

## February 28th Newsletter

### Sunday 28th Feb : Following Jesus

1030am: Worship : At St Mary Pz Paul and Newlyn in Church Also : Sunday from Home : on Penlee Cluster website  
3pm Farewell service to Archdeacon Audrey :  
6pm: Julian Prayer group: zoom

### Monday 1st March : St David's Day

10am Group 18 meeting for On The Way  
1030am: Super Soups Support group: SSS group : St Marys Church Pz  
1pm : Our Shared Meal : Pub Lunch : Paul  
6pm Praise Service by Zoom

### Tuesday 2nd March

930: Communion service at St Peter's Newlyn  
11am : Poetry group : zoom  
10- 1130am : Spirituality of Fundraising : Heartedge Online  
4pm: PCC of St Marys and St. John's : via zoom and At St Marys PZ  
4pm : PCC of Paul church : via zoom

### Wed 3rd March

9am: 1662 Eucharist : Paul Church and zoom  
915am: Church School Assembly: St Mary school and zoom  
11am: PCC of St. Peter's Church : At Church  
1pm: Our Shared Meal: Pasties Newlyn and Pz  
6pm : " Interruptions" wisdom reflection zoom

### Thursday 4th March

12noon: Madron Church school assembly  
5pm : Recording of Sunday worship

### Friday 5th March

1030- 1130: Well Being Group: meditation and relaxation : St Marys Pz  
1030: Communion and "Interruptions reflection": St. John Pz and zoom  
1030am: Being Interrupted Group via zoom  
1pm : Our Shared Meal : Fish And Chips : Pz

### Sunday 7th March

1030am: Worship Church at Home : Website  
6pm Julian Meeting Paul Church and Zoom

### SUPPORTING UNICEF TO SAY THANK YOU FOR OUR COVID VACCINATIONS

As COVID Vaccinations are rolled out across the UK you will have read in the media that many of the countries in the Developing World have had few if any deliveries. As part of its commitment to help children who are in danger UNICEF is planning to deliver 2 billion Covid-19 vaccines for health workers and the most high risk people on our planet.

Donations will ensure:

- vaccines get to even the most remote places in the world
  - vaccines are safely stored using cold chain equipment
- health workers are protected and trained to vaccinate their communities  
Please would you consider making a contribution to this vital work  
This can be done via the Penlee Cluster website or by credit card using one of our machines in church



For example £45 could transport 25 doses of Covid-19 vaccines.

But please give as much as you can afford and we will make a combined gift from Penlee Cluster at the end of Lent

<https://penleecluster.org.uk/whats-on/donate-to-unicef-covid-vaccines/>

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### A PRAYER FOR THIS WEEK

God, you fill all things with a fullness and hope that we can never comprehend. Thank you for leading us into a time where more of reality is being unveiled for us all to see.  
Help us have the courage to awaken to greater truth, humility, and care for others

## LENT ENCOUNTER 28<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2021 :Jacqueline Dow

### Bible Reading:

*Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked; "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me."*

*But the Lord answered her: "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."*

### Background

Some people are amazing at social action aren't they?

Some people are amazing at prayer and contemplation.

Some people are even amazing at both!!

To be honest I can feel inadequate and that can stop me altogether!

And that's no good!

### Questions

I wonder which one calls to you? Are you a Martha or a Mary?

I wonder which one fits best?

The story before the Bible reading we have just read is the well-known Good Samaritan which ends "Go, and do thou likewise"

Whereas this week's story ends "Sit down and listen"!

Maybe this is a call for balance, a time to consider or reconsider..... maybe a plan for action AND contemplation.

### PRAYER

*Lord, this week may I aim for a balance between action and contemplation. I commit to trying and so I will make a plan.....*



## **PRAISE SERVICE: MARCH 1ST: 6PM**

An opportunity to sing to your hearts content ...well, muted on Zoom! To praise God in the comfort of your own home. Let's thank God for zoom technology. After the service there will be a time of fellowship A time to catch up and have a chat.

Bring your own coffee/wine.

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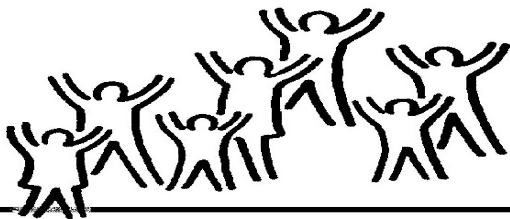
Passcode (if asked for) : 835830

If you need help with Zoom Derath will

open up zoom at 5.30pm

any problems checking in call 07962 68440

Before 6pm



### **CHURCHES OPEN**

St Mary's Church Penzance is open each day from 10am to 12 noon. There is always someone on duty to talk to or an activity to get involved with ... or to pray with ... It would be good to see you !!

Paul Church is open on Sundays and Wednesdays from Dawn to Dusk for Quiet Time and to access the Book and Jig Saw libraries.

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### **SPIRITUALITY OF FUNDRAISING**

#### **HEARTEDGE TRAINING TUESDAY**

MARCH 2nd at 10am via Zoom

How does Generosity, Gratitude, Giving and Fundraising call us to Communion with God and one another ?

Zoom contact from Keno

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### **GIFTS OF TIME AND MONEY**

We are grateful for Cornwall Independent Poverty Forum for their gift of £500 to help us with the additional costs incurred in Covid. Thanks too for those of you who are sending financial gifts to churches in the Cluster or to Penlee Cluster itself ( which is a charity in its own right ) to help support the work of the churches at this time. We are just so Grateful to you all for gifts of time and skill and finance to help support this work.

**THANKS:** to the growing number of people who are helping with our online worship recordings. These recordings are viewed by people who worship with us online. The recordings are also used to send into SCHOOLS for assemblies. Also, we use the materials during our Sunday worship and worship throughout the week: a great resource and a way of helping with more lay led worship.

Thanks to Keno and Chris who provide wonderful thought provoking visual materials for us to use. Also to Kevin Lane who is helping with music materials.

**TRAINING SESSIONS:** we will be holding some events to help us gain more skills in the area of IT. Do look out for these...we could do with your help

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### **RESPONDING TO CHALLENGES AHEAD**

**Patterns of worship:** When the Church wardens met this week they discussed long and hard about what the patterns of worship should be across the Cluster to enable us to reach out to more people : at different times and days of the week, more lay led, range of styles and music. Pre lunch time week day services, tea time services as well as continuing on line daily and Sunday worship. Sundays between 10 and 12noon is not the only time to worship!

St John's Church : small exciting steps .... but reaching out

Friday discussion group and communion will

move to 11am...so that coffee and fish and chip lunch can follow ( when we can eat together again) something to invite others to.



**Praise Service:** will move to monthly Mondays 6pm: Café style so that we can eat together around tables

Please let your PCC members know if you have thoughts and ideas of how we restructure our worship patterns so that we are more sustainable as 4 churches and can reach out to others.

## BREAKING DAY

A Lockdown Passion Play By Les Ellison: Riding Lights  
Theatre company called Breaking Day

**Monday of Holy Week : 29th March : 6pm in PENLEE CLUSTER**

"Breaking Day": book your ticket now:

£5 via Penlee Cluster

Website

Watch this play with us  
either in your own home  
or on TV in one of the  
Cluster church buildings.



*'As day begins to break on Good Friday, the occupying governor's tenuous grip on authority is slipping. It's festival time in Jerusalem. But his wife is plagued with disturbing dreams. Amid the demands of The Sanhedrin and the murderous cries of the mob, the lines between personal and political in Pilate's house start to blur. The teacher at the centre of it all remains silent.*

*Confused by the hopes and fears of her people, a Jewish servant in The Praetorium clearly knows more than she should. Pilate wrestles with a quandary of his own devising, while outside momentum is gathering – the power of the capitol in tension with the will of the people.*

With stark intimacy, *Breaking Day* casts a surprising light on the death of Jesus from inside the governor's household, immersing us in the decisions that led to crucifixion.

Filmed remotely in an innovative lockdown style, *Breaking Day* is a Virtual Passion Play For Easter 2021

Each day of the  
week you may  
like to join us in  
Lent

Morning Prayer  
8am

Night prayer: 9pm :

Contact Sian Yates  
or Olive Stevens  
For the Zoom Link.

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## BOOK TO READ IN LENT

***Candles in the  
Dark by Rowan  
Williams***

An excellent and  
challenging  
book from our for-  
mer Archbishop  
which brings to-  
gether his thoughts  
and questions  
about the Covid  
pandemic and what  
we might have  
learned from it.

## COVID Winter Grant

For many people, winter brings additional hardships, as heating bills go up, and houses suffer more from damp or cold. If you work with people who might be struggling particularly with the harsh weather, check out this list of [advice and support sources](#). Financial help can be given in the following areas:

- Food
- Energy and water bills for household purposes and sewerage
- Other essentials (including sanitary products, warm clothing, soap, blankets, boiler service/repair, purchase of equipment including fridges, freezers, ovens, etc.)

All grants must be allocated by the end of March. So please make sure you identify households you're working with and make the requests now, so they don't miss out.

To apply for the COVID Winter Grant: For items relating to home heating, such as fuel bills or breakdown in heating equipment such as oil tanks or boiler repair, please contact Community Energy Plus by emailing [advice@cep.org.uk](mailto:advice@cep.org.uk) or phoning 0800 954 1956.

For help with food and other essential household items, visit Cornwall Council's [Crisis and care awards](#) web page.

**THURSDAY 4<sup>th</sup> March: ST Marys Church will be closed all day for urgent electrical work to be carried out.**

### **'Prayer Request Group' :**

This group has been running remotely for a year now and since we went in to the first lock down. We have really appreciated the faithfulness of this group whose members have between them prayed constantly for the needs of our community and the world that we inhabit. Without their prayerful support it would have been very difficult to respond to all the needs and pray requests that we have had.



New co-ordinator : Mel will now become the new lead for this group. So please send your pray requests straight to her. We send out a prayer list to the 'prayer request group' about once a week. **The information contained in the prayer requests is confidential to that group and not for sharing in any way.**

### **New Members**

**If you feel that you could spend a little time each day praying for those who have asked for our prayers do send your contact details to Mel and she will include you in the weekly intercession group.**

**Contact Mel : [mlevesconte@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:mlevesconte@hotmail.co.uk)**

Mel is a member of Paul congregation and helps to lead the Julian silent prayer group. She has worked for Cruse Bereavement Care and continues to support the bereaved as part of the pastoral team at Paul. She is keenly aware of the need to allow time and space to listen to others and to practice the presence of God in everyday life through action and prayer.

### **YOU ARE NOT ALONE: Lent Parcel Pets project**

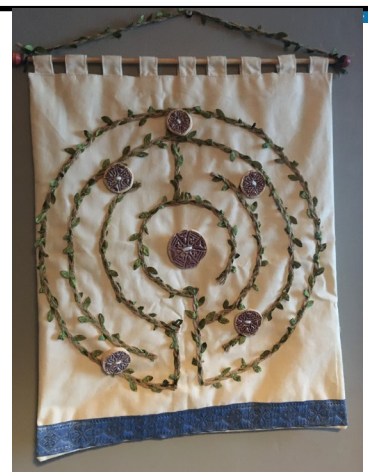
A huge thanks to all of you from all 4 of our churches who have helped with the parcel pet boxes which will go into school at the end of next week....we had huge fun filling the 400 boxes...and did many circuits of St Marys Church as the team walked around filling the boxes. Great team work guys!



### **Labyrinth ...a way to pray**

We have our own special Labyrinth at Paul Celtic Quiet Garden. It is used by lots of people as a way to pray quietly. This week our Cluster worship focused on 'Following Jesus' and we showed two video clips of the Paul labyrinth being used.

If you would like to use a small finger labyrinth as an aid to pray then Sue wallis has made some: pottery, wall hanging and cushion. You may like to purchase one or send one as an Easter gift.



### **PAUL CHURCH TOWER**

The Beacon Tower – which is the extra additional tower you can see on the top of Paul Church Tower suddenly developed a wobbly parapet and so the area around the tower base had to be cordoned off during the high winds. We are very grateful to Andrew Tarpee – Steeplejack from St Ives and his team who responded so quickly to repair the parapet and make it safe ... and also to David Carpenter and Mick Hudnott – the local team who spotted the problem and made sure everyone was safe until the repair could be undertaken.

