# North Cornwall Cluster of Churches Newsletter August 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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# Refreshment from the water of life!

One of my favourite images for spiritual refreshment is that of a well. The wonderful thing about wells is that they contain fresh water coming from deep underground. There are lots of really ancient wells in our Cornwall, some lost or forgotten, and some carefully looked after, so that people can visit them.

When I think of our churches, they are a bit like wells – places where people can come for spiritual refreshment. Often our churches have stood in the same place for



centuries, being places where God's love pours out to bless those who come to them, whether they are visiting for the first time or they are regular members of the church community. Our job as custodians of these beautiful and special buildings is to ensure that the water of life flows freely from them, so that all can benefit.

In our Cluster, we do this by ensuring that the buildings are left open and made available to visitors. But we also do this by being loving and welcoming communities of people, whose lives are centred on God in Christ and who practice forgiveness and reach out to strangers and those in need.

Church members are like stones in the well, we are blessed by the water of life that comes from the depths of the divine, but we know that the water is not just for us. We want the water to flow past us and out into the wider world, so that all can be refreshed and renewed by the endless love that we have experienced.

During these summer months when so many people visit Cornwall, seeking rest and relaxation, I pray that each one of us who come close to the water of life may know the extraordinary blessing of God's love as it overflows every boundary in our lives and brings renewal and regeneration.

Revd Elizabeth

# **Reflective Day: How shall I sing that majesty?**



led by the Ven. John Rawlings, former Archdeacon of Totnes

#### Saturday 19 August, 10am-3pm

The poetry of thoughtfully chosen hymns can lift our thoughts and prayers into another dimension. Some have sublime insights, others are more mundane, but they have shaped the faith, theology, understanding and prayer of many generations of Christians. Bring a picnic lunch.

# St Peter's Church Rooms, Port Isaac

The Church Rooms in Port Isaac have been closed for safety reasons for more than two years now. The Parochial Church Council (PCC) of St Peter's Church simply haven't had the funds or the people available to repair or renovate the building, and in spite of valiant efforts, it has not been possible for this to be done by a community group either. As a result, the PCC have had to consider the possibility of selling the Church Rooms, with the money being used in the Parish of Port Isaac for church



projects which are of benefit to the community (e.g. enabling a toilet and servery to be installed in the church so that it can be used for a wider range of church and community activities), and investing in work with children and families (e.g. the Harvest of the Sea project).

If you have any questions or concerns about this proposed sale, please contact Revd Elizabeth: elizabeh-wild@live.co.uk.

# **The Ideas Partnership**



The Ideas Partnership in Kosovo would like to thank the Cluster for all the donations of knitted baby clothes.

Here is a picture of 2 month old baby Alma wearing one of the hats with her mother, lzrije. Her father is a middleman for metal collection in the neighbourhood.



# **SAVE THE DATE!** August 9th 2pm ST ENDELLION FETE at The Rectory Garden

Plans are well under way for this years Fete which we hope will have something for everyone - childrens games, puppet show, sideshows, tombola, books, bric-a-brac, produce, cakes, plants, teas etc,

We hope you can join us and if you are able to donate to any of these stalls, it would be much appreciated. Should you need any donations collected, please call 01208 880207.



### **St Minver Parish Fete**

The St.Minver Church Fete will be on Wednesday 23rd August commencing at 2pm, whatever the weather! So please come along to the Cricket Field to enjoy all the family fun and games, taste delicious home cooked refreshments and listened to the sounds of the St.Minver Silver Band. Parking and entrance is free. In the main marquee will be stalls of all kinds and our grand raffle. This year we also have a marquee of 'local crafts'.

Our traditional games include 'rats', 'ducks', 'horses' and, of course, 'the orange bomber'. If you don't know what this is, you really have to find out! And why not have your face painted too?!

**'Bottle Sunday'** will be Sunday 20th August, Please bring bottles of any contents to St Minver as a donation to the bottle stall.

### **Camhayle Theatre production A Comedy Double Bill**

presented by arrangement with Samuel French Ltd

12th August 7.30 pm at the Perceval Institute. Tickets £10 available from St Minver Post Office (after 23rd July) Proceeds to the St Minver Community Post Office appeal.

# Cluster Croquet Competition

Saturday, 5th August. The competition will be held on the St Endellion Rectory Lawn by kind permission of the new owners. Come along and join a team or come and watch.

# **Chelmsford Cathedral Girls Choir**

concert Friday 1st September 7.30pm, St Endellion

# **Marcus Muse**

When I was little, dad used to take us on all sorts of walks - along streams and rivers, down narrow coastal paths and up mountain sides. It was always an adventure discovering abandoned buildings, hidden lakes and I remember almost picking up a snake thinking it was a bungee cord! We often came back loaded with fallen wood for the fire. We went out in all sort of weather and I remember one dreadful walk through a hooley of a storm- it felt like the hail was cutting exposed skin which the wicked wind rubbed salty sea air into. It was tough going and even though burdened down with winter fuel, somehow we managed to get home feeling like tough settlers on the wild frontier.

That was many moons ago. Recently Dad came down to visit and we went to Rough Tor, his legs being much weaker, we could only look longingly from the car park gate and complete the walk through a pair of binoculars. Dad lamented for the time when he would have been able to traipse up the hill and I pondered upon the day when I will stand at such a precipice with my children. For me it was a sacred moment.

Sacred moments like this aren't rare, they happen all the time between parents and children, brothers and sisters, extended family and even between cousins. They happen between friends, work colleagues and between strangers. Coming across the something of God in the other person is a daily occurrence but perhaps recognising and appreciating the sacredness in our relationships is more difficult. I belief that when Jesus taught his followers to pray "our Father"; he is inviting us to see God in our relationships and to know that we can be in relationship with God.





Fountain youth were let loose with cameras in St Minver Church yard. Afterwards they were asked to choose one photo they'd taken that bought them a sense of peace, and one they found disturbing. Above is one of their pictures but it is up to you if you find it peaceful or disturbing. Sometimes we need God's peace and other times we need to be disturbed if we are to grow.

# Cluster events for children and families

Sat 5th August Messy Church & 2nd September Percival Institute 9.30 am

Breakfast on the house. Celebration, games, arts & crafts for the whole family.

Mini Fingers, Junior Church and Fountain Youth will resume in September



# 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.

# **SCLERDER FAMILY FESTIVAL 2017**

On the theme: 'Home is where the heart is' Saturday 19th August, 10am - 9:30pm Sclerder Abbey, Nr. Looe, Cornwall - PL13 2JD

Open to all denominations and all ages! A spiritual adventure for all the family, Indoor & outdoor activities - Historical tour of the abbey, Arts & crafts workshops -Sports - Live worship band tea & cakes / evening BBQ

Tickets £10 / family ticket £20 including Picnic lunch.

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# **Cluster services - August 2017**

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	11.00am Sung Eucharist	11.00am Holy Communion	3pm Evensong + Baptism	6pm Evensong
Sunday 13	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 20	9.30am Holy Communion	9.30am Morning Worship	11.00am Morning Worship No Taize Service	11.00am Holy Communion	3pm Evensong	6pm Evensong
Sunday 27	9.30am All Age Worship	9.30am Holy Communion	11.00am Friends Sung Eucharist Followed by AGM & lunch	11.00am All Age Worship	3pm Holy Communion + Baptism	6pm Evensong
Saturday 2 September				9.30am Messy Church		

#### Weekly Services

8am Tuesday Holy Communion (BCP) St Endellion 10am Wednesday Holy Communion St Minver

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