

North Cornwall
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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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Holy Habits - Breaking Bread

As Holy Week and Easter approach, it seems at once very natural and very unnatural to be thinking about breaking bread. Natural because in our prayers and readings we are journeying with Jesus on the road to Jerusalem: like his disciples, we burst through the glorious Palm Sunday gates, wait huddled in the dark garden of Gethsemane, weep at the foot of the cross with his mother. In Holy Week we re-live Christ's passion, receiving broken bread from his hands and hearing his gentle voice remind us that it is his broken body.

Yet it is also unnatural, because this year of all years, we are unable to participate in Holy Week, and particularly in the Eucharist, as we normally would. Our ancient, solemn rituals have become new and jarring. At the time we most need the comfort of this familiar journey, we are left feeling abandoned.

It is precisely in this unnaturalness, this dislocation, that we can find connection. This year we, the Body of Christ, approach Holy Week full of brokenness. This year we come bearing the wounds of the world. This year we ourselves feel the wrenching and tearing of Christ's passion; it is we who are broken.

But like Christ, like the bread torn in the Last Supper, this brokenness is not futile. Nothing is wasted: no tear, no sleepless night, no bitter prayer. God takes us, broken and torn as we are, and shares us with, and for, the world. As we come to Christ this Easter, let us bring our heaviness, our bruised spirits, our heartache; let us touch our scars to his, and be reminded of the unceasing, soul-quenching life God has wrought from those wounds. We, too, can be beacons of God's hope in a hopeless world. We, too, can witness to the boundless joy of resurrection at work in and through our pain. We too can find new life in brokenness.

Revd Rose Jones

A Message from St. Petrocs

Tony Smith has sent a message of thanks to all who sent money electronically to St Petrocs in Bodmin since the start of the pandemic. He has tried to thank people who left a contact but knows he hasn't managed to thank everyone personally. He says that the money we at the Cluster had sent for buying food at Morrisons was a real God-send but that alas over the Christmas period and this year St. Petrocs haven't received any donations at all. Please can we think about that?



It may be that some of us are sending money to St. Petrocs via cheques or standing orders. This money will not benefit Bodmin St. Petrocs in the same way as a donation straight to the local manager which enables him to buy fresh food locally.

When I talked to him recently I learned that Tony has moved to St. Petrocs in Newquay and our new contact at Bodmin is Gary Hales. Below are new details for sending contributions. They are received with heartfelt thanks:

Put www.morrisongiftcards.com into Google, follow the instructions and send the money to gary.hales@st.petrocs.org.uk

Please contact me if you have trouble with the website. Bridget 01208 881148

Living in Love and Faith

We are being invited by the Bishops of the Church of England to join a national conversation about gender, identity, sexuality, celibacy and relationships.



LIVING IN LOVE & FAITH

These are important and sensitive topics which touch all our lives deeply. They are fundamental questions about what it means to be human; to love and be loved; to be true to ourselves and faithful to God. Yet we often struggle to talk about them: we can feel shame, fear or uncertainty about how others will perceive us. Some of us have had painful experiences in the past, and are wary of opening up to others and risk being misunderstood or condemned. Knowing there is division and disagreement amongst Christians about these topics, we sometimes wish simply to avoid controversy.

To help us think about these important questions, the Church of England has produced a specially-designed small group course, Living in Love and Faith. The five-session course helps us look at changes in society, different understandings of scripture and tradition, and hear real-life stories from a variety of perspectives. It is carefully and gently put together to help us explore, share, learn and listen to one another and, most importantly, to God. At the end of our conversations we will have a chance to feedback our thoughts to the House of Bishops, who will be making important decisions about these issues. This is an opportunity both to contribute to the national conversation, and also to grow as Christians and a church community. Whether you have thought about these questions a lot or not at all, you are warmly invited to join us.

The five-week course will be held Mondays 7.30-9.30pm over Zoom, starting 19th April. If you would like to join the course, or if you have any questions or concerns, please contact Revd Rose on 01208 592353 or revrosejones@gmail.com.

To read more about Living in Love and Faith, please visit llf.churchofengland.org.

ONLINE SERVICES

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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



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Please contact Revd Elizabeth, stating the date, time and place of the church service you wish to attend (Email or phone 07758 407661).

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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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SLOW RETURN

As I write this in March we are preparing to resume public worship in our churches on Sunday, Mothering Sunday. It has been a long wait since just after Christmas! It is even longer since the middle of March 2020 when the first lockdown began. We have learned a lot in this time. We have been sustained by the remarkable availability of on-line worship. We have also perhaps learned that for those housebound by age or condition, this has been a time when they have been able to share once again in community worship. The possibility of receiving home communion in normal times does not quite bring the same sense of involvement. As we return, we may hope permanently, to public worship in our churches we will need to continue to sustain the worship life of those who are not able to be join us in person.



At the same time we have become more aware, perhaps, of the power of private prayer as we have sought to replace regular church-going and other community exercises within the confines of our own homes. It is well to remember that since the earliest days of the church there have been those who have sought solitude and isolation, either individually or communally, as a means of deepening their spiritual experience. Whilst a life cut off from normal human exchanges and experiences is not for all, there is something to be said for an occasional exposure to the contemplative life, removed from the daily and other distractions to which we are usually subject. There is a value in doing this voluntarily rather than under compulsion but lockdown has nevertheless given us a taste of the experience.

One possible topic of contemplation during these long months has been the state of the world around us. We may have become more aware of nature, in the birds and hedgerows and in the relative lack of insect life. Once the immediate effects of the pandemic ease we will need as a society to engage more seriously with the problem of global warming and its attendant consequences. We may find that the measures necessary to combat this crisis much more intrusive upon our accustomed way of life and much more long-lasting than the pandemic has been.

Andrew Lewis
Prebendary of Marnays

Annual Parish Church Meeting for St Minver

The Annual Parish Church Meeting for St Minver, together with St Enodoc and St Michael, will be held on Wednesday 28th April at 7pm in St Minver church. Normal Covid precautions will apply. Everyone on the electoral role is welcome. At the meeting reports for 2020, including the finances will be given and the church wardens elected for the coming year.

If any parishioners wish to raise any questions with the Parochial Church Council, please can they put them in writing to the PCC secretary.(post or email) at least a week before the meeting.

Jill Gompertz, PCC secretary. Email: jillgompertz@me.com

Good Friday

Family Service

2nd Apl 10.30am

St Kew
Church



A service with activities for children to tell the story of Good Friday in a covid-safe environment.

Please book with

Rev'd Elizabeth

07758407661

elizabeth-wild@live.co.uk

SAVE THE DATE

St Endellion and St Peter's Port Isaac churches are planning to hold a Fete on Wednesday 11th August in St. Endellion Hall and garden. Obviously this can only take place if all Covid restrictions have been lifted and everyone involved is happy with the situation at the time. Watch this space!



<http://www.facebook.com/groups/northcornwallcluster>

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Next issue

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

18th April 2021

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

Cluster services and Events - April 2021

| Date | St Kew | St Peter's | St Endellion | St Minver | St Enodoc | St Michael |
|--|-------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Thursday 1 Maundy Thursday* | | 7pm Holy Communion | | | | |
| Friday 2 Good Friday* | 10.30am All Age Service | | 2-3pm Good Friday Service | 12noon Reflections at the Cross | | |
| Sunday 4 Easter Sunday* | 9.30am Holy Communion | 11am Holy Communion | 11am Eucharist | 11am Holy Communion | 9.15am Holy Communion | 9.15am Holy Communion |
| Online Service: Easter Reflection | | | | | | |
| Sunday 11 | 9.30am Morning Worship | 9.30am Holy Communion | 11am Eucharist | 11am Morning Worship | 3pm Evensong | 6pm Evensong |
| Online Service: Tuesday 13th – Morning Worship | | | | | | |
| Sunday 18 | 9.30am Holy Communion | 9.30am Morning Worship | 11am Eucharist | 11am Holy Communion | 3pm Evensong | 6pm Evensong |
| Online Service: Tuesday 20th – Evensong | | | | | | |
| Sunday 25 | 9.30am Morning Worship | 9.30am Holy Communion | 11am Eucharist | 11am Morning Worship | 3pm Holy Communion | 6pm Evensong |
| Online Service: Tuesday 27th – Morning Worship | | | | | | |
| *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. | | | | | | |
| Weekly Services: 8.30am Tuesday Holy Communion (BCP) St Endellion | | | | | | |

Correct at time of printing. Please check weekly pew sheets for more information



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