



North Cornwall  
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Newsletter  
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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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## Listening to children and families

In our Cluster of churches we are actively seeking to welcome children and families by providing a wide range of activities for different age groups. We aim to provide worship which is designed for all ages at one or two of our churches every Sunday. And we have also invested in this work through employing a full time Children and Families Worker, Marcus Jones, who has been with us for the last two years.

It has been wonderful to see the difference that this has made to our church communities as some of our congregations are growing younger, and we are being blessed by all the contact we have with people of all ages and at every stage in life. It might seem as if we should take credit for this, but these changes are not just down to us. What we are joining in with is a life giving movement of the Holy Spirit.

As we move forwards with this work, we are convinced that we need to listen to God through prayer, so that we are guided in the ways that God is calling us. But we are also committed to listening to the children and families in our local community, to hear what God might be saying through them.

And so from September members of the Children and Families Steering Group in the Cluster will be asking families and children what they think about what we are offering – what works well, what could be improved, and what else we could do that would be really valuable. These are the questions that we will be asking:

- *What do you appreciate about what we offer for children and families in our churches?*
- *Can you suggest any improvements to what we do?*
- *Is there anything else that you would like to see us doing?*

We'd love to hear from you if you are a parent, grandparent, carer or young person. If we don't see you personally at any of our events and activities, you are welcome to email me or Marcus, and we would also love to meet with you to hear in more detail about what you think.

Thank you for helping us to listen for God!

*Every blessing, Revd Elizabeth*

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## Harvest Festival St Peter's

On Sunday 30th September at 9.30am there will be a Family Service celebrating the bringing in of the Harvest, from both the land and sea at St Peter's Church, Port Isaac.

There will be a box at the back of church for any contributions for the display, please bring perishable items to the service or the day before.

The contributions will go to the Wadebridge Food Bank. There will be hot drinks and cake afterwards.

It will give everyone a chance to look at the wonderful Trevan Exhibition at the back of the church which has been set up by Pisces with the help of the local school children.

Please come and join our celebrations.

*Pat Pearson, Chapel Warden*



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## St Kew Harvest Festival

Harvest Festival at St Kew is on Sunday 30th September at 6pm. There will be a Harvest supper & auction of produce for charity.

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## Harvest Sung Eucharist

There will be a Harvest Sung Eucharist at 11am St Endellion, Sunday 23rd September.

## 'Fete Season'

The Annual St Minver Church Fete was held on Wednesday 15th August. Whilst researching for the recently produced 'Church Stories' booklet, my sister discovered that the first recorded St. Minver Church Fete was in 1894 and was held in the St Minver vicarage garden! Now I don't know if it was continuous, I expect that it would have been less likely perhaps during the war years but I have been told by long established locals that there has certainly been a fete since the 1950's. So when we say that we have a traditional fete, it is both traditional in style and is a tradition!

This year's event was opened by Mr John Drayson, who made reference to this fact. It was an afternoon of fun and laughter for many folk. The St Minver band played beautifully to entertain and add to the jolly atmosphere. Balls were hurled at coconuts and skittles and at the target for the one and only 'orange bomber'. 'Rats' were splattered, wellies whanged and, as for the 'human fruit machine', well what laughter! There were all sorts of crafts to buy; cakes, jams and plants to purchase; books, bottles and bargains; raffle prizes to win and all washed down with tea and wonderful home made cakes.

A big thank you is due to a great many people without whose hard work before, during and after the day, this Fete would not happen. Also thanks to our local businesses who support us with their generosity. Well done, we raised over £3000 for our three churches of St Minver, St Enodoc and St Michaels.

We have had three fetes in our cluster in what I call 'Fete season!' and it is lovely to see us all working together. St Minver have for many years loaned out some of our games to St Kew and, in more recent years, to St Endellion for their fetes. They, in turn, loan us out 'helpers' to help run our fete. Thank you, collaboration helps us all.



## St Endellion and St Peter's Fete

A most successful church fete for the parishes of St Endellion with St Peter's Port Isaac was held on the lawn of St Endellion Rectory on Tuesday. Over £4,250 was raised through the planning, preparation and hard work of many helpers from both churches led by Fran Pennington, Jean and Vic Thorman, Andrew and Colette Holmes and Pat Pearson, who made up the committee.

There was a raffle, stalls, games, competitions and sideshows and delicious teas were also served.

The fete was opened by Prebendary Judith Pollinger who was introduced by Vic Thorman.



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## Molly Girvan

St Kew's much loved sacristan Molly Girvan, who died on 13th August aged 92, will be much missed by the church and community of St Kew where she was always a cheerful and supportive helper. Molly loved her work as sacristan in St James the Great, where she served faithfully for so many years. She was a familiar figure in her specially designed and made sacristan's robe. She was also a long-standing member of the Mothers Union and the Healing Group and attended the Community lunches. She will be sorely missed.

# St Endelienta July 2018



Endelienta

**Endelienta Residencies** - Thursday 6 September, 6pm

Composer Jordan Hirst, film maker Lynn Denison and writer Olivia

Lowry have been selected as this year's resident artists, staying for a week at St Endellion with the opportunity to use the time in whichever way they wish to develop their work.

During this informal presentation (free event) they will share their experiences and perhaps give a preview of their work in progress.

**Viva la Musica** - Saturday 8 September, 7.30pm - I Praise the Tender Flower

The Loughborough based a cappella chamber choir, conducted by Simon Lumby, in a programme of vocal music inspired by nature, including works by Lauridsen, Britten,

Pearsall, Elgar and Debussy. [www.vivalamusica.org.uk](http://www.vivalamusica.org.uk) [www.vivalamusica.org.uk/music.html](http://www.vivalamusica.org.uk/music.html).

Tickets £8, accompanied under 16-s free.

**Mark Padmore - War & Peace** - Saturday 15 September, 7.30pm

A programme of music and readings to commemorate the end of the First World War. Some of the most powerful songs ever written take war and the yearning for peace as their subject. Mark Padmore and Julius Drake will perform songs by Schubert, Schumann, Wolf, Mahler, Ravel, Poulenc, Finzi, Gurney, Britten and Tippett. With readings from Wilfred Owen, Edward Thomas and Charles Causley, this promises to be a thought-provoking evening on a theme we must never cease to question.

Tickets £15 (nave seats), £10 (aisle seats), accompanied under 16s free (aisle seats only)



**The ENDELIENTA MAKE CLUB: For children and parents!** - 10am-12.30, Stone Barn

The Make Club is a fun space to explore, create and get messy. The workshops are led by inspirational artists and makers. There will be materials available for parents as well. Book your places through the website. £5 per family.

**29 September: Harvest printing/collage workshop**

**20 October - Rubbings Collage, led by Christina Kutter**

**17 November: Christmas decorations workshop**

## Sacred Spaces

'Sacred Spaces' a day being led by Revd Helen Baber, St Columb from 10am - 3pm on Saturday 29th September in St Endellion Church. Helen, writes, 'This Quiet Day will give spaces to explore some of those sacred places we come across and allow us to explore more deeply our own spirituality as we journey through our lives and this beautiful Cornish landscape.'

Cost £10. Bring a picnic lunch. Book with Judith 880181 or turn up on the day.

## Taize

Enter the peace and stillness of St Endellion Church at 6pm on Sunday 16th September to listen to readings, sing Taize chants and sit in silence by candlelight. The service lasts about 40 minutes.

**Tea & Toast**

For all parents, carers & the community.

Includes a Toddler play Area

8.45-11am

Wednesday Mornings

**St Kew Parish Hall**

Knitting for others: novices and masters of knitting are invited to join us in making baby beanie hats for premature baby units and squares for blankets to give to those in need.

## Church growth in rural communities

The rural church is often said to be in decline, but it's time to tell a new story, says Jill Hopkinson, the National Rural Officer for the Church of England. In an article for the Bible Society, she looks at well-researched evidence including the recent Released for Mission document. The research shows that growth in rural churches is happening in some places and they have analysed six particular characteristics of those growing churches.

1. An intentional focus on mission and evangelism, beyond a focus on Sunday worship.
2. A culture of personal and corporate discipleship within congregations.
3. A committed group of lay people leading a range of activities and events, with easily accessible training and support available.
4. A redirection of time and energy, particularly but not exclusively for clergy, from administration and building maintenance to outreach, service, and evangelism.
5. An approach to ordained ministry in which discerning, nurturing, and equipping of the ministry of lay people within the body of Christ is one of the high priority areas of work for the clergy, backed up by appropriate training and support.
6. Co-operation and collaboration within and between different multi-church groups, and ecumenically whenever possible.

She goes on to expand on each of these points in a challenging yet positive and helpful way. Here are just a few extracts to get you thinking!

*'Growth in rural churches is unlikely to come through increasing the size of Sunday morning congregations, although it might. It is more likely to come through creating new ways for people to discover the Gospel'*

*'the need to be more internally diverse, with a variety of ways to be church, as shown by Messy Church'*

*'in rural areas it is smaller congregations that see more growth (i.e. 30 or less)*

*'everyone in the congregation can be equipped to pray regularly, so that the whole people of God are involved'*

She concludes 'It is time to tell a new story of the rural church. Rural churches can and do grow

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## Thank you from Jo Bloor

My thanks to you and The St Minver Church family for the most generous token to spend at Trelawney. Wow.....that was a totally unexpected but wonderful surprise! I will choose a plant most carefully to remind me of the happy times spent helping to decorate the church. I really appreciate and will treasure the card too, signed by so many church friends. Truly kind of everyone!



The British Legion at St Michael's Church commemorating the centenary of John Mably's "death in service" on 15th August 1918.



## Cluster events for children & families



**Messy Church**  
Percival Institute

**1<sup>st</sup> Sept, 6<sup>th</sup> Oct**                      **9.30 am**  
Breakfast Celebration, games, arts and crafts  
for the whole family. Ann 01208 862 550



**Junior Church**  
Percival Institute

**2<sup>nd</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> Sept**                      **10.45am**  
Bible story, games and craft before we join the  
adults for Communion



**Mini fingers**  
Percival Institute

**Every Friday term time**              **10am- 12**  
Baby and toddler club, with play, songs and  
activities. All welcome.  
£2 per family



**Fountain Youth**

**TBC**  
Friendship and reflection for young people  
For more info call Marcus 01840 938 648



**Come and Sing**  
St Minver Church

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept**                      **5pm**  
Gentle service suitable for all ages,  
singing new songs and old favourites.



**Tea'n'Toast**  
**coffee morning**  
St Kew Parish Hall

**Every Wed term time**              **8.45-11am**  
Everyone welcome for breakfast and chat  
with a play area for young children.



**Endelienta**  
**Make Club**  
St Endellion

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> Sept**              **10am-12.30**  
Harvest Printing Collage. A fun space  
to explore, create and get messy.  
£5 per family. For more info see  
[www.endelienta.org.uk](http://www.endelienta.org.uk)



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# Why harvest is important to me

After all the waiting is over, the hard work is done and what we have is what we have and trusting that it will be enough to see us through the winter we celebrate the harvest with cheer and thankfulness for what has been and hopefulness for what will come.

In today's world much of our consumption comes from harvests from around the world and so we give thanks to all farmers, fishermen and producers here in Cornwall and throughout the world. In our prayers and in our buying we share our concern for their welfare and for ethical and sustainable practices knowing that the planet is not just for humans.

During the celebration of harvest we become mindful of those without a harvest, and so we share from our bounty. Among my earliest memories of going to church is clutching onto a tin of sweet corn.

For me then, harvest is being connected to my food and clothing, to their producers, to hard work, to those in need of assistance and to hope in the future. The mystery of the harvest festival is that somehow these connections help me to be connected to God at the same time.

Marcus Jones

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## Concert in St Minver Church

30th September at 7.30pm

There will be a joint concert in St Minver Church on Sunday 30th September at 7.30pm given by the Port Isaac Chorale and the Restormel Concert Band. Entry will be £5 on the door and tickets will also be available from choir members. Funds raised will go to local charities.

We hope that you will be able to join us in an evening of song by the Chorale and the rousing music of the Band.

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# Cluster services - September 2018

Date	St Kew	St Peter's	St Endellion	St Minver	St Enodoc	St Michael
Saturday 1				9.30am Messy Church		
Sunday 2	9.30am Holy Communion	9.30am Morning Worship	11.00am Sung Eucharist	11.00am Holy Communion	3pm Evensong	6pm Evensong
Wednesday 5			7.30pm Healing Service			
Sunday 9	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 16	9.30am Holy Communion	9.30am Morning Worship	11.00am Sung Eucharist  6pm Taize	11.00am United Service at Rock Methodists	3pm Evensong	6pm Evensong
Sunday 23	9.30am All Age Worship	9.30am Holy Communion	11.00am Harvest Sung Eucharist	11.00am All Age Worship	3pm Holy Communion	6pm Evensong
Sunday 30 <i>Michael and All Angels (transferred)</i>	9.30am Holy Communion  6pm Harvest Festival	9.30am Harvest Festival	11.00am Sung Eucharist	11.00am Holy Communion	3pm Evensong	6pm Evensong
Saturday 6 October				9.30am Messy Church		

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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