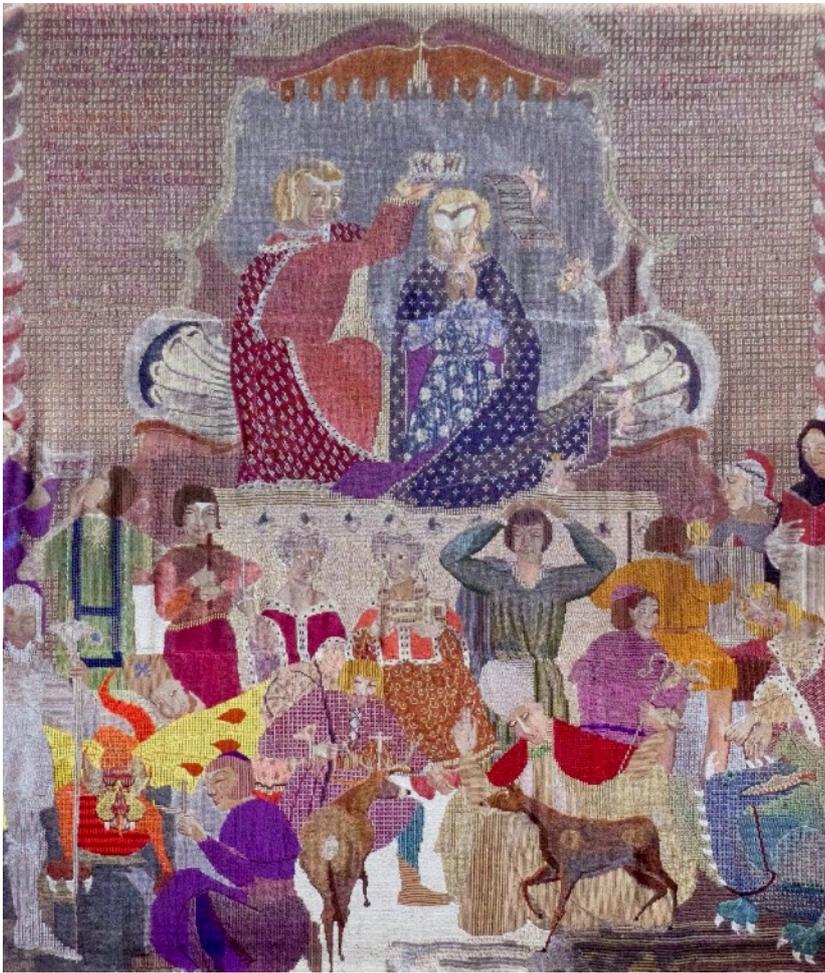


# THE PORTICO



Shown above is the large tapestry made by Margaret Pollard which hangs in Our Lady of the Portal Church, and was featured in our last issue. Incidentally Margaret was in the Guinness Book of Records for having made the world's longest embroidery. It was of the Narnia stories by C S Lewis, but its current whereabouts is unknown to us.

## Season of Creation 2020:

The current Season of Creation continues until the feast of St Francis of Assisi on 4th October. Pope Francis introduced this year's season by saying, *"we exist only in relationships: with God the Creator, with our brothers and sisters as members of a common family, and with all of God's creatures within our common home."*

Listen to Cardinal Tagle (Vatican's Prefect of the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples) invite us to celebrate this season [HERE](#)



## Messages

All readers are invited to send in any family news, announcements and/or prayer requests to be shared with other readers.

It was interesting to read Pope Francis's message, thanks for including it in the latest Portico edition. *Sam*

I do enjoy receiving the Portico and hope it may continue into the foreseeable future connecting our community. *Margaret*

Seen at a church in Seattle

Your talent is God's gift to you.  
What you do with your talent  
is your gift to God.

Yesterday I visited the Salesians of Don Bosco and met Fr. Alex Mulongo who has returned to Africa after his studies in England and Dublin. (He supplied in Truro for a week and was our chaplain for a pilgrimage to Lourdes). He spoke affectionately about the Parish and sends his greetings and best wishes. *Paul*

## *Fratelli Tutti*: a new encyclical

On October 3, the eve of the feast of St Francis of Assisi and the close of this year’s Season of Creation, Pope Francis will make a private visit to Assisi, where he will sign his new encyclical, *Fratelli Tutti*.

His third encyclical is expected to focus on society in a post-Covid age. If *Laudato Si’* was focused on restoring humanity’s relationship with the natural world, *Fratelli Tutti* will focus on how human beings can restore their relationships with one another.

The phrase *fratelli tutti* comes from a line in St Francis’ writings: “*Let us all, brothers and sisters, consider the Good Shepherd who to save his sheep bore the suffering of the Cross.*”

Andrea Tournelli, editorial director for the Dicastery for Communication writes in Vatican News: “The relationship must be expressed through kind deeds, forms of assistance, works of justice and generous action in times of need,’ regardless of people’s differences or affiliations.”

## Happy Caravan on Lesbos

For some time now, parishioner Wyn’s granddaughter Eilidh has been working with an organisation you may not have heard of - Happy Caravan. They aim to help children in refugee camps, like Moria in Lesbos, who have been traumatised by conflict. See something of their work at: [happy-caravan.org](http://happy-caravan.org) [HERE](#)

Eilidh reports that during lockdown, they have tried to continue this work but, with the destruction of the camp at Moria,

many refugees are now sleeping in the open and have had no food for several days. Eilidh and her colleagues are working hard to get urgently needed basic supplies to the refugees.

Wyn asks your prayers for Eilidh and the work of Happy Caravan on Lesbos

The UN Refugee Agency has an appeal for the refugees on Lesbos at: [donate.unhcr.org](https://donate.unhcr.org) [HERE](#)

## Learning in Lockdown?

I’ve rediscovered my joy in



photography spending time to stop, look and enjoy creation seeing God in all things in the beautiful countryside.

Margaret

## Feast of St Vincent de Paul

Today is the Feast of St Vincent de Paul on whose values the SVP was founded. SVP Conferences everywhere follow their Mission by serving whatever need they find in their own local situation.

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“It has new growth at the top, which I’m very pleased about. I’m going to include two photos of it before and after I got around to weeding on Sunday.” (Sam on his oak tree)

Janet’s friends will be pleased to know that from Monday, she will be back from St Austell and in a residential home in Truro. Thanks to everyone who has send cards and messages or rung her.

## Celebrate Conference



The Catholic charismatic conference cancelled its 2020 weekend, but has launched a Back to Basics series of on-line events on Mondays during October & November to explore the five values which encapsulate the CELEBRATE vision: Baptism in the Holy Spirit - Family - Unity - Formation - Mission

See their website [HERE](#) for details.



*Love your neighbour as yourself...  
love is the fulfilling of the law.*



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# THE PORTICO SUPPLEMENT

## Truro CAFOD Group: Family Fast Day Appeal

The current pandemic is making harvest time this year even harder than usual for our brothers and sisters in less fortunate circumstances than ourselves. CAFOD's Harvest Fast Day Appeal therefore continues to focus on the difficulties resulting from the Covid 19 pandemic, with priorities grouped under 3 themes - Survive, Rebuild and Heal.

Family Fast Day is on **Friday 9th October**, and the Truro CAFOD group is asking fellow parishioners to give whatever they can to support this campaign, by fasting in solidarity with those suffering and donating money saved to CAFOD.

Watch CAFOD's short video about this, here:



### How to Give

Envelopes are available at Our Lady of the Portal Church for parishioners attending Mass, and can be returned there after Fast Day in the receptacle provided. Alternatively mail them direct to CAFOD.

Additional, electronic ways of giving are being made available in the face of current restrictions. You can either:

- A. Use the Truro CAFOD Group's JustGiving page ([www.justgiving.com](http://www.justgiving.com) and search for Truro CAFOD Group, or this link: [HERE](#)). All donations go entirely to CAFOD; or
- B. See the CAFOD website or the CAFOD posters and literature in church for details of how you can make a donation direct to CAFOD by text or online.

### How your donations can be spent:

- £17.70 buys 3 x hygiene packs;
- £12 a food pack for a family;
- £33 provides education for \* faith leaders;
- £135 provides a hand washing point & training for 25 villagers

### Messages

*A report from the frontlines:*

Sierra Leone and Liberia in West Africa are 2 of the 10 poorest countries in the world. More than two thirds of their populations live below the poverty line & experience food insecurity and lack of access to clean water, making hand washing difficult if not impossible. CAFOD uses \*faith leaders who are known and trusted in the communities to educate the population on how to combat C19.

Kayode, a CAFOD aid worker, asks for our prayers and our donations to help provide resources to fight the pandemic.

*Message from a friend:*

