

St Philleigh Church News

May 2020



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Keeping Faith in Lockdown

In Matthew 16 v 18 Jesus says this to Peter after he has declared that Jesus was The Messiah:

'And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock, I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.'

In the past few weeks, our movements have been severely restricted due to Covid-19. This is a very new experience for us but for persecuted Christians around the world and throughout history these kinds of restrictions are not unusual.

They often have their buildings closed, are prevented from meeting together and some are forced to spend time in isolation or are imprisoned. However, in these circumstances, believers have learned to keep going and even to thrive. While in prison Paul and Silas worshipped and told other prisoners about Jesus. There was no internet in biblical times.

It has been amazing to see how churches and prayer groups across the world have adapted creatively to our own current restrictions and have continued to 'meet' through live streaming, video calling apps and social media sharing. Our church here in the Benefice is thriving, thanks to social media and some amazing technicians who live in Gerrans. Our Sunday services are streaming on Facebook and can be found on YouTube. Our weekly congregation has grown considerably. Join us at 10.00am every Sunday.

We are here to help you in any way we can just contact us.



If you do not have a computer, internet and want to listen to hymns, reflections and prayers there is a free phonenumber called Daily HOPE- 0800 804 8044 and you can listen.

The Foodbank needs supplies. We will put the box in the church porch if anyone has got anything to spare please donate. You can also donate money to Truro Foodbank online. Thank you.

**If you want to talk to someone or want prayer for yourself or someone else; please contact
Kay Robinson 01872 581877 and 07909523879
or Jill Edwards 01872 580117**

There will also be a prayer box in the porch if you would like to leave a message in there.

Church Calendar Events in May



2019 picnic

Sunday 17th May is **Rogation Sunday** when we ask God to bless protect our parish, the land and everyone in it. We would be beating the bounds together and having a picnic. We can still walk, pray and picnic but just not together this year



May 10th - 16th is **Christian Aid Week**. During the Coronavirus outbreak their work has increased. There are several virtual events throughout the week go to their website. There are also daily reflections and a service on May 10th at 1.00pm

'Love never fails. Coronavirus impacts all of us. But love unites us all.'



Thursday 21st May is **Ascension Day** when Jesus ascended into heaven while the disciples were watching, and angels said to them "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven." We can thank God for the promise that Jesus will come again.



Thursday 21st - Sunday 31st is the **Thy Kingdom Come global prayer initiative**.

This year the theme is 'prayer and care' which is very apt for the present time when so many people are caring for others at personal risk to themselves. As well as praying for 5 people to come to know Christ pray for all those caring and serving their communities and pray for us as church to look at more ways, we can serve our communities.

There are a variety of digital resources found on the Thy Kingdom Come website. There will be more on our Facebook page.



Sunday May 31st is **Pentecost** when we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Jesus' disciples - often known as the 'birthday of the Church'.

Messy Church

Our young people have been terribly busy during Lockdown.
Below are a few examples of their creativity



Jago's Easter Poster



Imogen's Easter garden



Jago's Easter garden



Riley's fish for breakfast on the beach
and his Easter garden



Ottillie and Tabitha's Easter garden and
biscuits for breakfast on the beach with



Keep sending in the photos it is lovely to see you all.

Prayer for the month

Lord Jesus Christ,
you taught us to love our neighbour,
and to care for those in need
as if we were caring for you.
In this time of anxiety, give us strength
to comfort the fearful, to tend the sick,
and to assure the isolated
of our love, and your love.
Be close to those who are ill, afraid or in isolation.
In their loneliness, be their consolation;
in their anxiety, be their hope;
in their darkness, be their light;
through Jesus who suffered alone on the cross
but reigns with you in glory. **Amen**