

Penwith Deanery News Sharing the good news across Penwith

Come, let us worship and bow down. Let us kneel before the Lord our maker.

Psalm 95:6



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For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the LORD

Luke 2:11

Welcome...

to our latest and last edition of Penwith Deanery News for 2023.

We read in the scriptures that the majority of people missed the cosmic events of that

first Christmas. People carried on with business as usual and only a few were made aware that they were witnessing a turning point in history. The same can be said today, people don't necessarily oppose or hate God, they are simply preoccupied and busy and God and spiritual things don't concern them.

Let's do all that we can to encourage others to meet with the Prince of peace this Christmas. The watching and waiting of the Advent season is about to give way to the joyful celebration of Jesus' birth and this edition of PDNews is filled with information about services, and events - opportunities, across our deanery, to which you can invite loved ones, friends, neighbours and work colleagues to attend with you this Christmas and hear, perhaps for the first time, the wonderful truth that God was born as man, He is 'Immanuel' GOD with us.

Can I take this opportunity to thank you for your support and encouragement since being in post as Deanery Administrator. I look forward to us further strengthening relationships across our churches and benefices within the deanery in 2024.

God bless, Sarah

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YOU ARE INVITED TO FAMILIES@4

Christingle

SUNDAY 17TH DECEMBER 4PM

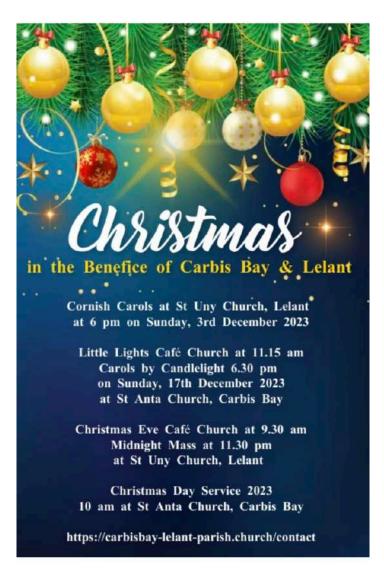
ST THOMAS'S HEAMOOR

FOR THE FAMILIES OF GULVAL, M ADRON & HEAMOOR









Madron, Gulval & Heamoor Churches What's on this Christmas season? Sunday 17th December St Thomas's Feast Carol Service 10am St Thomas, Heamoo Holy Communion 11am **Gulval Church** Families@4 Christingle St Thomas, Heamoor 4pm Tree of Light Carol Service 6pm Gulval Church Wednesday 20th December 6.30pm Madron Church Village Carol Service Sunday 24th December - Christmas Eve **Holy Communion** 9.30am St Thomas, Heamoor **Gulval Church** Matins 11am Holy Communion Madron Church 11am St Thomas, Heamoo Midnight Communion 10pm Midnight Communion 11.30pm Gulval Church 11.30pm Madron Church Midnight Communion Monday 25th December - Christmas Day Family Service followed by 10.30am Gulval Church Family Service followed by 10.30am Madron Church Holy Communion



St Erth Community Cafe

St Erth Church Hall every Friday from 12 noon till 3pm, during the cold winter months.

Come and relax in a warm and welcoming environment.

Light refreshments available and free Wi-Fi

What's on in Pendeen Church this December?

Sunday, 26th November 11.15am Christ the King, Pendeen Praise

Friday, 1st December 2pm Christingle Service

Saturday, 2nd December 10.30-3.30pm Advent Quiet Day with simple lunch

Sunday, 3rd December 11.15am Communion Service with Children's Church

> Friday, 8th December 1.30pm Children's Ark Nativity Service

Sunday 10th December 5pm Carols with the Animals Bring your pets with you

Sunday 17th December 11.15am Communion Service with Children's Church

Carols in the Square for everyone 3pm

Monday, 18th December 2pm Pendeen School's Christmas Play

Thursday 21st December 7pm The Service of the Longest Night (Blue Christmas)

A space to acknowledge that Christmas is a difficult time for many because of ongoing wars and crises in the world and/or personal grief & difficulties for us

Sunday 24th December 4pm

Nativity Service for all the family Come and dress up as a shepherd, wise man, angel, sheep or donkey as we act out the Christmas story

> Monday 25th December 10.30am Christmas Day Communion Service

Sunday 31st December 11.15am New Year Communion Service with Children's Church

Prayer Focus

Pray for the Penwith Pilgrims benefice and the church families of Pendeen, Morvah and St Just.

Pray for the Rev Karsten Wedgewood priest in charge of the benefice and for Rev Brin Berriman who supports Karsten in priestly service and ministry. Pray for our Rural Dean, Rev Dr Nick Widdows and his wife Claire and their family as Nick continues to support ministry within the deanery.

Pray for all the Christmas services, events and activities over these next two weeks, that the Holy Spirit of God will be at work in people's hearts and minds as they visit our churches or engage with us in community events.

Vine Lessons & Carols by Candlelight

Tues 19 Dec – 6:30pm

in St Buryan Church









"Come and Join

Angels of Hope

Informal Sunday Service for Advent



St Buryan Church

Sunday 17 December 2023 at 10am

Drinks, warmed pastries and mince pies served before and after the service







Penlee Cluster

Christmas Carols in the pub

Back by popular demand! We'll be in the Red Lion in Newlyn on Saturday 23rd of December at 7.30pm - if you enjoy singing carols then please come and join us! If you'd like further info please call Derath on 07962 168440.



Hayle, St Elwyn's

Angel Festival 16th - 19th December 10am-3pm

If you are in or around Hayle this coming week, St Elwyn's (up the hill, opposite the turning for North Quay) are continuing to host their Festival of Angels until 19th December inclusive. When I visited this week the happy team of volunteers who were welcoming visitors included Annette, Felicity and retired Rev'd John serving tea/coffee and biscuits and enjoying the opportunity to meet and greet people as they perused the many angels within the church, all of which have been handmade.

The Festival was the idea of members, Patricia Morton and Pat Sangar who have filled the church space with angels of all sorts and types. Contributors have included members from other churches within the Godrevy benefice, and various community groups in Hayle as well as children from the local schools, with the display providing an interesting setting for them and their parents when attending their School year group Christmas services. There is no charge to visit, but donations are gratefully received.















Soup Lunch

Third Thursday of the month 12:00 - 2pm

in St Buryan Church

Soup, bread, cake, fruit, tea & coffee

f - Pay what you can – all proceeds for the upkeep & ministry of the Church Any questions contact Fiona - 07846 230189

The Soup Lunch is part of St Buryan Church's

"A Warm Welcome" project funded by a grant from
the Diocesan's Energy Mission Fund.



St Senara's Church, Zennor Christmas Tree Festival

A Christmas Tree Festival is being held at Zennor Church from December 15th until January 5th with the decorated Church open from 10am until 4pm daily.

The church family at Zennor look forward to you visiting.





COMMUNITY CAFÉ
Phillack Church Hall
Thursdays
12 noon til 3pm.
ALL WELCOME



Penlee Cluster

Christingle: Message Of Hope

Monday 18th - 2pm at St. Mary's church and live streamed.

Christmas Eve 24th December

8.30am - Said Communion at St Mary's church, Penzance.

4pm: Family Christmas story around the campfire at Paul Quiet Garden.

7.30pm: Early bird Midnight Mass with Strings group at St Mary's church, Penzance.

9pm: Christmas Communion with carols at Paul church.11pm: Traditional Midnight Mass at St Peter's Newlyn.

Christmas Day.

8am -1662 Christmas Communion at Paul church.

10am - Informal carols, prayers, and the Christmas story at St Mary's church, Penzance. 12:30pm - All comers Christmas Day lunch at St Mary's church, Penzance.







St Madderns Church

Warm space and games afternoons

As well as regular coffee mornings,
Madron church, in partnership with
their friends at the Methodist
Church have been holding monthly
games afternoons on the last
Friday of each month at the
Methodist Chapel Hall in Madron.
A great time was enjoyed by all in
attendance when I visited recently.

I was reliably informed that lots of board games have been played and enjoyed by all taking part over past months. During my visit, there were two intense games of Rummikub at play with lots of accompanying laughter (and some frustration!)

What a fabulously informal, friendly (and some may say competetive!!) way to make use of a warm space and to invite people who may otherwise not wish to engage with 'church'.

Can your church fellowship organise something similar for your



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Service for Advent



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Crib Service Christmas Eve Sun 24 Dec – 4:00pm in St Buryan Church

Donations from this Service will go to Christian Aid for the people of Israel & Gaza







GODREVY BENEFICE - CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR SERVICES

Sunday 17 December

10am Phillack Service at Gwithian10am Gwithian Carol Service
6pm Gwinear Carols at Wall
4pm St Elwyn's Nine Lessons andCarols
6pm St Erth Nine Lessons and Carols

Christmas Eve (Sunday)

4pm Phillack Carols around the Crib
9.30pm Phillack Holy Communion
4pm Gwithian service at Phillack
9.30pm Gwinear Holy Communion
9.30am St Elwyn's Eucharist
11.30pm St Elwyn's Midnight Mass
11.30pm St Erth Midnight Mass

Christmas Day (Monday)

11am Gwithian Holy Communion 10.30am Gwinear Holy Communion 9.30am St Erth Service of the Word

Sunday 31 December

4pm Phillack Messy Church IN THE HALL
11am Gwithian Holy Communion
11am Gwinear Service of the Word
9.30am St Elwyn's Eucharist
9.30am St Erth Holy Communion









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