of St Dominic CofE Primary School Christmas Fair

Saturday 23rd November, 11am - 2pm

St Dominic Village Hall



We are raising funds to benefit and support the children at St Dominic Primary School. There should hopefully be an amazing raffle, tombola's, children's activities, local craft stalls, tea & coffees, cakes and mince pies, hot food van and much more.

Keep an eye out on Facebook and for local posters for further information of the day.

We are also still looking for more local craft stall holders. For further information or to book your space please email:

friendsofStdominicsch@outlook.com

St Dominic Primary School and the Church

We are rightly proud of our village school because we know our brilliant teachers ensure pupils are not only happy, confident and eager to learn but also, they enjoy coming to school, sharing their ideas and working together with their peers.

St Dominic is one of 43 Church schools in the Diocese all under the umbrella of “*Askel Veur*”, the Diocese of Truro Academies Company which monitors standards on behalf of the Diocesan Board of Education. In 2021, St Dominic became part of St Barnabas Multi-Academy Trust (MAT) and supports a vision for education which is deeply Christian. The “Bring It” vision adopted by teachers, parents and pupils alike is to create positive school memories with their friends and to inspire a lifetime of adventure. It is based on the parable of the talents and is adopted throughout the MAT. Bring what God has given you and the school will help you nourish and grow your talents for a full life. It is not surprising therefore to see the following quotation from the Bible on our school’s website (<https://www.st-dominic.cornwall.sch.uk>):

“A master gives three servants different amounts of talents and asks them to use them wisely before he goes off travelling. Some use them well and double their original amount. One buries his only talent, thinking he's keeping it safe and doing the right thing - but the master is angry as he's done nothing with it and passed up the chance of making it grow.”

The “Bring It” vision encourages our children therefore to have a go, take risks in order to ensure they achieve, both in and out of the classroom. Like the parable suggests, the children are encouraged to grow their skills.

The school comes to our Church as part of their education and what a joy last month to witness the school Harvest Festival with some 85 pupils and 55 parents. They all enjoyed a really good sing and appreciated the importance of our agricultural community growing food for us all. They

brought a lot of produce to Church, which then went to the Callington food bank to help those that are in greater need than us. We are looking forward to the school's Christmas Carol service and all those other occasions when the pupil's education needs permit them to come down to St Dominick church.

St Dominick Quilting Bee

The term Quilting Bee comes from a time in the US when groups of neighbours would get together to create a quilt from scraps of worn clothing which was given to a newly married couple. There are 2 types of people in a Quilting Bee. Worker Bees and Queen Bee, the Queen Bee is usually a more experienced quilter who will oversee the worker bees making up the blocks which will be sewn together to create the quilt.

Worker bees do not need to have experience of anything except simple hand sewing techniques. They are responsible for finding cotton fabrics in the correct colour as decided by the

whole group initially. Seeking donated fabric can be the job of one of the worker bees or everyone. What happens to the finished quilt depends on the group -

some groups work on making a quilt for each member but quilts can also be donated to someone who will appreciate

it or a local hospice. This would be something to discuss. As the nights draw in I think it would be a great thing to get a village Bee started, possibly meeting weekly and with the aim of creating one beautiful quilt over the winter. It would be a very good way of meeting people if you have recently moved or are just feeling lonely. If you are interested do get in touch with me Rebecca Coombes especially if you are an experienced quilter!

mybeadyeyeinfo@gmail.com

01579 350055



A Quilting Bee

St Dominick Festivities Group invite you all to the annual
Christmas Tree Light Switch On
at the Parish Hall

Saturday 30th November from 6pm

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We are all looking forward to welcoming you to this
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'The Death of Venice' - St Dominick WI October Meeting.

On Wednesday 9th October, St Dominick WI met at our usual venue in the Parish Hall. We welcomed our speaker this month, Professor Peter Edwards, who's talk was entitled 'The Death of Venice'. Peter is a frequent visitor to Venice and has recorded the signs that Venice is slowly sinking into the waves. During his talk we learnt why it is sinking, the effects that this is having on the City and how these effects are being monitored. We also heard about the solutions that are being put in place to reduce this sad and destructive occurrence.

Venice is made of 120 islands, 177 canals and 391 bridges. It is often called 'The Fish' because of the overall shape! Venice is situated in a lagoon that formed around 6000 years ago. The City was constructed on marsh land back in the 1500s and huge trunks of oak and ash were piled into the mud as foundations with a stone or wood plate on top to create a level for the walls to be built on top. Over time the wooden piles have

become petrified by silica from the sand and have become as hard as stone.

One of the problems detected many years ago was that the rivers that empty into the lagoon were silting up the lagoon and in 1400 and 1800 two of the major rivers were redirected to protect Venice and keep its waterways clear of silt. In the years that followed human intervention impacted the City of Venice through land reclamation, industry (including ground water extraction), fishing and more recently tourism (including vast cruise liners totalling 7000 per year) and dredging to keep the waterways open. There are also naturally occurring phenomena at work including continental drift, tides and weather and of course, climate change, contributing to the average rise in sea level of 7" over the last 100 years! Monitoring the foundations of the buildings and the sea levels goes on constantly. The City has sunk 8" in the last century which, together with rising sea levels causes dramatic flooding called Aqua Altas. The Venetians and tourists walk across raised pathways or 'passerelles' during the Aqua Altas, the occurrence of which is becoming more frequent and devastating. Sadly the population of Venice is decreasing as the water levels increase.

There are several solutions in place to protect the City including rerouting cruise ships, project Moses which uses barriers called MOSE to rise and restrict the influx of high tides, sluice gates and locks, natural levees and restoration of sand dunes and bricking up low windows and doorways. We all hope that the solutions preserve the beautiful city of Venice for many, many, many years to come.

During our next WI meeting we are going to be doing some Christmas Crafting. Normally we welcome visitors to attend our meetings and come and meet us all but because of the need to plan numbers ahead this is not possible for the November meeting.

If you would like to know more about St Dominick WI and get in contact, here is our email address. It would be lovely to hear from you.

stdominickwi@gmail.com

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