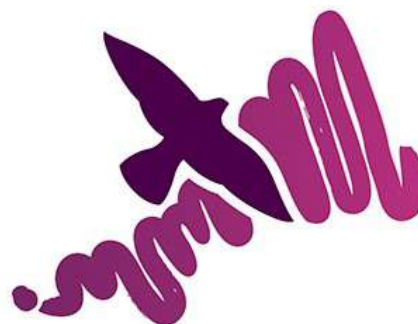


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# PENWITH DEANERY NEWS

## Late FEBRUARY Edition 2024



DIOCESE OF TRURO  
DISCOVERING GOD'S KINGDOM  
GROWING THE CHURCH



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Hello again and welcome to another edition of Penwith Deanery News. We are already well into the start of Lent and there will be all sorts of Lenten studies on offer by our different churches in the lead up to Easter. Some of them are advertised herein and I would encourage you to join a prayer or study group near you. Alternatively check out the details of the different organisations that offer Apps for our phones! Included within this edition of PDI are details of some of the organisations who are offering daily lenten reflection. again if you are have a phone or device that can download Apps, do consider committing to this type of study over the next few weeks as we head towards Easter.

I myself have been using the Church of England's "Watch & Pray" Lenten App, an

was particularly struck last week, right at the start of the 40 days of study by the daily reflection of "God in darkness" and we were asked to 'be open to seeing darkness, as somewhere God is at work!' We were reminded of how God's great work of creation began in the hidden and the unfathomable, and that far from always being bad, darkness is often where God's most mighty work is done.

My husband and I hosted two young Ukrainian refugees for a year in 2022/23 and the nation has become very dear to our heart. We have and continue to pray for the peace of that land but I was recently told of a great movement of God within Ukraine that is happening despite (and maybe 'because' of) the darkness and desolation of the war there.

That darkness and desolation is turning people towards God in huge numbers and so many people are coming to know Him in a personal and relational way through His son Jesus, that they don't have enough churches or pastors and Bible teachers to meet the needs of the numbers who are coming to faith. I am then reminded that our God is still at work in the darkness, He is the light that the darkness can never extinguish!

What a great God we worship and serve.

Don't forget to please email me any testimonies, thoughts and reflections that will be an encouragement to others.

Thanks so much, Sarah  
penwithdeanery@gmail.com



## **Come & Sing**

### **Choral Evensong...**

**TUESDAY 21ST MAY 2024**

ST. JOHN'S IN THE FIELDS CHURCH

ST. IVES (parking available)

Practice 18.00 for 19.00 service.

Music TBC depending on how many

**CHURCH**

**CHURCH  
CHOIR**




**Sing?  
Want a new skill?  
Join the family?**

**COME AND JOIN US**  
Tues 7pm Practice  
Sun 9am or 9.45 service

**Contact Di Williams:**  
[diwilliams18481@gmail.com](mailto:diwilliams18481@gmail.com)  
077 583 799 34



people would be interested.

Please let Di Williams know by  
15th April 2024

[diwilliams18481@gmail.com](mailto:diwilliams18481@gmail.com)

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*Bach and Vivaldi  
by Candlelight*

*The Jopes Ensemble*

St Buryan Church  
Saturday 24th February at 7.30pm



Tickets £12—£17  
Scan code or phone  
01736 810181



## **Caring for Creation gathering in Penzance – Feb 2024**

It was a misty, damp day – but not cold, windy, or raining! (The heavens opened in the afternoon!) Our spirits, however, were not dampened as we gathered in Penzance for a time of songs, readings, prayers and reflection. We were a small but noticeable band of people – representatives from Madron Church, Madron Chapel and St Mary Church, Pz. Many passers by heard our cry to look after creation, to speak up and hold leaders accountable for their actions (or inactions).

Our Genesis Rhyme Reading told of the wonders of our world and we prayed that we might look after it rather than exploit it, and treat everyone in it justly and fairly. As la

reminded us, we must not only give thanks for our world but also speak out against its abuse.

Our gathering was timed to coincide with the current vigil in London, 'Against fossil fuels'. The former Archbishop of Canterbury Lord Williams called for urgent action to address climate change as hundreds of Christians took part in the 10 day vigil outside Parliament, calling on the government to stop issuing licences for fossil fuel exploration in UK waters. Previously he had said, 'Every day that passes increases the urgency of action on the climate crisis. In Lent, Christians remember that they are part of creation, not lords of creation'.

Bridgit England



## St Peter's Church Newlyn

### Littleland Childrens Role play:

Attends St Peters Church Newlyn,  
Once a month.

All sessions are FREE ENTRY



Roleplay suitable for children under 6yrs of age. 7-11's can participate in board games, art and craft sessions.

Forthcoming 2024 dates...

Saturday 2nd March ; 10-12

Saturday 6th April ; 10-12

Saturday 7th September ; 10-12

Saturday 5th October ; 10-12

Saturday 2nd November ; 10-12

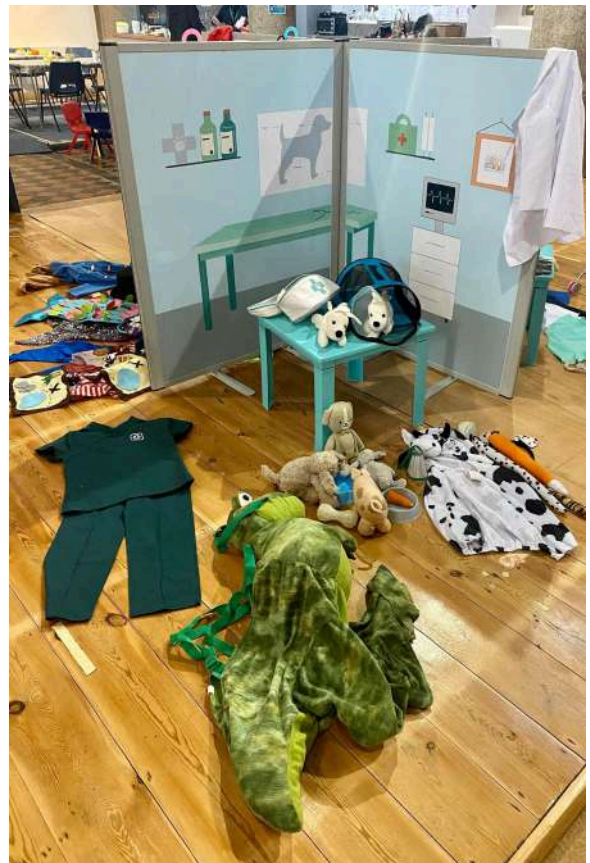
Saturday 7th December ; 10-12

All sessions are FREE and refreshments are provided for the children. Hot drinks and cakes.

Donations thankfully accepted please!


contact Molly: 07341830277

molly.blewett@penleecluster.org.uk



## Prayer Focus

- Pray for Rev Etienne van Blerk - Priest in charge of the United Benefice of St Anta Church, Carbis Bay and St Uny Church Lelant as he ministers to the communities there.
- Pray for the church family members of both Carbis Bay and Lelant as they see to serve their local communities.
- Pray for Rev Dr Nick Widdows as he continues to serve Penwith Deanery in the role of Rural Dean. Pray for his wife Claire and for their family.
- Pray for our new minister Rev Michelle Porter-Babbage as she settles in to her new home and meets her new congregations.
- Pray for her licensing service on 5th March at Gwinear, that she will be very aware of the presence and purpose of God as she starts her ministry within the Godwin benefice.



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**LITTLE LIGHTS**  
infant & toddler group

Tuesdays 9 to 11am  
St Anta Church, Carbis Bay

Join us for free tea & toast  
with coffee, crumpets & cake!

All children welcome  
with parents or guardians


*Wales*

www.carbisbay-lelant-parish.church 01736 796206  
Meeting during school term times

**cornish celtic way guided walk**

**ST GERMANS PRIORY  
TO SEATON BEACH**

SATURDAY 24 FEBRUARY | 10:30 - 14:30  
DISTANCE: 5.75 MILES | DIFFICULTY: EASY | DOG FRIENDLY



www.cornishcelticway.co.uk

**ST ERTH  
COMMUNITY  
CAFÉ**

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

Come and relax in a  
warm and welcoming  
environment.

Light refreshments  
available and free Wi-Fi.

**Lenten Lunches**

From 21 February, soup  
lunches will be  
available in St Hilary

**COMMUNITY CAFÉ**

Phillack Church Hall

**Thursdays  
12 noon til 3pm.**

**ALL are WELCOME!**



**cornish celtic way**

First walk of 2024 24 Februa  
Start from St Germans at 10.30 a  
walk to Seaton. Please bring a  
packed lunch. Dogs welcome. Li  
back to your car for drivers.

**KEVRANNA  
SOCIAL CLUB**

Every Wednesday  
St John-in-the-Fields Hall  
St Ives, TR26 2HG  
10.30 - 12.30PM

A warm, social space to chat, meet  
new people, share and learn new skill

Varied and interesting crafts & worksho  
Bring your own hobbies & chat with u  
about running a class.

Tea, coffee, hot food  
& friendly faces.



Church on Wednesdays  
at 12 noon, and in  
Perranuthnoe Church  
Room on Thursdays  
from 12-1.30. Proceeds  
to the Lent Appeal

## MEAL SHARE



**KEVRANNA**  
**COMMUNITY MEAL SHARE & WELLNESS HUB**

A social meal at St John's in-the-fields, St Ives  
every Friday 5.30 - 7.30 pm, food served 5.45 - 6.30pm  
Main course & pudding, hot & cold drinks  
£3 per adult or pay what you can  
children are free, all welcome

There will be timely advice available on different local  
support agencies and helpful organisations.

No bookings needed  
Just rock up

KEVRANNA st Ives  
Volunteer Cornwall

If you would like to volunteer or donate food, please contact us:  
[www.kevrannastives.co.uk](http://www.kevrannastives.co.uk) or [stivesfoodshare@gmail.com](mailto:stivesfoodshare@gmail.com)

Bringing people together through food.



## Soup Lunch

Third Thursday of the month  
12:00 - 2pm

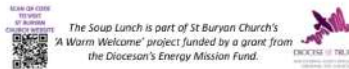
in St Buryan Church

Soup, bread, cake, fruit, tea & coffee

£ - Pay what you can - all proceeds

for the upkeep & ministry of the Church

Any questions contact Fiona - 07846 230189



## Gwithian Church

### Warm Space

Weekly on Fridays

12-3pm Nov-Easter

A warm welcome

awaits you!

Come and enjoy home

made soup, cakes

and delicious hot

drinks

free of charge.



## Margaret's Sausage Mash fundraiser

Saturday 24th February  
from 11.30am -1.30pm  
at 51 Churchtown  
Gwinear.

£12 to include a puddin  
and a drink along with c  
raffle.

If wishing to attend  
please  
email Frank who can let  
Margaret know and chec  
availability...  
email:  
[godrevyteamoffice@  
gmail.com](mailto:godrevyteamoffice@gmail.com)

## Shrove Tuesday Pancake Fundraiser

A fabulous time was had when I visited All Saints Church, Marazion last week on Shrove Tuesday. Church Warden Julia together with support from Rev Sophie, was busy whipping up amazingly light and airy pancakes and cooking them on a couple of camping stoves within the church. It was a fabulous event that ran from 10.30 to 3pm and was well supported, with good numbers of people popping in, enjoying freshly made to order pancakes together with an equally marvellous range of toppings and a hot cup of tea or coffee.

The Shrove Tuesday event was all part of the Mount's Bay Lenten Appeal, to raise much needed money for 'Solar Aid'. 590 million (!! ) people live without electricity across sub-Saharan Africa. After dark, work stops and the only option is to ignite kerosene lamps and paraffin candles which emit toxic fumes into the atmosphere. The Mount's Bay benefice are raising funds to purchase solar light - every one of which, is an instant win for people and for the planet!

I also spent some time with Julia, catching up about all things happening at All

Saints, so keep an eye out in the next edition of PDN for news and information about the different events that take place and will be taking place at Marazion.



Top L - Julia makes pancakes for her grandchildren every week so she is an expert pancake maker who was ably assisted by Rev Sophie!

Top R - pancakes were cooked to order and served with tea or coffee.

Bottom L - the event was supported by a good number of church and benefice members, friends and visitors alike.

Photo R - Rev Sophie demonstrating her excellent pancake tossing skills. All were safely contained in the frypans!





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## NightChurchPZ

Night Church will be taking place on Saturday Feb 24th and Saturday March 23rd :  
8pm – 2am.

A few new visitors have been making their way to NightChurch Penzance when its open and they were recently blessed when a quieter chap walked in and casually asked “Don’t ‘spose you’ve got a piano?” Having pointed in the direction of the piano, they were completely overwhelmed by the jaw-dropping skill they were treated to and were all very moved, it made their night! The young pianist Rhys, has given permission for Nightchurch to share the recording. You will find it on Facebook - just search for nightchurch penzance. <https://fb.watch/pYG2hmYM2J/> (Do check out this facebook clip of an amazingly musically talented young man!)



At NightChurch they like to run art activities and attendees have really enjoyed the collage. Thank you so much to everyone who donated calendars, glue and magazines. They would really appreciate more magazines to chop up, so please do keep dropping them in to St Mary’s. Thank you also to Jacqueline who made some lovely chocolate slices which were infinitely more popular than the stuff we bought from the shop!

We’re also always happy to have more volunteers, so if you’re interested please email Keno who will in turn let Alice know.  
[admin@penleecluster.org.uk](mailto:admin@penleecluster.org.uk)

## Lent Resources

Check out these resources to help us in our reflections and contemplations during the season of Lent...

### Devotionals/Bible Plans

#### Lent Devotional by Tearfund

The devotional is available as a set of reflection cards which can be ordered online, or as weekly emails sent straight to your inbox. Their theme this year is 'Following Jesus for a World Restored': 'explore what it means to join God's world of restoration in a world longing for hope and justice'.

#### Lent for everyone, daily devotionals by NT Wright

For each day of Lent, there is a reading chosen from the Gospel of Matthew, plus a reflection by NT Wright. These readings have grown out of a project encouraging Lent reading in Northern England, based on the Revised Common Lectionary of the Church of England.

#### Journey to the Cross, 7 day Bible reading plan by Pete Greig

Pause and pray as you prepare your heart for Easter. Be guided by Pete Greig, as you join Jesus on His journey to the cross, through the tomb, and into resurrection life.

### Digital Resources

#### Watch & Pray: Wisdom and hope for Lent and life (Church of England)

These daily reflections have been inspired and informed by the Archbishop of Canterbury's 2024 Lent Book, Tarry Awhile: Wisdom from Black Spirituality for people of faith (SPCK) by Dr Seline Stone. This Lent we are all invited to wait in hope for God to meet us and sustain us through the storms and trials that life brings. Watch & Pray encourages us to draw close to Jesus and to each other as we journey together through times of difficulty and uncertainty. It urges us to learn from the wisdom of Black Spirituality, especially the practice of "tarrying" - waiting on God - as a community.

#### The Lent Encounter 2024 -The Shadow Of the Cross (Bible Society)

Where is Jesus in the Old Testament? Every day throughout Lent on this journey, in the shadow of the cross, you'll receive a devotion by email with the option to listen to the words being read out by the author.

#### Lectio 365 (from 24-7 Prayer)

Free daily devotional resource that helps you pray the Bible every day, inspired by Lectio Divina, a way of meditating on the Bible that's been used by Christians for centuries. Lectio 365 marks special seasons like Lent with relevant Bible passages and reflections.

**The Godrevy Team of Churches**



invite you to join us,  
 on Tuesday March 5th at 7pm  
 for the licensing of the  
 Revd Michelle Porter-Babbage  
 by Bishop Hugh

at Gwinear Parish Church  
 Churchtown, Gwinear  
 TR27 5JZ  
 With Cornish Refreshments

RSVP: by 25th February  
 Tel: 0753 0414 996  
 Email: phillackc@hotmail.com



\* Clergy may robe if they wish - Choir Robes or Albs.



**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.




**Whole Team Spring Launch**  
 Sat 9<sup>th</sup> March until 12:30pm  
 To get our churchyard gardening  
 teams off the ground for the Summer  
 season, we are holding a joint effort  
**Weeding, mowing or strimming  
 in the churchyard from 8:30am**  
 Everyone is very welcome even  
 if you only have an hour to spare!  
**Refreshments available for all  
 the workers!**  
 For further information, please contact  
 Fiona Phone: 07846 230 189  
 Email: [fiona.vinnicombe@btinternet.com](mailto:fiona.vinnicombe@btinternet.com)  
 Tony Phone: 07939 232 030  
 Email: [tonyjamesneave@gmail.com](mailto:tonyjamesneave@gmail.com)

**Fundraising Event in  
 St Buryan Church  
 Sat 16 March - 10am-1pm**



Pre-loved, quality, branded clothing  
 (Men, Ladies & Children)  
 Bargain Basket  
 Bric-a-Brac stall  
 Tables to hire for £5 – de-clutter, craft  
 Refreshments – Continental Breakfast  
 Coffees, Teas & Cakes  
 Raffle  
 Enquiries to Fiona: 07846 230189  
 All money raised is for the on-going mission and ministry of the church



**Are you curious about the Christian  
 Faith? Want to ask questions but not  
 sure who to ask?  
 The Penlee Cluster are hosting an Alpha  
 Course so why not join them to find out  
 more?**

The Alpha episodes cover a different topic of faith over 11 weeks and are designed to inspire and engage conversation. They explore the big issues around faith and unpack the basics of Christianity, addressing questions such as Who is Jesus? How can we have faith? and How does God guide us? After the video there will be a time to share thoughts on the session's topic and discuss with the group.

Alpha is for everyone, no matter your background or beliefs: whether you are new to exploring faith or simply open-minded about it. We all bring different thoughts and Alpha is a space that is open for everyone to find what faith means for them. The group will start on Wednesday 21st February at St Mary's. If you would like to come or you know someone who might be interested you are welcome to bring them along. Pastries, tea and coffee from 9.30am and the session will begin at 10am. Please let Victoria know or email Keno on [admin@penleecluster.org.uk](mailto:admin@penleecluster.org.uk) if you would like to join.



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