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

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Eating Together – Reflections

Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. Acts 2.46-47

At first glance, the Holy Habit of **Eating Together** seems like an easy one. Many of us enjoy eating together with family and friends and eating together is often a regular feature of church life. But this Holy Habit invites us to do more than simply consume food. It invites us to explore how we **Eat Together** and with whom.



Jesus was often criticised for who he chose to eat with. The feeding of the 5,000 in John's Gospel (John 6.1-14) starts with a boy and his little picnic of five loaves and two fishes and ends with a meal for 5,000 people. This story demonstrates the generous love of God and invites us to share what we have with **Gladness and Generosity**.

- It's easy to eat with friends and family, but what about those we don't know? Do we need to explore **Eating Together** with them?
- How can we share food with those who use our premises and the wider community?
- How often do we eat with our neighbours or those in our street?
- And what about the person for whom eating with others is difficult?
- How can we be inclusive of those who are unable to eat freely for health reasons, those with diabetes, allergies or food intolerances, those with eating disorders?
- Can we share those aspects of **Eating Together** which do not involve food?

As you consider the importance of **Eating Together**, could you be people who **EAT** with Equality, Affirmation and Togetherness in true Fellowship with all?

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.

Keep looking out for opportunities to develop the Holy Habit of **Eating Together** in our Cluster:

You are welcome to the **Harvest Festival at St Kew Church, followed by buffet supper on Sunday 6th October.**



6th October

11am St Endellion

3pm St Enodoc

6pm St James, St Kew

Book Review: The Table, by Paul Bayes

"So there's this table.

It's a simple table, but it is well made, because it was made by a carpenter. The guy who made it is a poor man, but he's generous. He offers a place at the table to anyone who wants to sit and eat. This is a table that started in one place but now it can stretch down every street, and it can go into every home, if people want to sit there."

Thus began Paul Bayes' first sermon as Bishop of Liverpool, which is also the first chapter and template for this little book 'The Table'. And as we dig into our first discipleship 'Holy Habit' of Eating Together, I recommend it to you. It's a great, easy-read vision of Christians living out our faith in a society which widely thinks a lot of 'what goes on in church' is at best outdated and irrelevant or, at worst, hypocritical and damaging. It's about sitting next to Jesus at his table, sharing food and learning, prayer and action, in a spirit of friendship and justice. Paul is a fan of the Holy Habits programme we're on, and the book advocates regular, faithful plugging into God through scripture, prayer, commitment to each other and action for others.

I absolutely loved 'The Table' as an inspiring read and have shared copies of it with folks at St Kew.

Now, of course, I would say that, wouldn't I. Paul is married to my sister Kate and has been an inspiration to follow Jesus most of my life through a series of unlikely circumstances. He happened to start out as a curate in Whitley Bay, visiting my school there when I was in my teens. He moved to be chaplain at Imperial College in London where I studied geology - I learnt to juggle with them both on Christian CND demos. And he did much of his vicaring in parishes located on the Chalk - our major aquifer where I have had frequent cause to visit clients for professional hydrogeological purposes (he knew all the churches, I knew all the boreholes!).

So yes, I'm biased! But I hope you'll love 'The Table' too. And what better time to read it than now at this harvest time when we're all, hopefully, eating together?

You can order it for next day delivery at Wadebridge Bookshop (which we should all support) - give 'em a ring and go get one!

Rob Soley

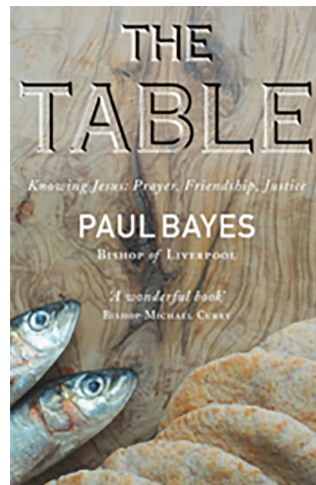
Congratulations

Congratulations to Henry Gompertz on his licensing as a Reader in Truro Cathedral on Saturday 12th October, after two years of study.

We look forward to his continuing ministry in the Cluster - in his new robes!

A BIG THANK YOU

A BIG THANK YOU to The Friends of St Minver who very kindly funded the resurfacing of St Minver church path. Thanks also to T Richards & Sons of St Austell who did a splendid job in spite of having to negotiate our narrow Lych gate with all their equipment and materials.



TIP's Ten Out of Ten

In the ten years since The Ideas Partnership's founding, we know that many people's lives have been changed by its work. I know mine has. Others include women, babies, children and older students who have been beneficiaries of our projects, but also our staff and volunteers. Over this tenth anniversary year we'll share with you our Ten Out Of Ten stories - a selection of ten accounts from people who've been part of what we've achieved, telling in their own words how it's made a difference to them. This month we share the story of Rexhep, a nine year-old from the community in Fushe Kosove.

'Addition, subtraction; the numbers up to ten', says Rexhep. He is reminiscing with a smile about his time in kindergarten at The Ideas Partnership's centre in Fushe Kosove. 'And my teacher called Arta.'

Rexhep is just one of a total of 311 children who have been educated at The Ideas Partnership (TIP)'s kindergarten since it opened in Fushe Kosove nearly five years ago. He has now moved on to primary school and is confident and clear about what the benefits of support from TIP have been.

Rexhep's father works as a woodcutter in winter. He left school in fourth grade while Rexhep's mum dropped out in the eighth grade. But Rexhep is ambitious. He says that English is his favourite subject at school and that he wants to go to university to study English. After that he plans to become a police officer. His reasons for the career choice have the clarity of someone with powerful secondhand experience of what it involves - 'I want to be a policeman because you have good colleagues and when you catch a thief you have to put them in prison; when there's a case you have to go and investigate. You get to exercise. And you get a gun'.

It's no surprise to hear that he has an uncle in the force.

But what about the English he has learned. Where has that come from? 'I learned English through doing Reading Together online,' he says, referring to the programme TIP's run with UK volunteers via Skype. There are other volunteers he fondly mentions by name as well - a Kosovar Bosnian who helped him at our centre, and four Kosovar Albanian volunteers who were part of The Ideas Partnership's summer camp Rexhep attended in July. 'We made food. Our team got second place!'

When I ask him what other things he thinks he's benefited from the education he's received at the centre he is wonderfully all-encompassing and then carefully sincere.

'You learn at the centre and then you go to school and when the teacher asks you, you know the answer. Now I know the times tables.... Though not the sevens and eights.'

I admit that they are the toughest ones. And there are other benefits he can identify from the centre. 'I got a school bag and a sketchbook. If someone has a broken bag and you give them a new one you make them happy.'

'I also remember that Hysni gave me a woolly hat that you had brought back for all the children from England. I want to say thank you to the person who made that hat just for me.'

Thanks from us, as well, to all those volunteers and donors who have supported Rexhep and his friends at our kindergarten and in the other activities we run through our centre. Along with a future Kosovan police officer, we salute you.

The ideas
PARTNERSHIP



Elizabeth Gowing, Co-founder, The Ideas Partnership

Holy Habits, 'Eating Together'

Breakfast on the beach, picnics, feasts, lunches and suppers and all the different ways of eating together has been the subject of our discipleship in the North Cornwall Cluster of Churches throughout September and October.

The tradition of eating together is a sign of God's Kingdom which goes back into Judeo-Christian history. Jesus lived this tradition sharing food as a sign of the inclusivity of God's Kingdom and refusing to discriminate against the marginalised. He ate with people from different cultural and social backgrounds bringing unity, healing & peace. Through food and friendship, Jesus shared the love of God for others genuinely and personally.



As a cluster of churches, we have been following Jesus' example, and have had such great fun! Who doesn't like eating & drinking and enjoying friendship together? When we engage in eating together with others, we show them love and generosity and concern for their wellbeing, both hosts and guests are greatly blessed.

Harvest Festival time is an especially good time as we remember, give thanks & share all we have, alongside praying for equality, fairness and justice in the distribution of food and for the farmers, fisher people and all who grow and manufacture our food.

Perhaps during this harvest season of plenty we might extend that blessing of inclusivity that Jesus showed us? Inviting those we do not know so well to eat with us? Building community and deepening relationships with each other. In that spirit, I would like to extend a very warm welcome to each of you & encourage you to meet and share with others around the cluster at their Harvest events, for where brothers and sisters dwell in unity, God commands a blessing.

Every Blessing. Rev'd Geraldine.

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.

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.



Cluster events for children & families



Messy Church
Perceval Institute

No Messy Church in October



Junior Church
Perceval Institute

Sun 6th & 20th October

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

26th October

5pm

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



Make Club
St Endellion,
Stone barn

26th October

10am-12.30

Orbs and how to draw 3d with Vanessa Fawcett



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Events at St Endellion October 2019

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.

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.

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16th October 2019

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

Cluster services and Events - October 2019

Date	St Kew	St Peter's	St Endellion	St Minver	St Enodoc	St Michael
Sunday 6	9.30am Holy Communion 6pm Harvest Festival	9.30am Morning Worship	11.00am Sung Eucharist Harvest Festival	11.00am Holy Communion with Junior Church	3pm Harvest Festival	6pm Evensong
Sunday 13	9.30am All Age Worship	9.30am Holy Communion	11.00am Book Festival Service	11.00am All Age Worship	3pm Evensong	9.15am Holy Communion 6pm Evensong
Sunday 20	9.30am Holy Communion	9.30am Morning Worship	11.00am Sung Eucharist	11.00am Holy Communion with Junior Church	3pm Evensong	6pm Evensong
Saturday 26				5pm Come and sing		
Sunday 27	9.30am All Age Worship	9.30am Holy Communion	11.00am Sung Eucharist	11.00am All Age Worship	3pm Holy Communion	6pm Evensong

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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