## North Cornwall Cluster of Churches Newsletter March 2021



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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#### Holy Habits – Breaking Bread

'When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. 31 Then their eyes were opened and they recognised him...' - Luke 24:30-31

In the Gospels and Acts, 'breaking bread' has two meanings. The first is simply sharing an ordinary meal: Paul 'breaks bread' onboard a ship with soldiers and sailors, and the ordinary meal shared by two disciples on the road to Emmaus and Jesus is described as 'breaking bread' (Acts 27, Luke 24).

The second meaning of 'breaking bread' is remembering Jesus' death and resurrection in Holy Communion. Fledgling



early Christian communities met regularly in their homes to recall Jesus' words at the Last Supper and share Holy Communion (Acts 20, 1 Corinthians 11).

In both these meanings, there is something special about the action. Through the breaking of bread, Jesus is revealed; our eyes are opened and we recognise him.

We might be more familiar with encountering Jesus in Holy Communion. The church has long taught that God meets us in a special, mysterious way when we share bread and wine in the Eucharist. It is a powerful, physical way for us to meet with Jesus and receive the grace of God. But we also encounter him by sharing ordinary meals with others, finding, to our surprise, that the face of Jesus is revealed in the faces of our companions (the word 'companion' literally means 'one I share bread with').

In lockdown, we have sorely missed both these activities. Someone recently told me about a dream they had, where they found themselves in church coming forward to receive Communion. But when they reached the altar rail, the priest handed them coffee and cake! We are used to thinking of rituals and prayers as the most 'holy' part of a church service – but our time together talking, laughing, and sharing tea and biscuits is also sacred. We find Jesus there too.

Over the next two months, as we celebrate Holy Week and Easter, we will be thinking about both meanings, reflecting together on the grace, healing and power of God which flows when we break bread together.

Rev'd Rose Jones

### A lonely place

Isn't it just cold, dark, miserable and lonely these days? And isn't just too long now, indoors, alone, with nothing much to cheer us day by day? Isn't the lonely place just, well... lonely?

Or is it?! The quiet place, tucked out of the way, can also be the place of peace, the place of intimacy, where one is not disturbed by sudden distractions from the world. This is a place of longing too, a place of prayer. As Jesus said, "When you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. [...] Your Father, who sees what is done in secret, [...] knows what you need before you ask him (Matthew 6.6 & 8). Many of us have been praying during these strange times. Some of us have been praying in desperation, as our resources slip away. Others of us have been praying in anger or in grief, as we have lost loved ones. Maybe some of us are wondering if God even cares.

He does. Jesus taught us a prayer. So presumably, if He wants us to pray this prayer, it is that He wants to answer it. Otherwise why bother teaching it to us in the first place?! So God wants to say "yes" to our requests. What is this prayer? It is this: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed by you name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we also forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one." Matthew 6.9-13)

So, you see, if you have been praying this, you are laying in God's hands exactly what He wants you to lay there. We do not know what the answer will be, but we are called to ask. And to hope. And to trust He is able. God knows; God remembers; God cares. He knows the cries of our hearts. We have a choice: fear or faith about our future. Our times are in God's hands. He has not changed even if our situation has: He is working in all situations and is still in the midst of us. We are never really on our own at all. He is our hope.

Rev'd Corinne Tournay



# HOLY WEEK

#### MAUNDY THURSDAY 1st April 7pm Holy Communion St Peter's\*

### **GOOD FRIDAY**

2ND APRIL 10.30am All Age Service, St Kew\* 12 NOON REFLECTIONS AT THE CROSS, ST MINVER\*

**2-3PM GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE, ST ENDELLION\*** 

ONLINE SERVICE: GOOD FRIDAY REFLECTION

\*Booking Essential for all Holy Week and Easter Services. Please contact Revd Elizabeth, stating the date, time and place of the church service you wish to attend (Email or phone 07758 407661). If that service is already full, we will let you know.



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# EASTER

#### EASTER SUNDAY, 4TH APRIL

9.15AM HOLY COMMUNION, ST ENODOC

9.15AM HOLY COMMUNION, ST MICHAEL

9.30AM HOLY COMMUNION, ST KEW

**11AM EUCHARIST, ST ENDELLION** 

**11AM HOLY COMMUNION, ST PETER'S** 

**11AM HOLY COMMUNION, ST MINVER** 

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#### Return to public worship

From 14th March, we are delighted to be able to offer public worship in all of our churches again. For regular Sunday services, there will be no need to book in advance, although places are still limited.

#### Booking is essential for all Holy Week and Easter Services.

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 or phone 07758 407661). If that service is already full, we will let you know.

Please follow all of the safety advice you are given when you attend, and do not come if you are ill. Everyone attending church services must wear a face mask, except for those legally exempt.

Although we will be doing all that we can to make things safe, please be aware that there is still a risk, especially for those in vulnerable groups.

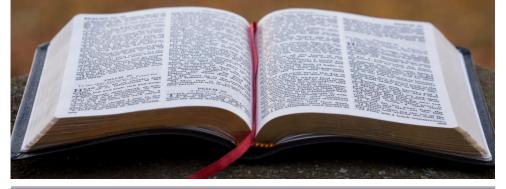
Online worship will continue to be available every week on the website, our facebook group and YouTube.

For more details please see our Coronavirus update page at northcornwallclusterofchurches.org.uk



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#### Next issue

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

18th March 2021

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#### **Cluster services and Events - March 2021**

Date	St Kew	St Peter's	St Endellion	St Minver	St Enodoc	St Michael
Sunday 7						
Lent 3	Online Morning Worship - no services in church					
Sunday 14 Mothering Sunday	9.30am Morning Worship	9.30am Holy Communion	11am Eucharist	11am Morning Worship	3pm Evensong	6pm Evensong
Online Service: Tuesday 16th – Morning Worship						
Sunday 21 Lent 5	9.30am Holy Communion	<b>9.30am</b> Morning Worship	11am Eucharist	<b>11am</b> Holy Communion	3pm Evensong	6pm Evensong
Online Service: Tuesday 23rd – Morning Worship						
Sunday 28 Palm Sunday	9.30am Morning Worship	9.30am Holy Communion	11am Eucharist	11am Morning Worship	<b>3pm</b> Holy Communion	6рт Evensong
Online Service: Tuesday 30th – Morning Worship						
For Holy Week and Easter services, see poster inside						



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