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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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Sharing in Worship

As we come to the end of what has been a very strange summer, there is lots to look forwards to. We are beginning a new Holy Habit: Sharing Resources. And in the life of our churches, we are also sharing in worship more than ever – in person as well as online.

When we began to hold public worship again, we did not know who would come or how it would go. We worked hard to make the experience of coming to church as safe as possible. And we did our best to offer worship that was as rich as possible, in spite of all the restrictions. People who came told us that they enjoyed being with people from the other churches in the Cluster. As there was only one service we were more united than ever.

But worshipping together is also costly and uncomfortable. Because our usual styles of worship are very different across the 6 churches and online, the worship we share is bound to have aspects which are more or less familiar to us. When this is added to the strangeness of face coverings and social distancing, it can be a challenge to stay focussed on worshipping God.

But these challenges are all part of what enables us to have a mature faith, and they can be real opportunities for growth. Just as so many people found that the challenge of lockdown enabled them to grow in their relationship with God and prayer life, so the challenge of sharing in worship with one another can also be a chance to grow spiritually. After all, Jesus is always calling his disciples out of their comfort zones – it is only to be expected that Jesus will call us to grow as disciples as well.

In the recent services there have been moments which I would never have expected, moments of sheer joy and a sense of deep connection to the one who has made us all and loves us completely. I thank God for all the hard work and inspiration, prayer and patience which has enabled us to share in worship so far.

Looking ahead, we will continue to share in worship as we increase the number of services across the Cluster. This will be a time when we are still needing to think of one another before ourselves, as we seek to find ways of sharing in worship that enable people from across the Cluster to come together. But gradually as we build up our capacity we hope to be able to get to a point later in the autumn where all of our churches can hold familiar services.

I pray that we will all find new ways of growing during this time: growing in patience and humility; growing in mutual understanding and care; and growing in faith and love.

*Every blessing,
Revd Elizabeth*

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Sharing resources

I expect by now we are all familiar with the Acts passage. This holy habit focuses on the phrase 'All the believers were together and had everything in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need' (Acts 2 v 44)

This has become a much more difficult topic with all the limitations surrounding Covid. We are unable to meet face to face, unable to visit, and cannot connect in our groups as before. Much of 21st century western culture encourages us to live separate, independent lives protecting our individuality, our privacy and our belongings. Covid has separated us even more and it is a challenge to still demonstrate and practice this holy habit. We are hoping to explore what having all things in common and providing for those in need could look like personally and collectively in holy living.

It is not just about offering others what you can spare. Nor is it about taking what you fancy. To share something means changing our relationship with that item. Sharing roles and gifts may mean accepting that a task is not completed as we would like it to be. Sharing ideas and thoughts can make us vulnerable. True sharing is about working together in an open, honest and thoughtful manner without any agendas. It can be costly and demanding, but an amazing transformational experience. Jesus came to earth to share everything with us. It was not just that he could do miracles, was the Son of God and gave us His teachings. He came to earth to share his humanity and spirituality. This is our biggest challenge

To this end we will divide the habit into 2 sections. In September we will focus on 'Share and share alike'. In October we will look at 'Sharing responsibility'. Our hope and prayer is that as well as being challenged you will be encouraged in this Holy Habit. Blessings to you all.

Mick and Ann Sumra

Marcus Muse

How are you getting on with the "New Normal"? The old normal feels like it was such a long time ago now and as much as we want to return to the old normal it is like a will-o'-the-wisp that eludes and confounds us.

"New Normal" is a shadow space of what was and what is yet to come. Shadows of the past overlapping with shadows of the future can equally comfort and distress us at the same time though each of us may experience this in different ways. Some of us will be mourning for something that has been lost while others will feel that it has served its time and are ready for the next new thing. There is no right or wrong about how a person will feel or not feel but being able to understand and support each other is what will give light in a world full of shadows.

While there is something unprecedented about these times, whole communities and countries have travelled through the shadow times before us. It is not surprising then to find that in the Bible the stories, prayers, poems, regrets and laments of communities and countries that went through such shadow times living in the "New Normal". Throughout the stories there is always vision of hope that God is calling the people to a better life and a better way of being. The light of God shines from behind and before us and so the shadows of the past and of the future that comfort and distress us are signs of Emmanuel, God with us.

New Normal will for the time being, be a state of flux for the time being and the shadows may disorientate and unsteady us at times, but human hope and God's light will always come through.

Marcus Jones

Children and family worker, North Cornwall Cluster of Churches

Thank you from St Petrocs

Staff and clients of St Petrocs would like to extend huge thanks to the community of the North Cornwall Cluster of Churches for continuing to support our clients throughout the pandemic.

We would like to thank you for the incredibly kind and generous regular donations of Morrisons grocery vouchers for our clients. The vouchers have proved to be an innovative solution to enable regular donations to continue despite shielding and social distancing putting a stop to physical, in-person grocery donations. It has been a way for supporters to maintain their donation without needing to risk their health by visiting the houses to provide groceries.

During recent times, we have been amazed by the amount of support offered from the Cornish communities.

The work of St Petrocs relies on the support we receive from individuals, businesses, churches and schools throughout Cornwall and we make every effort to ensure our services are available to those who need it most. Thanks to the Cornish Community, all our services have remained open throughout the pandemic, and we have assisted 146 people into accommodation since 1st April 2020.

Thank you once again for your support, without the help of people such as yourselves, our work here would not be able to continue.

Thanks from all the team at St Petrocs

From St Minver PCC Treasurer

I need hardly tell you that the Covid-19 situation has caused untold problems to many people and organisations. The decline in donations to the PCC churches is one such problem we face. A lack of attended weekly services, fund raising events and weddings has severely reduced the normal income.

I am so glad to say that some parishioners have worked out what they would have given in normal circumstances and sent this money to the churches. Many, many thanks for this (...you know who you are!)

Others have joined the Parish Giving Scheme to make a regular donation to which, in many cases, the Gift Aid contribution can be added. Again, many thanks to those who have done this.

Would you like to join them? I do hope so, we need you.

On the Cluster web site (<http://www.northcornwallclusterofchurches.org.uk>) on the "Giving" page, you can find details of how to make an on-line donation to any of the cluster parishes.

If you have any difficulties in putting any of this into practice, or would like more information on the Parish Giving Scheme, please contact me, Gus Guest, on 01208 863920 or by email at gusguest25@gmail.com.

St Peter's Church

The work on the refurbishment of St Peter's Church will be completed in the next two weeks. Unfortunately it may take longer to have the water connected, but we will be able to use the building for services and to organise members of the Community to see the alterations that have been made.

Our first Morning Service has been organised for at 9-30 am On Sunday October 18th. Before that we will need an army of volunteers to organise the space keeping to the Covid 19 regulations and to return the many precious items that have been stored away from the building. We will be working with Port Isaac Heritage to organise the exhibition space.



*New colour of outside.
Scaffolding is now down*

I would like to thank the residents of Canadian Terrace for allowing the scaffolding to be put at the bottom of their gardens and to residents of Fore Street who allowed access to water and the use of their drive to enable a portable toilet to be emptied. A special thanks must go to the Hills Foundation who allowed the front path to be dug up to enable water pipes to be laid. I am grateful to Barbara Hawkins who has renovated the small Altar cloth and has volunteered to restore the Frank McNichol painting and also Caroline Cleave who is to oversee the creation of a new cross to stand in front of the building.

I would also like to thank both Marion Larkin and Michael Wild who have worked with myself and the builders Roger Andrews Limited and the architect Jeremy Chadburn to create our modernised space, having to overcome unplanned extensive repairs, lockdown and the weather.

I would like to welcome you all when it is possible to organise visits to come and see the the 21st Century St Peter's Church.

*Pat Pearson
Chapel Warden*



This part of the kitchen is fixed to the wall. Sink under glass top. Fridge in cupboard.



Protecting the organ



Shows painting the Chancel new radiators, spot lights and Wainscoting.

SUNDAY SERVICES IN SEPTEMBER

If you would like to come, please contact Revd Elizabeth, stating the date, time and place of the church service you wish to attend.

Email: elizabeth-wild@live.co.uk Phone: 07758 407661

If that service is already full, we will let you know.

Please note that you must wear a face covering while attending church services and follow all Covid-19 precautions.

Please do not come if you are ill.

For online services visit

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Sunday 30th August

Online: Morning Worship
9.30am – Cluster Service at St Kew: Holy Communion
11am – Cluster Service at St Endellion:
Holy Communion

Sunday 6th September

Online: All Age Worship
9.30am – Cluster Service at St Minver: Holy Communion
11am – Cluster Service at St Kew: Holy Communion

Sunday 13th September

Online: Morning Worship
9.30am – Cluster Service at St Endellion:
Morning Worship
11am – Cluster Service at St Minver: Holy Communion
6pm – Cluster Service at St Kew: Evensong

Sunday 20th September

Online: Morning Worship
9.30am – Cluster Service at St Minver: Morning Worship
11am – Cluster Service at St Endellion: Holy Communion
6pm – Cluster Service at St Kew: Evensong

Sunday 27th September

Online: Taize Prayer
9.30am – Cluster Service at St Kew: Holy Communion
11am – Cluster Service at St Minver: Holy Communion
6pm – Cluster Service at St Endellion: Evensong



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The North Cornwall Book Festival 2020

As previously mentioned, it is with sadness that the above Festival is to be postponed until 7th - 10th October 2021.

In lieu of this year's book festival, a series of short films have been produced. They are 5- 15 minutes long and contain interviews with many of the authors who were due to attend this year. The authors talk about their new books, other wide-ranging points of interests and are filmed in their writing environs.

They can be found on www.ncornbookfest.org/north-cornwall-book-festival-at-home or look for North Cornwall Book Festival at Home on YouTube, Facebook, Instagram or Vimeo

The aim is to publish one every Friday and the first one was launched on 14th July with Patrick Gale. As well as an esteemed author he is the Festival's Artistic Director; the second is Petroc Trelawney, from *The Lizard* and of BBC Radio 3 fame; the third Amanda Craig, whose novel is based in Cornwall and the next is Rachel Joyce. Please check out the link for more.

For anyone who contributed to the Calor Gas fundraiser, a massive thank you, as an incredible £7000 was raised which will enable new lighting, sound equipment and staging to be purchased for use at all Endelienta events. In addition, we have been selected to go through to the final of this rural fundraiser and may receive further funds for additional projects.

Please share this information with your friends and thank you for your ongoing support.

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Next issue

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

14th September 2020

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



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Need support?

If you need a listening ear, spiritual guidance, or someone to pray with you, get in touch with Revd Elizabeth

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Worship online

Join us for weekly online worship services.

You can find these on our website and YouTube channel

Connect with us

Join our Facebook group to get to know us and enjoy community. This is our online space where we share news, ask for prayer, and spend time together

Giving

Your support enables the ministry of our churches to continue. Without it, we could not continue to reach out to our community or keep these ancient buildings open and alive with worship and welcome. If you'd like to donate, follow this QR code or head to www.northcornwallclusterofchurches.org.uk/giving

