North Cornwall Cluster of Churches Newsletter October 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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A Thankful Harvest

Autumn is a time to take stock. As we focus on the theme of harvest in our churches and communities, we are encouraged to be thankful for all that has been good in the previous year. Of course, as churches, we are thinking of God's harvest. We are deeply grateful for all the good that God has done among us, through faithful, prayerful and hardworking people. And I, for one, want to say thank you to all those who have given so much in time and energy and money and practical help and prayer over this last year. I cannot think of anyone in our churches who does not contribute something valuable to our efforts to share God's love and life here in North Cornwall. So a hearty thank you to you all!

This autumn is also a time to be thankful for the ministry of some key people who are retiring or moving away. At St Minver, we have been blessed by the musical gifts of Gill Gowan, offered with generosity and good humour in several of the churches. At the same time, Berin Gowan has been a fantastic Treasurer and Worship Leader who has been actively involved in developing Messy Church and Marriage Preparation, as well as enabling us to have a Children and Families Worker. Although Gill and Berin may not be moving away immediately, 1st October will be Gill's last Sunday playing the organ at St Minver, and we wish them well as they move closer to family.

At St Endellion and St Kew, and indeed across the Cluster, we have benefitted from the many gifts of David Foster in preaching and leading worship, his involvement in a wide range of practical and spiritual endeavours, and his cheery willingness to help in any way he can. Sue Foster has been incredibly effective in all that she has done for Endelienta as well as Open the Book at St Kew, among numerous other contributions. David's last Sunday leading at St Kew will be 22nd October and he will lay down his role as Prebend of Endellion on 29th October. Our good wishes go with them as they move their main home to Sussex.

Finally, my thanks and that of the whole Cluster must go to Sue Barlow as she lays down her role as Reader in the Cluster. I have been enormously grateful to Sue for her prayer and support and encouragement over the last two years, as well as her preaching most recently at St Enodoc. I know that she has also been actively involved with the Memory Friendly Service at Wadebridge and a valuable Christian friend to many. Our prayers are with Sue and Ian in this new phase of their lives.

Thanks be to God, for all the good work from so many precious people this year past. Autumn blessings to you all, Revd Elizabeth

Silver Thread Service

'Based on Elizabeth Gowing's book 'The Silver Thread' a special service will be held at 11am Sunday 8th October in St Endellion Church during the North Cornwall Book Festival. The writer, who will read extracts from her book, is co-founder of The Ideas Partnership charity, which works in Kosovo. Candle holders made by the women of Kosovo will be used during the service which will include Scripture readings, Taize chants, a meditation and prayers. The service will be led by Elizabeth Wild and Judith Pollinger.

Fascinating Christian Image

The Image of the Unicorn in Christian Spirituality will be explored by lively speaker Revd Professor Paul Fiddes during a reflective day in St Minver Church from

10am to 3pm on Saturday 28th October. The morning will focus on various meanings of the unicorn in Medieval and Renaissance times and in the afternoon young people from the cluster will be involved in exploring the popularity of the image in today's youth culture, drawing on films, books, television and the internet. Tickets are £10 with children free. Tea and coffee provided but bring a picnic lunch.

Taize Services

At 6pm on Sunday 15th October and Sunday 12th November guiet meditative

services lasting about 40 minutes, with Taize chants, readings, prayers and silence will be held in St Endellion Church.

Living the Questions: Honouring Creation

This is the second part of the LTQ course, which is an opportunity to gather for discussion based on the DVD which includes many leading theologians.

It is for all those, at any point on the Christian journey, who would like to explore some of the questions and challenges it involves, and who are seeking a relevant and engaged way of being a Christian in the 21st Century.

Sessions include: Restoring relationships; The prophetic Jesus; Evil, suffering and a God of love; Practicing resurrection; Reclaiming the world.

Wednesdays 11th October - 29th November at 7pm at Trellij, Rock.

Contact Elizabeth Wild for more information and Henry Gompertz (01208 869421) if you would like to come along.





Fostering the Arts and Spirituality in North Cornwall

Endelienta Events in October

North Cornwall Book Festival Thursday 5 to Sunday 8 October

With a spectacular line-up that includes Maggie O'Farrell; Sarah Winman; Dame Professor Hermione Lee; James Naughtie; Matt Haig; Wyl Menmuir; Pascale Petit and many others, the 5th North Cornwall Book Festival offers something for everyone, plus exhibitions, family events, café, bar, bookshop. Full information and tickets from www.ncornbookfest.org.



Four Quartets

Thursday 5 October 7.30pm with Flora Pethybridge and Ashley Ramsden

An intimate and enchanting performance of T S Eliot's visionary masterpiece. There will be beauty, laughter, and poetry in abundance. Tickets £6.

3 Daft Monkeys – Year of the Clown

Friday 6 October 7.30pm

Vibrant and sparkling set of quirky, upbeat fiddle-driven tunes from the band's recently released new album. Their style of world folk music will have you dancing in the aisles!

Tickets £10. Free to accompanied under 16s

An Evening with Liane Carroll

Saturday 7 October 7.30pm

Winner of Best British Jazz Vocalist in 2016, Liane performs from her new album including jazz greats, muchloved songs by singer-songwriters, and her own material, all delivered in her haunting, slightly husky voice.

Tickets £10. Free to accompanied under 16s

Book tickets online at www.endelienta.org.uk; by e mail tickets@endelienta.org.uk; by phone 07787 944935; or from the Wadebridge Bookshop (concert tickets only).





Autumn the time of new beginnings:

Autumn colours are very beautiful to my eyes, leaves of deciduous trees that turn from green to hues of orange or red and bronze, eventually falling to the ground and giving their goodness back to the earth. It signifies, like so many things in autumn the end of the season. Just recently, though, I have become more aware about the new things of autumn, noticing that it is also a time of fresh beginnings. We wait with baited breath for new series and dramas to begin on TV. Babies are born to parents bringing a fresh dynamic to existing families and lots of 'firsts' for new mums and dads. New jobs and promotions can abound for some and who can forget those Facebook posts? Photos of children who have just begun nursery or primary and secondary school, all in their brand new, slightly ill-fitting uniforms! I too have had a new beginning this autumn as I started training as a priest. On another spiritual level courses such as 'Alpha' have begun to help men and women of all ages dig deeper into the BIG guestions about life and death and faith, about the love of God, the sacrifice of Jesus and the work of the Holy Spirit in the life of believers. Whatever those new beginnings are for each of us, one thing is for sure they certainly bring challenge. Jobs, schools, courses and babies may well make us question how we live and what is important to us, how and what we prioritise and how we make room for the new while ending other things well. Rosh Hashanah is a Jewish festival that takes place in the autumn. It is the time of the Jewish New Year and before the celebrations of the new begin they have what is called the ten days of 'awe'. It is a time for people to deal with the unfinished business of the past year. A time for quiet reflection on lessons which could have been learned, an opportunity to re-set priorities, to sort out broken relationships, give to charity and generally tying up loose ends. Whether we are actually starting something new or not, we can all have a time of 'awe' allowing God to do a new thing within us. The guieting of autumn after a busy summer and before Christmas preparations start is a good time to do it. I pray that each of us will take the opportunity to have a time of 'awe' that will bring us much peace and order in our lives.

The leaders and congregations of the North Cornwall Cluster of Churches wish you a blessed autumn and look forward to welcoming you and celebrating the Harvest season with you. For more details please see www.northcornwallcluster.org



Cluster events for children & families



Messy Church Percival Institute



Fountain Youth Vicarage



Junior Church Percival Institute



Mini fingers Percival Institute

Endelienta Make Club Endelienta Make Club St Endellion



Come and Sing St Minver Church

Story Box Endellienta 4th Nov, 2nd Dec 9.30 am Breakfast on the house. Celebration, games, arts and crafts for the whole family. Ann 01208 862 550

21st Oct,3pmFor secondary school and collegestudents. For more details contactMarcus Jones07923913727

Sun 15th Oct, 5th Nov10.45amBible story, games and craft beforewe join the adults for Communion. ForAges 5 to 11 years. Under 5 mayneed an adult to remain.

Every Friday term time10am- 12Baby and toddler club, with play,
songs and activities. All welcome.
\$2 per family

Sat 21st Oct, 18th Nov10-12.30A fun space to explore, create and
get messy. Workshops led by
inspirational artists and makers.
£5 per family. For more info see
www.endelienta.org.uk

28th Oct 6pm Gentle service suitable for all ages, singing modern and traditional songs of praise and worship.

Sat 4th, 18th ,25th Nov,2nd Dec 2-30 3pm Create and explore stories with artist and performer Laura Frances Martin. For more details contact Marcus Jones 07923913727

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Marcus Muse

We learnt a new word at St Minver's Open the Book team meeting today. It's Koinonia (koy-nohn-ee-ah). It means "to be in fellowship with" or "to be in communion with" and is one of fifteen Christian values we shall be exploring over the coming year.

Like fellowship, Koinonia has something about sharing time and space with others. In that shared time there is interdependence; that sense of being an individual and belonging, of needing and of giving.

Like communion, Koinonia also has something intimate and sacred about it. When used by the early church Koinonia described the quality of relationship within a group of peopleas people sold their belongings to live together communally the sense of Koinonia was very strong.

Central to the Christian value of Koinonia is that when Jesus died on the cross drawing us closer to God, we are being drawn to each other too as brother and as sister, one family with one God which we echo in Holy Communion with the words "though we are many we are one body". These words, together with the sharing of the peace place Koinonia right in the heart of our worship.

Koinonia is comforting because it means we belong but it is also very challenging because it means we have a responsibility not just to our group of friends, but to our congregation, to our cluster, to other denominations and to all on their journey with God.

A part of being welcoming churches is how we extend our Koinonia to new people. Within the children and family work creating spaces for Koinonia is the name of the game but it can't happen with just one or two people and so there is always room for more to come and share the koinonia. If you'd like to know more about or to be a part of Messy Church please do speak to Ann 01208 862 550. For Junior Church, Mini fingers, Open the Book or Fountain please speak to Marcus Jones 079 239 137 27.

You can find out more about the 15 Christian values at www.christianvaluesforschools.com

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The deadline for text and or pictures* for the October issue is:

15th September 2017

* Please note that permission is required for people in photographs and written parental consent for children.



Cluster services - October 2017

Date	St Kew	St Peter's	St Endellion	St Minver	St Enodoc	St Michael
Sunday 1	9.30am Holy Communion 6pm Harvest	9.30am Morning Worship 6pm Harvest of the Sea	11.00am Sung Eucharist	11.00am Holy Communion	3pm Evensong	6pm Evensong
Sunday 8	9.30am All Age Worship	9.30am Holy Communion	11.00am Book Festival Reflective Service	11.00am All Age Worship	3pm Evensong	9.15am Holy Communion 6pm Evensong
Sunday 15	9.30am Holy Communion	9.30am Morning Worship	11.00am Sung Eucharist 6pm Taize	11.00am Holy Communion	3pm Evensong	6pm Evensong
Sunday 22	9.30am All Age Worship	9.30am Holy Communion	11.00am Sung Eucharist	11.00am All Age Worship	3pm Holy Communion	6pm Evensong
Sunday 29	9.30am Holy Communion	9.30am Holy Communion	11.00am Sung Eucharist (Prebends)	11.00am United Service at Rock Methodist Church	3pm Evensong	6pm Evensong
Saturday 4 November				9.30am Messy Church		

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

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