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'Building a better world after the pandemic'

Cornwall's Christians send waves of hope and prayer to G7 summit

Unsurprisingly, with the G7 Conference here this past few days, Cornwall has been buzzing with related events, and Truro has been no exception. This edition is therefore filled with some of the things that our local community got involved in!

Waving Hands!



Banner at Our Lady of the Portal

Our own banner, calling on G7 leaders to work for a healthier, fairer and greener world, joined similar explosions of waving hands going up at schools and churches all over the County. Other waves were spotted in Truro, including this one in St Georges Road.

Hands for our banner were made by various parishioners, young and old! Our apologies to readers whose hands could not be included due to inadequate guidance from us!

Banner at St George's



Churches Together's G7

On Sunday 6 June, Churches Together in Cornwall hosted an online Environment Service via Zoom which was well supported by our own Catholic community - a really moving event which you can watch on [Youtube](#).

This was immediately followed by a Cornwall-wide Call to Prayer for the G7 Summit, of which Mary Bradley (Falmouth & Penryn J&P Group) writes "One felt that the whole event and locality was being

covered by a huge wave of prayer and overshadowing of the Holy Spirit"

CAFOD G7 interfaith event at Truro Cathedral - LIVE

On Thursday 10th June, the eve of the G7 conference, CAFOD hosted an interfaith event, notable for being held live in Truro Cathedral as well as being attended online by perhaps a thousand others. It was also well-supported by our local community, who found it

Mary Child, RIP

Mary passed away a week last Saturday. She and her husband Tim were longtime parishioners here in Truro before moving away a few years ago. She will be fondly remembered by their many friends here.

Prayers

Please also pray for Desiree and her family; for Margaret, Janet, Jennie, Jill & Jurek.

Messages

I only found out today, 3rd June about Kathryn and Patrick getting married. Wishing them good luck and happiness! Sam

Clergy Moves:

Fr. Anthony will be moving from Newquay to Weymouth in September and Fr. Martin Stone will come from Tavistock. to replace him. We wish them both well!

CA Coffee Morning

26th June, 10 till 12 noon

You are cordially invited to the outdoor Christian Aid Coffee Morning at Summerville, The Crescent, Truro.

Cakes, plants and more, plus a chance to meet old friends and new. (Plenty of gazebos in case of rain!)

refreshing to be able to meet again in person!



Truro Parishioners out in force!

It's purpose was to encourage us as well as the G7 conference, to reflect on how we can build 'a better world after the pandemic'; and to consider not only the challenges of the pandemic, but the climate emergency and how we as people of faith have a responsibility not only to respond to these challenges as individuals, but to make our leaders accountable for addressing them. There were many diverse speakers both live and virtual. These included a Jewish leader, a Sikh, a Buddhist, a Moslem and a member of an indigenous population. Many spoke eloquently of the challenges that we should be tackling. Several of us were struck particularly by the message from the indigenous populations who have lived in harmony with the environment for centuries but are among the first



Bishop Mark addressing interfaith event

world communities to feel the effects of climate change. Bishop Mark addressed the G7 leaders directly, welcoming them to our 'beautiful part of the world' he spoke very clearly and

A musical treat in Truro to end the G7 week.



Cathedral Choir at the end of their G7 Concert on 13 June

Truro locals were treated to a rare lockdown treat on Saturday when the Cathedral Choir performed to a capacity (socially distanced) crowd in the Cathedral. Along with an eclectic mix of pieces designed to represent all the G7 countries and ranging from Allegri's Miserere to Shenandoah, the performance included Gee7 the song written specially for the Cathedral Choir by Sir Tim Rice as well as music by Cornwall's own Russell Pascoe, who both attended the concert. It was a strange experience to be once again in a large public indoor event, but a good time was had by all.

effectively giving an upbeat end to the event.

(Reporting by Maggie McWilliams)

Wonder, adoration, and the Synod

Pope Francis in his homily on the feast of Corpus Christi, said "We need to break out of our tiny self-enclosed space and enter the large room, the vast expanse of wonder and adoration. That is what we really need! It is what is missing in the many movements we create to meet and reflect together on our pastoral outreach."

In an off-the-cuff remark, he added "If wonder and adoration are lacking, there is no road that leads to the Lord. Nor will there be the synod, nothing..."

Visiting the housebound

With the relaxation of some restrictions the SVP has slowly resuming house visits, but hospital visits are still no-go.

Taking Holy Communion to the housebound has not yet resumed but we understand that Fr John is making plans.

If you know of anyone who would benefit from either, contact the Church office or the SVP .



Jennie's magnificent snapdragon!



Be kind - June is a lean time for bees - Paul V

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