

# THE PORTICO

## CA Film attracts broad audience



Last Thursday, an ecumenical crowd, with strong support from parishioners of Our Lady of the Portal, gathered at the newly opened Moresk Centre to watch “Thank you for the Rain”, a moving documentary hosted by

Christian Aid’s Katrina Musgrave. Canon Roger Bush, Dean of Truro Cathedral, open the discussion after the film, which all thought drew us much closer to the plight of people at the sharp end of climate change, and brought home the irony of the title “thank you for the rain”.

## First Holy Communion Group: Falmouth

Anyone venturing further afield for Mass last Sunday would have been treated to the heart-warming experience of the children and their families gathered in front of the altar to make their promises in the presence of the congregation, as the children were enrolled into this year’s First Holy Communion classes. After Mass, the children distributed prayer cards asking recipients to pray for them on their journey.



## Beat the Bindweed!

Work in the church garden stopped over Christmas and New Year but now it’s time to finish the clearing out of overgrown trees and shrubs and enjoy the bulbs coming through.

One of the biggest tasks in this first year will be getting the bindweed under control so if you have a spare moment before going into church or on your way out, please pull up as many new bindweed shoots as you can!

## Sponsor a bird /bat box or bee brick

If anyone would like to sponsor a bird box, bat box or bee brick for the church garden please let us know by emailing [jenny.kwee@me.com](mailto:jenny.kwee@me.com) — (cont.)

## Messages

### Jurek Conrad RIP.

Please pray for Jurek, who passed away recently; and for Jill and all Jurek’s family.

Jurek’s funeral will be at 10am on 11th February in Our Lady of the Portal and St Piran’s church.

Happy Birthday (belatedly!) to Tony Barber for last week - many happy returns!

“Thank you for the Portico, I always find it interesting.” *Angela*

“Thank you for sending the Portico. A lot of interesting news.” *Georgette*

## Caritas Online Event: Refugees and Migrants

**Tuesday 8 February 2022, 5-6pm**

On the Feast of St Bakhita, all are invited to join Caritas Plymouth for an hour of prayer, reflection and discussion on the challenges facing migrants and refugees and the opportunity to take action, including through community sponsorship. This is a free online event. You can register via [this link](#) or by emailing [caritas@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:caritas@prcdtr.org.uk).

## Monday Evening Prayer:

via ZOOM on Mondays at 6pm.

Contact Deacon [Andrew Shute](#) for joining instructions.

applications from the younger members of the parish will be particularly welcomed as we hope to hold a bee / birdwatch later in the year. (We will also put out some piles of logs for insect homes.)

## Pope installs men and women as new lay ministers on Word of God Sunday

This year's celebration of the liturgy Sunday of the Word of God (23 January in St Peter's Basilica included some very special moments, when Pope Francis formally installed lay men and women from various parts of the world in the ministries of Lector and Catechist, using recently prepared rites for this purpose.

In most countries, women and men have long served as lectors and catechists and even have been commissioned for those roles.



But those now formally installed in the ministries are recognised as having a specific vocation to leadership in their communities and will serve in what the church defines as a "stable" manner.

A statement from the Pontifical Council for Evangelisation (PCNE) explains that the "well-established practice in the Church has confirmed that lay ministries, founded on the sacrament of Baptism, can be entrusted to all the faithful who are suitable, whether male or female"

The formal revival of these lay Ministries, which can now be conferred by Bishops everywhere, is widely regarded as part of recent moves by the Pope to implement greater lay co-responsibility into the ecclesial forms and structures of the Church.

## Nationality & Borders Bill

There is still time to write to MP Cherilyn Macrory about this Bill which criminalises some asylum seekers - see the full story and a template letter you can use on the Portico website. [HERE](#)

**Quiz: Which resulted in more cases of hospital treatment in England in 2021? ANSWERS HERE**

1. A) powered tools , or B) hand tools
2. A) rat bite , or B) venomous spiders
3. A) overexertion / repetitive movements , or B) dog bite
4. A) playground equipment , or B) tree climbing
5. A) lawnmower injury , or B) sunburn
6. A) scorpions , or B) lightning strike
7. Which one of the above was the biggest single cause of needing hospital treatment?

**"no one beyond reach"**

**CAFOD: 60th Anniversary**

CAFOD celebrates it's 60th anniversary on February 5th.

Last year £36.4 million was raised by the Catholic community in England and Wales to support communities in 35 countries

CAFOD also has an advocacy role and is currently standing with other Human Rights Defenders asking MPs to back a new law to hold UK companies to account

**Truro Cathedral Green Fair**

**Saturday 19th March**

This event brings together churches, charities, businesses & civic organisations trying to tackle climate change.

There will be a keynote session with film by Cornwall Climate Care and Q and A, led by Rt Revd Hugh Nelson, Bishop of St Germans and Cllr Martyn Alvey, Cornwall Council Portfolio Holder for Environment and Climate Change.



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