

ST GERRANS AND ST PHILLEIGH NEWSDIARY

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May at a glance

Tues 1 st	2.00pm	Prayer Group.	St Gerrans
Thurs 3 rd	10.00am	Holy Communion.	St Gerrans
	7.00pm	Home group	Trelowen

Sun 6th Sixth Sunday of Easter.

	10.00 am	Holy Communion	St Gerrans
	10.30 am	Morning Worship	St Philleigh
	6.00 pm	Choral Evensong	St Gerrans
Tues 8 th	7.00pm	PCC	St Gerrans
Weds 9 th	11.30am	Assembly	St Gerrans

Thursday 10th Ascension Day

10.00am	Holy Communion	St Gerrans
7.00pm	Thy Kingdom Come	St Cuby
	24 hours of prayer.	Benefice

Sun 13th Seventh Sunday of Easter

	10.00 am	Matins	St Gerrans
	10.30 am	Holy Communion	St Philleigh
	4.00pm	Messy Church	St Gerrans
Mon 14 th	10-12noon	Refugee Collection	St Philleigh
	3.15pm	Messy Church	School
Tues 15 th	2-4pm	Refugee Collection	St Philleigh



FROM ARCHDEACON TO THE OVER-ARCHING TRANSFORMING MISSION

Many of us know Bill as the affable, solid and wise Archdeacon, who has been very supportive to us in this Benefice. Why has he taken the unusual step of rocking what could have been a relatively comfortable retirement boat?

Bill said “I’ve really enjoyed being an Archdeacon, overseeing the diverse parishes within the diocese and having the privilege of being involved in the big strategies as well as the nitty gritty of daily parish life. But my heart has always been in pastoral ministry, and I’ve missed that.”

Why Transforming Mission?

Bill explains “Transforming Mission is an important initiative in Falmouth and it will hopefully draw many people to faith.

After failing to appoint from good candidates at the first set of interviews, the second round of advertising drew barely any response. Everyone faithfully waited, fought against frustration and went back to the job-description drawing board. Then Bill woke up in the early hours one morning with the unexpected and, as he says, slightly under-whelming, thought – “Why not me?” The thought grew, Bill prayed and took the thought to the team, none of whom said why not, but why didn’t we think of it earlier?!

Bill is a thoughtful, charismatic man with a passion for God and a heart for His people. He is a good leader, respected throughout the diocese and extremely well-placed to engender God’s love for the community of Falmouth in the hearts of its various congregations.

We keep Bill our prayers as he takes up his new role at All Saints, Falmouth.



Cornish St Piran Statue and “La Vallée des Saints” in Brittany

The sculpture of St Piran is a 3.8 metre tall sculpture in Cornish, Carnsew granite. It was commissioned by “La Vallée des Saints” in Brittany and made by sculptors David A. Paton and Stéphane Rouget at Trenoweth Quarry, Mabe Burnthouse.

The statue will be transported on a trailer towed by Rob Wing’s steam

engine from Trenoweth Quarry to North Quay dock on Saturday the 5th of May from where it will be shipped by the restored Breton fishing vessel La Nebuleuse to Paimpol in Brittany. From there it will travel to different villages and events by road and rail, and arrive at the Valley of Saints on 26th July, where the sculpture will take a prime position on the site.

As part of a tenth year anniversary celebration of La Vallée des Saints, St Piran will be the first of the Giants Crossing sculptures to arrive at the site, and it will be the 100th statue.

The steam engine is a Burrell Road Locomotive called ‘Clinker’ owned by **Rob Wing from St Philleigh Church**, who will be driving Clinker along with his son Jack Wing and Garrick Royle – Managing Director of The King Harry Ferry. Clinker will leave its shed in the small hamlet of Trelissa in time to catch the 7:10am KHF then on to the lower yard (ex Sid Knowles yard) of Trenoweth Quarry, Mabe Burnthouse where it will hook up with the trailer carrying the statue.

Everyone is welcome to cheer Clinker and St Piran on their way.

This is the route

At about 1pm, Clinker and trailer will leave Trenoweth Quarry and turn left up Antron Hill towards Longdowns, where it will turn right onto the A394 and head towards Treluswell roundabout, turning right down the B3292 to



Penryn/Commercial Road, past Jubilee Wharf, along Falmouth Road, then North Parade and past the Greenbank Hotel, and on to Falmouth Prince of Wales Pier. Then subject to permission Clinker will drive up Market Street and Church Street passing King Charles the Martyr Church on the right along Arwenack Street to its exchange point in Falmouth Docks and back down to North Quay.

There will be a celebratory market on Customs House Quay, with produce from Cornwall and Brittany on Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th, with music and events throughout the weekend.

On Sunday 6th, between 9am and 12pm, St Piran will be loaded onto La Nebuleuse which will then head out to deeper water. A ferry tour will be available on Sunday afternoon to take people out to see the boat and St Piran. **Bishop Chris will be in Falmouth to take part in these celebrations on Sunday afternoon.**

La Nebuleuse will visit **St Mawes** with the Statue on **Tuesday 8th** (High Tide 11.30am) alongside celebrations. There is a slight possibility they will have a relic of St Mawes (his skull!) on board for this visit!! If so a procession to the Holy Well may happen. ***Ken and Lois Boullier are going across to Brittany (via Brittany Ferries) from the 11th to the 16th May to be part of the welcome there. Others are very welcome to join them for this trip. Please contact Ken for further details 01326 270248.***



Home Group

The Benefice Home group meets next on Thursday 3rd May at Trelowen, Rosevine at 7pm. Everyone is welcome to come for a time of informal fellowship, prayer and discussion. We are currently

discussing the book 'Just Walk across the room' but you don't need to read it before you come. If you'd like more information please ask Jill.

Choral Evensong with the Roseland Churches Choir on Sunday May 6th at 6pm.

St Gerrans.

Everyone welcome.



Sunday 13th May at 4pm - (St Gerrans)

Monday 14th May at 3.15pm (Gerrans School)

Sunday 27th May at 10.30am (St Philleigh)

**Start doing what is necessary, then do what is possible
and suddenly you're doing the impossible.**

(St Francis of Assisi)



Refugee Collection

Thank you for your continuing generosity which meant that another full load of goods for refugees left St Philleigh in April. Our next collection for refugees will be at St Philleigh on Monday 14th May 10-12noon and Tuesday 15th May 2-4pm. You can leave goods for the refugees at either of our churches at any time.

Portscatho United Church

Coffee Morning & Sale

30th May

10.30am - noon.



June 23rd 2-4.30pm on Gerrans Green.

If you would like to run a stall for a charity that you support please contact Margaret Davis 01872 580714 or email

office@gerransandphilleighchurches.org.

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 25th 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.

Hidden Entrepreneurs.



Hidden Entrepreneurs are people who have all the talent and determination to be successful but lack the opportunity.

Developing countries are full of people with these qualities and with a little support they can build businesses that feed their families and educate their children.

The money raised at

Traidcraft events earlier in the year has been used help hidden entrepreneur, **Julia Muthoni** from Kenya. Kenya is a poor country and the area in which Julia lives is one of the poorest. People there are particularly affected by drought and malnutrition; 63% live in poverty. With training in water conservation, business skills and collective negotiation, Julia and her fellow farmers can adapt their methods to beat climate change and can negotiate a fair price for their produce.

Julia had struggled for many years to make a living from the land, but she had no other choice. Year after year she was failing. Julia was distraught that her children didn't have enough to eat and that she couldn't afford to send them to school. But things have changed.

Thanks to support from Traidcraft's Northern Kenya programme, Julia has gained new farming skills and knowledge to complement her intelligence and industry. Her farm has become so successful that she is a respected community leader – heading up the local farmers' co-operative.

Julia says "The Bible says when you fall down, you must get up. You don't just sit there, stuck. You get up and move on. That is what success is to me—not giving up."



'Thy Kingdom Come' 10 days of Prayer

Between Ascension Day and Pentecost 10 May - 20 June, communities and churches around the world are gathering together to pray that their friends, families and neighbours come to know Jesus Christ. With prayer anything is possible!

Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement, which invites Christians around the world to pray between Ascension and Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus Christ. What started out as an invitation from the Archbishops of Canterbury and York in 2016 to the Church of England has grown into an international and ecumenical call to prayer.

The hope is that:

- people will commit to pray with God's world-wide family - as a church, individually or as a family;
- churches will hold prayer events, such as 24-7 prayer, prayer stations and prayer walks, across the UK and in other parts of the world;
- people will be empowered through prayer by the Holy Spirit, finding new confidence to be witnesses for Jesus Christ.

"In praying 'Thy Kingdom Come' we all commit to playing our part in the renewal of the nations and the transformation of communities."

Archbishop Justin Welby

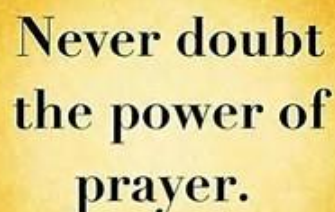
What are the Roseland Churches doing?

Our churches will be open for prayer during the ten days and there will be a variety of prayer stations, visual aids and displays to help us to pray. There will be the opportunity for personal prayer in confidence; for you, someone you know or for a specific situation. If you would like to request prayer, speak to Jill or email jill@jilledwards.com or telephone 01872580117. You can also leave a confidential request on our website www.gerransandphilleighchurches.org.

Ascension Day

We begin the ten days of prayer with a cluster service at St Cuby (Tregony) on Ascension Day, 10th May, at 7pm. Following this there will be 24 hours of continual prayer based around St Philleigh and St Gerrans churches.

Volunteers are needed to pray, hopefully in the churches, but if you are unable to commit to pray in church, please pray at home. Our plan is that every minute of the 24 hours someone in our Benefice will be praying somewhere. If you are able to take part by covering some of the 24 hours (as long or as short a time as you like) please tell Jill or Andy or email office@gerransandphilleighchurches.org.



Never doubt
the power of
prayer.



Ascension Day is also the National Day of prayer for the Police Service. We shall remember the Police Service in our prayers at Holy Communion at St Gerrans on 10th May at 10am.

We are asked to pray especially for

- Police officers and the wider policing family.
- Safety whilst on duty
- Help to keep communities safe
- Innovative, compassionate and courageous solutions to policing issues
- Help in making difficult resourcing decisions.

**THY KINGDOM COME “TOGETHER FOR GOD’S KINGDOM”
MAY 13 @ 2:00 PM - 9:00 PM**

Following the effectiveness of the Thy Kingdom Come ‘Beacon’ event at the Cathedral last year, there will again be a large-scale event to which all are welcome.

This is at Truro Methodist Church on the afternoon and evening of Sunday 13th May.

“Together for God’s Kingdom” will be a flexible and varied program, which people are welcome to attend some/all of, as they are able.

This will include:

2-4pm: open air and inside events to attract attention and draw interest – including children’s activities

2-6pm: stalls in Wesley Hall indicating the work and prayer needs of a wide variety of organisations which work towards the coming of God’s Kingdom

4-5pm: Songs of Praise service in Truro Methodist Church

5-6pm: FREE afternoon tea in Wesley Hall (if you are bringing a large group from your church, you are welcome to bring a plate of something towards the tea)

6.30-8pm: The main Beacon event: “Together for God’s Kingdom” service of prayer and worship. Contemporary worship, opportunities for prayer, reflections on Luke 4.18-19.

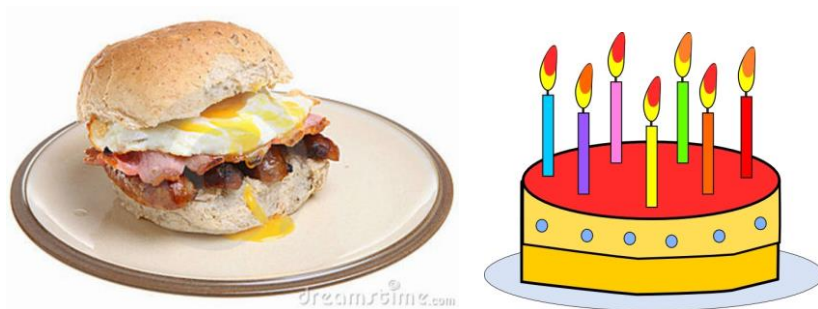
8-8.30pm: Opportunities to receive prayer ministry and foot-washing

8.30-9pm: Taize reflective service – sending out to pray and work for God’s Kingdom.

If you would like to go to any of these events please email office@gerransandphilleighchurches.org so we can car share.



Celebrate Pentecost
(the church's birthday)
at a Community Breakfast



Followed by a short service
Sunday 10am 20th May
St Gerran's Church
Everyone welcome

“Thy Kingdom Come”

**CHRISTIANS PRAYING TOGETHER
PRAISING GOD ON THIS SPECIAL DAY**

PENTECOST SERVICE

**HELD AT
GWENNAP PIT, BUSVEAL
REDRUTH**

SUNDAY 20th MAY 2018 - 3pm

(community hymn singing - 2.30pm)

Twin Harmony

Launch of Hot Air Balloon

Christian Bikers Assoc - Cornwall

Major Stephen White

**(Divisional Commander of Devon & Cornwall Division of
the
Salvation Army)**

**Car and small coach parking is available at Gwennap Pit
(TR16 5HH)**

Large coaches may drop off and collect after the service

Please approach the Pit via Carharrack

**If it rains it rains - the event will continue,
therefore, please dress accordingly.**

Join in this day of celebration.

**If you would like to go please email
office@gerransandphilleighchurches.org so we can
car share.**



Saakshar meaning 'Literate'!

For children in India's slums, the absence of education is a life sentence of poverty. In the daily struggle to survive, children's education is often impossible as illiterate parents working long hours are unable to deal with school applications, and slum children who do start school face many challenges and often drop out. In Delhi, the

Saakshar school for slum children is helping them to take the vital first step into education, and then supporting them all the way through their school life.

Saakshar runs four small school rooms, employs ten teachers and several other staff, and prepares about 100 pre-school children for school each year, providing a year of morning lessons which equip each little learner with the confidence, understanding and social skills they need to survive at school. At the end of the year they are signed up their local government schools by Saakshar's teachers. **Saakshar** also provides pre-school children with lunch, and regular medical and dental checks, as well as nutritional interventions. Every morning the four school rooms are full of the sound of happy children learning together, learning creatively through stories, songs and dance too.

Once they are at school, there are many pressures which might force these disadvantaged children to fall behind and drop out. **Saakshar** provides ongoing remedial support and tutoring, with additional English language and computer skills teaching for older children, so that they remain in school and can complete their education. Every afternoon the four school rooms are

open for homework and tutoring sessions led by the committed staff.

As those who have been supported throughout their education by **Saakshar** reach the end of their school life, Saakshar's teachers and Coordinator provide mentoring and advice for them and for their parents too. In 2016 a small fund was established to enable **Saakshar** to pay for a small amount of vocational training for the students they know best. This has included driving lessons, beautician training, and training in business administration. Two female students, Rupa and Kajal, began teacher training courses, sponsored by individual donors through **Saakshar School Appeal**. They have made excellent



progress and are due to complete their training in spring 2018. This is an outstanding achievement for young people from these communities, and we are very happy for them and their families.

St Gerrans next charity lunch will be on
Thursday May 17th from 12-1.30pm

**Donations invited for
Saakshar School Appeal**



*Offers of help always welcome. Please
contact Liz Roberts on 01872 580198*

R.I.P

We remember William T.B. Real (RIP 6th May 1918) Charles Eddy Nicholls (RIP 13th May 1918) and Ernest Lewhenworth Hunkin (RIP 22nd May 1918). William, Charles and Ernest died in the service of their country.

Please join us to pray

for our world, our nation and community and ourselves.

**The next Benefice Prayer Group is on Tuesday
May 1st 2-3pm at St Gerrans.**

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

To get nations back on their feet, we must first get down on our knees.” ~ Dr Billy Graham.

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.

He who has so little knowledge of human nature as to seek happiness by changing anything but his own disposition will waste his life in fruitless efforts and multiply the grief he proposes to remove.

(Samuel Johnson)

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13-19 MAY

#StandTogether this

Christian Aid Week

*For dignity, For equality.
For justice.*

Poverty is an outrage against humanity. It robs people of their dignity and lets injustice thrive. But together we have the power to transform lives; lives of people like Vilia.

Vilia sheltered 50 of her neighbours during Hurricane Matthew. She lost her mum and her home when the earthquake struck Port-au-Prince in 2010. Bereaved and homeless, she went back to her home town with her husband and children. But life was a struggle, and they had nowhere safe to live. Christian Aid partner KORAL built her a new home that was strong enough to stand up to natural disasters.

On the terrifying night when Hurricane Matthew hit, Vilia's neighbours fled to shelter with her. As the storm raged, she shared her home with more than 50 of her neighbours for several days. Despite the ferocity of the hurricane, which swept away surrounding homes, her house was barely damaged.

Vilia allowed her home to become an emergency shelter when Hurricane Matthew struck Haiti. She is incredibly grateful for the help she's received but worries about those without a secure home. Will you #StandTogether with your global neighbour Vilia and give a donation to help build hope in Haiti?

To donate go to www.christianaid.org.uk

Prayer Diary

Please give thanks for

- Officers and members willing to serve on our PCC's.
- The beauty of the area in which we live and are reminded of each time we Beat the Bounds.
- For generous donations in support of Open Doors.



Please pray for

- The people of Syria and for wisdom for those taking decisions on the world stage in these dangerous and difficult times.
- Archdeacon Bill in his new role and for the senior Diocesan staff.
- the continued process of appointing a new Bishop for Truro.
- Julia and all the hidden entrepreneurs helped by Traidcraft Exchange.
- Thy Kingdom Come prayer initiative that we might all be encouraged to come together to pray more.
- the work of Saakshar and all initiatives to bring education to children throughout the world.
- our Community Breakfast Service and all mission and outreach within the Benefice.
- those who are sick, isolated or lonely. Please pray for our paroral visitors Liz and Lizzie.

Prayer brings us to the place where we are ready to participate in the mighty work God has already planned.

Sun 13th Seventh Sunday of Easter/ Sunday after Ascension Day

	10.00 am	Holy Communion	St Gerrans
	4.00 pm	Messy Church	St Gerrans
Thurs 17 th	10.00 am	Holy Communion	St Gerrans
	12 noon	Charity lunch	St Gerrans


Sun 20th Pentecost.

	8.30am	Holy Communion	St Gerrans
	10.00 am	Breakfast Service	St Gerrans
Mon 21 st	7.00pm	PCC	Court Farm
Thurs 24 th	10.00 am	Holy Communion	St Gerrans

Sun 27th Trinity Sunday

	9.00 am	Holy Communion	St Philleigh
	10.00am	Family Service	St Gerrans
	10.30am	Family service/Messy Ch	St Philleigh
Thurs 31 st	10.00 am	Holy Communion	St Gerrans

**Holy Communion at St Just.
Sunday, June 10th at 11am.
Ken and Lois' Farewell Service**



*Thought For
The Day...*

**Put your faith in fears and you will be
paralysed with fear.**

**Put your faith in doubt and you will be
questioning and uncertain.**

**Put your faith in yourself and you will fail time
and time again.**

**Put your faith in your feelings and you will be
constantly disappointed.**

**Put your faith in Jesus and you will know His
victory.**

(Colin Urquhart).