

THE PORTICO



Church Garden: spring preparation

Work continues in Our Lady of the Portal Church garden to clear the ground ready for planting wild flower seeds and perennial plants and to slim down overgrown shrubs (- see the photo above). The bulbs are coming along well and many will soon be bursting into flower.

Meantime, we've acquired some bird boxes which we hope to get in place quickly now - if anyone would like to sponsor a box, write to theportico@icloud.com



Walking Together Synod 2021-23 update

Parish and listening events in Plymouth Diocese have now ended, to enable the Diocesan team to finalise its input to the next stage of Synodal process.

We look forward to seeing what is sent forward, as promised at the start of the Synod Listening exercise.

The diocesan online feedback forms are being closed, and anyone who still wants to give feedback is asked to email the diocesan team as soon as possible at synodfeedback@predtr.org.uk.

Alternatively, THE PORTICO has now created an online form that complements the parish and diocesan events, available [HERE](#) for readers who still wish to share their thoughts.

Readers may consider passing this on to family and friends, as the Form is very simple and designed to help all individuals (not just Mass attenders) to reflect on their own experience of faith and share their hopes and dreams for the future of the church

Welcoming the stranger...(1)

The Truro Community Refugee Support group held a well-attended coffee morning last Saturday, when a growing band supporters gathered for a social to introduce themselves to each other. A new tote bag

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Messages

Thanks for Portico 60 from Mary B and Sam

Prayers for everyone who is unable to join us for Mass in church, especially Janet, Jennie, Margaret, Desiree, Pat, Pat, Anne and Reg



World Day of Prayer 2022

England, Wales, & NI

Friday 4th March 2pm, All Saints Highertown Church

Come and join Truro's ecumenical service, written this year by women from England and Wales. The Bible reading they have used comes from Jeremiah and sets out God's plan for the exiles driven from Judah by the Babylonians. God has a plan for all of us!

THE PORTICO has ten of the WDP's official Cross pins to give away FREE to readers who let us know by phone, email or [online](#) that you'll be attending the service - while stocks last.



Monday Evening Prayer:

is taking a break but will resume on Monday 28th February, at 6 pm. All are welcome to join. Contact Deacon [Andrew Shute](#) for more information.

sporting the TCRS logo was presented and distributed as a thank-you for generous donations received.

The Truro group is very close to achieving its financial target, but finding affordable housing to rent in Truro still remains a challenge, so if you know of any possibilities please contact THE PORTICO.

The success of any refugee resettlement has been shown to be highly affected by the degree of local community contact and support, and so we are asking readers to contact THE PORTICO and register their interest in supporting this really worthwhile venture. As a thank-you, we will offer you one of the TCRS 'first edition' tote bags, free!



Welcoming the stranger (2)

We are sad to report that one of the refugee families who came to Truro several years ago will be leaving shortly to escape the persistent bullying and racist insults that their children have been subjected to at school locally. Things like this highlight the importance of having a strong community support group to help such families to integrate into our local community (see previous news item).

Spring Walks: February & March Churches Together in Walking

Discover Cornwall and enjoy Christian fellowship on Wednesdays - all are welcome. See the list of walks and more details of these walks on the Portico website [here](#).



Walk For Hunger: CAFOD Appeal

will take place through Lent so if you would like to do a sponsored individual or family walk - whether it be a single long walk or a daily target you set for Lent - please let us know, so that we can cheer you on.

Some of the CAFOD group will be walking in Boscawen Park after Mass on 20th March so give us a wave if you're out walking there yourself that day.

Walk the Epiphany House Labyrinth

For those who would prefer a different kind of Walk for Hunger, why not try the Labyrinth at Epiphany House? As you pray for those living in hunger, enter on the brick-paved path; slowly follow the path to the centre feeling God there with you. Pause in the centre to reflect on insights and thoughts that have come to you then return by the same path to complete your journey.



"You are a light that guides my feet and your Spirit feeds my soul."

TRURO FOODBANK update

The Foodbank needs tinned fruit and potatoes and carrier bags of any description. Their opening hours are: Monday 3 -5pm and Wednesday 10- 12 at Truro Methodist Church and Friday from 10 - 12 at ASHT. To join the Foodbank volunteers visit their website.

Family Fast Day:

Friday 11 March

You are invited to donate the money you would have spent on meals on Fast Day to help those living in hunger in other parts of the world. Envelopes will be available for this purpose at Sunday Masses from 5th March onwards

CAFOD FAMILY SOCIAL

Sunday 13 March, Church Hall

There will be a CAFOD fund raising event after Mass with a raffle and refreshments, so let's get together for maybe our first parish social in the church hall for more than 2 years!



SVP Truro Group

For a friend in need

Call us on 07474-941099 for help, a chat, or to join

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