



# Eight Saints Cluster Newsletter June/July 2019

The reflective season of Lent finished and the joy of Easter arrived. The Lent courses and lunches were a great success; so successful in fact that some of them are going to be continued in the autumn on a monthly basis. The Easter services were really well attended once again as people young and old came to celebrate the glory of the resurrection. There were 22 services within the cluster over the Easter weekend, so that doesn't include Palm Sunday, other weekday services during Holy Week or the lovely Easter workshop held at Devoran.

Also in April, as if there was time for much else, there was a coffee morning at St Day rectory and a meal in Stithians to celebrate St George's Day (albeit early on Palm Sunday!). This included paté to start, a roast beef and yorkshire pud dinner and a huge selection of desserts. Needless to say, this all went down very well. Carnon Valley Messy Church took place in both April and May, and St Day also held one in April.

On the early May Bank Holiday Gwennap street market took place. This has become a regular event in West Cornwall's social calendar now, and the weather decided to lend a hand on this occasion. Also in May there was a pasty walk in Stithians where the weather wasn't quite as friendly. The walk was still well attended, but the highlight as always was the homemade pasty.

In order to get this in churches for the start of June, I can only say that by the time you read this we will be past Ascension Day, for which there will have been services at Stithians, Devoran and St Day. Additionally there will have been a 24 hour prayer event at Devoran Church, including a Eucharist, a meal, overnight prayer, breakfast, coffee morning, Teddy Bears picnic and café church. This will have been our cluster's event marking the start of "Thy Kingdom Come".



Looking forwards towards the summer... Most importantly, Richard will be ordained Priest, and we will be joined by our new curate Jonathan. The ordinations will take place in the cathedral at 7.30pm on Friday 28th June for Jonathan and at 10.30am on Saturday 29th June for Richard. We will be holding a cluster service of welcome and celebration for them both on July 14th, 4pm at Gwennap church, followed by a bring and share tea.

We are planning on starting regular healing services within the cluster and running a “Wounded Healer” course for those interested in this important ministry. The first service will be on June 9th in Devoran Church at 6pm. The [“Wounded Healer”](#) course will be run on July 13th from 9.30am to 4.30pm in Gwennap Church Hall. The course is free, but donations are welcome to cover expenses. You will need to bring a packed lunch. Please let [Wendy](#) know if you are interested in joining this course.

Throughout June and July there will be the traditional Gwennap Summer Concerts. They will be held at 7.30pm on Wednesday evenings. The full line up should be on a poster in church for those who can’t access the information online.

Also in June, there will be an illustrated talk on Infection and Cures through the Ages and the Black Death. This will be at Chacewater Church on 7th June at 7pm. Tickets £4 adults, £2 children. There will be Messy Church for Fathers’ Day in The Stithians Centre on 16th June from 3-5pm. Devoran will hold its annual church fete on 22nd June at 2.15pm with stalls, raffle and tombola in the church grounds, and refreshments in the church centre. Summer lunch will be served at Bonaire in Stithians on 23rd June at 12.30pm. Booking is essential through Margaret on 861361. Price £12pp. Carnon Valley Messy Church will take place on 23rd June at 4pm and Point Outdoor Service on 30th June.

In July Chacewater will be joining their Methodist friends for their anniversary at 10.30am on 7th July. There will be no service in the parish church that morning. Stithians Feast Day will be celebrated at the parish church with a service at 6pm. Carnon Valley Messy Church will be held at 4pm on 28th July.

Regular events such as the book club, coffee stops, gardeners and bag-a-bargain will continue as usual.

Don’t forget to register your interest in our [Pilgrimage to The Holy Land](#) in September 2020. There should be posters and flyers in all our churches about this, so do please take a look and share with anyone you believe may be interested. If there aren’t any there, then let me know either directly or through one of your Wardens or the clergy team. All details are also online. If you think that this appeals to you, please do register your interest by [completing the form online](#), or by telephoning Rev’d Karen on 01209 860949. There will be no obligation until flight costs and details are confirmed later this year, so we are not asking for any deposits until that time.

More details on any events mentioned on this newsletter can be found on our [website](#), [Facebook page](#), on our monthly [“What’s On” email](#) or alternatively on pew sheets and posters around our churches.