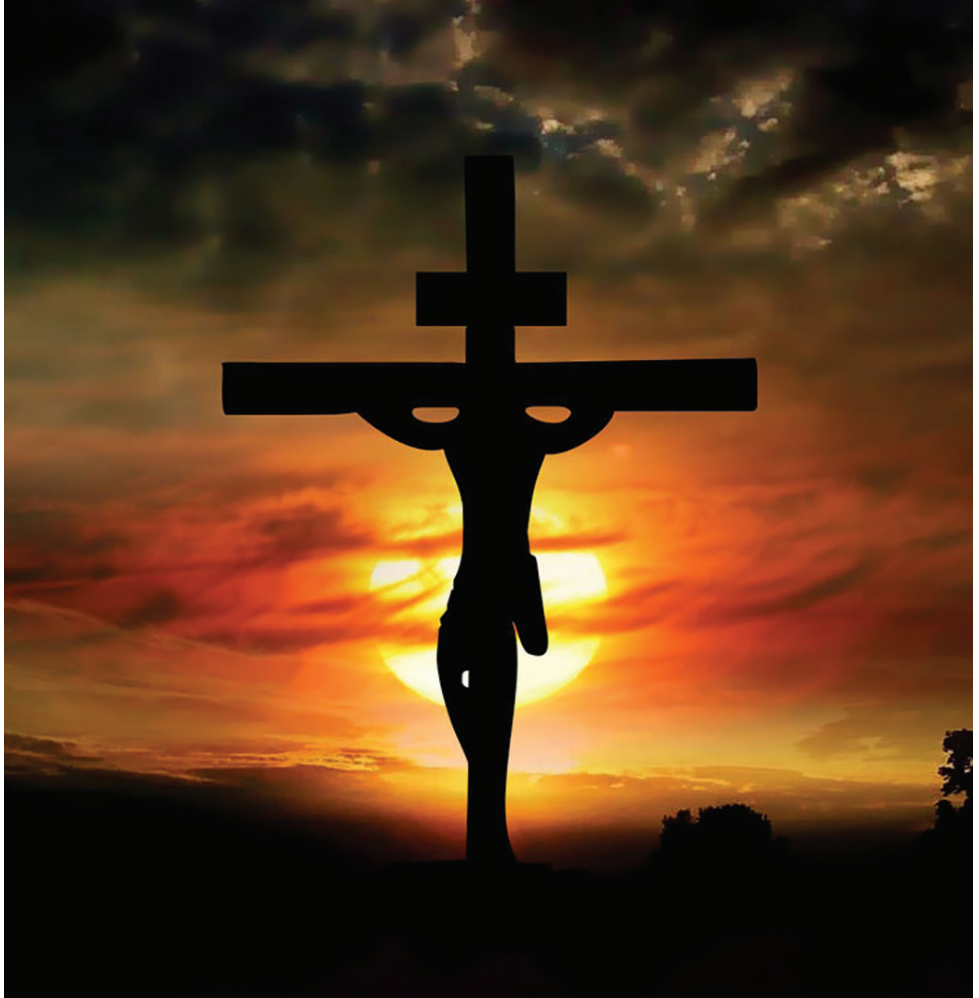


North Cornwall Cluster of Churches Newsletter April 2020



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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Continuing to serve in uncertain times

Coronavirus has already had a huge impact and we cannot know exactly what will happen in the months to come. Nevertheless, in our church communities we continue to serve as best we can, whilst taking care of our precious volunteers and the general public.

Now that public worship has been suspended and our church buildings closed, we are seeking to offer support by telephone and via the internet. We also have hard copies of spiritual resources which may be helpful, and which we can deliver – just ask! In addition we may be able to put you in touch with local organisations that are offering practical help at the moment. Please contact Revd Elizabeth (07758 407661 – elizabeth-wild@live.co.uk) if you want to know more..

*“Brother, sister let me serve you, let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.”
Richard Gillard (1977)*

This hymn reminds us that it is a privilege to serve – and it is also an honour to be served – as if by Christ. We may only be participating in communion via the wonders of the internet – yet whenever we are serving one another through our love and care - even via the telephone! – we are participating in the love and care of Christ in communion with God. Christ is fully present in every kind word and gesture. And the love of Christ is stronger than any virus – stronger even than death. As Saint Paul reminds us in his letter to the Romans, nothing can separate us from the love of Christ. Amen!

With my prayers, Revd Elizabeth

North Cornwall Cluster on Facebook

In the light of the Coronavirus, our churches are establishing resources online to help those who are self-isolating or unable to get to church but who would like spiritual support and guidance.

We have started a facebook group for the North Cornwall Cluster of Churches. This is a space where people who are unable to get to church can chat to each other, share updates and ask for prayer. We will be sharing videos, prayers and other resources to help people worship from home, and we hope to either livestream services or link people to other churches livestreaming services.



The address is: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/northcornwallcluster>. You need an online facebook account to join, but they are free and simple to set up. If you are not sure how, ask a relative or neighbour, or alternatively get in touch with Rev Rose Jones.

In addition, if people are concerned by Coronavirus and would like to talk or pray, we are very happy to do so. If you are self-isolating and would like pastoral support by telephone, do get in touch. Please be assured of our prayers for our whole community and especially those who are most vulnerable.

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Easter

Look out for our recorded worship on:

Palm Sunday 5th April

Maundy Thursday 9th April

Good Friday 10th April

Easter Sunday 12th April

*And every Sunday until
we can meet again...*

Easter is Coming

Forget snowdrops – for me, the first sign of spring has always been the first glimpse of blossom on the plum tree in my parents' garden. It starts with a coy blush before rippling out into clouds of flamboyant pink blossom, garishly declaring that Spring has Sprung. It took its sweet time this year though, perhaps intimidated by the random spurts of hail and persistent deluge. This winter has felt hard: miserable and damp and now, for many of us, marked by the dogged tread of Coronavirus.

Easter celebrations will be unexpectedly quiet this year. Family reunions and get togethers are harder. It seems strange to be celebrating a season which is all about new life in a time when our country is reeling from sickness. But Easter, like spring, is not just about new life. It is also about the struggle which precedes it. Every plant begins its life in dark, damp soil. The blaze of autumn gives way to the thin tremor of winter; petals fall, leaves shiver off branches, and down in the cold, damp earth, seeds lie dormant. Similarly, at Easter, we remember Jesus' darkest moments: betrayed by his friends, abandoned by his followers, tortured and killed by his enemies. He too lay underground.

But that is not the end of the story. Darkness gives way to dawn. Winter gives way to spring. And seeds – small, helpless, buried seeds – break through the earth to burst into radiant new life.

This season has seen unexpected struggles. But know that darkness never has the last word. Jesus died so that he could turn death inside out, tear open the walls of the grave and let the blazing sunlight in. When Jesus rose from the dead, he made a way for all of us to follow. He has promised us not just life, but life in abundance: rich, joyful, irrepressible life. Life that bursts out into blossom, undefeated by winter. You may be feeling, like that plum tree, battered and beaten by unexpected storms. But take heart: Easter is coming.

Rose Jones

“Give a Tent for Lent”

We wanted to take this moment to say thank you for everything you have done so far and for choosing to help us support families around the world.



GIVE A TENT FOR LENT

All of our lives are being affected by Coronavirus in some way, but those living in refugee camps or in makeshift settlements are particularly vulnerable. They will need our continued support in the weeks and months to come. Tents and shelter help people isolate themselves even when they have lost their homes and help to limit and control the spread of Coronavirus. ShelterBox remains committed to reaching the most remote communities and to support them to get through this Coronavirus outbreak. In these unique times we completely understand if your fundraising activities have changed or have fallen from your plans. If you are choosing to go ahead please know we are here to support you, and please follow advice from Public Health England.

If you have any other great ways of fundraising from home, please let us know. Alternatively, if you'd like to text to donate, as you can't reach a collection, please text 'TENTFORLENT' to 70085.[1]Or, you can donate online: www.shelterbox.org Please email us if you donate in this way with your church name.

Lastly, as it was recently Mothering Sunday, we wanted to share with you the inspiring and tenacious story of one of the amazing mother's we've met in the last year. 32-year-old Behula lives with her disabled husband and four young children on an island in the Brahmaputra river in Bangladesh. Their home is a 30-minute boat ride from the mainland. When heavy rains caused damage in 2019, Behula didn't know how she was going to protect her family. Then Behula received a shelter kit. And with the tools inside, she repaired her home. 'I needed to fix the broken fences, flatten the ground, and continue living', she said. Whilst caring for family, Behula rebuilt her home and the threads of everyday life. She left us with some inspiring words which I think we can all use today:



“Everyone hopes for the best. Everyone prays to God for improvement. I hope to live in peace with my husband and my children.”

1. To make a donation, text 'TENTFORLENT' to 70085 to donate £5. This costs £5 plus a std rate message. Alternatively, you can opt to give any whole amount up to £20 by texting 'TENTFORLENT' and the number you wish to donate, for instance 'TENTFORLENT20'

Keep us, good Lord,
under the shadow of your mercy
in this time of uncertainty and distress.
Sustain and support the anxious and fearful,
and lift up all who are brought low;
that we may rejoice in your comfort
knowing that nothing can separate us from
your love
in Christ Jesus our Lord, Amen.

Lord Jesus Christ,
you taught us to love our neighbour,
and to care for those in need
as if we were caring for you.
In this time of anxiety, give us strength
to comfort the fearful, to tend the sick,
and to assure the isolated
of our love, and your love,
for your name's sake.
Amen.

The North Cornwall Churches 'Barnabas Project'

We are looking to care for our church and community at this time of social isolation & I invite you to join me in a 'Barnabas Project'.

Barnabas can be found in the book of Acts, he was a native of Cyprus called Joseph and the apostles gave him the name Barnabas which means, 'son of encouragement'. (See Acts 4:36)

The Barnabas project then, is one of encouragement and care for others through emails.

The idea has come from Ann Sumra who was already sending postcards & craft activities for the residents & staff at Windmill Court & Trewiston Lodge.

We can send a message with a picture, a scripture verse or word of encouragement to residents to say that we are keeping them in thoughts & prayers. We can send a similar e-mail that also includes a 'thank you' to the staff who are serving them.

Children & families can join in & I'm sure a card or picture by a child uploaded and sent will be valued and appreciated.

At present there are concerns regarding the spread of coronavirus from cards & letters so a safer way is to communicate via e-mail either to Ann or directly with Windmill Court/ Trewiston Lodge.

I do hope you will enjoy blessing and encouraging others in this way.

Many thanks & Every Blessing. Geraldine x
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Easter and Summer Festivals

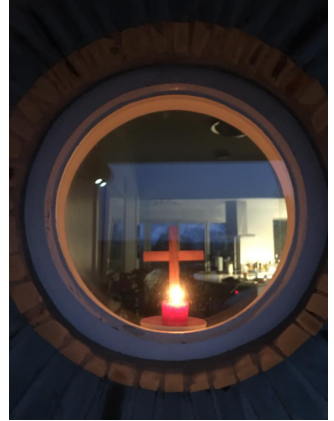
Unfortunately the 2020 St Endellion Easter or Summer Festivals will not take place. In the context of the uncertainty around the Corvid-19 virus, the organising committee felt that it would be inappropriate to continue planning the festivals. While we all hope that the situation will be much improved by late July, given the uncertainties that we are all facing, it was clear that we could not continue.

We had a wonderful programme all lined up for you - and are very disappointed not to be able to bring it to fruition. It will be our intention to bring it to you in 2021. The whole of the St Endellion Summer Festival community is extremely sad that the festival has had to be cancelled - for the first time since its inception in 1958 - and we all look forward to being able to return to the place we hold so dear, to make magical music together, with the audience who gives us so much.



40 things to do in isolation

1. Sort out your wardrobe
2. Read a favourite childhood book
3. Wash the car
4. Vacuum the car!
5. Sign up to an online course, learn something new
6. Have a go at a new skill eg knitting
7. Bird watch for an hour
8. Make the best paper aeroplane
9. Race your paper aeroplane!
10. Start a journal/prayer journal
11. Write a review of a film you've watched
12. Take a walk around the village and see how many purple (other colours!) flowers you can find
13. Write a letter to someone
14. Have a go at sketching a household object
15. Download a new book
16. Or read a book you haven't read for a long time
17. Phone someone you haven't spoken to for a while
18. Make an indoor den (never too old..)
19. Try a YouTube exercise video
20. Clean out the kitchen cupboards
21. Learn some origami
22. Bake a cake
23. Put on your finest outfit, music and candles for dinner
24. Give yourself a manicure
25. Start a collection for St Petros
26. Play hide and seek
27. Start a puzzle
28. Learn a new language
29. Have a very bubbly bubble bath
30. Learn the alphabet backwards
31. Take a chair outside and spot pictures in the clouds
32. Create a toilet roll family out of your cardboard rolls
33. Read up about a country you've always wanted to visit
34. Share family history through looking at old photos and letters
35. Teach your dog a new trick
36. Find a torch and practice your shadow puppet skills!
37. Pray for the people on your street
38. Learn all the kings and queens of England
39. Memorise a poem
40. Make a domino or a marble run



Candle in a Window

Thousands of people lit a candle at 7pm on 22nd March and putting it in their windows to symbolise Christ's presence. This was part of a national day of prayer and action called by the Archbishops and Churches Together.

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Next issue

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

15th April 2020

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

Being Church

Since we are unable to meet in person or host services, we have set up several ways for us to look out for one another and continue to pray and worship as a Cluster together.

Facebook

www.facebook.com/groups/northcornwallcluster

This is a space where we can have community together and keep in touch. We also post resources and videos throughout the week to help you worship and pray. Every Sunday morning we will be sharing a video of a recorded church service.

If you need help creating a facebook account, get in touch with Revd. Rose Jones for help.

YouTube

If you do not have a facebook account, you can still view our weekly Sunday services on our YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCsICrKTlbwyrvbHtl-BpmHg>

Home groups and daily prayer

Our Home Groups are staying in touch via phone, email and social media. We are praying regularly, especially at 9am

Worship from Home pack

We have produced a pack of resources to help you worship and pray from home.

If you would like a copy, get in touch and we will email or post one to you.

Telephone

If you are in need of spiritual care or prayer, please do get in touch with Revds. Elizabeth Wild, Rose Jones or Geraldine Ashton who are coordinating pastoral care by telephone.

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