North Cornwall Cluster of Churches Newsletter September 2019



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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Eating Together – a Holy Habit

The tradition of people Eating Together as a sign of God's reign or kingdom goes way back into Judaeo-Christian history. It is a picture painted by the prophets and celebrated in the psalms:

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured wines strained clear. Isaiah 25.6



You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Psalm 23.5

Jesus was rooted in and lived this tradition. Just as he shared food with all sorts and conditions of people as a sign of the inclusivity of God's kingdom, so too did the early church. The gatherings to **Eat Together** were earthly representations of the heavenly banquet imagery that had been reinforced by Jesus through his teaching as well as his actions. Following in the footsteps of Jesus, the table fellowship of the early Christians was warm and accepting. They refused to discriminate against the marginalised. All were welcome to partake of this basic human and yet deeply sacred activity.

The joy of **Eating Together**, the value of table fellowship for deepening relationships, the missional fruitfulness of shared meals and the opportunities for sharing faith, biblical study, prayer and worship around the meal table have all been rediscovered many times by both new and ancient forms of church. Holy Habits provides another opportunity to explore and live this godly practice.

From Holy Habits: Eating Together by Andrew Roberts, Vicki Atkinson, Neil Johnson and Tom Milton, published by The Bible Reading Fellowship brfonline.org.uk/holy-habits.

Look out for opportunities to develop the Holy Habit of Eating Together in our Cluster:

You are welcome to come to the Harvest Lunch at the Perceval Institute, St Minver on Sunday 29th September.

There will be ideas in the pew sheet each week of ways that you can explore this habit.

Our worship and small groups will be focussing on **Eating Together**. And hopefully you will come up with your own ways of **Eating Together!**Revd Elizabeth



Songs of Praise

Songs of Praise event at St Michael's. It was a lovely service in the morning sunshine with the St. Minver Silver Band leading the music and more than 100 people attended.

Eating together across the Cluster

Wednesdays. Term-time: Good Morning community café. St Kew Academy. Come & join us for our local community breakfast from 8.30am till 10.30am. Everyone welcome.

Friday 20th September Souper Lunch. St Kew Highway Community Hall. 12.30pm. Home made soup, bread & puddings. Lunchtime food & friendship group. Donations taken for various charities.

Sunday 6th October. St Kew Harvest festival, supper & auction 6pm.

Friday 18th October Souper Lunch. St Kew Highway Community Hall. 12.30pm. Home made soup, bread & puddings. Lunchtime food & friendship group. Donations taken for various charities

Saturday 26th October. St Kew big Church clean up and shared lunch, bring food and duster & enjoy fun, fellowship and a good clear-out! Everyone welcome.

'Nourishment for body and Soul' Come and enjoy, food, fellowship and God Talk every Tuesday evening at Ann and Micks home. Higher Tristram, Polzeath. Everyone welcome More events will be posted in the Pew Sheets so please look out for them.

St Minver Church fete

This was held on Wednesday 21st August on the Cricket field. It was a lovely day enjoyed by many, both local and visitors. In fact, we have been told by more than one family, that they plan their time here in Cornwall so that it includes St.Minver fete day! It is a fete with unusual games and families do love it, - a visit to it has become a tradition for many!

The sun shone,(after a slightly damp start!), the St Minver band played wonderfully and teas and cakes were enjoyed. Lots of laughter filled the air around the games and bargains were bought in the marquee. Home made cakes, preserves and plants disappeared rapidly from the tables to be enjoyed in homes far and wide.

Grateful thanks go to all who helped and supported in any way, including a special thanks to the local scouts who aided us greatly.

At the end of the day, our three little churches will benefit from nearly £4000 which is for their maintenance and to keep them beautiful for future generations. THANK YOU ALL!

St Endellion with St Peter's Church Fete

Both the weather and the lack of the new Church Hall threatened to upset the success of the Fete, but all the difficulties were overcome and the sun came out making it a memorable afternoon for all.

Many visitors commented that the atmosphere created was like Fetes they had experienced as children. For the first time there was a competition for the children and all the games and Puppet Show entertained the youngsters all afternoon.



There were plenty of stalls for the adults where bargains could be bought and the Grand Draw raised £1514 with the Bric-a-Brac achieving £1343.20.

The total gross income was £5238.42 which is a 20% increase on last year and 86% on 2017.

The Fete Committee would like to thank all who helped to make the afternoon such a success including the other churches in the Cluster who lent children's games and equipment.

Pat Pearson, Chapel Warden

Events at St Endellion Sept 2019

Duncan Honeybourne – Piano Recital Saturday 7 September 7.30pm Charity concert in aid of Music Therapy across Devon and Cornwall.

The recital comprises works by John Ireland, Robert Schumann, Cecil Armstrong-Gibbs and Jean Joubert. £10 on the door

Endelienta Ensemble Friday 13 September, 7.30pm

The chamber orchestra made up of gifted music students and young professionals from London and Cambridge, conducted by Rees Webster, returns with another electrifying performance which will include Mozart's Jupiter Symphony and Beethoven's 3rd piano concerto. £10

Bagas Degol & Anna Maria Murphy – The Winding World At St John's Church, Delabole Friday 4 October 7.30pm

The Winding World is based on the true tale of a baby found in the snow in a Cornish cove – a love story set in a community with all its secrets, oddities and humanity, interweaving original songs, stories and soundtrack.

£10. Delabole residents (PL33 postcode) £5. Accompanied under-16s free. Not suitable for under 11s. Tickets from www.endelienta.org.uk or 07787 944935.



Thursday 26 September, 6pm Free of charge.

Our annual residencies were this year awarded to visual artist Deborah Westmancoat, composer Alex Groves and poet Genevieve Carver, who will stay on site from 19th September, enjoying the opportunity to incorporate St Endellion's 'spirit of place' into their work. During this informal presentation they will give an account of their experiences during the week.



North Cornwall Book Festival At St Endellion 10-13 October

Celebrating its seventh year, this year the festival boasts A-list novelists including Michael Morpurgo, David Nicholls, John Boyne, Tessa Hadley and Deborah Moggach, alongside writers in many other genres such as memoir, autobiography, poetry, history and sport. Come and be entertained and moved by an international line-up of authors giving talks, performances, interviews, or in conversation with the likes of Patrick Gale and Petroc Trelawney. Workshops include writing plays and writing for children. We celebrate Cornish heritage with a Cornish language workshop and our signature Cream of Cornish event for locally-based writers. In between events, you can enjoy exhibitions, café, bar, bookshop, street music, and two amazing evening shows.

The weekend is preceded by two days dedicated exclusively to schools and young people. And don't miss our Book Festival taster event in Delabole (see Endelienta listings).

"What it lacks in size, it certainly makes up for in passion and authenticity" in Country and Town House's Top Ten Literary Festivals.

Full information and tickets from www.ncornbookfest.org.









Cluster events for children & families



Messy Church
Perceval Institute

14th September

10am

Everyone welcome to celebrate with us, will include a fare trade stall . Ann 01208 862 550



Junior Church
Perceval Institute

Sun 1st & 15th September 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



Good Morning Café
St Kew Ace Academy
School

Every Wed term time

8.45-10.30am

Everyone welcome for a light breakfast and chat with a play area. Artists and crafters are welcome to bring their working projects.



Come and Sing
St Minver Church

Saturday 28th September

5pm

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



Make Club
St Endellion,
Stone barn

Saturday 21st September 10am-12.30

Kinetic Art; making pendulums, using paint to trace their paths. £5 per family. Book at Endelienta.org.uk



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Marcus Muse

In Northern Ireland we have this delightful phrase "Catch yourself on," which is roughly translated as "don't be so ridiculous" but could be used to say "stop taking yourself to seriously" or as an interjector to bring reality and grounding to whatever a person is trying to communicate. I've always thought of it as a saying that can only be used between friends and doesn't intend to offend or hurt unlike its cousin "Wise up will ya?" that often stung as much as if you had been called a fool, idiot or "Ejit".

At home group we start with a prayer that includes the words "We are entering a special time... where we can be serious and stop taking ourselves too seriously... a time to be close to God." Getting close to God is serious business and a lifelong pursuit for many of us. However if we are too serious in our endeavours, and if we take ourselves too seriously we are at great risk of missing out on the life and joy promises by Jesus and worse still we may overshoot the mark and find ourselves at Jesus' displeasure!

I can quite imagine Jesus saying "Catch yourself on Martha, Mary's chosen the right thing to do and I won't be taking it away from her," or "Catch yourself on Zacchaeus, come down from that tree and we'll have tea at yours". I can also imagine Jesus saying to Simon the Pharisee "Wise up Simon will ya, and don't be so judgemental, let me tell you a wee story..."

In different places and different guises this past month, I have heard the invitation to carry the phrase "Catch yourself on Marcus" around with me which I must admit has been very helpful when I can remember to use it before I say or do something.

By starting off with "Eating Together" as a Holy Habit, we are entering into a special time to be with God in all the seriousness of Christian discipleship and that we are developing a way of living and not just undertaking a tick box activity.

As we share in eating together we can begin to stop taking ourselves too seriously, we begin to catch ourselves on and we might even wise up a wee bit too. The great thing in all of this is discovering the life and joy just as Jesus has promised.

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

18th September 2019

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

Cluster services and Events - September 2019

Date	St Kew	St Peter's	St Endellion	St Minver	St Enodoc	St Michael
Sunday 1	9.30am Holy Communion	9.30am Morning Worship	11.00am Sung Eucharist	11.00am Holy Communion with Junior Church	3pm Baptism	6pm Evensong
Sunday 8	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
Saturday 14				9.30am Messy Church		
Sunday 15	9.30am Holy Communion	9.30am Morning Worship	11.00am Sung Eucharist 6pm Taize	11.00am Holy Communion with Junior Church	3pm Evensong	6pm Evensong
Saturday 21 Matthew Saturday			9.30am Eucharist	5pm Come and sing		
Sunday 22	9.30am All Age Worship	9.30am Holy Communion	11.00am Sung Eucharist	11.00am Harvest Festival All Age Worship	3pm Holy Communion	6pm Evensong
Sunday 29 Michael and All Angels	9.30am Holy Communion	4pm Harvest Festival	11.00am Sung Eucharist	11.00am United Service at Rock Methodists	3pm Evensong	6pm Harvest Festival

Weekly Services

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

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