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Late
September
Edition



Penwith Deanery News

Sharing the good news around Penwith

There is lots going on around the Deanery at this time of Harvest Celebration including services and suppers and lots of other events. Please try and support what you can as it is an ENORMOUS encouragement to all those who host services, celebrations and events.

It is a huge privilege to be able to travel around and meet so many of you who work so tirelessly within your respective Parishes and Benefices. I have been asked to make it clear that it is myself, the Deanery Administrator that is undertaking visits at the moment. Our Rural Dean Rev'd Nick is of course hoping to undertake visits in the future and these will be well publicised within Penwith Deanery News at that time.



Spotlight on St Gwinear Parish Church

It was a joy to meet with members of Gwinear PCC recently.

Gwinear Church serves four villages that make up the Parish; Gwinear Churchtown, Wall, Reawla and Carnhell Green. It is the most Easterly Parish in Penwith Deanery and like so many rurally situated churches has suffered substantial loss of community events and Parish life since the pandemic hit our shores.

The PCC however, are keen to renew times of friendship and fellowship and while the annual church fete is no longer held, the church community continues to hold various smaller fund raising events throughout the year. These include bi-monthly coffee mornings, summertime 'Cornish cream teas' and the 'Teddy Bear's Picnic' celebration and fundraisers. During the winter months, Margaret's popular 'sausage & mash' fundraiser is always well supported. Gwinear church family continues to support St Petroc's Society and the farming community's network charities as well as Hayle food-bank. The mens' breakfast which is held quarterly is well supported within the Parish and the church hall also serves the local community, hosting a regular playgroup. While prayerfully and expectantly awaiting the appointment of a new priest to lead and serve alongside them, the PCC is committed to building a stronger and more vibrant parish community. They have exciting plans to refurbish the Church entrance, the vestry, kitchen and WC facilities and installing a new heating system. Even so, a 'warm welcome' awaits all, both parishioners and visitors alike, to the church each day. Gwinear has an active mission and ministry outlook with a Pastoral Assistant and retired Worship Leader still active in the church family. Their local ministry is promoted further by collaborative and ecumenical partnership with nearby Wall Methodist Church. Do pay them a visit... you will be made to feel very welcome.

SCARECROW FESTIVAL

Scarecrow Trail around Pendeen
24th September – 1st October 2023.
Entries welcomed from individuals, families, children,
community groups and businesses.
£2 entry fee by 15th September, please.

Enjoy the fun
of creating a
scarecrow for
the whole
community to
enjoy.
There will be
a 'people's
choice'
winner.



The theme is
'BOOKS' –
Willy Wonka,
Cinderella,
Oliver Twist,
The Worst Witch,
Harry Potter,
James Bond,
Paddington Bear
..... endless
possibilities!

Check out the video to get inspired!
<https://youtu.be/iHaSwY4070>
Entry forms available mid-August from the church.
Sponsors for the festival would be welcomed.
Contact mary.pendeenchurch@gmail.com
for more details.



The Deanery Implementation Team

Q. What is a Deanery Implementation Team (DIT)?

A Deanery Implementation Team is a body of people responsible for implementing the different aspects of Deanery Plans that have been agreed and endorsed by Synod. DIT's are made up of people who submitted interest in joining the team back when the 'On the Way' process began and whose appointment to the DIT has been approved by the Archdeacon who has overall

Scarecrow Fun Trail around Pendeen

Pendeen is holding a Scarecrow Festival this week from Sunday 24th through to Sunday 1st October. Follow the trail of scarecrows around the village and vote for the Peoples' Choice best scarecrow.

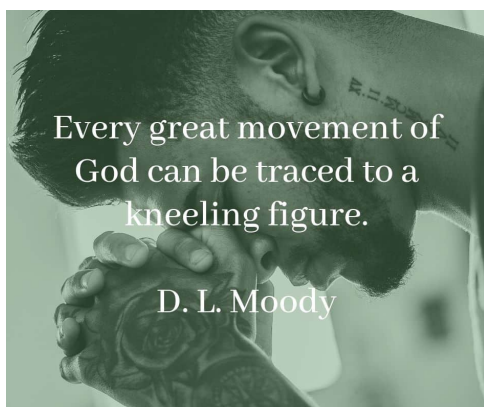


responsibility in making sure Deanery Plans are implemented.

Every Deanery has an appointed DIT and benefices/parishes have representative members that not only represent their benefice/parish, but who importantly champion the implementation of the agreed Deanery Plan. At the last meeting of the Penwith DIT, it was felt important and therefore agreed, to include the list of representatives for each of Penwith Deanery's Parishes/Benefices.

Your Representatives are...

Mike Laramy, Carbis Bay/Lelant Benefice;
Kay Short – Gulval, Madron & Heamoor Benefice;
Mary Wooding – Penlee Cluster
Fiona Vinnicombe – Land's End Benefice;
Rev Nick Widdows – St Ives Benefice;
Rev Karsten Wedgewood – Penwith Pilgrims;
Daniel Garside – Towednack & Zennor Benefice;
Maureen Edwards – Mounts Bay Benefice;
Helen Purchase – Godrevy Benefice.



Every great movement of
God can be traced to a
kneeling figure.

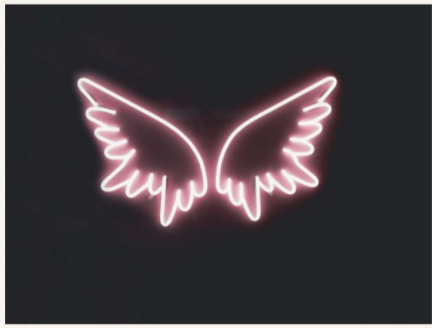
D. L. Moody

St Michael & All Angels 24 Hour Prayer and Worship

This coming Friday and Saturday, St Mary's Church in Penzance will be hosting a 24 hour prayer and worship event to which they warmly invite you to join them.

The event will run from noon of Friday 29th to noon Saturday 30th September and will incorporate a sequence of both worship and prayer. The hope is that a chain of unbroken prayer will bring friends, communities and churches together to seek and encounter the presence of God.

There will be an open space for worship, seven immersive prayer stations, each with a different theme and a long table at which participants will



24 hour prayer & NightChurchPZ



What is NightChurchPZ?

"The people who walk in darkness will see a great light; those who live in a dark land, the light will shine on them." (Isaiah 9:2)

be able to enjoy a meal together that will be catered for, at times throughout the 24 hour programme. There will be further prayer sessions occurring in the Celtic Chapel and areas for creative workshops. It promises to be a time of encouragement and blessing.

There is a sign-up sheet in each of the Penlee Cluster Churches should you be based in the Penzance area. Alternatively we are invited to pray from our own homes, giving thanks for all that God has done and is doing, and to pray for the ongoing needs of the Penzance community.

If you are keen to support the 24 hour prayer event by attending in person, but do not live in the Penzance area then please do email admin@penleecluster.org.uk to let them know your intention. I know they will be delighted to have you join them.

In connection with the 24 hour prayer and worship event, Penlee Cluster of Churches has a vision to serve Penzance through Night Church ministry.

It will be a holy place of sanctuary where all are welcome, irrespective of socio-economic background. Where there is no judgement and no agenda, other than to express God's love through unconditional hospitality and sensitivity to the needs of all who find their way to them.

Evolving organically according to the needs and wishes of those who visit, it will be a place where regardless of beliefs, doubts, addiction or pain, people are accepted and loved.

Based at St Mary's Church, planning is underway for NightChurchPZ to open fortnightly on a Saturday night between 9pm and 3am with a minimum of 10 volunteers, including two first aiders. They will welcome people, serve hot drinks and snacks, and lend a supportive and

listening ear. There will be prayer teams both on site and people praying from home/via zoom throughout the night.

Everyone is welcome to NightChurchPZ. The homeless, night shift workers, the poor, the wealthy, revellers, business people, those who are church curious, stag/hen parties, holiday makers – indeed anyone out and about in Penzance.

Please cover this initiative in continuing prayer over the weeks and months ahead.

Pendeen & Morvah Community Lunches



I couldn't help but smile as I paused in the foyer of the Pendeen Parish/Community Hall when I visited recently. There was a real 'buzz' of lively conversation coming from the other side of the door that demonstrated beautifully the extent of the community relationships and friendships experienced among those enjoying the weekly community meal. Providing hot savoury lunches, a dessert and cup of tea or coffee at an affordable price is something that has been on the menu at Pendeen every week for over thirty five years.

Initially the idea of parishioners at Pendeen Parish Church, the volunteers who provide meals to local residents are now a mix of community volunteers and parishioners from Pendeen Church and Morvah Church. When I popped in last week, the team of Monica, Helen and Pauline (L-R in the above photo), were busy serving up a roast chicken dinner which looked and certainly smelled rich! Following the mains, pudding was banana pancakes with caramel sauce, and all washed down with a cup of tea or coffee. I was informed that popular menu choices, were roast dinners, savoury pies with veg and nutritious casseroles and stews. There is also a vegetarian option if preferred!

All who were in attendance were regulars, and from all sorts of backgrounds locally, ranging in age from younger to not so young! For most if not all, and certainly for those who live alone, the weekly get together not only provides nutritious meals that they perhaps wouldn't or couldn't cook for themselves, but the building of relationships and friendships has helped alleviate isolation and

loneliness. There was certainly a lot of cheery banter and laughter as I spoke to various people around the tables.

It may be, that your church has suitable facilities available, either at your church or church hall and perhaps you could consider what you can do to provide a warm, welcoming space for those who may feel marginalised and who are lonely. It doesn't have to be cooking and serving a hot meal, but maybe it can be cups of tea and board games for a couple of hours of an afternoon?



FOR PRAYER

Pray for the Benefice of Towednack and Zennor and the ongoing ministry and outreach within those local areas and the church family serving in these two churches.

Pray for Rev Elizabeth Foot as she continues to serve the Lord among the communities of Towednack and Zennor.

Pray for the members of Penwith Deanery Implementation Team and for Daniel our Project Support Officer who aides and supports the discussions as the DIT move forward with the Deanery Plan in the weeks and months ahead.

Pray for our Rural Dean, Nick, his wife Claire and their family as they holiday over this coming fortnight.

Events coming up

**Don't forget Rev'd Jo's Ordination...
19th October @ 7pm. See poster
below.**

Pray for our Penwith Archdeacon Paul and for Bishop Hugh as they seek to lead us from Truro Diocese, especially as they seek to appoint a replacement Bishop of Truro in the months ahead.

Pray for those Benefices that are still awaiting appointment of a Priest to lead them and serve alongside them in ministry.

We continue to pray for all Parishes in a time of transition...


Dear Lord, our God and Father,
in this time of transition, give us eyes to see
Your presence in our lives;
Ears to discern Your voice and will;
Lips to speak Your words and hands to do
Your work.

Grant us grace and go before us as we see
Your Holy Spirit's counsel, as we continue
to live in community during this time, and
as we prepare for the arrival of a new priest
in our midst.

We pray this through Jesus Christ, and for
the sake of His kingdom, in sure and certain
hope of your promises to us.
Amen.



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RSVP: PENWITHDEANERY@GMAIL.COM

"the one who calls you is faithful"

1 THESSALONIANS 5:24



**A FREE ORGAN RECITAL
IN PENDEEN CHURCH TR19 7SF
ON SATURDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER
AT 7PM**

You are invited to a **FREE** organ recital by
renowned Organist **Christopher Cipkin**
MA from Reading



No need to book.

The programme will be followed by light
refreshments. A leaving donation, in aid of the
Morvah Church Windows fund, would be
appreciated.

EVERYONE WELCOME

Free parking is available opposite the entrance to the church graveyard.
The church building has good level access for those with mobility issues.
Limited toilet facilities are available, but not to those with mobility issues.



Breakfast Club

First Thursday of the month

8:30-10:30am

St Buryan Church – Café area

Everyone welcome!

Get your day off to a positive start!
Drop in and enjoy Tea, Coffee, OJ, Toast,
Croissants, Bacon, Fruit ...and a chat!

**Suggested donation £2.50 – all proceeds
for the upkeep & ministry of the Church**



Any questions contact Fiona 07846 230189

*The Breakfast Club is part of St Buryan Church's
'A Warm Welcome' project funded by a grant from
the Diocesan's Energy Mission Fund.*



Organ Recital Pendeen Church 30th September
2023 7pm - 8.30pm Light Refreshments to
follow.

Christopher Cipkin began his musical career as a boy chorister of Leeds Parish Church, now Leeds Minster, under the direction of Dr. Simon Lindley. Whilst still at School, he served as organist of St Luke's church, Cleckheaton, before holding organ scholarships at the University of Keele and Newcastle Cathedral during further studies. His career as an academic librarian led him to work at the University of Reading between 1997 and 2013, which included five years serving as music librarian. He was also organist to the University, and held posts at Wesley Methodist Church and Reading Minster. He served as both Secretary and President of the Berkshire Organists' Association (2007-2012). From 2013 till 2019, Christopher worked for the University of Birmingham, continuing his freelance recital work alongside serving both as organist to St Anne's, Moseley and as a Council member of the Birmingham Organists' Association. In 2019, he took up post as Director of Library at Royal Holloway, University of London, and now plays for his local parish church, St Paul's Wokingham. Christopher has studied under several eminent British organists, including Michael Harris, James Lancelot, and Timothy Byram-Wigfield, he has also studied choral conducting with leading Dutch director, Jan Joost van Elberg. He holds an MA in Musicology from the University of Reading, as well as the Associate diploma of the Royal College of Organists.

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11am

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10am - 12 noon

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