

Daily Reflection Thursday 7th May and Friday 8th May**VE Day**

This year on Friday 8th May people are remembering and celebrating 75 years after VE day.

What is VE day?

Victory in Europe (VE) Day on 8 May 1945 saw Britain and its Allies formally accept Nazi Germany's unconditional surrender after almost six years of war.

At 15:00, Prime Minister Winston Churchill announced on the radio that the war in Europe had come to an end, following Germany's surrender the day before.



Prime Minister Winston Churchill stands on the balcony of Buckingham Place with the Queen (then Princess Margaret on the left) on 9th May 1945

St Mary's C of E School was affected by the war, 'In June 1942 a bomb had fallen on the school. 'During the night planes raided Penzance and dropped bombs on the Redinnick area. Of three unexploded bombs one entered the school through the roof of the hall and embedded in the floor. Fortunately, there were no casualties. The school re-opened after 9 days. The bomb was removed after 96 hours and it was then found that more time was necessary for workmen to do first said repairs to the school'

The school log for 8th May 1945 states '9th, 9th and 10th May 1945, School was closed for VE da celebrations'

I wonder if you have any old photos in your house of people in your family who celebrated VE Day in 1945?

Dear God,

As remember VE Day when the sounds of war fell silent in Europe and Europe knew peace once more, we remember and give thanks for all those involved in restraining evil and opposing tyranny in the world then and today.

We thank you for the gift and comfort of peace. We pray for you to teach us the ways of collaboration and peace in our communities and in the world.

We thank you for joy, love and hope that peace time brings.

AMEN

