

# THE PORTICO

## Raising money for TED?



photo: thanks to Paul V

Does anyone remember raising money for TED? The photo above shows some of you doing just that. TED, by the way was the short-hand for The Enormous Debt, which had to be paid off in the years following the building of the then new church, by Trafalgar roundabout. Many fund-raising events resulted - summer fairs, in the old City Hall (now the Hall for Cornwall) sponsored walks etc. Send us your memories of that time and what you did yourself.

### Autumn Walks

The new Churches Walking Together programme for this season's walks is now available on the Portico website and there are a few leaflets in the church porch.

### Creation: What Can I do?

"Be not afraid!" ... so Jesus tells his followers, knowing too well how fearful they were. If we open ourselves to receive the grace of hope and do what we can, trusting in the Lord, who knows what we can achieve!

Here are two documents that describe the many ways in which people are trying to combat climate change.... They are both available on the Portico website, to read online and/or to download here:

[What Can I Do?](#) ideas which we can implement as individuals  
[39 Ways to Save the Planet](#), a summary of 6 of the 15 minute programmes aired on Radio 4 recently which highlight

### Prayers

for John S, tested positive for COVID-19 despite living in a residential home

### Messages

Thanks from Francis

Always glad to receive the Portico and read the news.  
Angela

**Coffee and cake** after Mass on Sunday 3rd October - for CAFOD's Harvest Appeal - (weather permitting!)

### Monday Evening Prayers

at 6pm continues online. It is open to anyone who wishes to drop in- just "Zoom in" - contact Andrew Shute at: [andrew.shute@procdtr.org.uk](mailto:andrew.shute@procdtr.org.uk)

innovative ways to combat climate change on a larger scale.

"I cannot lift 1000lbs but I can lift 1lb 1000 times." So share with us what things you have done recently - both little and large - so we can take courage and inspiration from what we all, as a community in Christ, are doing.

You can do this by adding your comment to this post on THE PORTICO website, or send an email to [theportico@icloud.com](mailto:theportico@icloud.com))

#### Community Fridge

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



SVP  
Truro Group

Our family in Christ helping each other  
07474-941099



Truro Foodbank needs: packets of rice, tinned meat and tomatoes, long life milk

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## Synod 2021-2023



The Vatican has set up an official website for the forthcoming global Synod (“For a Synodal Church”) which will be formally opened by the Pope on 9/10 October and will continue until 2023. Our own diocesan synodal phase involving all the baptised is due to start on 17 October.

Readers can find the site using this link: [Synod 2021-2023](#). It already holds many useful and informative documents, including news items, the *Preparatory Document*, and *Vademecum* or Guidance.

We will keep readers informed of developments!

## A Parish wildflower garden?



The garden in Our Lady of the Portal car park is at present a little overrun by weeds, with a passing resemblance to a railway siding!

Fr John has invited parishioners, in the spirit of the Season of Creation, to turn it into a better celebration of our relationship with the natural world, with plants that will flower through as much of the year as possible - we recently discovered that bumblebees can wake as early as February so

## Feast of St Vincent de Paul

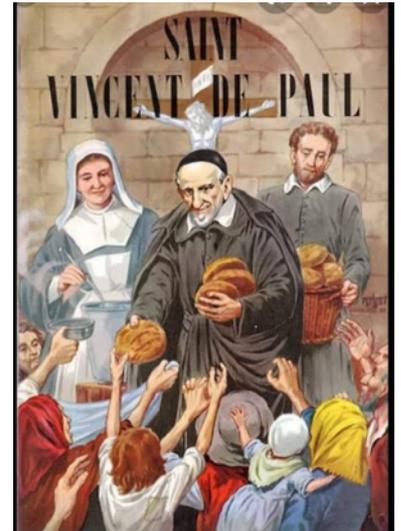
Monday 27 September:

Our Patron, Saint Vincent de Paul, lived through many difficult times but always found hope in those around him who shared his vision and were inspired by his leadership. As we celebrate his Feast Day, we can be reminded more than ever of his immense and enduring legacy and how he inspired others to find the strength to keep going in the face of adversity:

*"We should take as a maxim never to be surprised at current difficulties, no more than at a passing breeze, because with a little patience we shall see them disappear. Time changes everything." (Saint Vincent de Paul)*

I pray that Saint Vincent de Paul's enduring charism will continue to support and inspire us during these difficult times and wish you and yours many blessings on this special day,

*(Helen O'Shea, SVP National President)*



hopefully there can be something ready for them next year!

The first task of course is for a band of volunteers to clear out what's not needed in the coming months, before replanting.

Several parishioners have donated saved seeds and promised plants (and a strong muscle or two), so if you would like to get involved in any way however small, email us at: [theportico@icloud.com](mailto:theportico@icloud.com) or contact the Church Office.

## A Place for Everyone

Pope Francis told pilgrims during his Angelus address last Sunday that the Holy Spirit wants openness in the church so that “there is a place for everyone.” Christians must be on guard and avoid the temptation of thinking themselves better than

others, an attitude that risks turning the church into a place of “separation and not communion”



The Pope said “Let us ask for the grace to overcome the temptation to judge and to categorize, and may God preserve us from the ‘nest’ mentality, that of jealously guarding ourselves in the small group of those who consider themselves good....”

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