

THE PORTICO

Parish Tea Party!



Afternoon tea party, complete with "Jubilee" marmalade sandwiches, even!

The first parish tea party since autumn 2019 was held in Our Lady of the Portal Church Hall two weeks ago, attended by a couple of dozen people who eagerly lapped up the conversation as well as the lovely cakes, sandwiches and tea. It was enthusiastically welcomed by many as the chance to chat with old friends and new. We were particularly pleased to welcome several new faces, and one couple for whom this was their first social outing since the COVID pandemic began!

The event was as usual free to all, courtesy of the Truro SVP and the generous contributions of time and food by so many parish volunteers. An impromptu raffle raised £55 for the SVP, with the enormous booby prize of George the Teddy going to Nan for her granddaughter.

The next Tea is planned for later in July. All welcome and the more the merrier, so keep a lookout for the date!



(photo: Nan)

Plymouth Catechetical Summer Camps

These were started in 1952 by the CWL to give young people in the Diocese of Plymouth the opportunity to come together and learn to grow their faith over a week of fun and fellowship.

The camps originally took place in schools across the diocese, making them accessible to all young people. Many families here in Truro have fond memories of these popular summer events.

More recently, organising the camps passed from the CWL to an enthusiastic committee, who have kept the Camps growing, based at Grangehurst House and supported by the hospitality of the Benedictine community of Buckfast Abbey.

The Diocese is celebrating 50 years of Summer Camps this year and anyone who has been involved with organising or attending the camps is invited to to share their memories by emailing the Diocese at: summercamps@predtr.org.uk

Pope at Pentecost:

“The Spirit makes us see everything in a new way, with the eyes of Jesus.”

In the great journey of life, the Spirit teaches us where to begin, what paths to take, and how to walk.

“Without love as our basis, all the rest is in vain. And that love comes not so much from our abilities, but as his gift,” Pope Francis

[Read homily here](#)

INSPIRING WOMEN NETWORK PRESENTS
A DAY OF HEALING
 WORKSHOPS - MARKET STALLS - REFRESHMENTS
 TO FUNDRAISE FOR TRURO COMMUNITY REFUGEE SUPPORT
 FREE PARKING FREE ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN
SATURDAY 25TH JUNE
10AM - 3PM
ALL SAINTS CHURCH, TRURO
 YOGA CLASS UPCYCLING AND RECREATIVE CLOTHING REPAIR
 ILLUSTRATION WORKSHOP SMARTPHONE PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP
 LINO PRINTING WORKSHOP NATURAL LEAVING USING RECYCLED MATERIALS
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SVP Truro: Ukraine crisis response

Truro has very real and personal connections to the humanitarian crisis arising from the war in Ukraine, distant though we are from the violence. So many want to help - but how? In England & Wales the SVP has so far raised over £100k for Ukraine. As well as distributing essential items through local groups in Romania, here in the UK, the SVP is making available grants of up to £500 to refugees and their hosts.

If you or anyone you know is hosting a Ukrainian family and needs help, contact the SVP Truro group to apply for a grant, on 07474-941099.

SEASON OF CREATION 2022



Listen to the
Voice of Creation
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The Burning Bush
Ex.3.1-12

Though 1st September may seem a long way off, we can spend a little time in the coming weeks considering how we and our families can play your part in the Season of Creation through:

- **Advocacy:** Raise your voice for climate justice by joining CAFOD's Fix the Food System campaign.
- **Prayer**
- **Sustainability:** Organise an event* to reflect on the current situation and what we can all do to make a difference.

(*Caritas Plymouth may be able to help with funding for refreshments and speakers (email: caritas@prcdtr.org.uk).

More on the [Diocesan website](#)

Synod 2021-2023



National Synod Day for Church in England and Wales



Members of the hierarchy, clergy, and laity, who have coordinated the diocesan synodal conversations in England and Wales, recently participated in a National Synod Day in Southwark

Closing the day's proceedings, Cardinal Nichols said "In this upper room, seeking the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we have had a unique window on the life of the Church in England and Wales – not complete, but a glimpse, a panorama, that we rarely see drawn together in this way. We are learning the art of listening, the discipline of listening, which does not come naturally, but is something that requires self-control and humility. We are learning that. This is a hugely important quality in the life of the Church which has not always been present."

Another Diocesan Response

While we wait for the National Synthesis, we thought that readers might be interested to compare the overlaps and differences in responses, by reading our *very short* (500 word) summary of the [Report from Salford Diocese here](#)

The living Spirit

(excerpt)

The Church will be fair to see,
perennially young,
attractive in every age,
as long as she is faithful to the
Spirit that floods her
and she reflects that Spirit
through her communities,
through her pastors,
through her very life.

St Oscar Romero
from *The Violence of Love* (Orbis 2004)

Milk Refill stations

Almost 36 million plastic bottles are used every day in the UK yet less than 20 million are recycled with the remainder going to landfill.

Now, several local businesses in Cornwall have a Milk Refill Station supplying Rodda's milk on tap - take your own container or buy one in the shop.

This seems like a good way to reduce the use of plastic milk bottles, whilst allowing us to enjoy delicious local milk.

You can now buy semi-skimmed milk in this way at Sambells Cafe (Truro Methodist Church).

Climate Change Workshop Saturday 1st October

Falmouth & Penryn Justice & Peace Group will host a Caritas all day ecumenical Climate Change workshop at St Mary's Church Falmouth on the last day of Creation tide.

Everyone most welcome so make a note in your diary



An impromptu Jubilee celebration for the Truro Men's Retreat group.