

North Cornwall Cluster of Churches

Newsletter

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For the parishes of St Kew, St Peter (Port Isaac), St Endellion and
St Minver with St Enodoc (Trebetherick) and St Michael (Porthilly)

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Loving one another

Belonging to a church community is a bit like belonging to a family. Some families are full of people who are very similar and love spending time together, but most families have a mixture of different sorts of people with different approaches to life. This increases when new people join the family, through marriage or birth, and bring with them a whole range of new perspectives, especially if they are different from the family they are joining. Sometimes new family members find that they don't really belong, relationships are strained and everyone struggles. Other times, the family welcomes the new member and grows in relationship to them, valuing who they are and the gifts that they bring to the whole.

Church communities, like families, also have different responses to new members. Of course we all want to welcome people who come to be part of our shared life, because we know, deep down that we are all called by God to be one Christian family. But it isn't always easy. Sometimes welcoming new members means that we have to change to make room for them. It can be a challenge to know how much newcomers will fit in with how things have always been done, or if there are new and surprising things which they will bring with them which could enrich our life together.

As followers of Jesus, we know that there are really only two things we are required to do. One is to love God with everything that is in us. And the other one is to love one another as ourselves. When we find ourselves struggling with someone in our family or church community who is different from us, it can be very hard to love them as much as we love ourselves. Sometimes it can feel as if new people do all the wrong things, they don't understand, they bring change that isn't what we wanted, they just don't belong. It can be a painful time, welcoming a new person into our lives, because they challenge us in ways that are unsettling and unpredictable.

It can be the same when we welcome God into our lives. If we have been getting along just fine either without God or with a neat and tidy version of God that suits us nicely, it can be a shock when we encounter the living Jesus Christ, who overturns our assumptions and sets us on a road of sacrifice and surprise.

No wonder love is at the heart of what God is all about. Without love – for God, for one another and ourselves – we will simply be isolated people, or groups of like-minded individuals. But with love, we find we can bear with one another and grow together as God's family, enriched by one another's differences and united in Christ.

Revd Elizabeth

Remembrance Sunday

There will be Remembrance services at the following churches on Sunday 13th November:

St Kew	10.30am	Service of Remembrance
St Peter's	10.30am	Service of Remembrance
St Endellion	10.55am	Sung Eucharist with Act of Remembrance
St Minver	10.50am	Service of Remembrance



LEST WE FORGET

'Seeing More Clearly with the Eyes of Love'

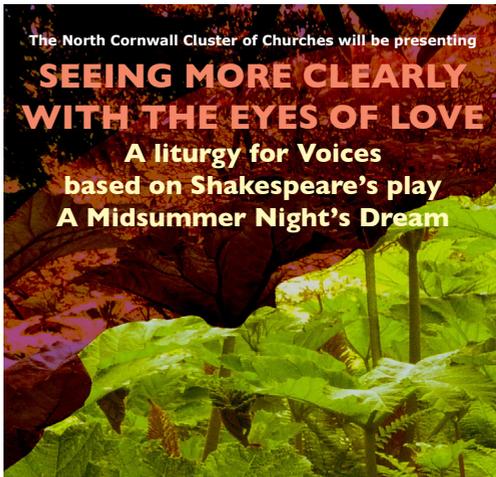
A Liturgy for Voices based on 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'

Saturday 5th November at 6.00pm, St Minver Church

This unique and fascinating piece of worship has been created by Paul Fiddes. Commissioned to mark 500 years since Shakespeare's death, it has been presented in Stratford-upon-Avon, Oxford and St Martin-in-the-Fields. Here it is being presented at St Minver church with participants from across the North Cornwall Cluster of churches.

The liturgy combines new poetry, music and excerpts from Shakespeare's play with elements from traditional Christian liturgy, giving opportunities for involvement of the congregation.

Everyone is welcome to this very special occasion.



The North Cornwall Cluster of Churches will be presenting

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**Saturday 5 November, 6PM
ST. MINVER CHURCH**

Please come and join us in this unique and fascinating piece of worship created by Paul Fiddes, Professor of Systematic Theology in the University of Oxford

Everyone welcome



Fun was had by all at St Peter's Port Isaac at the Harvest Festival Fandango. Thanks to all who were involved in an enjoyable afternoon.

Advent Services



27th November, 6pm

Advent Carol Service at St Michael's

3rd December, 9.30am

Messy Church at the Perceval Institute, St Minver

4th December, 4pm

Christingle at St Minver

11th December, 6pm

Carol Service at St Minver with the School Choir

14th December, 7pm

Cornish Carol Evening, St Peter's Port Isaac

18th December, 6pm

Carol Service at St Kew with Port Isaac Chorale

22nd December, 7.30pm

Mother's Union Carol Service, St Endellion

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From the Visitor's Book

2003 30 December P & C Pomery from Denham, Middlesex wrote, "To visit site where ancestor was vicar". Comment: Reverend Joseph Pomery, who had Cornish ancestors, was vicar at St James church from 1777 until his death on 7 February 1837 aged 88 being the oldest clergyman in Cornwall at the time. He was instrumental in planning a Parish School so all children could have free education. He is buried in the bottom churchyard outside the priests door.

31 Dec B Stone from Iver Heath, Bucks wrote, "To visit where Jacob Stone was buried." Comment: Jacob Stone was Head of St Kew CP School 1868 – 1912, and also churchwarden 1916-1936, choirmaster and organist, and also sometime Parish Council Clerk. He was buried in the churchyard on 25 September 1940 aged 94. His son Frederick installed electricity in the church in 1949.

2004 22 October Amy Wood from Plymouth wrote, "It's nice but still a lot of work to be done!" Comment: Details would have been appreciated!

"Lo, He comes!"

**St Michael's Church, Porthilly
27th November 2016 @ 6pm**

Advent -The coming to the world and of the holy birth in Bethlehem.

Yes Christmas is coming into our lives in 2016 and Advent is our period of preparation.

Come and join us to start that process with those old familiar hymns and readings from scripture and poems that will lead us from Creation to the new day.

Mass Dial

Recently, a visitor to St James' church, St Kew informed us that she was pleased to see evidence of a Mass Dial by the Priest's Door. On the external archway of the priest's door on the south east of the building is a hole denoting the site of where a Mass Dial used to be. This form of Sundial was used, between 900 and 1600 AD, to mark the variable time of the liturgical services decided by the priest.

The Mass Dial consisted of a short wooden peg or 'gnomo' projecting at right-angle from a hole in the south wall of the church to cast the sun's shadow and a series of scratched or carved lines radiating from the centre point, which the shadow traversed. At St James time has erased the carved lines but the hole remains. Unless already known, it would be interesting to see if our other churches have evidence of a Mass Dial.

Coffee & Mince Pie Morning
at
The Perceval Institute,
St. Minber

Saturday, 26th November, 2016
10am to 12pm

Stalls include:
Cakes, preserves, toys, Christmas decorations,
books, bric-a-brac, etc.

Entrance £2 to include tea or coffee and mince pie.

Raffle

Proceeds to Perceval Institute upkeep

Marcus' muse

This past year I've been slowly working my way through Ian Adam's book *Running over rocks* subtitled "Spiritual practices to transform tough times". It has been an immensely helpful book, not one that can be rushed. From it comes this line:

Bringing flower and faces, stars and traces of light to your street

It comes from a practice he calls "re-imagine the world" and draws from Jesus' words telling us to be the salt of the earth. In a broken and hurting world we are to be there to heal and to restore. To do this we need to find ways to meet and engage with those around us. This isn't an easy task by any means especially when we are holding onto our own hurts or trying to protect self interests but I think we find our peace when we are ready to give to others.

A word that has come to be frequently in different places is Empathy.

Empathy is different from sympathy and the allegory is often around a person being stuck down a hole. Sympathy calls down "I hope you are all right" while Empathy climbs down and to be with the person. Empathy wants to understand what it is like to be that person and giving acceptance without judgment. When we ask what it is like to be a stranger in our church we are being empathetic.

At St Minver harvest service we had children running in the isles shouting the fruits of the Spirit and at St Peter's we had giant fruit with the fruits of the Spirit on. I did wonder why Empathy wasn't a fruit of the Spirit and realised that you need all for the Fruits of the Spirit to be empathetic no wonder it is such a big calling and difficult to do.

Marcus Jones is the North Cornwall Cluster's children and family worker

NCC Children and Family dates for your diary November

- Sat 5th 9.30am Messy Church@ Perceval Institute
Breakfast, activities and Christian celebration for children, parents and all the family.
- Wed 9th 10am-12 **Messy Church Enrichment day @St Kew Highway Hall**
Shelly Porter will be leading this event for all involved and for those interested in the work of Messy Church. There will be a bring and share lunch to end the morning. Please contact Marcus if you would like to attend.
- Sat 12th 3pm-4.30 **Fountain @ The Vicarage, St Minver.**
Youth group for secondary school and college students exploring faith, fun and a chocolate fountain.
- Sat 26th 6pm **Come and sing @ St Minver Church**
Hymns and songs for all people, all ages
- Sun 27th 10am+ **Angel sculpture workshop @ Port Isaac Villaeg Hall**
Family fun making large angels of light for the Christmas procession. More details to follow.

Reflective days at St Endellion

Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream* – led by Professor Paul Fiddes

Saturday 5 November, 10am – 3.00pm

Through talks, discussion and video excerpts, Paul will draw on two important quotations from the New Testament in the play, where Shakespeare encourages the audience to find the power which enables them to see things more clearly both in personal relationships and in civic society.

Taizé – the history and music, led by Prebendary David Foster

Saturday 19 November, 10am – 3pm

Taizé means so much more than a chant sometimes used in a Sunday service. On this day we unpack some of the history and background to Taizé and, with the help of the Endelienta Scholars and local musicians, explore the breadth and joy found in Taizé worship and music.

Music at St Endellion

Faith, Hope, Life, Love – Choral concert with the Endelienta Scholars

Saturday 19 November, 7.30pm

A celebration of spirituality in music-the Scholars are returning to St. Endellion with a programme of beautiful musical reflections – including many choral favourites both sacred and secular. The programme includes works by composers such as Byrd, Bruckner, Parry, Stanford, Tavener, Whitacre.

To book go on-line to www.endelienta.org.uk or call 07787 944935, Tickets are £10 for these events.

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Cluster services - November 2016

Date	St Kew	St Peter's	St Endellion	St Minver	St Enodoc	St Michael
Saturday 5				9.30am Messy Church		
Sunday 6	9.30am Holy Communion	9.30am Morning Worship	11am Sung Eucharist	11am Holy Communion	3pm Evensong	6pm Evensong
Sunday 13 Remembrance Sunday 	10.30am Service of Remembrance	9.30am Holy Communion 10.30am Service of Remembrance	10.55am Sung Eucharist with Act of Remembrance	10.50am Service of Remembrance	No Service Today	9.15am Holy Communion 6pm Evensong
Sunday 20 Christ the King	9.30am Holy Communion	9.30am Morning Worship	11am Morning Worship 6 Taize	11am Holy Communion	3pm Evensong	6pm Evensong
Saturday 26				6pm Songs of Praise		
Sunday 27	9.30am All Age Worship	9.30am Holy Communion	11am Sung Eucharist	11am All Age Worship	3pm Holy Communion	6pm Advent Carol Service

Correct at time of printing. Please check weekly pew sheets for more information

Weekly Services 8am Tuesday Holy Communion (BCP) St Endellion 10am Wednesday Holy Communion St Minver	Morning Prayer 8.45am Evening Prayer 5.30pm Wed Fri St Endellion Mon: St Minver (Quiet Time) Tues: St. Kew Wed: St Michael's Thurs. St Peter's Fri: St Endellion BCP Sat: St Enodoc (BST) St Endellion (Winter)
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