

North Cornwall
Cluster of Churches

Newsletter
December 2018

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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Preparations

Aunty Dot's 90th birthday party was a surprise party. Our family travelled from all over the country to be there, 'up north'. We all went because we love her & wanted to honour her. Dot knew she was going out for dinner with her daughter, but her face was a picture when she arrived for dinner and saw over twenty family members and friends waiting for her, singing happy birthday! She was delighted, so proud of us all and truly blessed. It was a joy for us all to meet up with family and friends young and old that we hadn't seen for ages and there was a great sense of fun, fellowship not to mention plenty of food and drinks and birthday cake!

However, the party didn't just magically happen! It took a lot of preparation from everyone to make sure it went well, starting early, putting a lot of thought into the organization of it all. It wasn't just practical preparation either, hearts and thoughts & remembering Dot was important so that we all honoured her in our own way including special gifts and speeches.

It got me thinking about our Christmas preparations. Practical preparations are important, who we will spend Christmas with, food, drinks, decorations and gifts. It all takes time, energy & thought. However, if we are to get the most out of Christmas we also need to prepare our hearts to honour the birthday of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. When we prepare our hearts as well as our homes we find the reason for the season and start to consider things like the love of God for us, the blessing of God & the peace & joy that can only come from relationship with God through Jesus, the gift given to us at Christmas. Not only do we experience the fellowship & fun of the season but also we sense Jesus' presence in our hearts and his joy, delight and pride in us as his children. Giving time to this preparation means we can honour Jesus birthday in our own personal way. I pray you will all enjoy the preparation of this Christmas season & experience all that God has for you as you honour his birthday this year.

Geraldine Ashton

Flower demonstration

A very eager group of around 40 ladies gathered in St Minver to learn more about the art of arranging flowers in church. Jane Lawrence was expert in showing us how to create a large pedestal giving us several tips along the way. Then Jane then did a simple windowsill arrangement using only flowers bought from a supermarket and garden greenery. Such was the enthusiasm that mobile phones came out to record the results and generous donations were given to buy flowers for Christmas and new windowsill vases.

We do need more folk to join the flower rota for St Minver, especially to help during our major festivals such as Christmas, Easter and Harvest.

If you would like to have a go, and Jane will happily advise, please get in touch with Sarah Harris on 01208 862396.



Welcoming our new curates

We are delighted that we will be welcoming Rose Jones as curate in the cluster, from summer 2019. She will be serving full time, alongside Geraldine Ashton, who will also be beginning her curacy with us at the same time. Our curates will be ordained ministers (deacons for a year and then priests) who are continuing their training over three-four years. They will be ordained deacons on the evening of Friday 28th June, 2019, at Truro Cathedral, and we will be welcoming them to the Cluster at a special lunch on Sunday 30th June, 2019, at St Kew Parish Hall. We thank God for Rose and Geraldine, and all that they will do and be among us. Please pray for them, and their families over the next few months as they prepare to minister in the North Cornwall Cluster.

Rose writes:

Hello! I am really excited to be joining you all in the beautiful North Cornwall Cluster for my curacy. I'm currently living way up north in Durham, where I'm in my third year training for ministry at Cranmer Hall. I live with my civil partner Claire, who is also training for ordination and will be curate in Bodmin. I've loved exploring this wild north-eastern corner of Britain (especially when it snows!) but my heart lies in Cornwall. I was born and brought up in Illogan and my family are still rooted there, so the north coast feels like home to me.



I grew up Baptist, and from a young age my faith has been really important to me. From early on, it's been entangled with music – I started writing music as a child, and many of my songs wrestled with themes of faith. I spent my teenage years playing in worship and gigging in alt-rock bands. At 18 I moved to London to study contemporary music at university, freelancing for small record labels in my spare time. Upon graduating, I became worship pastor in an evangelical charismatic Anglican church in north-west London. My job was to help nurture and develop the church's sung worship and the team who led it. It was here I began to sense a call to ordained ministry.

I'm passionate about helping people to encounter God – through worship, through preaching and studying scripture, through showing God's love in action, and through messy but beautiful Christ-like community. The rest of the time, if I'm not playing the drums, you can probably find me lost in a book, cooking with cheese, or having a pint with friends.

I can't wait to get stuck in and get to know you all! Until then, the North Cornwall Cluster of Churches and all in your communities are in my prayers.

Rose

St Minver Memory Cafe

We are delighted to announce that the St Minver Memory Cafe is now open for business on the third Saturday of the month from 2pm to 4pm at the Perceval Institute St Minver.

The launch date of 19th October was enjoyed by some 20 people attending, either as helpers, carers, or guests. Projected historic photographic images provoked lively discussion, taking many back to their younger days when life was so different to the hub-bub of the 21st century. There is nothing like a 'sing song' to liven up proceedings, especially songs from the 'good old days'. Many other activities are planned for future months and we welcome anyone who would like to come and join in the nostalgic fun as well as enjoying tea, cake and friendship.

Please feel free to pass on the information to anyone whom you think might like to join us. There is no charge, but we do have a raffle. For further information contact Liz Williams tel. 01208 895 046 or Andrew & Chris Millington tel. 01208 862 922

of Advent & Christmas

SERVICES IN NORTH
CORNWALL CLUSTER
OF CHURCHES

Advent

2nd December

4pm ST MINVER CHRISTINGLE

6pm ST MICHAEL'S ADVENT CAROL SERVICE

9th December

6pm ST KEW CAROL SERVICE

16th December

6pm ST MINVER CAROL SERVICE

20th December

3pm ST ENDELLION MOTHER'S UNION CAROL SERVICE

23rd December

6pm ST ENDELLION CAROL SERVICE

Christmas Eve

3pm ST PETER'S CHRISTINGLE

3pm ST ENODOC CAROL SERVICE

4.30pm ST KEW CHRISTINGLE

4.30pm ST MINVER CRIB SERVICE

10.00pm ST PETER'S HOLY COMMUNION

11.30pm ST KEW HOLY COMMUNION

11.30pm ST ENDELLION SUNG EUCHARIST

Christmas Day

9.15am ST ENODOC HOLY COMMUNION

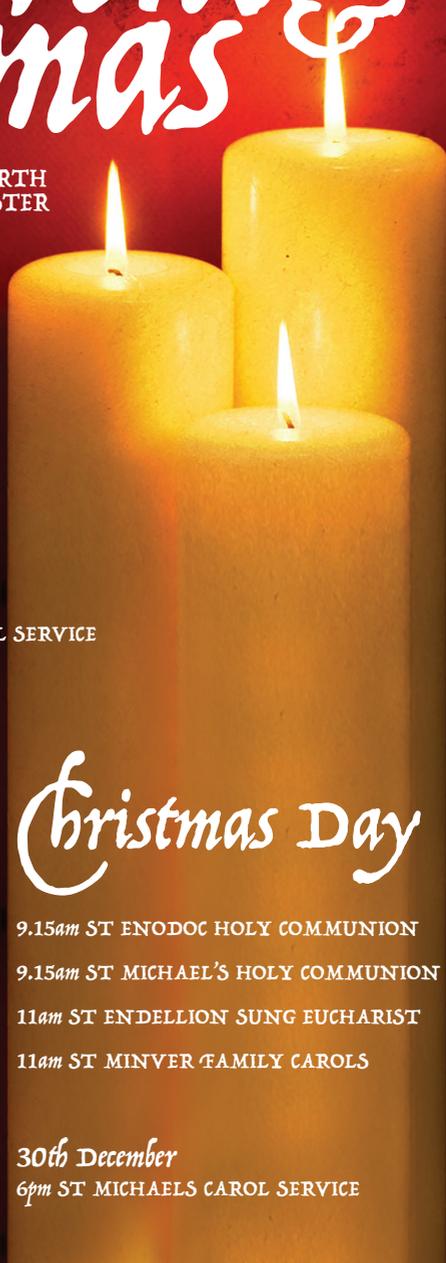
9.15am ST MICHAEL'S HOLY COMMUNION

11am ST ENDELLION SUNG EUCHARIST

11am ST MINVER FAMILY CAROLS

30th December

6pm ST MICHAELS CAROL SERVICE



Remembrance Day across the Cluster

St Kew

As well the usual morning Remembrance Services throughout the cluster on Sunday 11th November 2019, which was also the 100th anniversary of the start of the First World War, the cluster also paid their respects at an evening tribute service "Battle's Over" at St James the Great church at St Kew. This service followed a nation-wide and commonwealth program, (which elsewhere included Town Criers and the lighting of Beacons) with playing at the planned time the Last Post and the ringing of bells for peace. Marcus Jones, having played the bagpipes at 6am at the St Minver War Memorial, also played the haunting Battle's O'er at our service. Battle's Over was led by William Garland, assisted by Rob Soley, Andrew Campbell, and John Raybould, and young Katie May accompanied the singing on the piano. The congregation were invited to light 82 candles at a specially created altar, which represented the number of heroes from the cluster parishes who selflessly gave their lives for our freedom.



St Peter's

A large congregation attended the Remembrance Day Service at St Peter's Port Isaac. Revd. Elizabeth Wild took the service and Bishop Chris gave the address. The wreaths were put on the altar prior to being moved later in the day the War Memorial.

The Memorial had recently been moved to its new position on the grass verge at the entrance to the village. Revd. Elizabeth Wild conducted the Service of Dedication with Commander Jamie Miller and the Last Post was played by Kevin Ackford prior to the laying of the wreaths.



St Minver

Over 340 people attended the Remembrance Service this year at St Minver Church. The uniformed groups were there in abundance along with other children in the congregation. It was good to see over 70 children taking part in the service, the photo shows their efforts in making over 100 figures to represent those humans (and horses) from our community who fought in the world wars.



Marcus' Muse

We all have our different ways of getting ready for something. Some of us are very methodical, will have lists drawn up and like to have plenty of time so that everything can be put in its right place in full working order. Some of us have a more intuitive approach that works better closer to the occasion and the rest of us will be somewhere in between. It is like we have a different sense of when is it time to hit the panic button; teams need both types of people for successful long term planning and swift responses to new opportunities and challenges. I suspect that there will be different things that we are preparing for, some we will want a long fuse wire and others we are happy with a shorter wire. There are times when we're given a much shorter fuse wire than we're comfortable with and in those times without friends and God, we'd be left wondering how we ever made it!

Advent is such a busy time of preparations for family, celebrations and church we'll be able to notice the length of fuses people have and will need patience and decorum when ours or theirs gets blown early!

For the Christian though, advent must be more than what goes on around us, it needs to be something about what is happening inside us, so that when we arrive at Christmas day we are ready to receive God being birthed into us in a refreshing and new way.

The Advent ring, the carols, the nativity story, the prophecies we will read in the Old Testament, and the good will cheer that we see in friend and stranger will all help to begin to guide our thoughts and prepare us for the coming child of God. Last year our house group looked at Paula Gooder's book "Journey to the Manger" which was an excellent and in-depth study of the nativity story. I've recently found praying through an Icon very helpful and so it might be I can find a nativity Icon to meditate with. I've been told icons are bit like cats (and wands for Harry Potter fans) in that it often feels like the icon chooses you rather than you choose the icon. As we will be receiving lots of pictures through the post this Advent, there might be one or two that will be helpful to step out of the busy world, to pray with and to allow God to be incarnate.



Cluster events for children & families



Messy Church

Perceval Institute

1st Dec & 5th Jan,

9.30 am

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



Junior Church

Perceval Institute

Sun 2th & 23rd Dec

10.45am

Bible story, games and craft before we join the adults for Communion



Mini fingers

Perceval Institute

Every Friday term time

10am- 12

Baby and toddler club, with play, songs and activities. All welcome.
£2 per family



Fountain Youth

Saturday 8th Dec

3pm

Games, study and Christmas party for youth
For more info call Marcus 01840 938 648



Come and Sing

St Minver Church

Saturday 26th January

5pm

Gentle service suitable for all ages,
singing new songs and old favourites.



Tea'n'Toast

coffee morning

St Kew School

Every Wed term time

8.45-11am

Everyone welcome for a light breakfast and chat with a play area for young children.

Tea & Toast

For all parents, carers & the community.

Includes a Toddler play Area

No charge

8.45-11am
Wednesday Mornings
St Kew School

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.



Blackweir Brass Sunday 9 December, 3pm. St Endellion

The programme will include works from Britten, Ewald and Tchaikovsky as well as some pieces on a festive theme. Tea and cakes will be served in the interval.

Tickets £8, accompanied under 16s free.

Book: at www.endelienta.org.uk 07787 944935. email: tickets@endelienta.org.uk or at Wadebridge Bookshop



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Next issue

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

14th December 2018

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

Cluster services - December 2018

Date	St Kew	St Peter's	St Endellion	St Minver	St Enodoc	St Michael
Saturday 5 January				9.30am Messy Church		
Sunday 2 Advent 1	9.30am Holy Communion	9.30am Morning Worship	11.00am Sung Eucharist	11.00am Holy Communion 4pm Christingle	3pm Evensong	6pm Evensong
Sunday 9 Advent 2	9.30am All Age Worship 6pm Carol Service	9.30am Holy Communion	11.00am Sung Eucharist	11.00am All Age Worship & Baptism	3pm Evensong	9.15am Holy Communion 6pm Evensong
Sunday 16 Advent 3	9.30am Holy Communion	9.30am Morning Worship	11.00am Sung Eucharist	6pm Carol Service	3pm Evensong	No service today
Sunday 23 Advent 4	9.30am All Age Worship	9.30am Holy Communion	11.00am Sung Eucharist 6pm Carol Service	11.00am Holy Communion	3pm Holy Communion	6pm Evensong
Monday 24 Christmas Eve	4.30pm Christingle 11.30pm Holy Communion	3pm Christingle 10pm Holy Communion	11.30pm Sung Eucharist	4.30pm Crib Service	3pm Carol Service	
Tuesday 25 Christmas Day			11.00am Sung Eucharist	11.00am Family Carols	9.15am Holy Communion	9.15am Holy Communion
Sunday 30 Christmas 1	9.30am Holy Communion	No service today	11.00am Sung Eucharist	11.00am Holy Communion	3pm Evensong	6pm Carol Service
Saturday 5 January				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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