

February 21st Newsletter

Sunday Feb 21st In the Wilderness
1030am: Worship : St Mary PZ and Paul and Newlyn And : Sunday at home :
Worship from Penlee Cluster on website
6pm: Julian meeting on zoom

Monday 22nd
1030am: Super Soups Support Group and "You Are Not Alone" Parcel Pet : construction :
St Mary PZ
1pm :Our Shared Meal Pub lunch delivery

Tuesday 23rd
930:Communion at St Peter's Newlyn & zoom
1015 am: Core Staff meeting : Zoom
11am : Poetry group: Zoom (you might like to bring a poem to share)

Wednesday 24th
9am 1662 Communion at Paul
915am: Church School Assembly: St Mary School and zoom
11am: Church fundraising seminar: we need people to attend PLEASE VOLUNTEERS
1pm: Our Shared Meal: Pasty Newlyn and PZ
2pm: Wardens And Administer Meeting : St Marys and zoom
4pm: young people and family group : Zoom
430pm: The Rainbow project: family worker meeting: Zoom
6pm : "Interruptions" wisdom reflection Zoom

Thursday 25th
1030 Communion & wisdom St Mary PZ
Zoom 12noon: Madron Church School Assembly 2pm: Group 18 meeting :Zoom
5pm : Recording of Sunday worship

Friday 26th :
1030- 1130: Well Being Group : St Marys PZ
1030: Communion and "Interruptions reflection": St. John PZ and zoom
1030am: Being Interrupted Group via zoom
1pm : Our Common Meal : Fish And Chips Pz
4pm: Pastoral Ministers Group : zoom

Sunday 28th
10.30 am Worship Paul Newlyn St Mary's Pz
And on Penlee Cluster Web Site
6pm Julian Group

PAUL LUNCHEON CLUB

ST MARY'S SCHOOL

" On the Way"

You may be aware that the diocese of Truro now has a new " On The Way" process, being rolled out in our deanery and which will probably affect every parish in Cornwall. It's strap line in " Fruitfulness and Sustainable " The wardens and Deanery Synod members of the deanery will be writing to you about this in due course.

However, with the changes envisaged, and as a direct result of Covid, we will now be accelerating the wonderful work already being undertaken by lay people and in the projects that we run in this cluster

Worship: already we use parts of our weekly online service as a resource for both Sunday morning worship and assemblies at both church schools. We have had internet access and TV monitors in all our churches which we have used for many years. So it is easy to share weekly resources in this way. Last week St. Peter's had its first totally lay led extended communion service. This week it will be the turn of St Marys and St. John's.

Work with and amongst the young: we are continuing to pursue the vision based in the Rainbow project and trying to find funding for family workers. However, even in this Covid time our work with young people continues...and much of it face to face. The Playzone still is a safe space for families in difficulties.

Support and Pastoral Outreach : through our well being projects and " shared meal " projects our work amongst people in visibly living out our response to the Gospel of love faithfully takes place daily.

I believe that the vocation or calling of the Church and it's people in our age is that of faithfulness and stability, from which may grow fruitfulness and sustainability. More than ever we are being asked to be is FAITHFUL to God....and the rest will follow Sian Yates

ST PETER'S NEWLYN

E-WAVES PROJECT

PARCEL PETS: "You are never alone" intergenerational Lent well being project



Thanks to all those who have creatively worked this the artist and writer Sally Crabtree this week. We now have a DVD clip to go into schools and homes to encourage us all to make a parcel pet. Like all good intergenerational projects it can be used at many levels. Our "pets" will journey with us throughout Lent both in our family worship and schools as we think about the ways that we care for ourselves, others and creation. We reflect that with God we are never alone. Thanks too for those who are helping to make up the 400 parcels that will be delivered to schools and to adults in our community. If you have time and would be willing to volunteer to put some of the boxes together please contact Sian

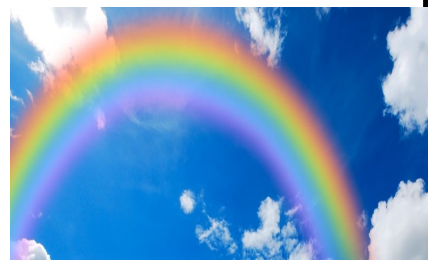
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HEARTEDGE HUB

It is so good to be part of a HeartEdge hub and to get support and ideas from other churches across the UK and US. There are always excellent talks and discussions to join in as well as having people outside Cornwall to talk things through with. Some people from the cluster met with members of HeartEdge last week to think about our plans.

THE RAINBOW PROJECT: Family Workers, Work With Children And Church Schools.

There will be a number of meetings this week as we finalise our business plan to go out for grant funding and also a review of the work we already do....and plans for the future. This will also include ideas about how we open up the Playzone after lockdown and for its development. This work happens across the Cluster area and Madron.



FUNDRAISING BOX : Wednesday 24th Feb 11am

You are invited to join a short hour long webinar on Wednesday 24th Feb at 11am looking at:

- ♦ How to navigate the uniquely complex world of church fundraising.
- ♦ How to make your church fundraising journey easier and more successful.
- ♦ Where to find support for you and your church volunteers whether experienced in fundraising or learning on the go.

To book the webinar, click here: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_BYGBUxwZRpaFzGtsD5gAaw

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE....and there will be one! With Heart Edge

Mission Summer School : 12 – 16 July 2021: zoom. Or July 14-16th : in Penlee Cluster: TV recordings, workshops, worship and meals together

An opportunity to engage more deeply with the thoughts and practices of HeartEdge and explore how this relates to our own practices and mission opportunities.

We focus on four Cs of Commerce, Culture, Congregation and Compassion.

A mix of teaching and conversation with leading scholars and practitioners including the Revd Dr Sam Wells. We learn about other churches, organisations and projects (HeartEdge and Fresh Expressions) and get a hands-on feel for how it works out in practice.

Interested ? Contact : Sian Yates for more information.

ENCOUNTERS IN THE LIFE OF JESUS: Lent Reflections

Week I : TASTING THE KINGDOM OF GOD John 2:1-11 Wedding at Cana

BACKGROUND THOUGHTS

At a wedding in Cana of Galilee we meet God who makes something wonderful out of something ordinary. God who reveals God's nature to love extravagantly and offer abundant generosity! Jewish weddings tend to be noisy, joyful occasions and maybe the wedding that Jesus, his disciples, his mother and brothers and sisters attended was just such an occasion. Imagine the scene

READ BIBLE READING AGAIN and then.... QUESTIONS TO PONDER

1. Why was Mary concerned there was no wine?
2. What tone did Jesus use when he responded?
3. Is it a genuine question asking why should that be a concern for you and for me?
4. Does this show us something of the relationship between Jesus and his mother? He was Mary's first born, she loved him and supported him all through his ministry, she was there at the cross and even there he showed his love for her as he asked John to care for her and her to care for John.
5. I wonder what gifts the couple would have asked for or received as they began their new life together and maybe there were some guests who could not give anything.

The servants were asked to fill the large water pots with water, and they did, however sceptical they were they did as they were asked.

Taste and see that God is good! We are called to live faithfully, not to be concerned about what we can or can't do, can or can't have, be or can't be, just to trust God who does extraordinary things and creates out of nothingness. *Olive Stephens*

Each week in Lent in the Penlee cluster there are two "shouts" placed in our website. This week the Shouts are written by: Chris Osborne and Graham Carter Thank You !

An Extract from Chris 's Shout ...



The reading took me back to my son's wedding in New Delhi, not that it ran out of wine but because of the style of the event. Providing good hospitality would have been paramount, for a wedding to run out of wine would be a disaster and when disaster strikes what does Jesus do? Well, he doesn't preach a mini sermon on the perils of not getting your wine order right. His mother is the first to notice the problem and wants to get involved when Jesus seems a little reluctant but in the end plenty of good wine is forthcoming. The acute embarrassment that would have been felt by the whole community and remembered for years had been avoided. The harmony of the community has been enhanced. I can still feel the hospitality we received all those years ago in India, it is a powerful force for good. Funny how wine features in the *first* miracle performed by Jesus and the *last* supper.

A BOOK YOU MAY WISH TO READ

Encounters Jesus, connection and story: past, present and future By R Treweek, 'Bishop Rachel's book reminds us that the tangle and connectedness of human lives cannot be broken, and God's relationship with us knows no limits or barriers... even in these toughest of times... it is through worship and connection that we can participate in God's mysterious but wonderful work here on earth.' Justin Welby, Archbp of Canterbury.

CTIPA Food Bank and the Rising Tide of Poverty in West Cornwall

On 8th February Michelle Brown from Sennan took over from Christine Gendall, retiring Chair of the Churches Together in Penzance Area Food Bank. We give thanks for Michelle and pray for her and her work. She writes:

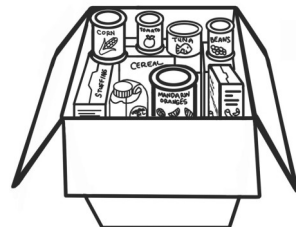
It will be a hard act to follow, but I will give it my very best shot, as poverty seems to me to be one of the immediate, basic priorities facing us in these strange times as the world order shifts and Nature seeks to control our ever-expanding numbers as a species and our impact upon the natural world. There are a lot of big, interconnected issues to be faced – physically, intellectually, ideologically, practically and spiritually. As this process continues, one immediate thing that we, as Christians and as members of society, are called upon to do is to care for the vulnerable and the poor.

Many of those now calling upon the services of the food bank would not consider themselves poor. They have always been independent, always made ends meet. But now the impact of Covid is biting financially. Do you pay the rent or shopping? Evictions are on the rise and rental properties are over priced beyond reach of locals or bring freed up for lucrative holiday rentals or selling. Requests for help from our food bank alone have risen by around 65% during the past year and we now feed nearly 4000 people per year in an area that extends from Land's End to Praa Sands (with other food banks servicing the St Ives and Hayle areas. Many of you will have seen Don and the work of the large Camborne food bank on Simon Reeves' recent documentaries on Cornwall. It is salutary to note that, before Brexit, the EU had identified West Cornwall as among the three poorest areas of Europe. You cannot eat a view!

Website <http://www.churchestogetherinpenzance.co.uk/>

Facebook www.facebook.com/Churches-Together-In-Penzance-Food-Bank-106562147928147

Phone number 07950 159841 (Emergency)



SUPPORT FOR INDIVIDUALS AND COMMUNITIES

BETTER BUDGET PROJECT

Cornwall Rural Community Charity's Better Budget Project is open to all Cornwall residents who meet the eligibility criteria.

The project aims to assist disadvantaged families to maximise their budget and manage their debts. It is aimed at complex needs families in Cornwall. While the project is aimed at those living in the private housing sector or homeless, it is also able to support social housing tenants if there is no support available through the housing association.

If you know of families who could benefit from 1:1 budgeting support, email your enquiry to betterbudget@cornwallrcc.org.uk or call Adam on 01736 334667 or Eleanor on 07710121002.

KEEPING IN TOUCH : and prayers

Lorna Friggens after being in hospital
Chris Owen whose mother Muriel died this week
Kay Owen...who is poorly and Keith who is looking after his mum

We give thanks for Tom Lobb who died some time ago and left £2K to St Marys Church

OUR SHARED MEAL

These meals are proving to be very popular.....thanks to all involved in the project. Last Friday was very challenging with a very high wind and seas battering the fish and chip shop on the prom!

.....thanks Penny, Phyllis and Vicki



Inspired to Follow: 'Who is my Neighbour? A journey through Lent'.

Sunday 21 February, 2pm GMT via Zoom.
'Inspired to Follow: Art and the Bible Story' uses the National Gallery's art collection as a spring board for exploring faith.
Session 1 - Being Waited on by Angel Neighbours and 'Landscape with Elijah and the Angel'. [Book here](#).