



ST MARTIN'S
ST KEYNE
DOBWALLS

Benefice Newsletter Nov/Dec 2024



Vicar's Letter

Hello all, and welcome to our brand new benefice newsletter. We shall be having this every other month to share all that is happening across the benefice, how we can share in the ministry, get involved and support each other across the Benefice. It has been great getting to know so many of you in these first two months and seeing God at work. When we gathered at our first Benefice service in September, and we shared prayers, a key prayer was a praying for unity and how we can communicate across the Benefice. So, in response, we have our new newsletter - so welcome!

As we share all that is happening - and even more these next two months as we move into the season of advent - there is so much that is happening, but also as a Benefice we are going to invite you to reclaim advent!

What does that mean? We live in a world where advent is so easily forgotten, from 1st November the Christmas adverts are in full swing, that by the time we come to Christmas eve we don't want to sing carols or think about Christmas. So our Invitation this advent is to take it slower, to take time in the preparation, and go back to the basics of what Advent is. We are going to have that opportunity with our readings on Sundays, small groups, and we shall be running an Advent course through December too to give that space to reclaim Advent. This will start on Monday 2nd December.

I am also looking forward to journeying with you over advent; from Christmas puddings afternoon, Christmas musical and the famous Polperro fisherman choir. This first Christmas I will also be looking forward to sharing in the first Christmas communion in all our Churches and sharing the joy and light of Jesus Christ.

So welcome to our Benefice newsletter - a place of sharing God's story in our benefice; and I invite you on our slow journey of advent as we prepare for the joy of Christmas.

Love and Prayers

Rev Mark

St Martin's, Liskeard:

A fortnightly support group for women who may have issues of one form or another launched in early September. 10 women attended the first session and 6 the second. Crèche facilities are also available. It is wonderful to witness the way that the women are already supporting and encouraging one another, and great to see that we have created a space where they feel safe and confident enough to share with one another.

Our Blaze Children's Club is being relaunched in November as Blaze Supper Club. This will be held every Monday during termtime with the aim of providing a meal for families who are struggling, and a space for children to come and relax with their friends after school.

Our Youth Worker Hannah has transformed our Cellars into a cosy, café-style space for the youth to use at our Youth Café and Youth Alpha. Hannah has spent months cleaning, decorating and making the space feel like a home from home - we are so excited to see the space being used and enjoyed by the youth!

Our Pastoral Team sent letters to each of our local care homes offering communion services for their staff and residents. Two care homes have responded with invitations for our team to go in once a month, the first one being on Tuesday 5th November. Please pray for our Pastoral Team as they start this new and exciting ministry and for our local care homes and their residents.





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Dobwalls United Church:

At the beginning of September as well as welcoming Rev Mark Wade to our church, as a united church we also welcomed our new Methodist minister Rev Janet Park. For the last 18 months our church has been without any ministers. Janet is the minister of the Mine and Moor cluster of churches which are part of the new South East Cornwall Methodist Circuit.

Our very successful Warm Space will restart for its third year on November 5 from 11am until 3pm in the church hall and is on each week until Easter. This is run by Doris, Sandra and Joy, with Pat helping as needed. About 20 people attend weekly and many new friendships have been made. One lady comes from Plymouth to enjoy our hospitality. We are open to everyone, people in need, people who just want some companionship and people who are lonely or new to the area. No questions are asked and all are made welcome.

They are given tea or coffee with biscuits on arrival, a hot meal around 12 noon followed by yet more tea or coffee and cake. When it is time to leave everyone is given a pasty or savoury slice as another snack or meal to take home. These are very kindly given to us by Samworth Brothers, the parent company of Ginsters of Callington. There is no charge and donations are not taken. All costs are funded by grants.

Knit and Knatter restarted in September and runs fortnightly on Thursdays from 2pm to 4pm. It started with four members and regularly has over 20 people who knit, sew or just simply chat.

Last winter on a cold, horrible day during Warm Space a lady knocked the door and said the bus had failed to arrive and could she use our loo. We gave her a hot drink and biscuits and invited her to stay for lunch but she declined as she didn't want to miss the next bus. As she left we invited her to come back to Warm Space. We gave her a pasty to take home and one for her husband. A few weeks later she turned up at Warm Space and we discovered she was a new resident of the village. She has since made lots of friends and is one of our regulars. Although the volunteers who run Warm Space are all Christians, we do not discuss our beliefs with those who attend. They all know that we belong to the church and we are here if they need us. Several weeks later our "new" lady from the bus stop asked if we would mind if she came to church on Sunday as she had not gone to church for quite some time. Since then she has become a regular worshipper at Dobwalls and is a much-loved member of our congregation.

Our next Warm Space initiative starts on Tuesdays from 5th November, from 11am to 3pm in the church hall.

St Keyne Church:

In our prayers: Margaret is in hospital and Christine is still recovering at home. We thank God that Margaret's stroke was early on a Sunday morning so we missed her at Church and were able to find her and get help immediately. Please do pray for both Margaret and Christine.

We are looking forward to the installation of a toilet, mains water and drainage in the church. Detailed plans have been finalised and contractors have been invited to tender for work and have each visited the church with the architect.

Our services over Christmas include two Christingles - one specifically for the school, and another by request of children and parents from the village, including those who are now regulars at Messy Church. Some children will get DOUBLE sweets!





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Upcoming Events:

DOBWALLS WARM SPACE



A WARM WELCOME IN A WARM PLACE
FREE HOT MEAL
TEA, COFFEE, SOFT DRINKS AND BISCUITS
EVERY TUESDAY FROM NOVEMBER 5
11.00am to 3.00pm
DOBWALLS CHURCH HALL
COURTESY OF DOBWALLS UNITED CHURCH AND SPONSORED BY
DOBWALLS PARISH COUNCIL
CORNWALL COUNCILLOR JANE PASCOE'S COMMUNITY CHEST FUND
GINSTERS OF CALLINGTON
(THE CORNWALL BAKERY, A DIVISION OF SAMWORTH BROTHERS)

YOU ARE INVITED TO
Christmas
AT ST KEYNE

CAROL SERVICE
SUNDAY 8TH DECEMBER
7 PM | ST KEYNE CHURCH

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE
SUNDAY 15TH DECEMBER
5 PM | ST KEYNE CHURCH

MESSY CHURCH
FRIDAY 20TH DECEMBER
3-5 PM | ST KEYNE VILLAGE HALL



£1 per person
Max team size of 6

The Big Quiz Night 2024

Friday 8th November

Doors open at 6.45pm
St Martin's Church

tearfund

BLAZE Supper Club

Join us for food, friendship & fun!
Every Thursday in term time

In the Upper Hall of the Church Centre

Drop in from 3:30pm - 5pm
All families are welcome
Children, please bring your grown-up with you

St Martin's Church Centre, Church Street, Liskeard, PL14 3AQ.
Tel: 01579 347611



ROOTED for women

at St Martin's Church, Liskeard
Saturday 23rd November
10am-4pm

A day for the women in the Church to come together... worship, share food and receive from God.

with Guest Speaker:
Hannah Giddens

Scan the QR code to sign up for your ticket (£6.50)

Gift Ideas! Shop early for Christmas!

Autumn Fair

Original Gifts

ST MARTIN'S CHURCH LISKEARD
November 30th
10-3pm

- Independent Stalls
- Pasty Lunch from 12 noon
- Tombola, Raffles, Games
- Crafts, Bric-a-brac and much more...

FREE PARKING
Church Centre Carpark
Social Fundraising Event





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Christmas Services:

Saturday 16th November

Christmas pudding and cream afternoon, 2-4pm, £5, Dobwalls United Church.

Sunday 1st December

Free Christmas cake and tea, 3pm, Dobwalls United Church.
Memorial Service, 4pm, St Martin's Church.
Advent Carol Service, 7pm, St Martin's Church.

Sunday 8th December

Christingle Service, 5pm, St Martin's Church.

Friday 13th & Saturday 14th December

Christmas Musical -BC 2 AD - 7pm, St Martin's Church.

Sunday 15th December

Carol Concert, 7pm, St Martin's Church.
Pop Up Nativity, 9.30am, Dobwalls United Church.
Christingle Service, 5pm, St Keyne Church.

Wednesday 18th December

Polperro Fishermen Choir, 7.30pm, St Keyne Church and then Village Hall.

Friday 20th December

Messy Church at Christmas, 3-5pm, St Keyne Village Hall.

Sunday 22nd December

Pop Up Nativity, All age service, 11am, St Martin's Church.
Carols and Band, 7pm, St Martin's Church.
Carol Service, 9.30am, Dobwalls United Church.

Christmas Eve

Crib Service, 5pm, St Martin's Church.
Christmas Eve Holy Communion Service, 7pm, Dobwalls United Church.
Christmas Holy Communion, 9.30pm, St Keyne Church.
Holy Communion, 11.30pm, St Martin's Church.

Christmas Day

All Age Christmas Communion, 10am, St Martin's Church.

