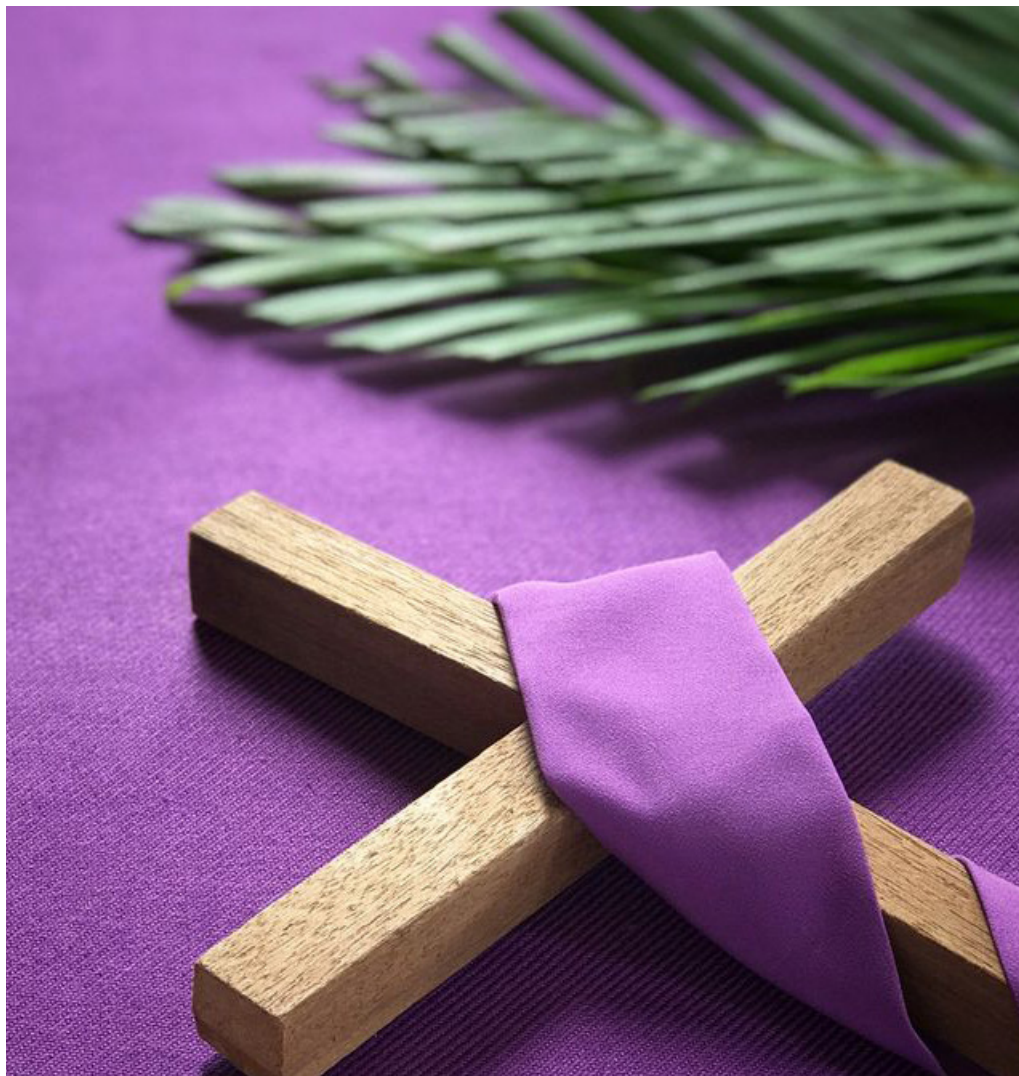


North Cornwall Cluster of Churches Newsletter

March 2022



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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Lent

As we begin March, our Churchwarden's have already met with the Rural Dean & Archdeacon and our PCC's have met and chosen representatives who will work with our appointed transition advisor. While there is much to do, there is also the temptation to run ahead of God and do things in our own strength.

It is then we must remember whose Church it is, whose mission it is and whose glory it is! God is sovereign, Jesus Christ is head of the Church and it is the Holy Spirit who leads and guides us all.

As we approach Lent we have opportunity to:

STOP: Just stop and create space every day for Jesus.

PRAY: Meet with Jesus in the quiet place, settle and let the stresses and strains of the day fade and Jesus come into view. No need for shopping lists of prayers, or anything complicated, simple prayers, scriptures and worship will do.

LISTEN: What kind of relationship is it where one person speaks all the time and the other never gets a word in! Wait on God, listen and hear what the Holy Spirit has to say to you.

ACT: Once you hear from God, do what he tells you, nothing more, nothing less.

By doing this we can trust God and remain in perfect peace as we continue in our time of transition and begin our 'on the way' process together.

My prayer for us all this Lent is that we will experience Jesus Christ in a very tangible and real way, that our faith will be strengthened and deepened, that we would grow in love for God and each other and together seek to build God's Kingdom in North Cornwall.

Rev'd Geraldine.

Valentine's Day!

Let's celebrate! Or not... Some of you may be grieving the death of your Valentine since you celebrated it last year. Some of you may be grieving because the one you thought was your Valentine simply chose to leave. Some of you may never have had a Valentine. And yet, we continue to celebrate Valentine's Day. Why?!

Who was he anyway?! Well, it seems there were two! The first, a Roman Christian priest martyred on the Flaminian Way under Emperor Claudius around 269AD and, the other, a Bishop of Terni (Interamna) taken to Rome to be martyred, and whose remains were later taken back to Terni. Clearly, these men had been touched by the love of Jesus and were not prepared to deny Him to save their skin. They preferred Him over their own life. Now THAT is love. Total, selfless, sacrificial, love. The kind of love we are called to give even if there appears to be no love expressed to us in return.

Thankfully, expressing such love does not always lead to martyrdom, or there would not be many of us left! So where else can such love be expressed? In the relationship we have with our beloved. Women expressing their love to their husbands. Men expressing their love to their wives. Those who have chosen lifelong love for each other. Faithful, love. Love exclusively for one's beloved.

Now, doesn't that remind you of Another One's love for you? He is like the leopard: He never changes His spots. He never changes, full stop. He IS Love and He will never stop BEING Love. It is IMPOSSIBLE for Him to stop loving you! And His love is most extraordinary: He loves you so much that He is able to love you just as you are, and He loves you so much that will stretch you to change you into the perfect person He created you to be! His name is not Valentine. It is Jesus.

All His blessings and love be with each of you reading this today.

Reverend Corinne Tournay, retired in the North Cornwall Cluster of Churches.

LENT 2022: Giving up or Taking up!

Lent is traditionally a time for giving something up as part of the Lent fast. Chocolate and wine come to mind from past experiences!!! It is a valuable practice and if the Holy Spirit leads you then go for it for God will surely meet you in and through it.

Have you ever thought about taking something up in Lent? Changing an aspect of your daily routine to include something that helps you to focus on God? There are heaps to choose from, here are a few ideas:

- Using Fair Trade products or doing your bit to reduce climate change while thinking and praying about climate justice issues.
- Go for a walk each day if you can while giving thanks to God for creation.
- Thanksgiving each day for 3 blessings you have received.
- Remove a piece of clutter from your house each day and put it in a charity shop bag, ask God to remove the 'clutter' from your life.
- Start a Lent prayer diary or journal.
- Attempt to slow life down and be mindful of God in everything you do.
- Find ways to be kind to others each day and then pray for them (or with them)
- Daily readings in Lent via books or apps.
- Be inspired by a saint! Past or present and read about them asking God to help you follow their example.
- Meditate each day on our transition prayer
- Attend one of our Lent courses.

I'm sure you have many other ideas, and it would be great to share them with your fellowship or discipleship groups. The list is endless and as you pray through Lent and listen to the Lord either through 'giving up' or 'taking up', I hope that it is a time of deepening of faith and preparing all our hearts to celebrate Christ's glorious resurrection at Easter.

St Peter's Church Update

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who contacted me regarding the missing tiles on both sides of the Nave roof. Unless I go up Roscarrock Hill with binoculars I cannot see one side of the roof. These tiles were repaired recently but unfortunately this weekend we lost more tiles from the Chancel roof. If anyone notices anything amiss please do not hesitate to let me know.

Megan Rees has taken up training as a Local Worship Leader and on Sunday February 20th she took Morning Worship. The congregation sat in a circle for the service making it more intimate. We wish Megan well in her training and look forward to her taking more services.

The church is working with Gavin Tyler to find ways that we can use the church to be able to store food for the community to access at the weekend. We are in the early stages of planning and hope that this scheme will be available in the near future.

We are planning a Community Service of Thanksgiving for the Queen's Jubilee on Sunday 5th June to be held at 10-30 in St Peter's just before the community lunch.

In July working with the Heritage group we are planning to exhibit paintings by local artists in church as part of the Port Isaac Art Week 25th - 29th July. This should be an exciting venture.

Services are at 9-30 am every Sunday. The first and third weeks are Morning Service and the second and fourth weeks are Holy Communion. Coffee and biscuits are available at the end of the services. Everyone is welcome at our services.

Pat Pearson, Chapel Warden

What do you know about County Lines?

The Clewer Initiative, which works in partnership with the Mothers' Union, has organised a short workshop for parents, grandparents and guardians on March 17th from 10am -11am which can be accessed via Zoom. The session will outline the issue of county lines, how parents, grandparents and guardians can be aware of the issue and able to spot the signs and respond. County lines drug trafficking is the practice of trafficking drugs into rural areas and similar towns, away from major cities. Traffickers recruit vulnerable children as drug dealers. Some young people are recruited via 'debt bondage', whereby they enter county lines to pay off drug debts. Others take part of their own volition, owing to boredom and a lack of legitimate opportunities in marginalised communities.

In addition the Clewer Initiative has just launched 'Children in the Shadows' - a new resource for Lent 2022. Week by week they will explore the various forms of child exploitation in the UK and overseas, the scale of the abuse, some of the push factors and the need for us all to increase our awareness and effective response.

If you would like to know more please contact Kerstin who can supply the relevant links.

Lady Day Service

Truro Cathedral

Saturday 26th March 11.00am

Bishop Hugh presiding Dean Roger
preaching

Procession of MU banners

All welcome - especially non members

Prayer Book Society
Truro Branch

Cranmer Day Celebration

Wednesday March 23rd at Truro
Cathedral, 3.30pm Tea and biscuits

4.00pm Talk by Dean Roger -
The Legacy of Cranmer

5.30pm Choral BCP Holy Communion

All welcome - especially non members

PBS

Weekly Online Church of England Services

Did you know that you can sign up for the weekly online Church of England Services by adding your details via: <https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/church-online/weekly-online-services>. It's a great resource, you can watch them on catch up or share the link with friends and family who are unable to get to church at the minute. Let's share church folks!

Upcoming Joint Services in March

We have had an exciting opportunity for the fellowship at St.Kew and St.Minver Churches to join together for Morning worship! This will start in March and will continue fortnightly. On 13th at St. Kew and 27th March at St. Minver. Both services will start at 11am. Please do come and support the Local worship leaders and worship band as they work together to bring a vibrant and creative service. All are welcome.

BOOK REVIEW

'God in Search of Man- A philosophy of Judaism' and 'The Prophets' by Abraham Heschel.

The lockdowns gave space for lots of new activities and some of you might have heard that over the last year I resolved to read the bible cover to cover, following the Bible Projects programme, linked to their videos and podcasts. It led me down a few interesting by roads and these books were one of them. This author, who died in the 1990's, was one they recommended especially when I was deep in the Old Testament and the prophets. He was a highly respected American rabbi, theologian, Hebrew scholar. His mother and sisters were killed by the Nazis in Poland, he fled at the last moment in 1939. He marched with Martin Luther King and was passionate about human rights.

'The Prophets' is a major work that takes you into the Old Testament and lots of its hidden meaning. I learnt and am still learning so much from this book. Highly recommended if you get muddled about what those prophets were writing about, all placed within their context and Israel's history. I was also led to look at one of his other books, by the title as much as anything.

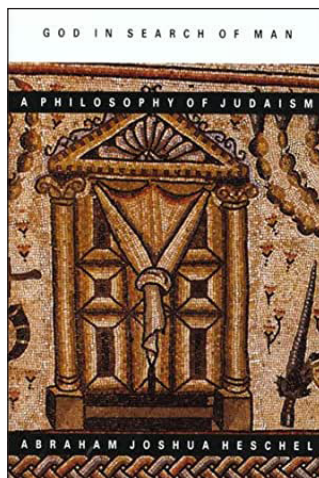
Much as I state this is a book review, I must admit 'God in Search of Man' was a bit above my paygrade. But that said it contains some real gems, sentences that make you stop reading, and make you think and think deeply (the title for a start!). Well worth it just for that.

And here at the start of the book is an example, this extract is from the opening paragraph which hits you between the eyes, as relevant to the Christian church as to the Jewish one. See what you make of it, it will disturb you like it did me. Very relevant to us especially in this time of transition and 'On the Way' about to start in the deanery.

"It is customary to blame secular science and anti-religious philosophy for the eclipse of religion in modern society. It would be more honest to blame religion for its own defeats. Religion declined not because it was refuted, but because it became irrelevant, dull, insipid. When faith is completely replaced by creed, worship by discipline, love by habit; when the crisis of today is ignored because of the splendour of the past; when faith becomes an heirloom rather than a living fountain; when religion speaks only in the name of authority rather than the voice of compassion- its message becomes meaningless".

Does our message have meaning?

David Elliott





ENDELIENTA

Arts and Spirituality in North Cornwall

St Mary's Singers

Saturday 5th March, 7.30pm, St Endellion Church. £10. Accompanied under 16s free

Founded in 1985 by David Cheetham and now directed by Andrew Wyatt, St Mary's Singers exist primarily to sing at Truro Cathedral services. The forty-strong chamber choir has sung a liturgical Passion on Palm Sunday for several years, in addition to: services, concerts, weddings and other special events. They sing a range of music, both secular and sacred, and from all centuries, medieval to present-day.



Previously, St Mary's Singers have collaborated with the Rambert Dance Company, Monteverdi String Band and The Gesualdo Six, and have been broadcast live on BBC Radio.

Endelienta Make Club

Saturday 12th March, 10am-12pm. St Endellion Parish Hall £5 per family

Each month we have new creative ideas to keep the whole family busy. The Make Club is a fun space to explore, create and get messy. Each workshop is led by inspirational artists and makers and there are always enough materials available for caregivers to participate as well.

To book tickets, visit: www.endelienta.org.uk

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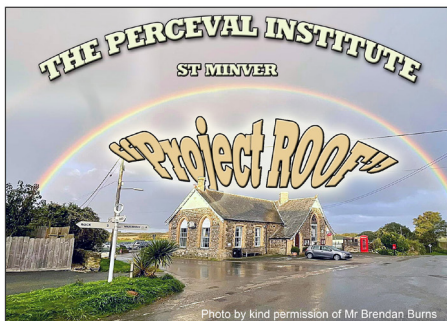
Programmed days with visiting authors and workshops will be held on Saturday 24th & Sunday 25th September with Evenings of Music / Poetry on Thursday 22nd, Friday 23rd & Saturday 24th September

In addition to the Book Festival we are introducing a number of Author Events which will take place throughout 2022.

Patrick Gale will be discussing his new book 'Mother's Boy' on 12th April (1.15pm) at St James' Church, St Kew (please go to the littleboxoffice.com/endelienta)

Rachel Joyce will be talking about her book 'Marion' on 19th May at St Endellion Hall (please go to the website www.ncornbookfest.org)

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Tuesday, 8th March
1030-1200

Coffee Morning!

Refreshments
 Book Stall
 Cake Stall
 Bric-a-brac

Donations for the roof gratefully accepted

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2 - 4 pm
 Refreshment and Entertainment
 To help loneliness in a secure setting.

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Cluster services and Events - March 2022

| Date | St Kew | St Peter's | St Endellion | St Minver | St Enodoc | St Michael |
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| Ash Wednesday 2 | | | 7.30pm Eucharist & Ashing | 10am Holy Communion & Ashing | | |
| Sunday 6 | 9.30am Holy Communion | 9.30am Morning Worship | 11am Eucharist | 11am St Minver United Service Holy Communion | | |
| Sunday 13 | 11am Joint Morning Worship | 9.30am Holy Communion | 11am Eucharist | 11am Joint Morning Worship at St Kew | 3pm Baptism | 6pm Evensong |
| Sunday 20 | 9.30am Holy Communion | 9.30am Morning Worship | 11am Eucharist | 11am Holy Communion | 3pm Evensong | 6pm Evensong |
| Sunday 27 Mothering Sunday | 9.30am Joint Morning Worship at St Minver | 9.30am Holy Communion | 11am Eucharist | 11am Joint Morning Worship | 3pm Holy Communion | 6pm Evensong |
| Weekly Services: 8.30am Tuesday Holy Communion (BCP) St Endellion | | | | | | |

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