

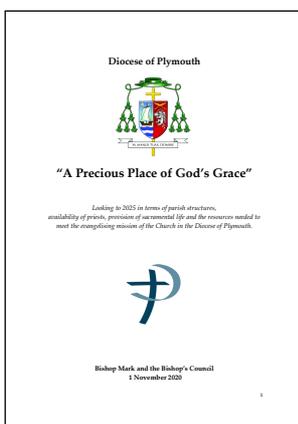
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“A Precious Place of God’s Grace”: update

Following the pilot meeting held on 15 December, Fr John Gilbert has been working with Pat McGovern on the parish self-assessment tool. Pat reports that they had been having further discussions and forming concrete plans regarding putting together a useable form of parish audit. “By forming a group to start looking at *A Precious Place*, our parish actually got ‘off the ground’ ahead of many others in this area. So we have not been slow in our response and have already gleaned useful initial information.”

However, things have been on hold since the new lockdown, and it was understood that timescales will be put back. Pat stresses that “It is seen as vitally important that the consultation process is carried out well and in an ordered manner, whilst engaging as widely as possible to ensure a reliable and valid response.”

Bishop Mark has since **announced** that because the on-going Covid-19 restrictions have impeded parish communities from engaging fully with the review, “A Precious Place...” will be relaunched, with the Parish Self-Assessment Tool, when lockdown restrictions are eased. Meanwhile, any feedback will still be welcomed.



Holocaust Memorial Day Wednesday 27 January 2021



This is an occasion to recognise the suffering of millions in the Holocaust, and reflect on the horrors of prejudice today.

Let us all join with others across the country in Lighting the Darkness by putting a candle in a window at 8pm on Wednesday 27 January

Churches in Cornwall: Environment

Churches Together in Cornwall, are setting up an Environment Committee to share good practice and ideas. They want to involve as many denominations and churches around the County as possible.

If you have any suggestions to offer or you are interested in getting involved, let us know and we'll put you in touch.

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Messages

Many thanks for the extra issue which as you say contains lots of interesting things. I particularly liked the Provoking Thought 1 by Fr Greg Boyle which Kay sent in. Nan

I heard on the news on Sunday morning that the Pope had made it official for women to serve on the altar and read. I thought that these offices had been made 'official' years ago! Mary

Thank you for my birthday wishes. Good photos from Antoinette and Paul, both frost related. If only we could have snow! Sam

I bet you never dreamed you'd still be doing this nearly twelve months later ! Jane

“I loved the tanners and bobs poem”, Janet (she was still laughing when she said this!)

Dates

✿ **CAFOD Lent Family Fast Day** this year will be on Friday 26th February

✿ (Women’s) World Day of Prayer will take place on Friday 5th March. This year the service will be hosted



needs coffee + tins of custard, puddings, & fish



SVP Truro
07474-941099
For help or a chat

CAFOD:
Reclaim our Common Home
Let’s rebuild a more dignified and sustainable world.
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theportico@icloud.com



Perranporth, last week. Keep safe on your local walks, and remember - no picnicking!

Holy Land Pilgrimage

We understand that all 30 places on this journey in early March 2022 (to be led by Bishop Mark) have already been snapped up. You can still put your name on the waiting list, contact [Della Shenton](#)



Welcome the Stranger Monday 8 February 5 – 6.30pm



On the Feast of St Bakhita, Caritas Plymouth will be holding a joint online event with Caritas Clifton to reflect on the messages in Fratelli Tutti about migrants and modern forms of enslavement. This free event will be joined by Bishop Mark and Bishop Declan, and will include prayer and liturgy as well as an opportunity for discussion. For more information, visit the Caritas Plymouth pages on the Plymouth Diocesan website [here](#). You can also register for the event [here](#)

Listening

The Chinese character for to LISTEN is made up of elements which give us clues on just how much is involved in the process.

We need a. to be present; b. ears to hear; c. eyes to see; d. our minds to be focused; e. our hearts to feel. None of these involve speaking!



Stillness: we can prepare to listen fully by being still in the Lord, before we begin. In that stillness of prayer we can be open to hear when and howsoever He chooses to speak to our heart.

Communication is like a song and dance routine: 93% of it is in the music and body movements, not the words you use!

(thanks to Margaret Shute)

by Truro Methodist Church and is written by the women of Vanuatu in the South Pacific. The Truro service will be live streamed on YouTube.

- ✿ The next G7 Summit will be held in Cornwall (Carbis Bay and Falmouth) from 11-13th June 2021. The G7 – which is made up of the UK, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the USA and the EU – is the only forum where the world’s most influential and open societies and advanced economies are brought together for close-knit discussions.

Live Vespers
Mondays at 6pm.
Contact [Dcn Andrew Shute](#) for joining instructions.
ALL WELCOME!

Lost touch with someone?
Ask us at THE PORTICO and we'll try to put you in touch



Sadly, this Bougainvillea which has flowered profusely for months now, is being attacked by whitefly! 🐛

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