



Eight Saints Cluster Newsletter April 2018

As I write, the signs of spring are definitely showing outside following the long, cold winter. The sun is trying to poke through the grey skies and the bulbs are in full bloom, despite having had to survive three thick blankets of snow. The poor road conditions did sadly mean the cancellation of a few Lent lunches and the Women's Day of Prayer at Devoran, but it did look pretty as this picture of Gwennap Churchyard shows.



A lot has happened since the last newsletter. The Lent courses were, on the whole, well attended and well received. Stithians Church joined with the Royal British Legion to host a fun quiz night. All ages were represented and a great time was had by all. Gwennap held a successful jumble sale in March. Mothering Sunday was marked by our churches and it was lovely to see so many families coming along that may not usually be in church on a Sunday morning. Mums appreciated the flowers and the fuss! Messy Churches have been taking place in Devoran, St Day and Stithians with numbers still impressive.

Then to Easter. Including Palm Sunday and Easter Day, we held 36 services in our cluster churches. One of these services was the Good Friday Walk of Witness (run by Christians Together Up the Creek). More than 50 walkers were blessed with a fine, sunny morning as they journeyed from Carnon Downs Methodist Chapel - via a number of venues for reflection and refreshment – to Feock Church. Once again we saw a number of people in church at Easter that don't usually attend, so hopefully they have heard something that reaches out to them and come back. Certainly there have been a few signups to the mailing list from cards picked up in the churches over Easter.

We are now deep into APCMs and would like to extend our grateful thanks to those who have served in any capacity over the past year, as well as those who have come forward to serve this year.

Looking to the future, what can we look forward to in our churches over the next couple of months? The usual pattern of services should now be resuming, and the coffee stops etc continuing. In Devoran's All Age service on April 8th there is a talk from the Truro Foodbank. Donations welcome. On April 22nd there is a St George's Day lunch in Stithians Centre, 12 for 12.30pm. The price is £13pp to include a 3 course roast beef lunch. Bring your own wine. Tickets are available from Margaret Ramsey on 01209 863361. On May 7th will be the Gwennap Street Market. As yet no details are available but they will be on the website and facebook as soon as I have them. The same applies for a pasty walk being held in Stithians on May 19th at 6pm. On Ascension Day, May 10th there will be services at Stithians at 9.30am; and at both Devoran and St Day at 7pm.

This year's Cluster service will be held on 29th July 2018, starting at 4.30pm. It will be held once again in Feock Church Community Hall and will be used to welcome our new Curate, Richard Wallis, who is joining us that month. Regarding the Associate Priest position, we have an ongoing advertisement on the Diocesan website and in Church Times, but there is nothing new to report at this time.

We now produce a monthly "what's on" email with details of special services, fundraising and social events across the cluster. If you would like to be added to that mailing list please [sign up here](#). You won't be receiving stacks of emails and we won't pass your details on to anyone else. We will just send you details of events that may be of interest. You can, of course, unsubscribe at any time if you change your mind.

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