

THE PORTICO

Coffee mornings are back in town!

Postponed from mid-May, this year's Christian Aid Coffee Morning finally took place last Saturday attracting well over 30 people, including 7 from St Piran's. Held outdoors for the first time, the garden at Summerville in The Crescent provided a restful, colourful background for coffee-drinking, conversation and wandering around the various stalls — watercolour paintings, plants, books, CDs, bricabrac, jams and marmalades, cakes... so much to see and buy. The total raised so far is well over £700 Wonderful to see an event like this taking place again - almost normal!



Our Angela and Molly enjoying a live gathering

The God Who Speaks Through Creation

Saturday 17 July 10-11.30am (Zoom)



This online event organised by Caritas Plymouth, explores the ethics of the environment and will be a chance to hear more about our Diocesan Environmental Policy and future plans. Speakers will include Bishop Mark O'Toole on climate change and the

call to be Stewards of Creation, and Sister Margaret Atkins OSA, a Canoness of St Augustine, lecturer and author in theology with a special interest in the ethics of the environment.

Book now at Caritas [HERE](#)

Churches Together in Walking

Did you know that an ecumenical walking group meets every Wednesday? These excursions are designed to enable us to enjoy Christian fellowship whilst (re-)discovering different parts of Cornwall.

The Summer programme for the Wednesday walks is now available on the Portico website [HERE](#), and

Prayers

Please pray for Pope Francis who was admitted to hospital today for scheduled surgery for an intestinal restriction.

Prayers also for Oona who has been ill and for Margaret, recovering in Bodmin Hospital after a fall.

Messages

Happy Birthday to Janet next week!

Thanks for including my hand cutout. It may not have made it onto the parish banner, but I lent 'a hand'. *Sam*

Thank you for the interesting Portico, the G7 conference went very well we were in Falmouth on Saturday and it was packed with protesters, I am looking forward to taking Holy Communion to the Housebound, God Bless *Angela*.

Portico 43 an interesting read - thank you *Jane*.

Greetings from Bristol to all her friends in Truro from Kay Money

also in the porch at Our Lady of the Portal Church.

Community Fridge

Free and open to everyone on Wednesdays at Cafe Chaos, Harrison House Threemilestone Industrial Estate.



Truro Group

Our family in Christ helping each other
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Truro Foodbank needs:
tins of potatoes, spaghetti
and fruit + jam.

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Saints Peter & Paul

Feastday: 30 June 2021

“The Church looks to these two giants of faith and sees two Apostles who set free the power of the Gospel in our world, only because first they themselves had been set free by their encounter with Christ”, said the Pope. He stressed that they were neither judged nor humiliated by Jesus, who instead “shared their life with affection and closeness”.

He does the same with us, said the Pope. We too have been touched by the Lord; we too have been set free. Yet we need to be set free time and time again, for only a free Church is a credible Church.

Catholic Newspapers close



The Catholic Universe and Catholic Times, published weekly since 1860, announced their closure last week. Cardinal Nichols, thanking the editorial group, noted how great a challenge is the role of journalism in the life of the Catholic Church, and said that “My hope and prayer is that professional and enthusiastic Catholics will continue in this task, exploring and developing new forms of communication and new ways of telling the story of our faith in action here in our lands.”

The extended pandemic lockdown has hit Catholic publishing very hard, with the Catholic Herald also having stopped publication.

[This reminds us: Thanks to all our readers for keeping us at the Portico going by your support!]

Liverpool Synod results

The diocesan Synod in Liverpool, in which the clergy, religious and the people came together to discern carefully and agree on common goals and priorities in the Archdiocese for the coming years, has just published its results with recommendations on young people, lay ministry and love of neighbour among the highest priorities.

It may be of interest to look at the Liverpool experience as we anticipate the response of other Bishops to the Pope’s recent call for more diocesan Synods

Information about the Liverpool Synod, including the full results, can be found on its website [Synod2020](#).

Catenian BBQ



Fr Michael with some Catenians at BBQ

Cornwall Catenians finally emerged from COVID isolation to gather live for Mass in St Augustine’s Church today where they were warmly welcomed by parish priest Fr Michael, despite Deacon John referring to them as ‘hooligans’ in his homily.

Fewer members than usual were able to brave the COVID conditions, but current president Peter Houlihan and Kathryn hosted a BBQ where Fr Michael, his wife Carol and several St Augustine parishioners enjoyed great hospitality and unexpected sunshine!

Parliament in the Parish

CAFOD has launched a campaign to keep climate justice high on the political agenda over the coming months.

The CAFOD Truro group aims to persuade our local MP Cherylin Macrory to have a face-to-face or zoom meeting with people from Truro and Falmouth parishes, where they can ask her what she is doing to make sure we meet our climate targets and reduce the impact of climate change on all nations and peoples.

Readers are therefore invited to write to her, either by email or by post to show her the strength of feeling amongst the Catholics in her constituency - the more letters the better. We feel sure that she is more likely to agree to a meeting if we can show how many of us care about climate justice issues.

If you copy your letter to us, we will post samples on our website in the coming weeks as examples for others.

Cherylin Macrory's constituency address is: Lemon Chapel, William Street, Truro, TR1 2ED

Tel: 01872 229698 or email her at cherilyn.mackrory.mp@parliament.uk

Holy Communion

We are happy to report that Holy Communion to the housebound and those in residential/nursing homes in Truro will restart in the coming week - surely such a joy for them after such a long gap!

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