

THE PORTICO

SEASON OF CREATION



photo: thanks to Paul V

The World Day of Prayer on 1st September marks the start of the Season of Creation which lasts till 4th October (Feast of St Francis of Assisi). We as Christians everywhere will take this time to celebrate the world's beauty; to wonder at its complexity; to spend time just being in the natural world.

During this season we are asked to pray and examine how we as church, as a local community and as individuals can deepen our relation with God through our relationship with all Creation; and to ask how we fulfil our responsibility to renew God's Creation as a "Home for all". We are asked especially to pray for the climate conferences taking place this autumn.

There are already many imaginative ideas, inspiring initiatives and relevant projects; so if you have any or know of one, do please pass them on to us, so that the PORTICO can share them during this coming month.

Catholic Bishops' Conference (CBCEW) statement can be found [here](#) ; Cardinal Bagnasco's joint statement with the CEC is [here](#).

Messages

Thanks from Francis

Sorry to hear Fr Gilmour's mother has passed away. Sad about the music group ending but 30 years leading it, with help from Molly, is a brilliant effort by Gill! All good things come to an end. Sam

Thank you for item on the Music Group Jenny - good to see Peter in the photograph when we were all much younger! Jane

What a joy to hear the bell-ringing practice start up again at Kenwyn Church this week after 17 months of silence! J

I think the photo Paul took is of Pencalenick School. Sam

(Well done Sam, that's correct - you get the promised pat on the back!!)

Lucy Hatfield's North Channel Swim

Many readers will remember Lucy Hatfield, who is now an A & E nurse.

Following her successful cross-channel swim to France in 2018, Lucy was interviewed on BBC Radio 4's Open Country this week about swimming the North

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



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Channel - the 21 mile stretch of water separating Scotland and Northern Ireland. This swim is part of the Ocean Sevens series - and undoubtedly the coldest of the seven!

Lucy's swim raised money for the British Red Cross and if you would like to find out more about why she undertook this challenge, you can still read about it on her Just Giving page - [here is the link](#)

The Kenwyn Swarm



One of the Kenwyn swarm

If you tried to post a letter in the postbox at Kenwyn Church last month, you might have been deterred by the large number of honey bees buzzing around the Lychgate.

A swarm had settled on the wall around the postbox and then made their home in the walls of the Church hall, to the consternation of letter posters and church-goers alike.

Now, a much-reduced colony still flies in and out at a higher and safer level for passers-by, but the majority were successfully removed for re-homing in a 'proper' hive elsewhere.

House Groups

After COVID-19 lockdown restrictions began 18 months ago,

a number of online small house groups sprang up, adapting modern technology to help keep us together as a community in prayer and discussion.

Now that lockdown restrictions have been lifted, some of these sadly appear to have folded or gone into abeyance, even though parish life and interactions have not yet returned to a 'new normality'.

So it is good to see that Monday Evening Prayers at 6pm continues online. It is open to anyone who wishes to drop in and requires no preparation or materials - just "Zoom in" - contact Andrew Shute at andrew.shute@predtr.org.uk

If you have a house group wishing to invite others, do let us know.

"For a Synodal Church"

Cardinal Grech, the Secretary of the Synod of Bishops, reminds us that synodality was the form and style of the early Church, and that the Vatican II Council wanted us to recover that model of the Church, without renouncing any of the great advances of the Church in the second millennium. The focus of this Synod is to continue and further the Tradition of our Church in that regard.

The Cardinal notes that "to create a synod one must be a synod!" and therefore the process is starting now in dioceses and parishes everywhere. To help kickstart this process here, the Bishops of England and Wales have produced a statement and guide to the forthcoming Synod of Bishops, which can be found [here](#). So, more on this in our own Diocese soon!



At one of our Lourdes fundraising lunches (thanks to Ginny for this photo)

Pawprint

This app calculates your carbon footprint as you go, showing how you can make the biggest reductions in your impact on the world, in a fun way. It works on both Apple and Android devices, it takes only takes a few minutes to set up and is simple to use.

Aimed at organisations to engage their people in the fight against Climate Change, this attractive app is free for individuals to use. Find out more at [Pawprint](#).

Churches Together in Truro: A Time to Pray

Churches Together in Truro has put together a programme of prayer and fasting for the city during September, based on readings from the book of Nehemiah.

Each week has a different prayer focus - Public Service, Relationships, Business & Commerce and Church with a prayer and reading for each day.

See the leaflet giving full details on the PORTICO website [here](#)

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