

# THE PORTICO

## Truro Mayor's Charity Day



Jenny Kwee and Sue Pettit for Christian Aid

Dozens of local charities were on show on Lemon Quay last Saturday, with rows of stalls set up in the warm sunshine alongside the regular market stalls. So many worthwhile charities to support - local and worldwide!

In a welcome return to “normality”, this annual event was held in warm, bustling May sunshine rather than the traditional cold December of pre-COVID years, and attracted good crowds including several parishioners from Our Lady of the Portal, who were very generous in their support of the Christian Aid stall which collected over £290 on the day.

Also on the Quay was the Truro Community Refugee Support group, with which the SVP Truro group are working in partnership. The TCRS has reached the minimum funding to qualify for the government's Community Refugee Sponsorship scheme, but is still looking for suitable housing available to rent for a couple of years - so if you know of any socially-minded landlords do please contact the SVP Truro group on 07474-941099



## Synod: update

The Plymouth Diocese has now submitted its synthesis of the outcomes from our “parish listening” exercises across the Diocese. It is a ten page document with a four-page forward from Bishop Mark plus several appendices, and feeds into what will be a National synthesis. It can be found [here](#). The range of issues that were fed back from parishes will not surprise anyone; but what emerges is a recognition that we are clearly only at the start of a synodal journey, so - more on this soon!



## Fr Christopher, RIP

Readers who visit Buckfast Abbey may well recall Fr Christopher. The Truro Men's Retreat group will certainly remember the time and interesting talks that he so generously gave to them.

Buckfast Abbey @B... · 08/05/2022  
Our brother Christopher died today. Aged 89, professed a monk for 70 years and a priest for 64 years. May he rest in peace.



## Mr Reg Lomas

The Funeral for Reg Lomas will be held at Penmount Crematorium on Friday 20th May at 3.30pm

## Diary Dates

### Christian Aid Coffee Morning. 21st May 10 -12

coffee, cakes, bring & buy + plants at Summerville, Crescent Rd Truro

### Christian Aid Book Sale

17-22 May: Falmouth

### CARITAS: Caring for Creation on 24 May

Caritas: [caritas@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:caritas@prcdtr.org.uk) 01364 645421 or register for online event [HERE](#)

Contact THE PORTICO for info

## Memories of Lourdes



*Some of our Lourdes Pilgrimage Nurses!  
(thanks to Ginny)*

Readers may like to be reminded of our long and strong tradition of supporting the pilgrimage to Lourdes, generously contributing their time and expertise as trained nurses, assisting disabled pilgrims who would otherwise have found it impossible to make this arduous journey

## Prayers for Ukraine: Rosary on the Quay



*Rosary group on the Lemon Quay*

A number of ladies from Our Lady of the Portal continue to pray the Rosary on Lemon Quay at 11am on Saturday mornings. This week they were joined by Diana from Ukraine.

There is an open invitation for readers to join them.

## The Ascension

The end of Mark's Gospel (16:19-20) tells us 'And so the Lord Jesus,...was taken up to heaven, there at the right hand of God he took his place.' St Luke mentions the Ascension twice, at the conclusion of his Gospel, 24:51 and at the beginning of the Acts of the Apostles, 4:9-11. The Acts description is the most detailed. Jesus tells his apostles 'but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judea and Samaria and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

A message for us too.

## How are Bishops selected?

With Bishop Mark's imminent move to Cardiff, some readers have wondered how our new Bishop will be selected. In the early church, it was common for the clergy of a diocese (or in some cases the people) to elect their bishop. From the middle ages, the State demanded the right to select bishops, and some countries today still maintain privileges of consultation or consent. Some dioceses today have councils of clergy called "chapters," which play a role in choosing the diocesan bishop.

Today, the selection process typically involves the papal representative (Nuncio) consulting the outgoing Bishop and other bishops in the province (i.e. England) and at least some members of the cathedral chapter, to draw up a short list of three candidates. The Conference of Bishops would usually maintain a list of priests considered as suitable or potential candidates. The Nuncio may consult others - clergy, religious, lay people in key positions. All consultations are done individually and in strictest confidence. The final list is submitted to the Vatican with the Nuncio's own observations and recommendations. The Vatican congregation responsible for the appointment considers the list and makes its own recommendations, which may not be limited to the names submitted; and the Pope makes the final decision. The chosen candidate's consent is sought by the Nuncio, after which the newly appointed bishop must normally be ordained within three months.

This process obviously requires much time, usually taking between 9 to 24 months to complete. Of course, in our case, we don't know when that process of finding Bishop Mark's replacement started, but we might have a long wait....

### CARING FOR CREATION

Act today for a better tomorrow

Tuesday 24 May 5-6pm via Zoom

Rather than a problem to be solved, the world is a joyful mystery to be contemplated with gladness and praise. Laudato Si #12

As part of Laudato Si Week 2022, Caritas Plymouth and CAFOD Plymouth would like to invite you to an online event to reflect on our Diocesan Environment Policy, what Pope Francis means by 'integral ecology' and how together we can make a difference as stewards of creation.

Please register below or contact Caritas:  
[caritas@proctr.org.uk](mailto:caritas@proctr.org.uk) 01364 645421

[Book here](#)



### SVP Truro Group

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