Penwith Deanery News Early February Edition 2024

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Welcome again to Penwith Deanery News,

It's been good to arrange some forthcoming visits to churches and to other regular events and my thanks to those of you who have responded to my emails accordingly. We continue to raise the profile of various regular events that are taking place across the deanery. Please do consider visiting some of the amazing group meetings and other events that are being advertised, especially at this time of year when our roads are slightly less busy with visiting traffic!

This coming Thursday Penwith Deanery Synod are meeting in the evening. Please remember this meeting in your prayers both before it and afterwards. Pray for all our PCC representatives, that they will be open to the Holy Spirit's promptings and that all the decisions that are made are within God's good and perfect will for our local area. Continue to remember too, our new Priest Michelle who will be joining the Hayle benefice in March.

Please consider forwarding something for use in the Deanery Newsletter, a testimony, a prayer, some reflection or other written item that will be an encouragement to readers.

It's always SO good to hear how God is at work!

Email me at penwithdeanery@gmail.com.

With every blessing,

Sarah





Breakfast Club

First Thursday of the month 8:30-10:30am

St Buryan Church – Café area Everyone welcome!

Get your day off to a positive start! Drop in and enjoy Tea, Coffee, OJ, Toast, Croissants, Bacon, Fruit ...and a chat!

Suggested donation $£2.50 - all\ proceeds$ for the upkeep & ministry of the Church



Any questions contact Fiona 07846 230189

The Breakfast Club is part of St Buryan Church's 'A Warm Welcome' project funded by a grant from the Diocesan's Energy Mission Fund.



ST ERTH COMMUNITY CAFÉ

St Erth Church Hall
every Friday from
12noon to 3pm,
during the cold
winter months.
Come and relax in a
warm and welcoming
environment.

Light refreshments available and free Wi-Fi.

ENJOY SINGING?



Come and join us
Everyone welcome
Tuesday practices at 7
Sunday service at 9-45



Contact diwilliams18481@gmail.com

FREE TO EVERYONE OF ALL AGES Warm Space - Ludgvan

Weekly on Thursdays 11:30 – 15:00

Come together for warmth and good company. Refreshments, soup and a roll.

Ludgvan Community Centre, Fair Fld, Penzance TR20 8ES,



COMMUNITY CAFÉ
Phillack Church Hall
Thursdays
12 noon til 3pm.
ALL are WELCOME!



Zoom Communion Service

The Parish of St. Ives introduced a zoom Communion service during the lock down, which has continued ever since. It was provided initially for those, who were unable to get to Church for worship. It is held at 12.00 noon every Wednesday unless advertised to the contrary and lasts approximately halfan-hour. It includes a time of open intercessions. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Debbie Harris who will send you the link and/or meeting ID and password. Her email address is <u>debbiesjif@gmail.com</u>. The only disadvantage is that you have to provide your own bread and wine!

If you do not have zoom, this can easily be downloaded: just google 'zoom' and go to 'download'.

Fr Samuel Marsden

A prayer to Christ

from Colossians 1. 15 - 20

O Jesus Christ. You are the visible likeness of the invisible God!

You are the firstborn Son, superior to all created things.

For, through You, God created everything in heaven and in earth, the seen and the unseen things, including spiritual powers, lords, rulers and authorities.

God created the whole universe through You and for You. You existed before all things, and in union with You all things have their proper place.

You are the head of Your Body, the Church; You are the source of the Body's Life.

You are the firstborn Son, who was raised from death, in order that You alone might have the first place in all things.

For it was by God's own decision that You have in Yourself the full nature of God. Through You then, God decided to bring the whole Universe back to Himself.

God made peace through Your sacrificial death on the Cross and so brought back to

Himself all things, both in earth and in heaven

Amen.

My thanks to Rev Jon Robertshaw who forwarded the Bible reading from Colossians for our encouragement. Jon uses this passage as a daily prayer and writes...

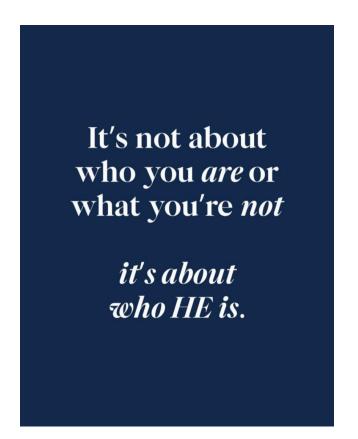
I attach a prayer to Jesus, which I use daily.

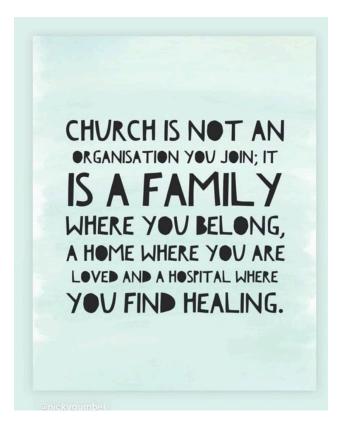
It is the Good News Bible version of Colossians 1, 15 – 20, which I have changed from "He" to "You."

What I find so helpful is the emphasis that Jesus is the Head of His Body, the Church; The source of the Body's Life.

It emphasises that it is HE who Lives IN us; it is His life, lived IN and Through us. We must not do things FOR Him, but let Him Reign WITHIN and THROUGH us as individuals and corporately.

I think most of us "Do this or that FOR Jesus," instead of HE Doing what He wants in and through us. We are His Body continuing to live in the World. (John 15 & 17).





Penlee Cluster - Lent Lunches

Saturday lent lunches between 12 noon and 1.15pm. In aid of Christian Aid and CAFOD projects.

Sat 17th Feb YMCA + Quakers, Alverton Road TR8 4TE
Sat 24th Feb St Pol de Leon Church, Paul
Say 2nd March High Street Methodist, TR18 2SU
Sat 9th March St Thomas's Church, Heamoor
Sat 16th March St Peter's Church, Newlyn
Sat 23th March Wesley Rock, Madron

St Erth Community Café/Warm Hub Fridays each week until April, 12 - 3 pm

Many of our churches have stepped up in recent years in regard to providing a warm communal space for people within our local communities who may otherwise be on their own.

Another such space available for people is what was previously known as St Erth WarmHub, now called St Erth Community Café. Held in the Parish Church Hall each Friday afternoon from 12 - 3pm, during the cold winter months of October to April it was mainly supported by the regular worshippers of St Erth Church

when it initially started, but the community café has now built up a regular and faithful following of attendees of all ages from the village community including young families. It is popular with walkers and ramblers and it provided a full Christmas dinner in late December for 30 people from the viallage which is just wonderful.

Initially offering a selection of light snacks and cakes when first starting up, they have this year generously included a more substantial bowl of something hot, like soup, toasted sandwiches or meals like shepherd's pie or as was served on the day of my visit, sausage casserole (sadly I was too late arriving to indulge!)

There has been a small change too in the way the café has been overseen and managed this year, with St Erth PCC member Joyce Darvell kindly having offered to provide a hot meal together with the other food stuffs on offer each week and to organise the volunteers with a rota.

The cafe still provides a community larder which was a part of the warm hub, and it still invites donations from anyone who wishes to contribute to this.

If you are passing by St Erth for whatever reason on a Friday afternoon, can I encourage you to take a small detour down to the Church Hall in the village and go and say hello to the friendly folk who make use of the community café there.

The cakes alone will be worth a visit and you will receive a VERY warm welcome.



Part of the volunteer team who run the St Erth
Community Cafe. Above (L-R) Colin, Jenny and
Joyce. On right (L-R) St Erth village resident
Roger enjoys a chat with villager and Church
Reader and PCC member Helen. Photo below
(L-R) show villagers Marilyn, Fran, George and

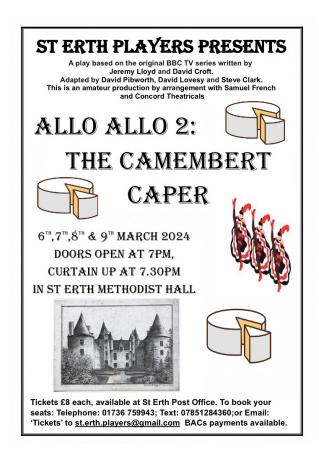


Frank (Godrevy Benefice administrator), who all take pleasure in attending the cafe and enjoy their chats over tasty refreshments.

Madron Church Coffee Mornings Meet in the Methodist Church Hall 2nd & 4th Wednesdays each month 10am - 12 noon Come and enjoy friendly chat and hot drinks.







PRAYER FOCUS...

- Pray for Revs Sian and Andrew Yates as they prepare for their retirement.
- Pray for the Penlee Cluster of churches as they prepare for Sian and Andrew's farewell. Pray for the ongoing ministry and witness of the benefice while it is in a period of transition.
- Pray for the team who presently support Sian and Andrew in ongoing mission and ministry across the cluster, especially as they prepare to step into the void that will be left following Sian and Andrew's departure.
- Pray for our rural dean Nick and his wife Claire and their family. Pray for his
 ongoing health and wellbeing as he juggles the responsibilities of parish and
 deanery.
- Pray for the Deanery Synod meeting that will be held on Thursday 9th February and for all the Synod members who represent their parishes. Pray for wisdom and understanding in regard to the decisions that will be taken.
- Pray for Michelle Porter-Babbage the new Pioneer Priest for the Godrevy
 Benefice as she prepares to join us in the next few weeks.

Mounts Bay Benefice - Lent Courses

All Saints Marazion will be the place to go for delicious freshly cooked pancakes on Shrove Tuesday. Pancakes will be served between 11am and 3pm!

The benefice will be holding a series of Lent Group meetings over the five weeks of Lent, with discussions prompted by watching clips from the new Stephen Spielberg 'West Side Story' film

From 21st February **soup lunches** will be available in St Hilary Church on Wednesdays at 12 noon, and in Perranuthnoe Church Room on Thursdays from 12-1.30pm (Please note these are being held **instead of the normal Coffee morning drop ins).** Come along and enjoy soup, roll and fruit - there's no charge but donations will be gratefully received towards the Appeal for Solar Aid.





Benefice Lent Course

watch West Side Story in full (locations as discussion groups)

13 February 2pm 15 February 2pm

Perranuthnoe

to be confirmed to be confirmed

Marazion St Hilary

Ludgvan

Discussion groups

Wednesdays from 21st 11am Wednesdays from 21st 2pm St Hilary Church Ludgvan Murley Hall

to be confirmed

Marazion

Thursdays from 22nd 2pm

Perran Church Room

c@knish celtic way

First walk of 2024 24 February Start from St Germans at 10.30 and walk to Seaton. Please bring a packed lunch. Dogs welcome. Lifts back to your car for drivers.

Church Warden Fiona, from St Buryan Church has this to say about the Soup & Silence Mondays that are held in West Penwith...

A few of us from St Buryan have experienced the passion and wonderful inspiration

conveyed by the Revd Annie Henry-Holland from her home at Tremorran in Botallack.

Annie works as a self-supporting Pioneer Minister, providing sanctuary in her beautiful garden as part of the "Quiet Garden Scheme" and also through her outreach, running CreativeClay Workshops, Art & Spirituality Days, walks with poetry and readings and her monthly Soup & Silence lunches.

On top of all this she runs a B&B from her fabulous home and exhibits high quality art work by local artists in the gallery attached to the house. It is all well worth a visit!

There are usually about twenty people at her Soup & Silence each month. You arrive to the offer of a scrummy homemade soup and a lot of friendly and welcoming chat. After lunch there is a period of silence for thirty minutes, during which you are free to wander the beautiful garden, sit in the conservatory, the lounge or stay in the kitchen. It is a moment to stop and just be, without the complexities of everyday life getting in the way.

Come & Sing Choral Evensong... TUESDAY 21ST MAY 2024

ST.JOHN'S IN THE FIELDS CHURCH, ST. IVES (parking available)

Practice 18.00 for 19.00 service. Music TBC depending on how many people would be interested.

Please let Di Williams know by 15th April 2024 diwilliams18481@gmail.com 077 583 799 34







Pendeen Church





FUTURE DATES
of St Mary's NIGHT CHURCH
PENZANCE

23RD MARCH and 20TH APRIL
Please pray for this ministry and outreach
and for all those who use NightChurch as a
safe space. Pray too for ongoing wisdom
and for the safety of the team of volunteers.



Penlee Cluster Film Club.

Reflections on journeys through film.

Thursdays 2pm at the Kings Arms, Paul.

Feb 22nd: The Great Escaper

The Great Escaper.
Is based on the true story of a 90 year old man who 'escapes' from his care home to attend the 70th Anniversary
Commemoration of the D Day Landings in Normandy. It stars an elderly Michael Caine and an equally elderly Glenda Jackson.



March 7th: The Straight Story

The Straight Story.
In Iowa Alvin Straight
hears that his
brother living 250miles
away has had a stroke.
Alvin has medical
conditions which
forbids him from driving
a car and so he finds a
very unconventional
way of making the
journey ...and has
some illuminating
encounters en route.



March 21st: One Life

One Life.
Based on the true story of Sir Nicholas Winton who organised a Kinder Transport for Jewish children in Prague. It is a race against time before the Nazi Army arrives.



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