

# THE PORTICO

## Cornwall in Ukraine



*Dr Matthew Barber in Ukraine*

The personal connections that we in Cornwall, and indeed in our parish, have with the war in Ukraine serve to remind us of our bonds with our brothers and sisters in Christ, everywhere. Dr Matthew Barber, son of Tony, left a few weeks ago to start a voluntary placement with UK Med in Chernivtsi, Western Ukraine near the Romanian border.

He is there with a team of English volunteers providing primary health care, from mobile clinics, to refugees from the Eastern war zone. His patients are mainly children and the elderly; many are suffering from psychological stress resulting from their experiences.

Matthew says: “Ukraine is a lovely country, with nice friendly people. The only problem is that I am a vegetarian. They cannot understand that, but are very accommodating”.

We hope our readers will join us in sending Matthew our best wishes and prayers.

**Cardinal Arthur Roche:**  
“the strength for evangelisation comes from the celebration of the Eucharist”

Yorkshire-born Cardinal-elect Arthur Riche recently had a conversation with journalists, in which he discusses the crucial

connection between the liturgy and evangelisation.

“the Eucharist itself brings with it the doctrine of the Church. All the prayers that constitute the celebration of the liturgy on Sunday are mainly from the Sacred Scripture. Nearly always,

## Messages

Does anyone know a clever person who can re-cover large lampshades? Get in touch at : [theportico@icloud.com](mailto:theportico@icloud.com) if you do. (*Jenny*)

I loved your photo of me taken at my surprise birthday party. I actually really enjoyed it once I got over the shock. I was blown away by it all. All the lovely gifts I received .Thank you one and all. Very humbled. (Must remember to tell the boys though - never do that again!!) (*Ginny*)

**URGENTLY REQUIRED:  
HOUSE FOR REFUGEE  
FAMILY WAITING IN HOTEL  
IN UK**

**TCRS**

(Truro  
Community



Refugee Support) is looking for a home for a refugee family who are rebuilding their lives in the UK.

If you have a house in a state of disrepair, we have a team of volunteers who can support getting it back to a habitable state.

Your rent will be guaranteed for two years with the same team of volunteers ensuring your property remains well maintained.

Contact Diana: 07957863313 or [tcrruro@gmail.com](mailto:tcrruro@gmail.com) if you can help.

(see over for more on **TCRS**)

nearly every word, nearly every nuance, is coming from Scripture or from the Teaching of the Fathers of the Church. So that itself, when you go to Mass, you're receiving the doctrine of the Church."

Read / listen to the full [interview here](#) . Listen to him in a [short podcast here](#)

## Online Masses



Altar at St Augustine's Church, St Austell

Readers who have been unable to attend Mass in person for whatever reason will have been disappointed that many online masses recently disappeared, as our parishes are wrestling with the Data Protection implications of live-streaming.

They may therefore be pleased to know of some that have either continued streaming or have recently returned to streaming, some of them using the (temporary?) expedient of

restricting the camera view to the altar area only.

Here are links to some "local" churches that presently offer online masses: [St Austell](#) (Fr Michael), [Falmouth](#) (Fr Brian) & [Helston](#) (Fr Paul), and further afield [Teignmouth](#) (Fr Mark).

If anyone would like help finding or accessing any online church services, please contact the SVP Truro Conference who also lend equipment (see side column)

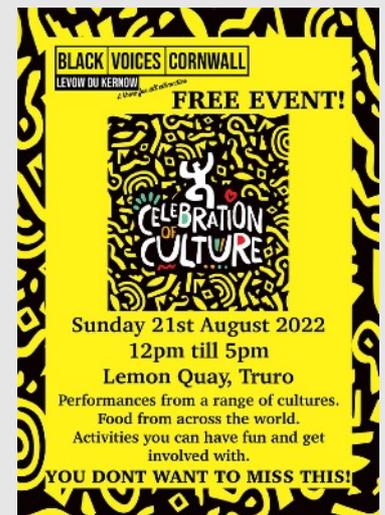
## Our Lady of the Portal re-opens regularly for prayer



Portal gates closed during years of Covid, now opening more regularly

Our Lady of the Portal Church has announced (see weekly Bulletin) that it is now open on Tuesdays to Fridays for 3 hrs per day (9:30am to 12:30pm), in addition to opening for scheduled weekend Masses.

It is indeed a welcome sight for the world to see the church gates open again as they pass by.



### Help Welcome the Stranger!

TCRS is local group is bidding to sponsor a refugee family under the Government's Community Sponsorship scheme. It has a very diverse 'network' of locals prepared to help a family to settle. Contact the **SVP Truro** group to express your interest in being part of the net — no obligation!

### Season of Creation 2022

1 sept - 4 October

Events in the Diocese can be found on the website [here](#) including one on 1st October in Falmouth and an open day on 8th October in Sclerder.



### SVP Truro Group

For a friend in need  
Contact us on 07474-941099.

### For a Synodal Church:

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Austen Ivereigh gives an insider's look at the process of producing the National

Synthesis in a [The Tablet feature here](#). Registration on the website is required to read the article, but it is free and easy.

Pax Christi, the international Catholic nonviolent initiative, undertook their own 'listening' process with participants from 26 countries. The result offers a thought-provoking vision of what a truly peace-loving church community might look like.

For a non-diocesan perspective from an international synodal process on synodality and the church, read Pax Christi's [Synod report here](#).

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