



# North Cornwall Cluster of Churches Newsletter ~ February 2017

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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# Growing a Healthy Church

As we begin to see small signs of new growth around us in nature, it is a good time to think about what can help our churches to grow and flourish as healthy communities, which are filled to overflowing with God's love as we journey with Christ, supported and nourished by the Holy Spirit. So here is a reminder of the seven marks of a healthy church (taken from the Healthy Churches Handbook, by Robert Warren):

- 1) Churches which are **energised by faith** rather than just keeping things going or trying to survive
- 2) Churches which have **an outward-looking focus** where **faith is about the whole of life**, not just "church life"
- 3) Churches which **seek to find out what God wants**, discerning the Spirit's leading, rather than trying to please everyone
- 4) Churches which **face the cost of change and growth** rather than resisting change and avoiding failure
- 5) Churches which **operate as a community** rather than functioning like a club or religious organisation
- 6) Churches which **make room for all** rather than being exclusive
- 7) Churches which **do a few things and do them well**, rather than being frenetic

As we move through the year, I hope that we will all be able to reflect on ways that we can help our churches to be open and welcoming communities, which are listening to God and helping people to live out their faith in the whole of their lives. I hope that we will have the courage to risk making changes that will help us to share God's welcome with all sorts of people as we enjoy doing a few things well, and as we continue to grow and flourish ourselves, loved into new life by the God who calls us.

*Every blessing,  
Revd Elizabeth*

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## COMMUNITY LUNCH AT THE PERCEVAL INSTITUTE ST MINVER

Wednesday 22nd February 2017 12.30pm

Tickets will be available from St Minver Post Office after @ £5 each.  
Available after 1st February.

# St Kew Parish Supper beats off the January Blues

People from across the eight villages converged on the Parish Hall on Saturday 21st January to eat, drink and sing the January blues away.

The tables were dressed with flowers and candles, the food was all deliciously homemade and donated by volunteers, there was a mind-bending Cornish place names quiz, a raffle, and the evening was rounded off with a series of floral choral singalong songs – looking forward to the St Kew flower festival (set for the 5 – 7 May Bank Holiday weekend, in the church). And at the end of the night we were blown away by a blast from the bagpipes before everyone helped clear the hall in the blink of an eye! A huge thank you to all of the table layers, cooks, servers, washer uppers, quiz-whizzers, musicians and eaters.

Together we raised £1,007 which will be split between our lovely parish hall and church. Hurrah! (and thanks to Kim Appleby for the fantastic photos!)



## Music at St Endellion

February brings two contrasting concerts to St Endellion.



### **Saturday 18 February 7.30pm The Grace Notes**

We are delighted to welcome back this highly entertaining and versatile group for what promises to be a wonderful and lively concert to lift the spirits on a winter's evening. The soulful lead vocals of Ley Adewole and the cool grooves of pianist Richard Penrose, vocalist Janice Mitchelson, drummer Damian Rodd and bassist Yan Speake together make 'The Grace Notes', who play a mixture of disco, soul, funk and Motown and jazz. Ley, the lead singer, has sung with major acts such as Diana Ross, Stevie Wonder and Take That. Based in Cornwall and working throughout the South West and beyond, together they simply deliver unforgettable top quality entertainment.

Tickets are £10 (free for accompanied under-16s) and can be obtained online at [www.endelienta.org.uk](http://www.endelienta.org.uk) or by telephone on 07787 944935.

### **Sunday 26 February 3pm Charity Concert The Blackweir Brass**

Blackweir Brass is a quintet of young players from the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama, who draw influence and inspiration from many sources including famous brass ensembles like that of Phillip Jones, Septura Brass and Canadian Brass. The Blackweir Brass repertoire covers everything from Baroque to Contemporary, with some interesting deviations in between.

Admission free. A collection will be made in aid of the Merlin Centre, a registered charity working to build a Multiple Sclerosis Therapy Centre for Cornwall.

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## **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.

## Where does time go

A moment ago it was Christmas and trying to resolve a lovely problem – how can you get 150 children, 248 adults and live donkey and baby lamb into a church which seats 180? Well you can – just! And now we are looking at, preparing for, Lent and Easter. Lent a time of... giving up, abstaining, taking up? We all treat it differently. So here is something to think about – our use of time.

Time flies by, and in all the rushing around we can forget what a gift it is. We have been given time, the question is how do we use it? Over the years here are some quotes from wiser people than me.

“A man who dares to waste one hour of time has not discovered the value of life.”  
— *Charles Darwin, The Life & Letters of Charles Darwin*

“Time is what we want most, but what we use worst.” — *William Penn*

“The future starts today, not tomorrow.” — *Pope John Paul II*

“I wasted time, and now doth time waste me.” — *William Shakespeare, Richard II*

“The right time is any time that one is still so lucky as to have.” —  
*Henry James*

“It’s not that we have little time, but more that we waste a good deal of it.” —  
*Seneca*

“For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:”  
*Ecclesiastes*

Do any of these (or all of these) strike a bell in your life? I once went on a course during which we were to have a talk on “Time management in General Practice”, the speaker turned up 15 minutes late! I never did put into practice anything he said.

So at this time of year instead of just rushing around, take time to reflect, think for a while, on time and how we use it. It is a gift, are we thankful for it?

*David Elliott (Reader, North Cornwall Cluster)*

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## 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' muse - Cluster children and families

Did you hear the one about the preacher that was killed in a taxi accident?

St Peter took them to their new homes in heaven. The preacher noticed the taxi driver's house was bigger with nicer features and more mod cons. A little put out, the preacher enquired why? "Well," said Peter, "you led 20 people to pray one week but 20 people a day prayed in the back of his taxi!"

Now, I'm not angling for a bigger house in heaven but I do want to encourage you in your prayer life. We all have our favourite prayers and our favourite method of prayer, these are important as they will often be a life-line to us when times are tough. Sometimes though, they may be so familiar to us that we can go through them on auto-pilot and we miss the beauty of the prayer or fail to be touched by it. Having a variety of prayer styles and being willing to try new ways of praying can lead us to a vibrant prayer life and a deeper appreciation of our favourites.

When praying with children and families, I like to use objects either to hold, smell, taste, see or to exchange. They provide a literal translation of a spiritual truth or desire, which is something of what ritual in the Bible and in our church is about. My favourite prayer activity is a circle of sugar paper with flaps cut around it. You fold the flaps and pray about things you need to let go of or to say sorry about. You then float the paper on some water and watch the petals magically open up. It's a powerful way to give a worry to God.

I've been trying to learn to pray without words. Just when I thought I had it I lost it again. I have a few poems to help me to meditate which work a little but if I fall asleep then that must be the most important thing for me at that time and if my mind won't stop nattering after I do all the exercises then I guess I need to listen to what is on my mind and take it from there.

The archbishops are inviting their churches to be a part of a global prayer movement known as "Thy Kingdom come" by setting the time from Ascension Day to Pentecost (25th May – 4th June) to pray that people might know Christ Jesus. I am hoping that as a cluster of Churches we can draw up an exciting programme of events that incorporates traditional and novel forms of prayer that may include planned walks, arts, prayer spaces for children and families, music, drama, shared meals, and much more. If you have a good idea, would like to talk about praying, or would like to actively take part in organising our Thy Kingdom come, I love to hear from you.

Find us on facebook [childrenandfamilyNCC](https://www.facebook.com/childrenandfamilyNCC)



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## St Kew Open the Book with 2m Goliath

We have an Open the Book team for St Minver School and a team for St Kew School, there is always room for new members to tell and to act in the stories. All storytellers have to complete a DBS.



# Cluster events for children and families

Sat 4th Feb 9.30 am	<b>Messy Church</b> Percival Institute	Breakfast on the house. Celebration, games, arts and crafts for the whole family.
Wed 15th Jan	<b>Fountain Youth Visit to ibounce</b>	For secondary school students. for more details contact Marcus Jones
Sun 5th & 19th Feb 10.45-11.30am	<b>Junior Church</b> Percival Institute	Bible story, games and craft and then join the adults at St Minver church for Communion. For Ages 5 to 11 years. Under 5 may need an adult to remain.
Fri 24th Feb 10am	<b>Minifingers</b> Percival Institute	New baby and toddler club, with play, bible story, songs and activities. All welcome.
Sat 25th Feb 6pm	<b>Come and Sing</b> St Minver Church	Gentle service suitable for all ages, singing praise and worship of today and yesterday.

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## Cluster services - February 2017

Date	St Kew	St Peter's	St Endellion	St Minver	St Enodoc	St Michael
Saturday 4				9.30am Messy Church		
Sunday 5	9.30am Holy Communion	9.30am Morning Worship	11.00am Sung Eucharist	11.00am Holy Communion	3pm Evensong	6pm Evensong
Sunday 12	9.30am All Age Worship	9.30am Holy Communion	11.00am Sung Eucharist	11.00am All Age Worship	3pm Evensong	9.15am Holy Communion 6pm Evensong
Sunday 19	9.30am Holy Communion	9.30am Morning Worship	11.00am Morning Worship 6pm Taize	11.00am Holy Communion	3pm Evensong	6pm Evensong
Saturday 25				6pm Come and Sing		
Sunday 28	9.30am All Age Worship	9.30am Holy Communion	11.00am Sung Eucharist	11.00am All Age Worship	3pm Holy Communion	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

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