



Eight Saints Cluster Newsletter August/September 2019

Over recent months our team has grown. The ordinations took place at the end of June in Truro Cathedral. Richard is now a priest and has been taking communion



services around the cluster, with special responsibility towards Gwennap.

Jonathan has joined us as a curate and is getting to know the congregations at Devoran and Feock. There was a cluster service of welcome and celebration of their two ordinations held in Gwennap in July. Sadly we managed to coincide with Feast service at Stithians, a Christians Together Up the Creek service



and a couple of major sporting events. Still, it was well attended considering and was a lovely service, led by Richard with Jonathan preaching. There was plenty of food and fellowship afterwards.

Gwennap's series of summer concerts throughout June and July were a huge success as always. They were well attended and the variety of choirs made it really enjoyable. St Day's "Bag a Bargain" Wednesdays have continued to draw people in and our many coffee stops are always very popular. Messy Churches have taken place continuing to spread the word (gently!) to our younger parishioners and their families.

The wide variety of talents and interests in our cluster were highlighted with an illustrated talk at Chacewater by Linda Shevlin on The Black Death and with a "hymnathon" at St Day with Honor playing a verse from every hymn in the hymn book.

Devoran church held a lovely fete in the grounds and a special service for Sea Sunday. Despite appalling weather Diana Dawson hosted a summer lunch at her home in Stithians.

Sadly July's "Wounded Healer" course had to be postponed due to bereavement. This will be rescheduled soon and details will be posted in all the usual places. The first healing service did, however, take place in June at Devoran.



Due to this coming out in the first week of August, I can report that on Friday 2nd St Day enjoyed a barbecue and Saturday 3rd saw fantastic fayre days in Stithians and Gwennap. Stithians took over the village centre and playing fields and Gwennap took over the grounds of Burncoose House. Both had a huge variety of entertainment, food and stalls and were really enjoyable occasions. A unicorn even made an appearance at Stithians.....

So, looking forward to the next month or so. Things tend to be a little quieter over the summer, but there is the holiday club and its associated service at Perran-ar-Worthal, and nobody expects that to be quiet! Gwennap is starting a new midweek communion service at 10am on Wednesdays; all are welcome. The next two healing services are arranged for 11th August at Perran-ar-Worthal and 8th September at Chacewater. Both at 6pm.

During September there will be an autumn programme on Wednesday mornings 10.45 at Gwennap (following the communion service). On 4th September it will be on Classical Prayer and Praise, on 11th Romans, on 18th Silent Prayer and Meditation and on 25th Ecology and Theology.

There will be a special service for those going back to school on 1st September at Stithians and the annual greyhound service will be at Chacewater on 15th at 2pm. Harvest will be celebrated on 15th Sept at Feock Methodist Chapel and Stithians; on 22nd at 11am at Perran-ar-Worthal; and on 29th at Chacewater and Feock.

Evensong at Devoran and the book club will both be resuming in September after taking breaks over the summer. On 25th September at Feock Church & Community Hall there will be a talk and discussion on understanding dementia. On 28th September in the Stithians Centre there will be a "Girls Night In". More details nearer the time, but there will definitely be wine and cake!

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. 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.