

ST GERRANS AND ST PHILLEIGH NEWSDIARY

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June at a glance

Sat 2nd

11.00 am Holy Baptism. St Gerrans

Sun 3rd Trinity 1.

10.00 am Holy Communion St Gerrans
10.30 am Morning Worship St Philleigh
4.00 pm Evening Prayer St Gerrans

Mon 4th 3.30 pm Messy Church School
7.00pm Philleigh PCC Court Farm

Tues 5th 2.00pm UB Prayer meeting St Philleigh

Weds 6th 11.30am Assembly tba

Thurs 7th 10.00 am Holy Communion St Gerrans
7.00 pm Home Group Trelowen

Sun 10th Trinity 2

11:00 am Holy Communion St Just
[Ken & Lois farewell service]
4.00 pm Messy Church St Gerrans

Mon 11th 10 -12 Refugee Collection St Philleigh
7.00 pm AGM Friends of
St Philleigh St Philleigh

Tues 12th 2 – 4 pm Refugee Collection St Philleigh

Thurs 14th 10.00 am Holy Communion St Gerrans
4.00pm *ish* Craft and Pizza Club Trelowen

Friendship.

We live in an age of hundreds and maybe even thousands of Facebook 'friends', but many of us are lonelier than ever before.

As with many things, we can often fall into the trap of thinking that more friendships mean better friendships. Bigger is better, quantity not quality... but the Book of Proverbs suggests otherwise. The significance of friendship is shown to be not in their quantity, but in their quality. Better is one friend who 'loves at all times' than ten 'unreliable' friends.

One who has unreliable friends soon comes to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother. Proverbs 18:24

A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for a time of adversity. Proverbs 17:17

This presents us with two challenges. Firstly, what kind of friends are we choosing? Friends that make us look and feel good, or friends that stand alongside us no matter what?

Secondly, and more importantly, what kind of friends are we being? Are we only around for our friends' when their lives are going well, or do we get stuck in with the mess and the pain as well? Are we learning to rejoice with those who rejoice *and* mourn with those who mourn? How are we displaying God's faithful love to our friends day by day?

Far from the potential superficiality of contacts on social media, these passages give a bold definition to the word 'friend'. A 'friend' will stick with you at all times, even in extreme anguish and suffering. The true character of friendship is shown by substantive, unselfish action in adversity, not by outward appearance alone. Loyalty cannot be underestimated, particularly in times of trial. Faithfulness in friendship is a clear example of God's faithfulness to and love for us. God has never been a 'fair-weather friend', and neither should we.

**I WELCOME
REFUGEES
BECAUSE
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**ALL
HUMAN
BEINGS**

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#REFUGEEWEEK2018

SIMPLE ACTS

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In June 2018, Refugee Week (18th-24th June) will reach an important milestone: 20 years of celebrating the contributions, creativity and resilience of refugees.

At St Philleigh we have continued to collect goods for refugees and delivered them to All Saints, Truro for their onward journey to wherever the need is greatest. Whilst the plight of the refugees may have slipped from the front page of our newspapers, the UN figures demonstrate that the need is as great as ever.

65.6 million people are forcibly displaced worldwide.

33,972 people a day are forced to flee their homes because of conflict and persecution.

22.5 million people are refugees, half of these people are less than 18 years old.

10 million people are stateless.

189,300 refugees were resettled in 2016.



In Syria alone, 12.2 million people are in need of humanitarian assistance, over 5 million of these people are children. 4 million people are refugees in neighbouring countries like Kenya.

Our next collection for refugees at St Philleigh will be on Monday 11th June 10-12noon and Tuesday 12th June 2-4pm. You can leave goods for refugees at either of our churches at any time. Please clearly mark the goods 'Refugees'.

A Syrian Picnic Lunch....

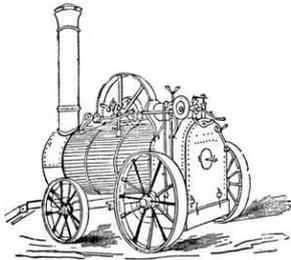
Save the date! On Sunday 8th July there will be a Picnic Lunch at Trelowen starting around 2pm where you will be able to enjoy delicious Syrian food. Full details in our next Newsdairy.

Sooner than you think!

The Dog and Hog and Philleigh Country Fayres will be here sooner than you think! This year they are on Wednesday 18th and 25^h July and 1st August. Shirley is already collecting books, bric a brac etc for sale and would welcome offers of help.

Please contact Shirley to volunteer.

courtfarm.philleigh@gmail.com tel 01872 580313.



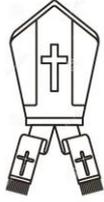
Friends of St Philleigh Church AGM. Monday June 11th 7.00pm. St Philleigh Church



The Royal Cornwall Show

The Royal Cornwall Show will take place on the Wadebridge Showground from 7th-9th June. The pre-show service is on Wednesday 6th at 6.30pm in the Pavilion. If you are planning to go to the Show be sure to visit the Churches Tent. There are refreshments, inside and outside seating, picnic and children's area, Traidcraft,

Christian bookstall, chaplaincy service, toddler area, breast-feeding and baby change area, live music outside, and the opportunity to have a go at bell ringing. You can also visit the Church stand in the Wedding tent.



Richard Wallis will be ordained Deacon by Bishop Chris on Friday 29th June at Truro Cathedral at 7.30pm. Richard will serve as Curate in the Eight Saints Cluster.

Revd Johanna Clare-Hoyland was licensed as Priest in Charge at Mawnan on Thursday 24th May. We keep Richard and Johanna in our prayers.

We welcome the family and friends of Jackson Derek Peter Harvey who will be Baptised at St Gerrans Church on Saturday 2nd June at 11am. Jackson is a regular at Messy Church



Farewell to Lois and Ken Boullier

We shall join with the other cluster churches to bid a sad 'Farewell' to Lois and Ken at their final service on Sunday 10th June at

St Just at 11am. We are very grateful to Ken and Lois for their ministry amongst us and wish them God's richest blessing on the next chapter in their lives. Lois and Ken will set up home in a new house near St Austell so they won't be far away.

(There won't be services at St Gerrans and St Philleigh in the morning on June 10th. Messy Church as usual at St Gerrans in the afternoon.)

No officer shall speak discouragingly to another officer in the discharge of his duties.

(Royal Navy Regulation). Advice worth taking!



THANK YOU!

- For amazing windows at St Philleigh and display at St Gerrans for the Thy Kingdom Come prayer initiative.
- For all the help at the breakfast Service and for generous donations for Christian Aid. (£350.00)
- For the goods brought to St Philleigh for our refugee collections and

Foodbank box.

- For all the goods brought for the Collection Corner at St Gerrans. (We collect used postage stamps, spectacles, old jewellery, postcards and ring pulls as well as food for Truro Foodbank.)
- For ongoing support of the Charity lunches at St Gerrans. Well over £200 was raised for Saakshar Education Project in May.
- For everyone who contributes in any way at all in the life of our churches.



Messy Church

Monday 4th June at 3.15pm (Gerrans School)

Sunday 10th June at 4pm - (St Gerrans)

**Sunday 24th June at the barbecue lunch
(St Philleigh)**

St Cuby Church has 8 tickets for the Soul Survivor Christian Festival 4-8th August in Stafford. If you know an 11-16 year old who would like to join a friendly group from across the Roseland please contact Rev Emma Watson 07854719655 01872 530669. Tickets from £20.



Charity Fete

Gerrans Green

Saturday June 23rd

2- 4.30pm

ALL WELCOME

**Refreshments at
the Royal
Standard**



For Cornwall Air Ambulance



**If you would like to have a charity stall (free of charge) at
this fete please phone Margaret on 01872580714**

One thing I do know...

*A second time they [the Pharisees] summoned the man who had been born blind. 'Give glory to God by telling the truth,' they said. 'We know this man is a sinner.' He replied, 'whether he is a sinner or not, I don't know. **One thing I do know. I was blind but now I see!**'*

John 9:24-25

Jesus had met a man who was blind from birth. His disciples drew his attention to the man by asking who had sinned, was it the blind man himself, or his parents. Jesus replied that neither had sinned and the man's blindness would give opportunity for God's glory to be shown. Jesus made some mud with earth and some saliva. He rubbed it into the man's eyes and told him to wash in the pool of Siloam. After washing in the pool the man could see.

Jesus has always divided opinion – both now and in the first century. This story shows a clear example of this. Even though Jesus' action changed the life of the man in question for the better, it leads to an investigation by the religious leaders of the time.

When the Pharisees question the man born blind about his healing, they do not take seriously his reply and treat his confidence in Jesus with scepticism. Finally they became abusive and their suspicion turns to outright scorn – 'you were steeped in sin at birth' they accused (9.34).

But the man remains sure. He refuses to descend into abstract speculation over whether or not Jesus was a 'sinner' for healing on the Sabbath, and is apparently unphased by the opposition he receives. Instead, the man challenges the Pharisees with the simplicity of his testimony: '**One thing I do know. I was blind but now I see.**'

From the man born blind we learn the power of a simple testimony. The man encounters Jesus, his life is transformed, and even though his story is met with suspicion he nevertheless remains confident in who Jesus is. Ultimately, the man's encounter leads him to worship: 'Then the man said "Lord, I believe," and he worshipped him' (9.38).

If you are a Christian, you too have a testimony. You too have encountered Jesus and had your life transformed as a result. You might not have been physically blind, like the man in our story, but you may have received healing and transformation nonetheless. Perhaps, for instance, prior to encountering Jesus you were 'blind' to those around you, stressed and self-absorbed, but now having met him can take better notice and care of your colleagues, your friends and relatives, or your spouse and children.

You too have a testimony, and you too can share it. There might be some who meet you with suspicion; indeed, in our increasingly post-Christian society perhaps this is to be expected. But sometimes the only thing required of us is to share our own story confidently—though gracefully—in all its simplicity by saying what we **do know**.

What is your testimony of encountering Jesus? Who can you share it with? *(From Alex Rowe, LICC).*



Home Group

At the Benefice Home group we are exploring how to share our faith and telling our stories by reading a book called 'Just Walk Across the Room'. We next meet meets on Thursday 7th June at Trelowen, Rosevine at 7pm. Everyone is welcome to come for a time of informal fellowship, prayer and discussion. (You don't need to read the book before you come.) If you'd like more information please ask Jill.

Everyone Welcome

At a Barbecue

Sunday

24th June

from 12 noon



With Messy Church Table
Philleigh Community Centre
Garden.

Keeping in touch and GDPR

You will no doubt have received emails from many charities and organisations asking for your permission to contact you electronically after 25th May when new legislation comes into effect. Thank you to everyone who has replied to our email asking if we may keep in touch with our news and events. If you haven't replied yet and would like us to keep you informed just reply to the email saying 'ok'. If you have lost track of the email you can subscribe by completing the form on our website (www.gerransandphilleighchurches.org.)



Cornwall

Hospice Care is a 24/7 charity helping people over 18 who are coping with a terminal illness.

CHC support patients and their families at their two hospices, Mount Edgcombe in St Austell

and St Julia's in Hayle. People are also supported in hospital, in care homes and in the community.

The vision of Cornwall Hospice Care is for all people living with terminal illness in Cornwall to be able to access the care and support they may need at the time and in the place that is right for them and their families.



**Our next Charity Lunch at
St Gerrans is on Thursday**

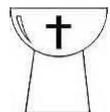
21st June 12-1.30pm

**Donations invited for
Cornwall Hospice Care**

*Offers of help always welcome. Please contact
Margaret Davis on 01872 580714*

Holy Communion at home

**If you know anyone who is sick or housebound who
would like to receive Holy Communion at home or in
hospital please let Jill know**



Cornwall Historic Churches Trust.



In Cornwall, 80% of churches are pre-1550. From the Trust's foundation document it was recognized that: ***"The churches are still there, still praying through the storms and the rains. We must not let down the past which has loved and cared for them"***.

The charity's essential task is to support these historic buildings but also give help to churches built after this period. By "church" the Trust means any church, chapel or other building currently being used for public worship.

From the outset the Cornwall Historic Churches Trust's priority has been to raise money and publicise the urgency of the need to make our churches weather-tight, but not to neglect the need to protect any artistic work. Its funds are applied for ***"the preservation and maintenance, improvement, upkeep, beautification and reconstruction of churches in Cornwall and of monuments, fittings, fixtures, stained glass, furniture, ornaments and chattels in churches and churchyards"***.

The Trust has limited capital and resources and its work can only continue and be effective through the continuing generosity and support of both the people of Cornwall, and the many kind and benevolent friends and family from beyond its borders who share the love of this county and its Christian heritage.

Cornwall Historic Churches Trust AGM

St Gerrans Church

Monday 25th June at 2.30pm

Everyone is welcome.



June at 6pm.

THE CALLING MOVES TO ST PHILLEIGH-

The Calling is a fresh expression of worship and is an opportunity to get together and worship in an informal contemporary style. Everyone is welcome to The Calling's new venue at St Philleigh on Sunday 17th

Craft and Pizza Club

If you are at secondary school and enjoy craft and like eating pizza then this club is for you!



Thursday 14th June 4pm (or when you can get there) until 7pm.

Trelowen, Rosevine.



How to get inner peace.

The way to achieve inner peace is to finish the things you've started. It's definitely working for me. I am now making a point of always finishing what I start and I think I'm well on my way to finding inner peace.

Because I care for you, I am passing this wisdom on to you.

Here are the things I finished today.

2 bags of crisps,
A strawberry cheesecake,
a packet of biscuits,
a box of chocolates.

Praying the Lord's Prayer.

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in
heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those that
trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory,

For ever and ever. Amen.

- I cannot pray "OUR" if my faith is centred only on myself and has no room for others.
- I cannot pray "FATHER," if I have not become God's child by asking Jesus to be my Lord and Saviour.
- I cannot pray "WHO ART IN HEAVEN," if all of my interests and pursuits only concern earthly things.
- I cannot pray "HALLOWED BE THY NAME," if I am not striving for God's help to live a holy life.
- I cannot pray "THY KINGDOM COME," if I am unwilling to accept the changes to my lifestyle required to bring about God's rule.
- I cannot pray "THY WILL BE DONE," if I am only seeking to please myself.
- I cannot pray "ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN," unless I am ready to totally accept God's will in my life.
- I cannot pray "GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD," without being willing to accept and share God's provision and blessings.

- I cannot pray “AND FORGIVE US OUR TRESPASSES AS WE FORGIVE THOSE WHO TRESPASS AGAINST US,” if I continue to hold a grudge against anyone.
- I cannot pray "AND LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION," if I deliberately choose to remain in a situation where I am likely to be tempted.
- I cannot pray "BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL," if I am not willing to fight evil with my life and my prayer.
- I cannot pray "FOR THINE IS THE KINGDOM," if I am unwilling to make Jesus Lord and King of my life.
- I cannot pray "AND (THINE IS) THE POWER," if I am only seeking power for myself and my selfish desires.
- I cannot pray “AND (THINE IS) THE GLORY," if I am only seeking to take the credit and get the glory for myself.
- I cannot pray 'FOREVER," if I am too impatient to wait for God’s perfect timing in all things.
- I cannot pray "AMEN," unless I can put my prayers into the hands of Jesus and trust Him with everything.

Please join us to pray

for our world, our nation and community and ourselves.

**The next Benefice Prayer Group is on Tuesday
June 5th 2-3pm at St Philleigh.**

If you would like prayer in confidence please speak to Jill 01872 580117. jill@jilledwards.com or leave a message on our website. www.gerransandphilleighchurches.org

**God made you to be the answer to someone else’s
prayer.... so be ready!**

Prayer Diary

Please give thanks for

- The gift of the Holy Spirit whom we celebrated at Pentecost.
- a well attended Community Breakfast Service
- Continuing generosity for our charity events and collections of goods.



Please pray for

- the Holy Spirit to fill and empower us to share our faith.
- refugees, especially in Refugee Week as even though their plight may have slipped from the headlines, the need is great.
- Richard as he is ordained Priest, and for all men and women who will be ordained Deacon or Priest this Pentecost.
- Johanna in her new role as Priest in Charge at Mawnan.
- Ken and Lois as they embark on the next chapter of their lives and for Arwen and the congregations of St Just and St Mawes.
- those who are coming to the end of their earthly life and for the organizations who support them, especially Cornwall Hospice Care and Little Haven.
- community organizations, particularly those who will be at the Charity Fete on Gerrans Green.
- the Community Barbecue at St Philleigh.
- the Calling as it moves to its new venue in St Philleigh.
- that we might be good friends to those to whom God draws us.

"God shapes the world by prayer. The more praying there is in the world the better the world will be, the mightier the forces against evil." - Mother Teresa

Sun 17th Trinity 3

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| | 10.00 am | Holy Communion | St Gerrans |
| | 6.00 pm | The Calling | St Philleigh |
| Thurs 21 st | 10.00 am | Holy Communion | St Gerrans |
| | 12.00 | Charity Lunch for Cornwall Hospice Care | St Gerrans |
| Sat 23 rd | 2 - 4:30pm | Summer Fete | Gerrans Green |

Sun 24th Trinity 4

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| | 9.00 am | Holy Communion | St Philleigh |
| | 10.00 am | Family Service | St Gerrans |
| | 12 noon | Barbecue and MC | St Philleigh |
| Mon 25 th | 2.30 pm | Cornwall Historic Churches Trust AGM | St Gerrans |
| Thurs 28 th | 10.00 am | Holy Communion(BCP) | St Gerrans |
| Fri 29 th | 7.30pm | Richard's Ordination | Cathedral |

Father we pray for a vision of your world as your love would
make it.

A world where the weak are protected and none go hungry;
a world where the benefits of life are fairly shared.

A world where nations, races, cultures and religions live with
mutual respect.

A world where peace is built with justice and justice is guided
by love, and that we may have the courage and inspiration to
play our part in building it. **AMEN**



Thought For The Day...

Watch the borders!

Apparently in the mid 1960's, FBI director, J Edgar Hoover was proof-reading a letter. He didn't like the way the margins had been set out, so he wrote 'watch the borders' on the bottom and asked for the letter to be re-typed. The secretary retyped it and sent it to all the top agents. For the next two weeks, FBI agents patrolled the borders in droves, as requested!

How easy it is to misunderstand! Jesus came and loved those who appeared unlovely and who were broken and cast out; yet he was rounded on by many from orthodox religion.

How easy it is to misunderstand. The church was to be a means by which people meet with the risen Christ, just as they are, and to receive his grace and mercy. It is not the church's job to 'watch the borders' and to exclude people. It is our job to break down the borders and barriers and to find people who are still 'afar off' and to lead them to the one who has all the grace, mercy and forgiveness they need.

A good question to ask ourselves would be; are we enabling people to see and meet the risen Christ or are we keeping Him hidden within our buildings where so many are reluctant to come?

It is good to be reminded that we are the Church and each one of us is called to share the good news of love and forgiveness with everyone.