

ST GERRANS AND ST PHILLEIGH CALENDAR

February 2018



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February at a glance

Thurs 1st	10.00 am	Holy Communion	St Gerrans
	7.00 pm	Home Group	Trelowen
Sat 3rd	10-12.30	F/T Big Brew	St Gerrans
Sun 4th			
	10.00 am	Holy Communion	St Gerrans
	10.30 am	Morning Prayer	St Philleigh
	6.00 pm	Choral Evensong	St Gerrans
Tues 6th	2.00pm	Prayer group	St Gerrans
Thurs 8th	10.00 am	Holy Communion	St Gerrans
Sat 10th	10-11.30	Cluster Intercessor training	Trelowen
Sun 11th			
	10.00 am	Matins	St Gerrans
	10.30 am	Holy Communion	St Philleigh
	4.00 pm	Messy Church	St Gerrans
Mon 12th	10- noon	Refugee collection	St Philleigh
Tues 13th	2-4pm	Refugee collection	St Philleigh
WEDS 14TH	ASH WEDNESDAY		
	7.00 am	Holy Communion with Ashing	St Gerrans
Thurs 15th	12-1.30pm	Charity Lunch	St Gerrans



Keeping in touch

What is the best way of keeping in touch with people who we'd like to tell about our services and events? Times have changed haven't they? Many of us no longer want to wait to be given a piece of paper with information (although this form of communication is still important) we now want to use modern technology to access information instantly when it is convenient for us.

We have a United Benefice website and St Gerrans has a Facebook page. This is a good start, but our PCC's are trying to upgrade our electronic communications to make it easier for people who prefer this way of keeping in touch. One of the things we plan to do is to develop an on-line calendar. (the online Calendar is available now here <https://goo.gl/EtqkBG>). To avoid confusion (hopefully) from next month this publication will be called the Newsdiary. It will continue to be available electronically and will be published on our website.

As we are doing this we are also ensuring that we comply with the General Data Protection Regulations which will become law in May of this year.

There will be more information in our Newsdiary (formerly Calendar) in March.

Bishop Chris will be at St Just on Holy Saturday (Easter 31st March) to take a Confirmation Service. The service will be at 4pm. If you would like to be confirmed or would just like to explore the possibility, please tell Jill. We can join in the preparation sessions at St Just or we can do our own, depending on how many are interested.



God chose what is foolish....

This is a letter from a Management Consultant which Jesus may have received after choosing his disciples.

Dear Sir:

Thank you for submitting the resumes of the twelve men you have picked for managerial positions in your new organization. All of them have now taken our battery of tests; and we have not only run the results through our computer, but also arranged personal interviews for each of them with our psychologist and vocational aptitude consultant. The test results are enclosed. You will want to study them carefully.

It is the staff opinion that most of your nominees are lacking in background, education and vocational aptitude for the type of enterprise you are undertaking. They do not have the team concept. We would recommend that you continue your search for persons of experience in managerial ability and proven capability.

Simon Peter is emotionally unstable and given to fits of temper. Andrew has absolutely no qualities of leadership. The two brothers, James and John, the sons of Zebedee, place personal interest above company loyalty. Thomas demonstrates a questioning attitude that would tend to undermine morale. We feel that it is our duty to tell you that Matthew had been blacklisted by the Greater Jerusalem Better Business Bureau; James, the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus definitely have radical leanings, and they both registered a high score on the manic-depressive scale.

One of the candidates, however, shows great potential. He is a man of ability and resourcefulness, meets people well, has a keen business mind, and has contacts in high places. He is highly motivated, ambitious, and responsible. We recommend Judas Iscariot as your controller and right-hand man. All of the other profiles are self-explanatory.

Jordan Management Consultants

The apostle Paul reminds the Corinthian Church to consider their call. He writes, 'Not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many of you were powerful and not many of you were of noble birth, but God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the strong. He chose what is despised in the world to bring down the proud.' None of us can boast, except in God (1Cor 1 vv26-31).

The next time you think 'I can't' when God calls you and tells you 'you can', remember the disciples. In human terms it seems as though they were totally unsuitable for the task God called them to, but filled with the power of God, they turned the world upside down.



Thank you

This is the first calender of this New Year so belated thanks to everyone who helped lead services, made music, ran events, decorated our churches and made all kinds of donations to help us celebrate Christmas. Thank you too, to everyone who helped us clean up afterwards and put everything away.

Thank you to Michael Whittall who is standing down from leading Matins at St Gerrans after years of faithful service. Thanks to Revd Martyn Pinnock who will be taking the service from this month.

When we forgive, we do not change the past, we change the future. (Bernard Meltzer)

To do is to be (Socrates)

To be is to do (Plato)

Do, be, do, be do (Frank Sinatra) *(text on a T shirt)*

Do you think that Sinatra had the balance right?



We offer our condolences to the family and friends of Ella Emmett and Douglas Chaffin who died in January. We remember them in our prayers.

We remember William John Pope who gave his life in the service of his country on the 26th February 1918.

Open for Prayer

**The next Benefice Prayer Group is on Tuesday
Feb 6th 2-3pm at St Gerrans**

Join with others to pray for our community, our nation and the world.

Please leave prayer requests in the books at the back of both our churches. If you would like prayer for healing or confidential prayer, please contact Jill.

NEW for 2018.

The Bible Study Group which has met monthly on a Wednesday afternoon will continue in 2018 as a **HOME GROUP** and will meet on the first Thursday of each month in the evening. We will continue to study the Bible, enjoy a time of fellowship and discuss a variety of topics. In January we began by taking a look at Bill Hybel's book, 'Just walk across the room'. Those who came found the book very easy to engage with and very challenging. We meet next on Thursday 1st Feb at 7pm at Trelowen and will continue to look at the book. Everyone is welcome and you don't need to have read the book before you come. If you'd like more information please ask Jill.

The kind of fruit we are producing is not reflected in our achievements but in how people feel when they encounter us.



Candlemas is on 2nd Feb and commemorates the ritual purification of Mary, 40 days after the birth of her son Jesus. This day also marks the ritual presentation of the baby Jesus to God in the Temple at Jerusalem.

The Gospel of Luke says that Jesus was met by Anna and Simeon.

Simeon held the baby Jesus and

called him a Light to the World.

The festival is called Candlemas because this was the day that all the Church's candles for the year were blessed.



Celebrate Candlemas with the Roseland Churches Choir at Choral Evensong at St Gerrans church on Sunday 4th Feb at 6pm.

Diocesan news

Each month the Diocese produces a newsletter called 'Our news'. You can read it on the Diocesan website www.trurodiocese.org.uk. request to receive it by email from office@gerransandphilleighchurches.org or receive a paper copy. For a paper copy please ask Elizabeth Tozer in St Gerrans or Sheila Hindmarsh in St Philleigh.



Sunday 11th Feb at 4pm - (St Gerrans)

Sunday 25th Feb at 10.30am (within the Bbig Brew at St Philleigh)

Monday 26th Feb at 3.20pm (Gerrans School)



Largest collection ever....our collection for refugees at St Philleigh was one of the largest collections to date and it needed to two cars to transport the goods to All

Saints Highertown. Jill met the organiser of the refugee project at all Saints recently (Rowley Surridge) and he confirmed that the need is as great as ever. The next trip is planned for the end of February. Rowley and his team distribute goods in France and meet mostly men. However, nothing we send is wasted as women's clothes are sent to Turkey for Syrian refugees and anything unsuitable is sold and the money is used to fund the distribution. Everyone who works in this project at All Saints is a volunteer.

Our next collection for refugees will be at St Philleigh on Monday 12th Feb 10-12noon and Tuesday 13th Feb 2-4pm. You can leave goods for the refugees at either of our churches at any time.

When Christina Spinney first went to Uganda in 2007 and visited the impoverished community of Namuwongo, little did she realise it would be the start of a ten year

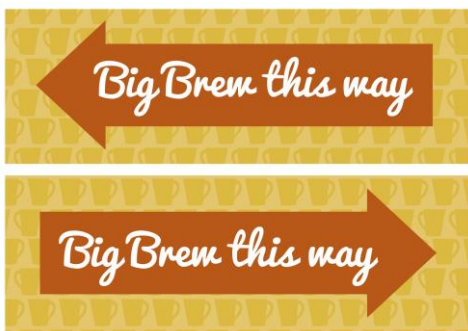


relationship. Christina's new book charts the development of her involvement including the many projects that she has initiated. Those of you who are regulars at our Fairtrade events at St Gerrans will have met Christina and seen some of the craft produced in Namuwongo. Copies of Christina's book (Price £7.99) are available from Christina on 01872 530276 or from Margaret Davis. 01872 580714.

Fairtrade Fortnight.

It's that time of year again – Fairtrade Fortnight 26th Feb- 12th March! This year people are being asked to Check Out Fairtrade and help change the world! As always both our Churches will hold events. This year our events are outside the fortnight, but only just!

From the giant retailers like ALDI and LIDL to the small artisan brands like Clonakilty Chocolate and Esquires, more stores are now stocking Fairtrade so goods are more widely available. You can always stock up on your Fairtrade goods in both of our churches.



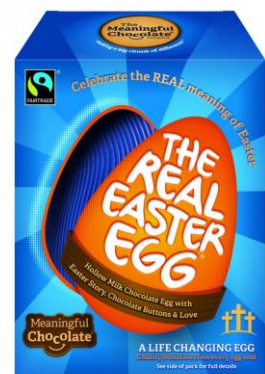
Fair trade Big Brew Coffee Morning St Gerrans Church Sat 3rd Feb 10am- 12.30pm

Food and craft from Traidcraft, EHSO, India and Uganda

Fair trade Big Brew Coffee Morning with Messy Church St Philleigh Church Sun 25th Feb 10.30am

Remember to get your **Real** Easter Eggs.

Our popular Fairtrade Supper will take place in March. Watch out for details.



Trade that doesn't cost the earth

In a world of finite resources and a rapidly changing climate, the current model of trade is harming the planet - it's unsustainable. Traidcraft Exchange believes in supporting trade and business to become environmentally responsible and climate resilient.

Poverty and environmental degradation are closely interlinked. It is the poorest and most vulnerable who suffer most from the impact of climate change and pollution, and yet these are the people who contributed least to the problem and get least help to ensure their businesses and trading activities are green and sustainable.



In Northern India, Traidcraft Exchange is working with artisans who produce handcrafted textiles to help them reduce the environmental impact of their businesses. These include skilled embroiderers, weavers, dyers and printers.

Many of these businesses use a lot of water – in a part of the world which is generally dry – and make use of chemical dyes which can be harmful both to people and to the environment. Traidcraft Exchange's work has helped reduce the use of these dyes. *“Now, all the dyes that we use do no harm either to humans or to the environment; even the runoff from the dyeing is safe.”* Madan Chowdhary, India

Fairtrade, a world of difference.

Doricca & Mary's story

The Fairtrade premium has provided boreholes for two villages – helping hundreds of local people to have access to clean, safe water.

Before we had to fetch the water from Kasinthula,” said Doricca. “If we went at around 5am we used to come back at about 8am. We are so proud because we have good water close to us.”



Mary added: “We would like to see more boreholes in the surrounding villages because then the whole community can have safe water.

Now Mary, Doricca and the rest of the 350-strong community in Chinangwa are looking forward to more benefits provided by the Fairtrade premium on the sugar. Plans are already underway to provide an electricity supply to the village.

By buying fair trade granulated sugar you will help Kasinthula and similar villages to continue to improve their local community. The Fairtrade premium is enabling farmers to install boreholes in their villages.



Dalbir sells his crops to Agrocel, a Fairtrade project producing cotton, rice, grapes (for sultanas) and cashews.

“Before selling to Agrocel I was selling to a middleman and there were a lot of problems,” Dalbir said.

“I would get less money. Now I can avoid these problems and get better money. The middleman gave the minimum price. Today I am getting a better price and I am also getting the organic premium.’



Christian Aid. Traidcraft is the Trading arm of Christian Aid. As a Christian organisation, Christian Aid believe that every one of us is created in the image of God and deserves respect and care, and the opportunity to live a life of peace, dignity and worth.

In a world with such wealth as ours, they believe that no one should go without food, shelter, security or any of the other basics we all need.

Christian Aid work for and with people of all faiths and none, as well as with churches and other organisations, to promote sustainable development, strive for social justice and pursue our vision of a world without poverty.

They work in 37 countries, to support poor and marginalised people, whatever their beliefs, sexuality, gender and ethnicity, to lift themselves out of poverty. They do this by tackling both the causes and the symptoms of poverty so that everyone can achieve equality, dignity and freedom.



St Gerrans next Charity lunch
will be on Thursday 15th
February from 12-1.30pm

**Donations invited for
Christian Aid.**

*Offers of help always welcome. Please contact
Kevin Pratt 01872 580251*

*Thank you for your kind donations of £157.34 for the Red
Cross last month.*

Leading prayers in church

There is a cluster training session for those who lead intercessions in our cluster churches on Saturday 10th February from 10-11.30am at Trelowen, Rosevine.

If leading intercessions is something that you would like to do, please come along to find out more.



Woman's World Day of Prayer Friday March 2nd 2.00pm. St Mawes Church

Genesis 1: 31 (from The Word on the Street): *God looks at everything he's made, and says "Fantastic. I love it!"*

All God's creation is very good; at least it was – until humans began to destroy it! God must be very disappointed by our selfishness and thoughtlessness.

The service from Suriname is one of the more challenging ones we have had presented to us. And, as happens so often with WDP services, it is also very topical. Caring for God's very good creation is hugely important and highly relevant to people of all ages and beliefs.

There are many things we can do both as individuals and as churches or Churches Together groups to care for God's wonderful creation.



THE CALLING - INFORMAL CLUSTER WORSHIP ON THE ROSELAND.

The Calling, a fresh expression of worship, is an opportunity to get together and worship in an informal, contemporary style. Sun 18th Feb at St Just at 6pm.



LENT LOVE LETTERS 2018

In 2018, in the Diocese of Truro, we are challenged to show love for one another as fellow Christians, members together of the body of Christ, one body.

As signs of the love that Jesus commanded, “they will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another,” I ask you to write love letters.

Our letters are not asking for anything, but rather to remind ourselves that we depend on one another for our flourishing, for the Good News, for growing and discovering.

We are not writing to strangers, we are writing to our fellow Christians, brothers and sisters together in the household of faith, members together of the body of Christ.

If you have received a Love Letter, please read it as a blessing and a joy, and ask yourself whether you too might put pen to paper.....

A letter from Bishop Chris

“By this they will know that you are my disciples, that you love one another” John 13



Dear Friends, my sisters and brothers in Christ,

Jesus tells us that the world will know we are his disciples by the love we have for one another; and so this Lent I write to you with words of love. I write to tell you, my beloved ones, that

because we are one body, I rely on you. I can never really flourish unless you are flourishing, we are members together of the body of Christ and one part of that body cannot reject another part or be careless of it, for to do so would be to reject the Christ who lives among us.

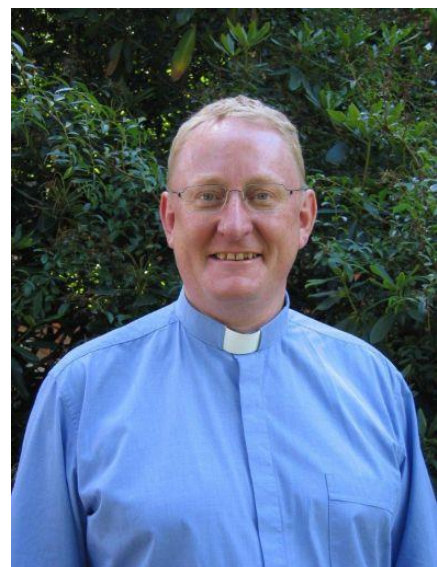
So I am writing you a love letter. A letter that tells you how much you mean to me, that puts into words a longing within me for your good and for the unity of the body of Christ, which was his prayer.

We know that as Christians we are also called to love beyond the community of the church, even to love our enemies. We are called to have a special care for those who live in poverty, for prisoners, and for the stranger, among others. But this Lent, in obedience to Jesus' prayer for unity, called as disciples and as children together in Christ I am asking you to receive this love letter from me, and I am challenging you to write your own love letter.

This Lent, in obedience to Jesus, will you join with me in writing love letters to sisters and brothers in Christ? Will you tell another Christian soul that you depend on them? Be bold, write to someone in another church, from another tradition; write to someone that you find it hard to love, think of them, pray for them; write words of love to them.

This is not a gimmick. I am serious. I believe that Jesus was being serious when he told us to love one another. Our love needs to be expressed and yet all too often it remains hidden and we are known not for our love but for our divisions. Learning to be the body of Christ together is part of learning to be disciples of Jesus, so I challenge you to write love letters this Lent.

Bishop Chris.



**WEDNESDAY
14TH FEB 7PM**



**HOLY COMMUNION WITH THE IMPOSITION
OF ASHES**

ST GERRANS CHURCH

Please bring your Palm Crosses to church for burning by 4th Feb.

LENT GROUP

Our Benefice and Portscatho United Church joint Lent Group will be on Tuesday evenings at Trelowen, Rosevine beginning on 27th Feb. Supper will be at 6pm followed by the session at 7pm. If you would like supper please let Jill know.

During this year's lent study (weeks 1,2 and 4) we are going to be looking at the Book of Revelation. I have spent the last three months exploring John's Apocalypse to prepare a Windows course for the Diocese. This shortened version of the course will attempt to reveal John's message of hope and encouragement. We will get behind the language and images used to discover the heart of the meaning of the book. If you have always been baffled by Revelation, as most people are, then come along and share in a journey to unpack its meaning and see what it has to say to us in the 21st century. *(Haley)*

Week 3 (13th March) will be led Revd Mark Dunn-Wilson from PUC and Truro Methodist Church.

WHAT WILL YOU DO FOR LENT?

Well maybe you'll be inspired by Bishop Chris and write a love letter. Maybe you'll be inspired by Haley and join the Lent Group. Maybe you'll do both of these thingsand more. Traditionally Lent has been a time to give things up, to make sacrifices. More recently we have been encouraged to do

something that will make a difference, not only to us but to others as well. Suggestions abound, but here are a few that I have come across this year.....

Give up eating vegetables and fruit out of season and help reduce your carbon footprint.

Give up buying food wrapped in plastic and help save the oceans.

Speak encouragement to at least one person every day.

Invite a neighbour into your home, one who has ever been invited before.

Sit silently with an open heart and mind before God for 15 minutes every day.

Add one new thing to your Fairtrade shopping list every week.

Choose a book from the Bible that you haven't read recently and read it thoughtfully and prayerfully.

The Cornish Celtic Way (CCW)

CCW is a new pilgrimage route from St Germans to St Michael's Mount, crossing the peninsula twice. It incorporates over 60 miles of the Cornish coastal path as well as two established pilgrimage routes: The Saints' Way and St. Michael's Way.

The CCW is divided into 16 walks that can be done as a whole over about 2 weeks or can be completed in sections over a longer period of time. The aim of the CCW is to aid people to develop spiritually with personal reflection through stories of the Celtic Saints, Cornwall's rich history, its landscapes and the people and communities that will be encountered along the way. Information on the route and led walks that are taking place is online www.cornishcelticway.co.uk and on our Facebook, Instagram and twitter pages.

You are warmly invited to the launch of the book 'A Cornish Celtic Way' written by Nigel Marns. This is taking place at Truro Cathedral on Sunday 4th February 2018 at 5pm. Refreshments will be served. An evensong service will take place at 4pm prior to the launch. Bishop Chris Goldsmith will be preaching at this service on the subject of pilgrimage.

Prayer Diary

Please give thanks for

- all the help with our Christmas outreach and for all the people who attended church for a variety of worship events in December.
- the ongoing generosity of so many people in our Benefice who support our charity fund raising events and give so generously to our appeals.
- The huge response to the refugee collection



Please pray for

- Christian Aid and all aid agencies as they continue to serve the poorest people in the world.
- refugees, asylum seekers and all who find themselves without a home throughout the world. Pray especially for the people who have fled from Myanmar.
- Fairtrade fortnight, that awareness about just trade will be raised. Pray that people may shop more justly.
- people who are feeling lonely and isolated.
- people who are bereaved, that they may know God's presence.
- Our Lenten observance, that we may use the time to draw close to God and centre our lives on his will.
- Our new home group that it will be a place of spiritual growth and fellowship.

Dear Lord, we pray for the gift of good communication , that we are wise and thoughtful about the words we use to those in our families, in our neighbourhoods, at our places of work and in our daily lives. We remember in our prayers all those who have stopped speaking to each other, for those who use words to hurt others, for homes where there is abuse and for places where there is violence and cruelty. Help us Lord to always strive for peace and understanding in our communications with others. AMEN

Sun 18th **FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

	10.00 am	Holy Communion	St Gerrans
	6.00 pm	The Calling	St Just
Weds 21 st	11.30am	Assembly	St Gerrans
Thurs 22 nd	10.00 am	Holy Communion	St Gerrans
	4.00pm	Craft and Pizza club	Trelowen

Sun 25th **SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

	9.00 am	Holy Communion	St Philleigh
	10.30 am	United Service	PUC
	10.30 am	F/T Big Brew	St Philleigh
Mon 26 th	3.30pm	Messy Church	Gerrans school
		Fair Trade Fortnight starts	
Tues 27 th	6.00pm	Supper	Trelowen
	7.00pm	Lent group	Trelowen

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Thought For The Day...

Thank you

'I thank my God every time I remember you' (Philippians 1 v 3)

A professor called William Stidger taught at a well-known university. He reflected on the great number of unthanked people in his life. He remembered those who had nurtured, inspired or cared for him enough to leave a lasting impression on him. One was a school teacher that he'd not heard of in many years, but he remembered that she had gone out of her way to instil a love of verse in him. As a result he had loved poetry all his life. He traced her and wrote her a letter of thanks.

The reply he received included these words....

'I cannot tell you how much your letter meant to me I'm in my eighties now, I live alone and find myself to be quite lonely. I was a teacher for 50 years and yours is the first note of appreciation that I've received. It has cheered me as nothing has done for many years.'

We all have unthanked people from our past and probably most of us have unthanked people in our present too. Mother Theresa of Calcutta said that kind words are short and easy to speak and yet their echoes are truly endless.

Who are the people that we can speak or write to today to thank the for their influence on our lives?