

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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What is your Church Story?

Each of our churches has its own story – what has happened in the life of the church, what it is like, what is important in this church community and how it hopes to develop in the future. Our church stories are made up of the stories of all the different people who belong to each church community. In October, as part of our Accompanied Ministry Development (AMD) programme, we will have a chance to think about each of our church stories and to share these with other churches in the Cluster. We would love for as many people as possible of all ages to come along and be part of sharing our stories.

Church Stories event: Saturday 15th October, 2016 at St Minver

10am-12noon, followed by a bring and share lunch. Facilitated by Revd Jem Thorold

What makes a church healthy and what helps us to grow?

There has been a lot of research looking at what helps churches to flourish and grow. In all sorts of different types of churches, there are common themes which are markers of a church which is healthy and thriving. Following on from the Church Stories event, we will be inviting people from across the Cluster to come and find out more about “Growing Healthy Churches” and to consider our strengths as churches and what areas of development we want to prioritise as we move forwards. People of all ages are welcome and there will be provision for younger people as well.

Growing Healthy Churches event: Saturday 29th October, 2016 at St Kew

10am-12noon, followed by a bring and share lunch. Facilitated by Revd Jem Thorold

Revd Elizabeth

Ian Adams: Photographic Exhibition and Sunday Service of Meditation

We are delighted to welcome Ian Adams to the Cluster as part of the North Cornwall Book Festival. Please do come along to see his photographs and enjoy a meditative service led by him at St Endellion church on Sunday 23rd October at 11am.

PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION

Weekend of 22nd and 23rd October, St Endellion Church

YOU ARE THE LIGHT: A SPIRITUAL PATH

A series of images by Ian Adams exploring a spirituality for our times. The photographs have been made in Plymouth and form a meditation on the Beatitudes, the core wisdom teachings of Jesus of Nazareth.

CHURCH SERVICE

11am - 12pm Sunday 23rd October, St Endellion Church

YOU ARE THE LIGHT: A SPIRITUAL JOURNEY

Taking as a starting point the exploration of spirituality in his photographs exhibited around the church, poet and priest Ian Adams will lead a Sunday service of meditation on the Beatitudes, the core wisdom teachings of Jesus of Nazareth, as a spiritual journey. A chance to experience stillness, a space to reflect, a time to re-energise.

St James Bellringers

The Bell Ringers of St James church at St Kew hosted the annual competition for the Deanery Bell Ringing Shield held during the evening of Saturday 17 September. Competing were teams from the churches of Lanhydroc, Egloshayle, Lanivery, Lostwithiel, and Lanivet. The St James church team consisted of: from the left: Rodney Jones, Gemma Godden, Rob Reskelly, Julian Trick, Ken Godden (Captain of the Bell Tower), Stewart Godden, Dave Finnemore (Deputy Captain) and Colin Cleave. Assisting Gemma with the hospitality were Fran Finnemore, Diane Garland and Cherrel Raybould. The judges complemented the teams on the improved standard and Lanhydroc were declared the winners.



On Wednesday 14th September the bell ringing team changed the bell ropes at St James church.



COMMUNITY LUNCH BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND

Wednesday 5th October 2016
12.30pm

At the Perceval Institute,
St Minver

Potato (with various fillings) and
a selection of tasty puddings

Pre-purchased tickets only £5
available from Post office St
Minver and Spar at Rock
Please note, tickets will not be
available on the door

The North Cornwall Cluster of Churches
will be presenting

Seeing More Clearly with the Eyes of Love

A liturgy of Voices based on Shakespeare's play
A Midsummer Night's Dream

Saturday 5th November
at 6.00 pm
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
The more the merrier!!

Arts and Spirituality Events at St Endellion

October has a rich feast of music, literature, film and exhibitions and a special meditative service lead by Rev. Ian Adams on the Sunday of the North Cornwall Book Festival.

Sunday 2 October, 3.30pm, St Endellion Hall. A group of cellists spending a weekend using the Endelienta Stone Barn facilities have volunteered to end their weekend giving a short informal concert for children of any age showing what kind of noise the big members of the violin family can make. Including “Pirates of the Caribbean”! Free entry

Thursday 6 October, 7.30pm, St Endellion Hall. For those interested in Charles Causley and as a warm up for the Book festival events, there is an exclusive screening of Jane Darke’s new 90-minute documentary about the life of Cornish poet Charles Causley, followed by a Q & A session with Jane Darke; cost £4, payable on the door.

Saturday 14 October, 7.30pm Cornwall Harp Centre Gala Concert
World class harpist Sarah Deere-Jones, who also teaches the harp and runs the Cornwall Harp centre, is coming with some of her talented students and the ‘Harpers Bizarre’ ensemble of 6 harps. Anticipate a magical concert featuring Celtic, Medieval and Classical harps. This is a unique opportunity to hear Sarah herself play in North Cornwall.

Friday 21 – Sun 23 October - North Cornwall Book Festival

This is the fourth year of this very special festival, with nationally acclaimed authors including Rachel Joyce (The Pilgrimage of Harold Fry); the incomparable Jackie Kay; Andrew Miller, Rupert Thomson and many more. There are readings, talks, authors in conversation; workshops; exhibitions; concerts (see below); meet the authors and book-signing sessions. As in previous years there is a dedicated children’s day on the Friday but also informal drop in sessions for them over the weekend.

Friday 21 October, 7.30pm - Amadou Diagne & Group Yakar

Multi-instrumentalist (guitar, percussion, kora) and singer Amadou Diagne from Senegal, West Africa, and his UK based band Group Yakar create a unique fusion of styles from Afrobeat to Blues; expect Senegal Sounds, West African Rhythm, Afro Jazz, Funk & Salsa and more.

Saturday 22 October, 8.00pm - Wild Willy Barrett’s French Connection

Following last year’s terrific concert we are delighted these highly talented musicians and their lovely singer Aurora Colson group are here again with a new programme. Expect rip roaring fiddles and banjo, Irish pipes, retro French and new songs – this band does it all!

Tickets and more details for these events from:

Endelienta / Book Festival Box Office: telephone 07787 944935

or online at www.endelienta.org.uk and/or www.ncornbookfest.org

October Reflections

Had a bad day? They happen, sometimes very, very bad days. Life does that, sadly. But look at the picture, which I have borrowed from my newspaper. You may have seen it already. Doesn't it make you feel happier? Twins Rosie and Ruby Formosa, conjoined at their abdomen and sharing part of the intestine, facing a likely death, were separated, and are now about to begin school. Don't tell me that miracles no longer happen – they do, hour by hour in our hospitals and elsewhere. Here is one of the more remarkable. It lifts the heart.



One might argue that the quite astonishing feats of the medical professionals are not the same as those recalled in the Gospels. True, Jesus was the difference. But if it were not for the revelations discovered over the centuries by researching scientists, who then translated discovery into action and healing, there would be far fewer miracles, if any at all.

The important thing that the twins show us is that miracles of skill and care do happen still, and there is no reason to suppose that each of us might be a recipient. One might argue that it doesn't prove the existence of God and all that is claimed in scripture. Equally it shows that prayer to a loving God is answered. There is always hope, however black the future seems.

If we could prove beyond doubt that there is indeed a loving God, then what value is faith?

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CAKES FOR THE BOOK FESTIVAL

Once again the cluster churches are being asked to provide cakes for the 'cafe' at the Book Festival. This will run from 10.00am on Saturday and 12.00 noon on Sunday until about 5.30pm in St. Endellion Church Hall. It is always a very popular venue with the authors and the people who come to the talks. As before, all proceeds from this stall will be divided between our churches.

Please contact Jill O'Grady 01208 880312 or jillog@sky.com if you are able to provide a cake or biscuits and/or if you are able to help serve teas at any time during those days.

We will then need to put it in a shortened form on the pew sheets in October. 'Cakes needed for the Book Festival Cafe All proceeds to our churches. Please contact Jill O'Grady 01208 880312

Please help St. Petroc's

St. Petroc's Society is a Cornwall-based charity caring for the single homeless. Often they are sleeping rough and may have a range of difficulties including addiction, mental ill health, relationship problems or a differing lifestyle, which contribute to their homelessness and social exclusion. St Petroc's exists to provide a diverse range of services for these particular clients.

We collect dried and tinned food for the Bodmin centre, which supports two houses in the town. Please can you consider putting something extra into your weekly shopping basket for those less able to provide for themselves. The collection bags are at the back of the church.

We can also take single bedding and clothing – especially men's clothing.

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

Marcus' muse

At seventeen I went to a gospel concert and became an active Christian. The Sunday night youth service attracted young people far 'n' wide and from many different traditions. It was my joy to accompany new friends to their churches and traditions; to learn, to be challenged, to be nourished spiritually and in many ways to be broadened. I previously grew up in Northern Ireland during the troubled times and being broad wasn't an option, if you weren't one of us you must be one of them, and so I got it from both sides. I try to remain broad however and continue to enjoy a range of worship styles and traditions. For me some styles are harder to enter into worship than others and I have to remember that for some people it is the other way round.

Coming to the North Cornwall Cluster I'm delighted to find a wealth of style and tradition both in the Sunday morning services and the special monthly services. The Taize service at St Endellion gave me time to rest in the presence of God, themed (or framed maybe) by the chants with their simple melody and words yet profound.

I also found the Saturday night Songs of Praise at St Minver to be a particular blessing. We had hymns and songs from today's and yesterday's era. We had songs that were written for children as well as those for adults. Some were familiar to me, other new and even one that I struggled with- how wonderful to everything in on go! The main purpose of this service is to learn new songs but people can request songs and I feel it would be an easy service for people who are not use to church to come and offer their praises to a glorious God.

How we worship can be alien and off putting to the un-initiated and often it is the little things that help a stranger to feel welcomed and included in your worship.

I am looking forward to being with you in worship and being part of your work to help children and their families around you worship too.

Drawing Water - Praying for families, schools and churches

Drawing water will be a quarterly(ish) prayer meeting for our children and family work across the cluster. It is for all who work in this area be it weekly, seasonally or occasionally. It is also for those who would be interested in becoming involved with children and family work be it hands on work or supportive work (such as refreshments or logistics). If you would like to be a prayer warrior for the work you will also be very welcome.

The event will have multiple prayer stations to inspire our prayers and to help us dwell in the space where we feel God is calling us to be concerned about. Fellowship is important too, so the evening will conclude with "sweet or savoury" nibbles bring and share style.

Drawing Water

Monday 17th October, 7-9pm – St Minver Church

To help gauge numbers please let me know if you are hoping to attend.

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Open the Book

You may be surprised to learn that many children growing up today have little or no knowledge of the Bible. Even though these days, many people do not attend church, most of you reading this would feel it to be a great loss if your children and grandchildren didn't know the stories of Adam and Eve, David and Goliath, Daniel in the Lions' den and others, and weren't familiar with events in the life of Jesus, but unless they attend a church school or belong to a Bible reading family, they won't have this knowledge.

Thankfully, however, a scheme called 'Open the Book' has come to the rescue and now children in over 2000 primary schools across the country are being given the opportunity to know and experience the Bible through the presentation of dramatized Bible stories by teams of volunteers, who often belong to local churches.

This is what happens each week in St Kew and St Minver Primary Schools where local teams from our churches, present stories in an enjoyable way, with the children themselves often taking part. So far, there haven't been enough volunteers to form a team for Port Isaac School, but if anyone is interested in helping in this school or joining the other teams, do please contact me on 01208880181 or Marcus Jones, our new Children and Families Worker 07923913727.

The Bible's contribution to our culture – language, literature and visual arts and music - is immense. The Bible enriches many aspects of life and every child should have the opportunity to experience it.

Judith Pollinger

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Cluster services - October 2016

Date	St Kew	St Peter's	St Endellion	St Minver	St Enodoc	St Michael
Saturday 1				9.30am Messy Church		
Sunday 2	9.30am Holy Communion 6pm Harvest Festival	9.30am Morning Worship	11am Sung Eucharist	11am Holy Communion	3pm Evensong	6pm Evensong
Sunday 9	9.30am All Age Worship	9.30am Holy Communion 4pm Harvest Festival	11am Sung Eucharist	11am All Age Worship & Baptism	3pm Evensong	9.15am Holy Communion 6pm Evensong
Sunday 16	9.30am Holy Communion	9.30am Morning Worship	11am Sung Eucharist 6 Taize	11am Holy Communion	3pm Evensong	6pm Evensong
Saturday 22			Book Festival	6pm Songs of Praise		
Sunday 23 Bible Sunday	9.30am All Age Worship	9.30am Holy Communion	11am Book Festival Reflective Service	11am All Age Worship	3pm Holy Communion	6pm Evensong
Sunday 30 All Saints	9.30am Holy Communion	9.30am Holy Communion	11am Sung Eucharist	11am United Service at Rock Methodists	3pm Evensong	6pm Evensong

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 Wed Fri St Endellion
Evening Prayer 5.30pm 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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