

# THE PORTICO

## World Day of Prayer for the Care for Creation



Photo: Paul Vage

Tuesday 1st September has been designated by Pope Francis as World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, encouraging the Catholic community around the world to pray for our common home..

We invite our readers to take some time out on Tuesday to celebrate and give thanks for God's gift to us, in their own way, perhaps in a garden, park, field or country lane. Let us know what you did!

### Children and young people

This week the children and I have been preparing contributions to the CAFOD National Assembly. They asked the children to reflect on the kind of world in which they wanted to live. Iestyn wants a world where everyone cares for God's creation and he has lots of playmobile. Eve wants everyone to have lots of friends to play with and Hywel wants happiness for everyone. Talking about these

things made me reflect on the kind of community we live in.

I feel that the strength of our Catholic community is in our children. I know that by going to a Catholic secondary school, I built relationships with other catholics that made me feel quite confident in sticking with my faith through the difficult teenage years. Although, like the majority of teenagers, I went through long periods of not attending mass,

### Prayers please

- for Janet and Patsy who are both recovering in community hospitals after a fall.

### Thank You's:

From Janet, Jean, Jo, and Sam.

"Many thanks to everyone for their prayers, good wishes and for all the cards." Janet

### Messages

Congratulations to George and Neethu on the birth of baby Emmanuel. God Bless. Angela.

"Does anyone know of a good mobile hairdresser?" (Please send details to the Portico) from Margaret L

Thank you, I've enjoyed the three page spread. God bless, Sam

### Re: On Retreat

Lovely piece from Molly. I really enjoyed reading it. It reminded me of my father, who rarely went to church but loved his garden quoting the saying, "you're closer to God in a garden than anywhere else on Earth." Certainly, when we were walking the lanes in early lockdown

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when I faced challenges away from home at university, I turned to the Catholic community to get me through.

This is why I have always been so keen for the children to build relationships through activities within our parish. I want my children to build friendships in our parish, to take part in memorable activities that will help them to feel connected to their faith community knowing that if at any point in the future they turn away from it, there will always be a route back.

*Maggie*



*We are: a welcoming church!*

## First Holy Communion

The present situation is very sad for the children. They have completed the programme so it is important that they actually now make their First Communion. It will be impossible to have the type of First Communion Mass that we have had in the past so we hope to have a small Mass (with them and just 3 members of their families) for them. Then when we are able to celebrate Mass more 'normally', we would like to hold a parish celebration Mass and party for them, when they can wear their Communion clothes and take part in the Mass as they have done in the past.

*Nan*

## Evening Prayers

Monday 31 August 2020.

6pm start via ZOOM

Contact Dcn Andrew Shute at [andrew.shute@predtr.org.uk](mailto:andrew.shute@predtr.org.uk) for joining instructions.

## Churches Together News

In September, CTC will discuss ways in which church members across the city can be gathered online for worship and prayer. The aim is to express unity and strengthen our partnership in worshipping God and serving each other.

Let us pray that we can move forward with faith and enthusiasm.

*Val*

### Wanted:

#### Room or Flat to rent.

Young Catholic lady teacher moving to Truro is looking for a room or flat, either long-term or just for a few months.

Katharine 07900-681039  
or contact The Portico



*No Angel!*

Yes, there are much better ways to be holy - and PORTICO has copies of Pope Francis' call to holiness "Gaudete et Exsultate" available free on request.

when the roads were silent, the beauty and birdsong was so evident. We followed a blackbird for a considerable distance up the lane hopping from one side to the other. *Anne*

### Re: Pastoral Conversion

Inspiring... Great to be challenged to think. *Jo*

One of the the things that struck me about the the Pastoral Conversion Document was its discussion of structures smaller than a Diocese, which could include several parishes. It did however emphasise that with each parish there was to be a distinct parish priest in charge.... this can have negative as well as positive consequences. Regarding consultation, there are things to be gained from each other. I've been re-reading some of Paul's letters and it seems that there may well have been several 'house churches' in Corinth for example, yet we think of Corinthians as a single group. *(Francis)*

Cardinal Stella: "Here, this outgoing dynamism, which the pope has spoken of many times, means looking outward, seeing who needs faith: the whole world of youth, the whole world of those who need God but do not know which way to go." *(from Jenny)*

## Season of Creation



Kenwyn Church graveyard  
and wilderness garden in  
Spring

Tuesday’s World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation marks the start of the Season of Creation – an opportunity for us all to reflect on how we care for our Common Home. The Season runs until 4 October – the Feast Day of St Francis of Assisi. Our Canon John Deeny invites us all “to reflect, to pray, and to act, so that we achieve that ecological conversion that the Holy Father calls us to. You can find resources to use during the Season on the Diocesan Website and Facebook pages.”

“We are not faced with two separate crises, one environmental and the other social but rather with one complex crisis which is both social and environmental” *Pope Francis*

“Our earth is the home for the human family. It is in severe danger and needs immediate protection and healing at a global, national and local level. ... The threatened state of the environment is a universal challenge affecting us all, those most in danger at present, and in the future, are those who are already poor and vulnerable” *Bishop Mark*

Resources for prayer & study: Plymouth [Diocesan](#) website **OPEN** and from the [CAFOD](#) website **OPEN**

### The God Within

The God within looked through my eyes today and saw:  
Clifftops carpeted with sweet smelling yarrow alive with small brown butterflies,  
Seals swimming and snorting in a blue-green sea,  
Screaming, swooping seagulls and a silent hovering kestrel.

The God within looked through my eyes today, peered over a wall and saw:  
A field of ripening wheat,  
Three tiny Shetland ponies grazing in a field,  
Free range clucking hens and a sleepy rooster under the hedge.

The God within listened with my ears today and heard:  
Kind words spoken when I stopped to talk to an elderly man and  
his equally elderly dog who came to me with soft brown eyes and a waggy tail.

The God within looked listened and shared a few magical moments with me today on the coastal path when:  
A spiky haired woman with heavily tattooed arms invited and welcomed me into her ‘special favourite place’  
under a tamarisk tree, where we stood in silence and wondered if there were any fairies living there!

The God within looked through my eyes today, saw all and loved  
**BECAUSE I DIDN'T BLOCK IT.**

*Molly*



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**Catholic Charity starts and ends  
with our love for each other**



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