



News January 2024 Sharing the Good News across Penwith

Wishing the Church family across Penwith a happy New Year



DISCOVERING GOD'S KINGDOM GROWING THE CHURCH

Welcome to our first edition of PDN. We are blessed indeed to have seen the provision of God during 2023. As we begin 2024 let us all pray that His Holy Spirit will continue to work within us, encouraging us and challenging us to make the most of the God given opportunities that will come our way this year.

The start of a new calendar year always prompts us to think about what we hope to accomplish in the proceeding 365, or as is the case this year, 366 days ahead. Many people will be setting New Year's resolutions and will have given up on them by the time you read this news letter! Others may be experiencing a deep sense of sadness and nostalgia as we remember people who are no longer among us and opportunities that we believe have passed us by. It is easy to think on things that we didn't manage to achieve in the year just passed and allow this to discourage us from continuing in our service and support of each other.

As God's dearly loved children, we can and should embrace every day as a fresh opportunity to walk closer with Him, to pray more earnestly, to study His Word more deeply and to fellowship with each other more intentionally. In doing these things with the help of the Holy Spirit, we will love our neighbour more deeply, and serve both God and our community more effectively. Whatever and wherever He calls us to minister we rest assured in the knowledge that He asks nothing of us that He does not equip and enable us to accomplish. We have been blessed with a new year and many new opportunities ahead, how exciting is that!

I am hoping that you will let me know what's going on in your part of Penwith and in your Parish/benefice. I will do my very best to come along and visit to see how we are continuing to spread and share the good news across our deanery. Please email me at penwithdeanery@gmail.com. I look forward to hearing from you. With every blessing, Sarah



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

Contact diwilliams18481@gmail.com





'Come & Sing' Deanery Choral Evensong

Do you enjoy singing? Would you like to sing with an enthusiastic group of other singers at a united deanery event?

Come and Sing Choral Evensong to be hosted at St. John's in the Fields,

St. Ives

A Deanery collaboration Sunday afternoon - May/June 2024. Date to be confirmed Hymns, Responses, Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis setting and Anthem

One hour rehearsal before the service.

Music to be chosen by Jeffrey Williams (St. Ia) and distributed to choir members/trainers

Please email Di Williams if you

would be interested in this wonderful venture. <u>diwilliams18481@gmail.com</u>. More details to follow when we have had a confirmation of interest.

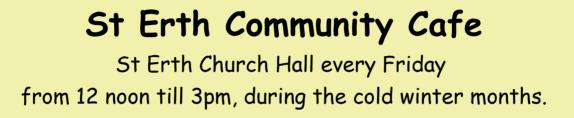
And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year: "Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown". And he replied:

"Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the Hand of God. That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way". So I went forth, and finding the Hand of God, trod gladly into the night. And He led me towards the hills and the breaking of day in the lone East.

Minnie Louise Haskins (1875-1957)

This beautiful poem was spoken by King George VI at his Christmas broadcast in 1939 and then subsequently at the funeral of Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother in 2002. They are further inscribed at the entrance to the George VI memorial chapel in St George's Chapel, Windsor and in a window at the Queen's Chapel of the Savoy.





Come and relax in a warm and welcoming environment. Light refreshments available and free Wi-Fi



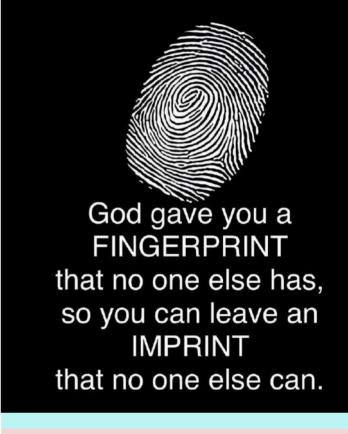
Please continue to pray for the work of Young Explorers. The new venture running at St Hilary Church.

Pray for all those leading the sessions and for the children who attend.









Prayer Focus

Pray for the benefice of St Ives and Halsetown, for the church families of St Ia, St John's in the Fields and 'Wild Church'.

Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call one Lord, one faith, one baptism.

one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. (Eph 4:1-6)

There is deep heaviness in the world right now and so much to be in prayer about — Israel, Gaza, Ukraine and more....Every life lost breaks the heart of God and every prayer offered to Him is another step in breaking the chains in this world.

Our God is bigger. Our God is in control. God can change ANYTHING. God can change ANYONE. God can change it ANYWHERE. God can change it ANYTIME.

Let's lift our prayers of faith to God. The prayer of a righteous person is very powerful in its effect. James 5:16.



Pray for the Rev Dr Nick Widdows and for Rev Keiren Marwood who supports Nick with ministry within the benefice.

Pray for Nick as he continues to serve as Rural Dean and for Claire and their family while these added responsibilities are present.

Pray for the many that visited our churches and attended our Christmas services, events and activities over the Christmas and New Year. That the Holy Spirit of God

will continue to work in hearts and minds as they reflect upon what they have heard about Jesus.



Church Welcome



What are others doing to ensure a warm 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, and attracted people during that time from as far away as the South of England. It is held at 12.00 noon every Wednesday unless advertised to the contrary and lasts approximately half-an-hour. It includes a time of open intercessions. We are now inviting anyone to join us who would like to participate. If you are interested in joining in, please contact Debbie Harris to 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

COPPERHOUSE COMMUNITY CAFÉ

Phillack Church Hall

Thursdays 12 noon til 3pm.

ALL WELCOME

Perranuthnoe

Every Thursday 10.30am

Drop in for coffee and a chat in the Church Hall

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Being Church together

There are some wonderful examples of ecumenical working going on across the Deanery.

As part of the celebration of The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, the Sunday Worship at St Pol de Leon church in Paul, will follow the Methodist Communion Order of Service on 21st January. They are delighted that the congregation of Mousehole Chapel are joining them on a regular basis while the Chapel is out of use for repairs and are very much valuing their fellowship and contributions.

The church fellowship at Madron regularly shares ministry and mission with the congregation from the Methodist Chapel in the village, including coffee mornings, warm space provision for games afternoons and other community serving initiatives.

Wild Church St Ives and St Ives Salvation Army closely collaborate, with the leadership of both churches regularly sharing services and meetings. An early Sunday morning 'Surf Church' was started just over a year ago and comprises of members from both the Salvation Army and Wild Church. Seeking to raise the profile of Christ and His love amongst the surfing community in St Ives, members meet on Porthmeor beach each Sunday morning and share in a surf or a swim together after having shared a scripture reading and a time of prayer. The meeting ends with hot drinks and or breakfast and snacks.

I am sure that many other ecumenical partnerships and collaborations exist across the deanery. If you know of such events please let us know and we can share this joint working out of our faith with others from across the deanery.



Members of 'St Ives Surf Church' have recently celebrated their first birthday.





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