



ST GERRANS  
CHURCH

**March 2020**

Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent this year it is on 26<sup>th</sup> February, Lent lasts for 40 days so all of March will fall in the season of Lent

## Lent- a Season of Prayer and Preparation

Lent is the ideal time to pause. Take a deep breath. Turn our attention to our impact in the world. Refocus on our relationship with God, our neighbours and creation.

It's a time to pause and a chance to see others through the eyes of Jesus, by prayer, fasting and repentance.

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**A year ago the statement below was the headline on the front of the Church News, it is still true!**

**“GOD HAS A PLAN AND WE ARE ALL IN IT**

**TRANSITION UPDATE –** There is no news still about filling our vacant post. All sorts of meetings are currently being held and as soon as we know something you will hear about it. A big thank you to everyone is who is helping to keep things running well. Especially to Jill and Doug for taking our communion services and Martin who is playing the organ for more and more of our services.

**Open for Prayer**  
The next Benefice Prayer Group is on Tuesday March 3rd  
2-3pm at St Gerrans

# Fairtrade Fortnight 2020.

**24th February – 8<sup>th</sup> March**



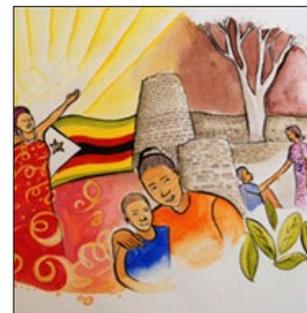
Goods are for sale every day in the church. There will be a Fairtrade Supper at Trelowen, Rosevine, Portscatho on Saturday March 14th at 6.00pm. Please let Margaret Davis (01872580714) or Gill Mace (01872 580149) know if you want to book a place.

**... and 4th March** 

Traidcraft Big Brew at the Roseland Cafe with tea and cakes as well as the chance to buy Fairtrade Goods. 2pm till 4pm everyone welcome.

## World Day of Prayer Friday 6th March

Women, men and children of all ages are called to 'Rise, take your mat and walk' to join this day of prayer. Women of Zimbabwe have prepared this year's service and they encourage us all to reflect on the difficulties and unrest that have plagued their country over many years. They share the challenges they have met and the hopes they have for the future. They encourage us to 'Rise, take your mat and walk' with them as they continue their often-turbulent journey towards full reconciliation.



Our service is at the Roman Catholic Church of Our Lady, Star of the Sea and Saint Anthony in St. Mawes at 2.00pm

Congratulations to Jill Greet for being awarded the Cross of the Order of St Piran for outstanding service to St Gerrans Church.

## Messy Church

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> Mar at 4pm



Messy Church welcomes children of all ages but is especially designed for children up to the age of 10 with their carers. It is very informal and begins with craft and conversation and concludes with a story and prayers.

**Thank you** for continuing to bring goods for refugees. Our sister church, St Philleigh, continue to collect for refugees and need your help for items going to France and Greece in the summer. Items needed include: tents & sleeping bags, blankets, towels, rucksacks and backpacks, tinned foods, baby care items such as nappies, shampoo/bath and wash lotion etc.



**Please note we cannot take second hand clothes at the present time**



Join us for a delicious lunch and great company at St Gerrans on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March any

time between 12-1.30pm

*"I'm running the London marathon for Oxfam (who were the first to offer me a place) in memory of friends and family I have lost through cancer. They struggled with severe illness as I am now struggling to train, in their memory. They had no choice."*

*Thank you for your support - Denise Deighton*

**Donations invited for OXFAM**

Thank you for your generous donations in January. £270.00 was raised for Cruse.

**Lent Course** – During Lent there will be a weekly course “Exploring the World’s ‘best-selling book’” at Portscatho United Church. The course shows how the books of the Bible make up one big story and how the characters and events all fit together. Thursdays at 2.30pm. Everyone welcome.

**Café Roseland**



March 4<sup>th</sup> and March 18<sup>th</sup>

Tea, cake and lots of chat plus a wide range of activities to try

**This month's specials**

4<sup>th</sup> Traidcraft **BIG BREW**  tea and cakes as well as the chance to buy Fairtrade Goods

18<sup>th</sup> 3pm Guest singer.

Portscatho Memorial Hall 2pm till 4pm

*Everyone welcome*

## Services in March

Sunday 1st	10am	Holy Communion.
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup>	10am	Matins.
	4pm	Messy Church
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup>	10am	Holy Communion.
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	10.00am	Family Service (Mothering Sunday)
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	United Benefice Service (St Gerrans)
Thursdays	10.00am	Holy Communion.

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