



March 7th 2021 Newsletter

Sunday March 7th : "What we value"

1030am: Worship : At St Mary Pz Paul and Newlyn in Church Also : Sunday from Home : Penlee Cluster website

6pm: Julian Prayer group: zoom

Monday 8th March :

845: Church schools reopen to all pupils

10am Group 18 meeting for On The Way

1030am: Super Soups Support group:

SSS : St Marys Church Pz

1pm : Our Shared Meal : Pub Lunch : Paul

Tuesday 9th March

10.am : Core Staff Meeting

11am : Poetry group : zoom

Wed 10 th March

9am: 1662 Eucharist : Paul Church and zoom

915am: Church School Assembly: St Mary sc Parcel Pet project begins with pupils

11am: Communion and sharing : St Peter Newlyn : Note new time and day

1pm:Our Shared Meal:Pasties Newlyn and Pz

6pm : " Interruptions" wisdom reflection zoom

Thursday 11 th March

10-30 am : Communion at St Mary PZ

11am : Parcel Pet project begins at Madron

12noon: Madron Church school assembly

4pm : Cluster Family and young people over-seeing group: St Marys PZ

5pm : Recording of Sunday worship :

Friday 12 th March

1030- 1130: Well Being Group: mediation 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 14th March : Mothering Sunday

1030am: Worship Church and on Website

6pm Julian Meeting Paul Church and Zoom

SUPPORTING UNICEF TO SAY THANK YOU FOR OUR COVID VACCINATIONS

£350 DONATED SO FAR by CLUSTER

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.

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 payment 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://www.unicef.org.uk/donate/coronavirus/>

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A Prayer for the On the Way Journey

*Living and Loving God,
the God of all our journeying,
we give you thanks and praise
that you are always 'On the Way'
with us, walking step by step
along the pilgrim path.
God within us, God beside us,
God behind us, God before us.
New-life giving, energy-breathing God,
the God who loves to surprise us,
open our hearts, our minds, our lives
to all the new possibilities that will lie ahead
on the way in the months and years to come.
Help us to listen together to your Spirit's
voice, calling, "This is the way – walk in it."*

LENT ENCOUNTER ; March 7th 2021 : John Wallis

“ SHARING THE STORY “ Read Mark 5:14-20

BACKGROUND THOUGHTS

Jesus and his followers had sailed across Galilee to the area of Gerasenes. Perhaps Jesus the Storyteller was looking forward to spending time amongst the Poets and Storytellers of the territory of the City of Gadera, known for its gatherings creative Arts culture. The Tetrarch province of Galilee was ruled by King Herod Antipas, within the Roman rule. Herod Antipas continued the promotion of Greek culture through the buildings and the Arts which resulted in a kingdom mix of Jewish fundamentalism and more liberal thought. Jesus had grown up on the Western side of the Sea of Galilee in Nazareth, near the city of Sepphoris, (conveniently ignored by the Bible writers), only four miles away from Nazareth, a city which would have had a strong Greek cultural and economic influence on surrounding villages as they went to Sepphoris to work, supply the farmers' markets with produce from the farms, fish and crafts. Just as today the people went to the towns, loved theatre and story telling, the arts, music, dance and the mix of Jewish and Hellenistic culture worked well except for the most fundamental Jews! Historically the struggle for influence between the traditional Jewish culture and the promotion of Hellenistic or Greek culture went back to years of struggle between the Seleucid Dynastic rule of the Hellenistic Syrian King Antiochus Epiphanes, (whose empire covered Phoenicia, Asia Minor, Syria and Mesopotamia) and revolution led by Jewish traditionalists Judas Maccabeus and his family, stories recorded in the Apocrypha, conveniently left out of most Bibles. Stories which would make good films on Netflix today! Mark writes his Gospel it is suggested for Gentile converts, Matthew writes for a Jewish Christian audience, while Luke writes for the Gentile world, particularly as he travelled amongst those new churches. .

PAUSE AND REFLECT :

READ PASSAGE AGAIN THREE QUESTIONS ???

1. Why did Jesus perform miracles in the first place?
2. How will we react when a Sign and Wonder Miracle happens in the place where we are? Will we react like the cultured Gerasenes?
3. How do we enthuse others with our stories of meeting Jesus? (One shall tell another and he/she shall tell their friend).



COVID INTERRUPTIONS SERIES : REFLECTING AND JOURNALING

Read Parable of Sower: Chosen by Brian Davies:

Questions: Where did you sow seeds of Goodness and kindness during this Covid year? : as individuals, as a church community. Make a list and ponder your answers.

Read the story of the 10 Lepers : chosen by Lesley Michell:

Question to ponder: Who are the outsiders in this Covid times?

Try writing this story using those people as the people who turned to God and gave thanks. How does this make you feel?

GROUP 18 ; made up of church wardens and deanery synod members have been meeting under the wonderful chairing of Jane Haward and supported by the IT skills and determination of Chris Osborne to make a positive response to the diocesan “on the Way” initiative which will reduce clergy in this deanery and look for new ways of the church to live out its mission and witness. The group has been working so hard and with much vision. At present they are auditing all that we do as a church, looking at both costings, income and volunteer hours. So many people give so much of their time and skills as a response to living out their faith.

They are keen that everyone is able to contribute to this.... which is such a challenge in Covid times and when many are worn out.

Soon they will be very keen to hear from you about what you might be able to offer in terms of time, skills and finance into the future.....we all have our part to play in the Mission and life of the church.

**On the way: This will affect you all:
By The Area Dean**

Parishes and benefices in the Deanery are being asked to identify how their **own** stories of mission and ministry so far might speak into a **new** vision for the future, both for themselves and - just as importantly - the wider Deanery, as we face the world post-COVID and an urgent need to find a way to live within our financial resources, something this Deanery has not done for some time and which cannot be allowed to continue. It will not be an easy process and will inevitably cause anxiety, uncertainty and fear for many, both lay and ordained, as the hard reality is that one of the outcomes will **have** to include a reduction in the number of stipendiary clergy currently serving in Penwith Deanery.

The Leadership Group of the deanery will help to draw together a draft version of the Penwith Pastoral Plan, which will be taken to Deanery Synod on 6th July 2021 for discussion and - we hope - final approval.

As the process unfolds, various small groups will be invited to undertake short pieces of work which will feed into the broader work of the Leadership Group. In this way, we hope that a larger number of people will be able to be involved in discerning a way forward for the Deanery.

A key aspect of *On the Way* will be **time spent in prayer and reflection**, and we should therefore like to invite all of you - or as many as are able to attend - to join us for the first meeting of the *On the Way* Deanery Prayer Group on **Thursday 11th March from 7.30pm - 8.30pm**. The Zoom link you will need is:

<https://zoom.us/j/91383872955?pwd=MLE2TUIyVmhhVUUEzakdZeHVTVTXQT09>

All 4 PCCs are very keen to pursue finding grant funding for Family workers in the Cluster. People wish to build on the excellent work that has taken place here over the last number of years and do not want to see the outreach to families either reduced or stopped. They value the huge contribution made by the Head of our church schools.

The Lent Parcel Pet project is warmly received as both an outreach to youngsters and community. We hope that you will make a parcel pet and display in it a window...or send a message of hope from the pet to others!!

Plans for removing more pews from St Johns and having an upstairs toilet are going ahead. It will be exciting not only to have a building that is more flexible for community use but in which we can have more flexible worship.

It is hoped that the first of these will happen on Easter Monday.... a tea time café style Easter Praise service complete with Easter Eggs and led by our Readers.

St Peter's Church will move their early morning Tuesday Communion to a Wednesday at 11am. This, once Covid restrictions allow, will be followed by a coffee and Pasty lunch. An after-lunch craft group will then follow. This is a deliberate attempt to reach out into the community and to make this time more accessible to all.....Start putting it into your diary guys!!

Diane has now taken over as Lay Chair of the PCC. We thank her for stepping up. We intend to have many more meetings chaired by non-clergy.

We are having positive feedback by the increased involvement of people at worship. St Peter's has now held successful worship using the online services which are produced by the cluster and the use of the Reserved Sacrament. St Mary's and St John's PZ have followed a similar pattern. We really are open to change whilst holding on to ways of worship which help us to grow in faith. If you would like to help or be involved, then please contact Sian Yates.

Each PCC meeting will now contain an item about our response to creation and how we are trying to reduce our carbon footprint. We are now trying to obtain the diocesan Gold Award. We are keen to install bike racks outside our building to encourage more cycling. About 4 people attending St Mary's

BREAKING DAY : Have you booked Yet?

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

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

£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.



'Mothering Sunday: March 14th

I do hope that you feel able to join with us in either one of our church buildings or online to celebrate Mothering Sunday.

It will be a chance to meet (online) the new diocesan environmental officer: he will lead the talk.

Daffodils for those who come to church.... but can't see how we distribute to those who worship with us online. Some of the pastoral team will be home delivering some daffodils over that weekend. If you feel able to deliver some daffodils and a newsletter to someone near you please let the church wardens know.

EASTER CANDLES: " Christ has Risen. He Has Risen indeed"

It has been the custom at St Peter's Newlyn to buy a candle in memory of someone we loved who has died. The name of that person is placed on the candle and then they are all lit on Easter Sunday morning when we remember and give thanks for the Resurrection of Christ.....and we acknowledge before God that through that Resurrection death itself has been defeated. Our Resurrection Hope.

Accommodation-NEEDED

There is a lady who attends St Mary Church who is looking for a place to live in Penzance. She is currently renting a room so that she can be near her partner who is living in the Nursing Home, Ponsandane after suffering a stroke. "If you hear of a rental in a home with someone who needs some help, with cooking or washing etc.... we could come to some arrangements for about a year or so, I would be most grateful. Contact Pastoral minister Vicki Howard if you would like to explore this. : 07795936257

PRAYER LABYRINTH

Sue Wallis has been wonderfully and creatively busy yet again. This time she has responded to the challenge of creating pray labyrinths to help us in our prayers. They obviously are based in design on our Celtic prayer labyrinth at Paul Quiet garden.

The wall hanging and prayer cushion might make lovely Easter presents. Cost £18.... all hand made.

EASTER MONDAY 4pm: Teatime PRAISE service ...and an Easter Egg: St John's PZ: Celebrating Easter Differently?

Why not put this date in your diary and bring along a friend? Time to explore, to praise and to chat

A Heartfelt Thanks.....to Janet Conybeareshe has been a wonderful and dedicated treasurer of St Peter Newlyn for many many inspirational years....almost everyone in that church gives to the church through standing order (a huge achievement). She is now standing down...well done good and faithful servant.