

# THE PORTICO



## Truro: after the lockdown?

The above photo is of a deserted Pydar Street just a couple of days ago. However, as we look forward to shops re-opening in just over a week, please be mindful that Cornwall seems to be experiencing a late recent surge in infections.

Whereas the Government is considering abolition of Sunday trading laws, permission for churches to re-open is lagging behind (there's a surprise!) so ideas and suggestions are being made on how to adapt to the present situation. On a local level here in Truro, one parishioner has suggested an open-air rosary group: any takers? Meanwhile, Deacon Andrew continues with his Zoom Evening Prayer sessions on Mondays, all invited. On a larger scale, Bishop Mark is reported to be very keen to organise open-air masses: "We are looking at places where we could use a large space, have parking, plenty of social distancing, and accessibility." (The Tablet, 23 May 2020) so watch this "space"?

## Vespers on Zoom

Monday 8 June at 6pm.

If you wish to join with others in saying Evening Prayers via ZOOM, write for instructions to Dcn Andrew Shute at [andrew.shute@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:andrew.shute@prcdtr.org.uk)

## Whose Cake?



This enormous, mouth-watering strawberry cake was made by a Parishioner whose hands can be seen brandishing knives) and soon polished off by the ravening hordes - Can anyone remember who made it, and what was the occasion? (and MORE please!)

## Messages

Again, many greetings, blessings, best wishes, and thanks shared by lots of people - Andrew, Angela, Margie, Nan, Sam Yvonne

"I loved it when we had the readings read out in different languages and people dressed in their national clothes (I especially remember Hanika looking beautiful in her Zimbabwean dress). It was such a powerful reminder of the universality of our Church and the fact that we are all brothers and sisters no matter what our background or where we live."

"thank you for including Val's painting. I find her paintings inspirational, and I spend a lot of time reflecting on them. Thank you Val!"

continued...

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### Statue of Our Lady (from Tony Barber)



There are very few items in Our Lady of the Portal church that came with us from our previous church on Chapel Hill; one of these is the statue of Our Lady. It is worth bringing in a little history at this point in the story. In 1965 the then parish priest, Fr Wilfred Wharton, realising the need for a new church to serve the Catholic population of Truro, revived the medieval Guild of Our Lady of the Portal. This ancient Guild was established to build and maintain a bridge and chapel at the entrance to Truro. Precisely where this bridge was is unknown, but the Guild itself received many bequests to support

its work. The revived Guild set about raising money to build a new church and eventually bought the site on which our church stands, which was then a house and garden, thought to be on land owned by the Guild. The Guild also acquired the carved wooden Lady statue, which was first displayed in the old church. The statue is of Basque origin, about 350 years old, from near the Pyrenees, evidently much repainted over the years. It portrays our Lady suckling the Christ child, an unusual representation in this country. The granite pillar on which she stands is about 100 years earlier. The contribution that the Guild has made is acknowledged by the extra dedication of the church to Our Lady of the Portal, also unique in this country.

### Laudato Si in Truro:

Bishop John Arnold (Chair of CAFOD Trustees) recently suggested that the challenge of Laudato Si is for us to be guided by love of God and love of our fellow man in re-imagining our common home; and for us to remember that ALL are included.

Five years ago, Fr Martin Poulsom led a parish session in Truro, which among other things led the CAFOD group to ask parishioners to suggest possible Live Simply initiatives that were posted on a



Wall. You may not remember that one idea on that Wall was “What about an SVP Group?”, which slowly came to fruition but whose activities have been severely curtailed by the lockdown. On the other hand, another idea was “if possible walk or ride a bike instead of using the car” which has taken on a renewed lease on life in the current pandemic, and is getting national focus on provision of better support and infrastructure. Other ideas were adopted, left to incubate, fell by the wayside or were overtaken by events.

Time and our situation have moved on. Perhaps now is a good time for us to start re-imagining....?



“Let's pray we will all be going to church soon I do miss going and seeing friends”

“A Pentecost thought: and I heard a great voice from the throne saying, ‘Behold, the dwelling of God is with men. He will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself will be with them’ (from Revelation 21)”

“It’s nice to have a bit longer in bed on Sunday mornings, but I’ll never forget my church roots and look forward to returning, whenever that is.”

### Portico List

The [Blessed Sacrament Church in Exeter](#) with Fr Jonathan Stewart also streams daily Mass (from Nan)

Word on Fire site no longer broadcasts daily Mass. (Wyn)

### Quiz Answers:

(What comes next?)

- A. 1, 7, 11 13, 17: **19**
- B. Tomorrow Never Dies, The World is Not Enough, Die Another Day: **Casino Royale**
- C. Pentagon, Hexagon, Heptagon, Octagon: **Nonagon**
- D. 10k, 14K, 18K: **24K**
- E. Churchill, Eden, McMillan: **Douglas-Hume**
- F. Z,V,R,N: **N**



View towards Post Office W.H.Smith taken from alley to People’s Palace

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