

North Cornwall Cluster of Churches

Newsletter

February 2020



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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Holy Habit #3: Worship

February's a funny old month. After the calm of January, suddenly the shops erupt into pink balloons and giant love hearts, as the world goes romance-crazy for Valentine's day. If you were taking your life lessons from Valentine's films, you'd learn that the most important thing in every relationship is love. Love is a fiery, life-changing feeling which can overcome anything – until it disappears. If that happens, there's nothing for it but to abandon ship for the next thing that makes your heart skip.



The Bible talks about our love for God as fiery and passionate, 'strong as death, unyielding as the grave...like blazing fire'. The psalmist sings tenderly to the God she loves: 'Your love is better than life itself.' There is a great Christian tradition of worshipping God intimately, extravagantly, lovingly. We can feel incredibly close to God, the One who knows us inside out, hold us in his palm, and lovingly tends us. It's wonderful when we feel God's love.

But unlike Valentine's love, our love for God is more than a feeling. It's a choice. We worship God not because it makes us feel good but because God is worth it. We worship when we feel close to him, and when he feels far away; when we enjoy it and when it drags out of us begrudgingly.

I hope that you're enjoying worshipping more and in new ways as we explore this holy habit. But if not – if you're finding February dull and grey, and worship a chore – can I encourage you: worship even when it feels hard and boring. Worship when you'd rather be watching telly, or putting your feet up. Worship when you want a lie-in. Worship when it's tough: because the muscle you're building will help sustain your faith, and because our God, the Creator of the universe, the Saviour who bled for us, is worth every tired prayer and reluctant psalm.

Rose Jones



Commissioning of Local Pastoral Ministers

Here is a picture of our newly commissioned Local Pastoral Ministers, Beth and Jan. They were commissioned by Archdeacon Audrey at St Thomas' Church, Camelford on 13th January 2020.



Tanzania Adventure

As many of you may know I recently spent 10 weeks in Tanzania working with Raleigh international through a program called ICS. I was working in a rural village called Mbogo, on a project to teach and facilitate business skills to young entrepreneurs, in order to help them set up their own businesses. It was an amazing experience to travel to somewhere so different from home and to work with such a sustainable charity, on a project that made a visible positive change in the community. In my team of 12 (made up of half Tanzanian volunteers) we had over 90 young entrepreneurs complete the program, every one of them received training on sourcing finance for their businesses, such as help with forming groups to access government loans and training on setting up/accessing community banking schemes. However at the end of the program the best business ideas were also allowed to pitch for a Raleigh grant, eight of these businesses (some entrepreneurs grouped together) in our village received the grant, including a tailor shop, a juice seller, a chicken farm, a barbers and other ideas. Before we left we got to see these businesses get set up in the community and the other entrepreneurs were already preparing to apply for alternative sources of finance. The project was a success and helped change that community for the better, but the trip as a whole taught me a lot too. It was an incredible experience to be immersed in a different culture and there was definitely a lot of things I learnt along the way that I hope to keep with me.



One thing that stuck with me is the amazing welcome that we received in the village, we were staying with host families and they took us into their own homes and welcomed us into their families with such joy. Villagers would literally shout 'Karibu' meaning welcome at us as we walked around the village, wouldn't it be amazing if we could welcome foreigners into this country with such ferocity!



I wanted to thank everyone who supported me in raising the money to go out there and in prayer while I was there too, I could never have done this without all of your support, thank you!

Avila Wild

Events at St Endellion February 2020

Melange

Friday 7 February

A stunning mix of voices, building rich textures and close harmony tension.

£10. Accompanied Under 16s free



Endelienta

Cornwall Camerata

Saturday 29 February

Cornwall Camerata's premiere as a chamber orchestra, including 4 of JS Bach's Brandenburg concertos.

£8 to include tea and cake. Accompanied Under 16s free

Tickets from www.endelienta.org.uk or 07787 944935



Update on St Peter's Church

Unfortunately when the scaffolding went up the poor state of the roof was obvious and to keep the Church waterproof considerable work has to be completed. Hopefully the wind and rain will stop to enable the work to be completed.

In the New Year the builders were able to move into the church and on inspecting under the floor boards it was found that the joists were rotten and needed replacing.

The electrics have been renewed and now all wiring will be behind the new wainscoting, it is also hoped to put some floor sockets in the body of the church to enable more flexibility. The heaters will be at floor level and hopefully warm the congregation and not the roof.

Services are being held in the village hall and it is giving the congregation a chance to appreciate running water and a toilet!

Pat Pearson, Chapel Warden



Holy ground for Epiphany at St Endellion - arrived with *refractory camels* in my head, and Andrew Lewis's sermon was drawn from Lancelot Andrews' 1622 Christmas sermon, on which TS Eliot based his poem. A small child spent the whole service fascinated by the crib at which the Magi has just arrived, 'Unless you become like children...'

Judith Pollinger

Carols at St Moritz

Ann Sumra would like to thank all those who came to sing carols at St Moritz on Christmas Eve. It was so well received we have been booked for next year! And good feedback from residents. We also made £194 for St Petrocs, so well worth doing! This enabled a gentleman to have a new pair of size 13 1/2 shoes. Bless you all.

What is a 'souper' lunch?

The 'souper' lunch is a community lunch held each month at the community hall at St.Kew Highway. It is open to people of all ages and a very warm welcome is extended to all. A choice of homemade soup & bread, followed by a range of puddings and coffee or tea is available. The atmosphere is friendly, and we all have a lovely time. There is no charge as such, but donations are collected and each month the group decide which charities to send to. In 2019 we collected almost £1000 and contributed to the work of Dreadnought, Sowenna Appeal, Shelter Box, Carrick Mind, Mermaid Centre and Children in Need to name but a few. The 'souper' lunch will be held on Fridays: 17th January, 14th February, 20th March, 17th April, 15th May and 19th June. We invite you to come along and see for yourself that the 'souper' lunch is indeed super! We look forward to welcoming you.

Rev'd Geraldine.

February!

It's an odd month isn't it? One I always seem to struggle with. It's a bit like running the last leg of a race when you are tired but must keep going until you get to the finish line. The finish line being the end of winter and the start of spring.

It's still cold in February, sometimes we have the worst weather including blizzards and snow and yet, we know that under the surface of creation there are hints of hope that spring is just around the corner. We have the Occasional dry or sunny days, Hellebores, primroses and crocus starting to break through the hard surface of the soil, all are welcome signs that spring is on its way.

Isn't that exactly how God is at work in our lives? In the difficult winter times that seem to go on forever, when circumstances are bleak and all can look bare & fruitless. We can feel that there is no hope of change.

However, under the surface, in our hearts & lives the mystery of God is at work, for all things have a season and whatever we are going through right now will also pass.

As we hunker down in February preparing to see out the last days of winter, let us not forget that we serve a faithful God, who loves us & is with us, who is at work in our lives, in our hearts and circumstances all the time, even when we can't see or feel God is there. God is working under the surface to bring out those new shoots of life and hope, and as we keep trusting and praising God we can be encouraged to wait well for spring time is on its way.

"We thank you, Lord, for the brightness of winter sun; for winter's work and entertainments; For the warmth of home and all its comforts. Lord of all times and seasons, we thank you that there is no season without its satisfactions, and there is no time without its promises. Lord, when we have no light, show us the treasures of darkness. Amen." (from: More Everyday Prayers)

Every Blessing. Rev'd Geraldine.



Cluster events for children & families



Messy Church
Perceval Institute

Tuesday 25th 3.30pm February 2020
Pancakes, Lent and Easter activities for all the family



Junior Church
Perceval Institute

Sun 2nd & 16th February 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 9.00-10.30am
Crafting with refreshments or just come for the chat and friendship. We have toys for toddlers too.



Come and Sing
St Minver Church

22nd February 2020 5pm
Gentle service suitable for all ages, singing new songs and old favourites.

Facebook: [childrenandfamilyNCC](#)  ncc.childrenfamily@gmx.com
www.northcornwallclusterofchurches.org.uk

Table Top Sale

at St Endellion Church Hall on 8th February 9.30am to 12.30pm.

Come along and browse the sale items. Find just what you have been looking for!

Fund raising for the Trelights Village Green. Contact Jules on 01208 880938 or jooliedoolie@btinternet.com to hire a table or for more information.



The Perceval Institute
St Minver



Pancake Tuesday
25th Feb
3.30 – 5.30

Preparing for Easter with Messy church.

Games, activities, celebration and a pancake supper for all the family.

To help us prepare enough pancakes please
contact marcus: 079239137; email
ncc.childrenfamily@gmx.com; or message our
facebook page ChildrenandfamilyNCC

Good Morning
Cafe



St Kew Ace Academy
Wednesday term time

9.00-10.30am

Everyone welcome

Begin the rest of your day with a relaxing cuppa
Previously known as Tea'n'toast

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Next issue

The deadline for text
and or pictures* for
the March issue is:
12th February 2020

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

Cluster services and Events - February 2020

Date	St Kew	St Peter's	St Endellion	St Minver	St Enodoc	St Michael
Sunday 2 Candlemas	9.30am Holy Communion	9.30am Morning Worship in the Village Hall	11.00am Sung Eucharist	11.00am Holy Communion	3pm Evensong	6pm Evensong
Sunday 9	9.30am All Age Worship	9.30am Holy Communion in the Village Hall	11am Sung Eucharist	11am All Age Worship	3pm Evensong	9.15am Holy Communion 6pm Evensong
Sunday 16	9.30am Holy Communion	9.30am Morning Worship in the Village Hall	11.00am Sung Eucharist	11am Holy Communion	3pm Evensong	6pm Evensong
Saturday 22				5pm Come and sing		
Sunday 23	9.30am All Age Worship	9.30am Holy Communion in the Village Hall	11.00am Sung Eucharist	11.00am All Age Worship	3pm Holy Communion	6pm Evensong
Tuesday 25				3.30pm Messy Church, Perceval Institute		
Wednesday 26 Ash Wednesday			7pm Eucharist & Ashing	10.00am Holy Communion & Ashing		

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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