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

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Welcoming children to communion

A few months ago I found myself at the altar in one of our churches, when one of the young children who regularly attends came up to the communion rail. It was wonderful to see him there as he had often chosen to stay in the children's area when his mum came up. But on this occasion he had decided to come up himself – and on his own. As I moved along, giving the bread to each of the people who were kneeling there, with their hands outstretched, I saw that this young man was also kneeling intently, with his hands ready to receive the bread.

Now if this young boy had been a visitor, I would have looked to his parent to advise me on whether or not to give him the communion wafer. I am very conscious of my responsibility not to refuse communion to anyone who is used to receiving it, even if they are a child who has not yet been confirmed. I need to be aware of this since the policy in the Church of England changed some years ago and young children began to be admitted to communion prior to confirmation. So if a visiting child asks for communion, with the agreement of their parent, I always give it.

When I was faced with this young boy who I knew had not already been admitted to communion, however, I found myself in a different position. His mum was not there to ask, and so I did not feel I could give him the wafer, even though his hands were outstretched in expectation. I gave him a blessing and continued on.

After the service, however, this experience stayed with me. I spoke to the little boy's mum and various people in the church about it, and we realised that we would need to do something. And so the fairly lengthy process of consulting with the Parochial Church Council (PCC) and congregation began. Eventually, after several months, the PCC met and thoughtfully and prayerfully decided to welcome children who are regular members of our congregations to receive communion before they are confirmed, within the Diocesan Framework which ensures that this is done with care and consideration.

I have been moved and humbled by the way that this little boy's desire to take part fully in our services of holy communion has changed how we do things as a church. I have been deeply touched and impressed by the way that members of the church and PCC have thought and prayed about this matter. It has been a huge privilege to see that way that God has been at work in all these faithful people. Thank you to you all, and to the God of all.

Every blessing, Revd Elizabeth



ST MINVER PARISH FETE

The St.Minver Church Fete will be on Wednesday 15th 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?!

Sunday 12th August is 'Bottle Sunday' - St Minver

This is when we invite you to bring along a bottle, of any sort, to donate to the Bottle Stall at our Annual Fete.

The Ideas Partnership

We are delighted to share with you what we have been up to. With your support, we've been able to continue our work in our kindergartens and offer schooling for the poorest children, health support for pregnant women in need, adult education, work against early marriage. and support for children with special needs.

Healthy snacks secured for kindergarten children by our marathon runners

As of May, healthy snacks will no longer be missed in the hands of the kindergarten children in Fushe Kosove and Janjeve/o, thanks to our brave marathon runners who completed the annual half-marathon of Prishtina by raising funds from generous supporters.

We thank each one of you for helping us provide healthy food in our daily activities in the kindergartens.



Call for further support from private donors by former British Ambassador

In May, we had the pleasure to welcome the former British Ambassador to Kosovo, David Blunt, and his wife, Geirid Blunt, to our center in Fushe Kosove.

"Coming here after 10 years, we can see how things have really changed. It is so exciting to see this fantastic institution and the work they do here. I encourage others to support the work being done here because these communities still need it", said Mr. Blunt.

We are very thankful and appreciate their ongoing help and support as private donors!

Amsterdam University College visits TIP

Once again we have had the pleasure to welcome a group of students from the Amsterdam University College visiting TIP's center in Fushe Kosove. They participated in our Saturday learning activities, visited the kindergarten, met with TIP's staff and volunteers and learned more about our work with Roma, Ashkali and Egyptian communities in Fushe Kosove. We are very thankful for their generous donations that will enable us to continue our work there.



Building a kindergarten playground

Since May, the children of our kindergarten in Fushe Kosove have had the chance to play and spend some time in the brand new playground built by our UK supporters and volunteers, with the help of TIP Kosovo volunteers and staff members. We are very grateful for their generosity that will help our educators implement the outdoor activities for the children attending the kindergarten.

Celebrating Children's Day

The celebrations for International Children's Day took place on 1st of June in both Fushe Kosove and Janjeve/o. It was our pleasure to organize this joyful event once again as our volunteers helped in marking this day with different activities that brought children together in celebrations.



THANK YOU

Thank you Sarah Tyson and Jo Bloor who are standing down after many years of organizing the flower arranging team at St Minver. Week by week our worship is enhanced by the lovely flowers by the pulpit. At our three major festivals – Christmas, Easter and Harvest the whole team fill the church with beautiful arrangements – all down to Sarah and Jo – for which we are tremendously grateful.

In October we plan to hold a flower arranging master class, led by Jane Lawrence, and this will open to everyone who wants to know more about the art of floral design.

(If you would like to join the flower arranging team please speak to Ruth Varcoe.)

DID YOU KNOW?

A local film company, ffpnewmedia, recently filmed an episode of Rosamund Pilcher's book Flower Island at St Michael's, Porthilly. Rosamund Pilcher's books are based in Cornwall and the German TV channel ZDF, carry this popular series. (One of the reasons that we have many visitors from Germany).

"St Michael's looked perfect for the part on screen as our 'Island Church'."

Christian aid Fundraising

Together, all the 6 churches in our cluster raised a grand sum of £578.45!

Cluster Croquet Competition

Saturday 11th 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.



Centenary of 'Death In Service'

On Wednesday 15th August a member of the Wade-bridge branch of the British Legion will be visiting St Michael's to commemorate the centenary of the 'death in service' of Leslie John Mably. John's memorial can be found in the churchyard and it tells us that he was born in 1899 and the stone was erected by his mother. He had been a despatch rider with the Royal Engineers and he died at the Central Hospital, Sheffield.

The commemoration is likely to be in the late afternoon and do contact me nearer the time for confirmation if you would like to come along.

ST ENDELLION &
ST PETER'S, PORT ISAAC
GARDEN FETE

St Endellion Rectory
Tuesday August 14th
at 2pm

Cakes, Refreshments,
Produce, Plants, Books, Bric a Brac,
Childrens Games, Tombola, Sideshows ...

and

A SPECIAL VISIT FROM MR SUPERO

presenting The Tale of the Apple Dumpling

a puppet show for children ...
and for grown ups!!



something
for
everyone



Cluster events for children & families



@ the Perceval Institute



Saturday 4th Aug & 1st Sept 9.30-11am

Breakfast, celebration and activities for the whole family. Ann 01208 862 550

many
fingers

£2 per family

10am-12noon
Every Friday
27th Jul-31st Aug

Activities, games and play

Also At The Perceval Institute



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Marcus' Muse

According to Wiktionary, the phrase "to make hay while the sun shines" was a Tudor expression with its literal meaning coming from a time when predicting the weather was much less advanced than it is today (and even in today's times it can seem a bit of a hit and miss science!) It began to be used figuratively from 1673. The Biblical equivalent is found in Proverbs 10v5 "A sensible person gathers the crops when they are ready; it is a disgrace to sleep through the time of harvest" (GNB).

For some, August will be a busy time of year attending to crops and livestock, or providing hospitality and services to the many visitors that summer brings. For others, August is a time to take a much needed rest from their heavy workloads. Rest is just as part of God's plan as work is as we can see from the fourth commandment on Sabbath rest and as we read the fine print on this commandment we learn that we apply it not just to ourselves but for everyone and even for livestock that do the work and even the land itself is to be given times of rest.

God brings us to times of work and to times of rest; my suspicion is that knowing which of these you are being called into and following God into the seasons you have been given must be an important key to happiness.

Alpha course
Starting on Monday 1st October 7pm
At St Kew Parish Hall
Contact Gereldine Ashton or Marcus Jones for more info



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Cluster services - August 2018

Date	St Kew	St Peter's	St Endellion	St Minver	St Enodoc	St Michael
Saturday 4				9.30am Messy Church		
Sunday 5 Transfiguration	9.30am Holy Communion	9.30am Morning Worship	11.00am Festival 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 Sung Eucharist	11.00am Holy Communion	3pm Evensong	6pm Evensong
Sunday 26	9.30am All Age Worship	9.30am Holy Communion	11.00am Sung Eucharist	11.00am All Age Worship	3pm Holy Communion	6pm Evensong
Saturday 1 September				9.30am Messy Church		

Weekly Services

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

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