

North Cornwall Cluster of Churches

Newsletter ~ December 2016



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

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Welcoming Christ into our lives

One of the great joys of the Christmas season is that we get to welcome so many people into our churches and often into our homes. It is a joyful time, but also a time when we can be very busy seeing to the needs of all our visitors. As we approach Christmas this year, I'd like to invite you to take a few moments to pause and reflect on what it might mean to welcome Christ into our lives and homes this year as well as any other guests we might be expecting!

Well you can imagine what it might be like, welcoming Christ, because the story of how he came into the world is so well known. There is a knock at the door, and when you go to open it, there is a very young pregnant girl and an older man who have travelled a long way to be here and are obviously tired and dirty from the journey. You don't know who they are, because they are not local people, in fact they look distinctly middle-eastern, but some part of you senses that they really need the shelter you can provide, so you invite them in. Welcoming this family is a bit risky, but you can see that the young woman is very close to her time, and your heart goes out to her.

You provide food and somewhere for the couple to sleep, but it is as you expected, and in the night you are woken by the sound of someone who seems to be in pain. It is the young girl as she gives birth. Too late to call the midwife, you make do as best you can. Birth is very messy, you discover, yet in the mess, the sound of a newborn cry; the sight of this new little family, gathered round in your front room.

It hasn't been the night you expected. You didn't really know who you were welcoming or what you were letting yourself in for. Yet this tiny child who has turned your world upside down has also brought a real sense of joy and peace into your life. You have welcomed Christ. And nothing will ever be the same again. That risk you took of trusting the stranger, has led you to get to know this amazing person, who doesn't stay a child, but who grows to become a man who challenges all that stands in the way of God's love. A relationship that started with risk, continues to lead you to places which are unexpected and perhaps startling. You have welcomed Christ and now you find you want to go with him wherever he is going.

Maybe this Christmastide we can remember what it is like to welcome and follow Jesus, not just as individuals on our own personal journey but also as churches on a journey together, energised by the one who calls us to follow and excited about where God might be asking us to go next.

Revd Elizabeth

Fountain Christmas Party

December 10th 3pm St Minver Vestry

Fountain Youth Group January 14th 3pm St Minver Vestry

Cornish Carol Evening, St Peter's Port Isaac

14th December, 7pm

Please come to our annual evening held with PISCES of Port Isaac
Carols with Port Isaac Chorale, The Gulls and Port Isaac Primary school,
keeping alive the Christmas music traditionally sung in the village.

HENRY HOARE, The Good

When clearing out a good number of old, and well worn,
Common Prayer books at St Jame's, William Garland
noticed one that looked different to the others.

On the inside of the cover was the following: "The Gift of
HENRY HOARE Esq, Who Died March 12. 1724 aged 47.
And by his last Will and Testament, hath vested the Sum of
TWO THOUSAND POUNDS in Trustees, who are to apply
the Yearly Interest, Rents, and Profits, arising out of the
said Sum, to the purchasing, dispersing, and giving away
Yearly Bibles, Common Prayer Books, and such other
Books as are intirely agreeable to the Principles and Doctrine of the Church of
England, as now by Law Established, and most conducive to the advancement of
Christian Faith and Piety in the World." There is a coat of arms above the text.



Researches show that Henry Hoare I (1677 – 1725) was an English banker and landowner and also known as Henry the Good. He was born the son of Sir Richard Hoare, founder of C. Hoare & Co bankers (Fleet Street, London). He became a partner in the bank in August 1702. In 1702 he married Jane Benson and had three children: Jane, Henry Hoare II (1705-1785), and Richard, (1710-1754), who became knighted and President of Christ's Hospital, Member of Parliament for the city of London, and Lord Mayor of London 1745-1754.

Together with his father, Henry Hoare I became a commissioner for the building of 50 new churches in London in 1711. Following his father's death in 1719, he managed the bank. He acquired the Stourhead estate in 1717 which automatically gave him the patronage of St Peter's church. He instigated major refurbishments and gifted many chattels and his memorial commissioned by his widow still survives inside the church.

The Hoare family history makes very interesting reading. There are connections with Mitcham Grove in Surrey, Memorials in St Peter's Church, Stourhead, Staplehurst village Maidstone, Luscombe Castle in Dawlish, and land in the Saltash area.

It is not known whether this Common Prayer book was brought into the church by a member of the congregation from outside the parish or a visitor, who subsequently left the book behind, or whether there were many copies in use in the church some years ago. It cannot be imagined just how many churches in the country benefitted from Henry Hoare's extraordinary gifts to our Christian life.

Advent Services



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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Christmas Eve

St Peter's
Christingle 3pm

St Kew
Christingle 4pm

St Enodoc
Service of 9
Lessons & Carols
3pm

St Minver
Crib Service 4.30pm

Midnight Services

St Peter's
Holy Communion 10pm

St Endellion
Sung Eucharist 11.30pm

St Kew
Holy Communion 11.30pm

Christmas Day

St Michael
Holy Communion
9.15am

St Enodoc
Holy Communion
9.15am

St Endellion
Family Eucharist
11am

St Minver
Family
Carol Service
11am

“Chestnuts roasting on an open fire...”



Well where did Autumn go. It seems like just yesterday that we were singing Harvest hymns and giving thanks for what, even the local farmers admit, was a pretty good harvest. Now Christmas will soon be upon us and another year will have passed by, but the days leading up to the 25th December are a special time. Lists to write, presents to buy, plans to be made. Perhaps seeing old friends or delighting when that card drops

through the letter box from a former colleague or friend that you have largely lost touch with. Bright lights in the shops and carolling in frosty air. Cakes to bake and puddings to stir. I love it all but I know that it won't be so joyous for some. It is a very hard time for those who are alone especially so if they have been recently bereaved, and there are those who will struggle through the days of Christmas to keep body and soul together just as they do throughout the year.

So when you are thinking of your present list this Christmas do think of those for whom the smallest kindness will be a gift beyond compare. The neighbour who is all alone and will be so delighted with a visit. Those who cannot afford to buy even the smallest luxury who will treasure a gift that says they are not forgotten, and those in our community who cannot find a way to buy presents for their own children. Christmas should be a time when society comes together but it is often the very opposite. It can become so easily a time when we are so involved and obsessed with our own world that we fail see beyond our immediate circle.

The days leading up to Christmas are known as Advent. It is the start of the church's year because as Christians we look towards the birth of Jesus. The shepherds coming to worship the infant in the stable and the three Kings bringing gifts. It is a time when we remember and rejoice that the Son of God came to earth for us. Surely the greatest gift of all and as we delight in all that means should we not rejoice in what we can give to others.

David Foster

Zoltan Ensemble - String Quintet

Sunday 4 December, 3.00 pm

Lowri Porter, Nancy Johnson and Rosalind Gladstone are joined by Rose Redgrave and David Chadwick to perform Brahms' G major string quintet to follow up their performance last year of his only other viola string quintet. Again, they will link the Brahms with a Mozart quintet, this time his 2nd in C Minor. We are fortunate to welcome this talented group of musicians back to North Cornwall for another wonderful afternoon concert.

Tea and cake will be served in the interval and there will also be an opportunity to view the wonderful Open Exhibition of art by some very talented local artists in St Endellion Hall.

Pilgrimage with Mark's Gospel

Mondays, 7-8.30pm, 9th January – 27th February, 2017

Most people think of a pilgrimage as a visit to a particular place but in truth we are on a Christian journey our whole lives. You are invited to join an eight week pilgrimage that is a journey together, in the Gospel of Mark in January and February. We plan to meet once a week on Mondays at Jill and Henry Gompertz' house. Henry will prepare some material but this will be a journey together. Hopefully (in every sense) we will arrive at a different place from where we started and with a deeper knowledge of the shortest, most direct, and probably oldest gospel. If you plan to come along it would be a great help to let Jill or Henry know in advance but you can come anyway. Contact: 01208 869421.

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.

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Cluster services ~ December 2016 ~ Advent & Christmas

Date	St Kew	St Peter's	St Endellion	St Minver	St Enodoc	St Michael
Saturday 3				9.30am Messy Church		
Sunday 4 <i>Advent 2</i>	9.30am Holy Communion	9.30am Morning Worship	11am Sung Eucharist	11am Holy Communion <i>4 Christingle</i>	3pm Evensong	6pm Evensong
Sunday 11 <i>Advent 3</i>	9.30am All Age Worship	9.30am Holy Communion	10.55am Sung Eucharist	11am <i>No Service</i> <i>6pm Carol Service</i>	3pm Evensong	9.15am Holy Communion 6pm Evensong
Sunday 18 <i>Advent 4</i>	9.30am Holy Communion <i>6pm Carol Service</i>	9.30am Morning Worship	11am Morning Worship	11am Holy Communion	3pm Evensong	6pm Evensong
Saturday 26 <i>Christmas Eve</i>	<i>4 Christingle 11.30pm Holy Communion</i>	<i>3 Christingle 10pm Holy Communion</i>	<i>11.30 Sung Eucharist</i>	<i>4.30pm Crib Service</i>	<i>3pm Service of 9 Lessons and Carols</i>	
Sunday 25 <i>Christmas</i>	<i>No Service today</i>	<i>No Service today</i>	<i>11am Sung Eucharist</i>	<i>11am Family Carol Service</i>	<i>9.15am Holy Communion</i>	<i>9.15am Holy Communion</i>
Monday 26 <i>Stephen</i>			10am Sung Eucharist			
Tuesday 27 <i>John, Apostle</i>			10am Sung Eucharist			
Wednesday 28 <i>Holy Innocents</i>				10am Holy Communion		

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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