

# OUR NEWS

## AUGUST 2019

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### 'OPEN THE BOOK' BRINGING TRANQUILITY IN A NURSING HOME

When I heard that an Open the Book team were visiting a nursing home for the elderly in Liskeard, I was intrigued and keen to go along to see for myself how it would work, *writes Jac Smith.*

Open the Book is usually visiting primary schools to read and act out Bible stories for children. This was the first time I'd heard that a team were going to a care home.

I went along with volunteer Lesley Boyden and Reader, Liz Piper to Pengover House, a nursing home on the edge of Liskeard. I know of people who are living with dementia, but they are friends of friends and I hadn't really been touched with what that might actually mean.

As we've all probably seen characterised in film, there were some people who seemed lost in a world that shut everyone else out. Others were caught in a moment of time, stuck in a repetitive loop, and then there were those who were vocal about their confusion, unsure of where they were or why. Every incident was met by the staff with attentiveness and assurance.

Led by Wendy, the activities coordinator, we congregated in a side room that looked onto the gardens where some women were waiting, while others were helped in to join us. Residents Audrey and Olive were thrilled to see Lesley and Liz; Sheila, beautifully dressed in lilac, had only recently arrived and was disorientated, asking when



her mummy would be coming to take her home. Janette rubbed her eyes tearfully when her cold sippy-cup of tea was gently taken away and Dorothy sat under a blanket, impassively smiling.

Lesley and Liz donned tea-towels on their heads, jokingly blaming Bishop Chris who recommended they wear hats for Open the Book! As Olive sharply remarked, 'You've got to wear a hat to get a head!'

Then Lesley began to read the story of the Road to Emmaus. It was extraordinary. Calm descended, and everyone listened, rapt. It was about the two men talking and walking with a stranger who, when they broke bread together, they realised was Jesus. Liz used the story to lead into Communion which was shared with the group.

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### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### AUGUST

- 1, 8, 15, 22 Come Rain or Shine**, St Andrew's Church, Redruth, 10am - 12pm.
- 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Come Rain or Shine**, Percival Institute, St Minver, 10am - 12pm.
- 5 Come Rain or Shine**, St Columb Minor Church, 10am - 12.30pm.
- 5, 12, 19 Cream teas**, St Columb Major Church, 2.30pm - 4pm.
- 6, 20 Come Rain or Shine**, All Saints Church, Falmouth, 10am - 12.30pm.
- 6, 13, 20: Come Rain or Shine**, Phillack Church Hall, Hayle, 2pm - 4pm.
- 7, 14, 28 Come Rain or Shine**, St James' Church, St Kew, 10am - 12pm.
- 10 Wadebridge Parish Summer Fayre**, Wadebridge Town Hall, 10am - 12 noon.
- 11 Healing Service**, Gwennap Church Hall, 6pm.
- 14 - 16 Feast of Festivals & Flowers**, St Columb Major Parish Church, 10am - 9pm (14th), 10am - 4pm (15th/16th).
- 16, 17 Come Rain or Shine**, St Petroc's Church Rooms, Padstow, 10am - 3pm.
- 19, 26 Come Rain or Shine**, St Petroc's Church, Bodmin, 2pm - 5pm.
- 23 - 26 Eglos Craft Fayre**, Egloshayle Church, 10am - 5pm.

#### SAVE THE DATE

- September 8 Ability Sunday**, Livability will be producing a resource pack. See [www.livability.org.uk/resouces/ability-sunday/](http://www.livability.org.uk/resouces/ability-sunday/)
- September 14 Vocations Day**, Truro Cathedral
- October 5 Faith & Mental Health Day**, Truro Methodist Church - see more next month.
- October 18 Freedom Sunday**, The national church is asking churches to focus their services and prayer on modern slavery to raise awareness of the issue and move people towards taking action in their communities.

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**Prayer Diary** [trurodiocese.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/Prayer-Diary-June-to-Sept-2019.pdf](http://trurodiocese.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/Prayer-Diary-June-to-Sept-2019.pdf)

# ENVIRONMENT FESTIVAL ENCOURAGES PLEDGES

A wild flower festival organised by the Friends of St Mellanus Church, Mullion, saw the church looking resplendent decorated with local wild flora. The lovely sights and smells which greeted visitors certainly highlighted the glorious beauty in the natural environment all around us and how desperately we need to care for this precious gift and tread more gently on the planet given all the urgent environmental challenges we are now facing.

The festival provided an ideal opportunity to engage people on these topics. There were opportunities for visitors to buy packets of wild meadow seeds and find information on action individuals and churches are taking towards living more sustainably including the Green Church Kernow Award Scheme. Luci Isaacson, diocesan environment officer, popped along to secure 20 pledges from people to take some action towards reducing global carbon. In return, Luci donated an

apple tree which has now been planted in the church grounds (see below) where it will hopefully provide lots of fruit in the future. This and the other actions St Mellanus Church is taking on its land, such as installing bird and bat boxes and having an area for wild meadow flowers, are all contributing towards the church achieving its environmental award.



# DIOCESAN DIRECTORY CHANGES & UPDATES

## LICENSED CLERGY

Revd Jeff Risbridger\* will be licensed as Rural Dean of Penwith on August 14, 2019.

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