

# THE PORTICO

## In Memoriam

**Fr Terence Perkins** who passed away last week. Fr Terence served our church in St Mawes after his retirement - and will be greatly missed (so often called "a lovely man" when people speak of him). Many from Truro will also remember him for his sincerely warm welcome to any of us venturing down the Roseland to St Mawes. His funeral Mass will take place at noon on Monday 24th January at the church in St Just in Roseland where his body will be laid to rest.

**Val Cain**, who also died in the week. Her funeral Mass will be at St Augustine's in St Austell at 10.30 on Tuesday 1st February

**Rosemary Moffat**, who died before Christmas; her funeral Mass will be in Falmouth at 10am on Tuesday 18th Many of us in Truro will remember her for her work on retreats and spiritual direction.

**May they rest in peace**

## Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: 18-15 January 2022

Pope Francis will close this year's worldwide celebration with vespers on 25 January. Closer to home, Catholic Churches in Cornwall are hosting several ecumenical services:

St Mary's in Falmouth is hosting a prayer service on Wednesday 19 January at 1pm

St Mary's in Helston is hosting worship and soup lunch Tuesday 18 at 12:45pm and on Sunday 23 January at 4pm

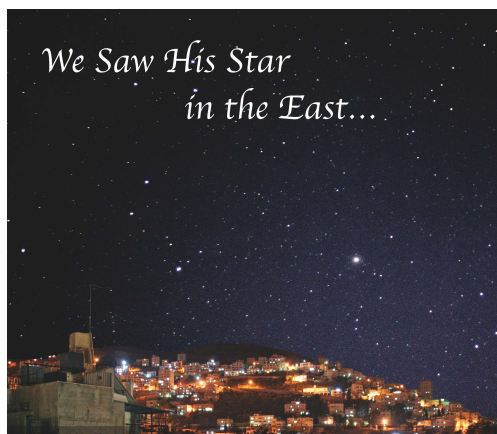
Bishop Philip (Truro) will be preaching at a United Service.

Online services for those unable to attend the physical services, include prayers daily at 12:30 via ZOOM, and an ecumenical online service on Sunday 23 January at 6pm hosted by Churches Together Cornwall Environment Group, on Youtube and Facebook (search for CTCInfohub)

An introduction and Biblical Reflections and prayers for each day can be found on the PORTICO website [HERE](#) (excerpted from the Middle Eastern Council of Churches WPCU booklet [here](#))

## #IamChurch

The Vatican has launched a campaign tagged #IamChurch dedicated to persons living with disabilities. In his message to persons with



## Messages

A lovely way to start 2022 with such an up beat Portico, *Mary*

Thanks for the photo of the lights and decorations in Truro. They are so cheering and uplifting - they gladden the heart. *Margaret*

### A Future for the Church: The Synod 2021 -2023

**Tuesday 18th January 7.30pm.**

Join Fr Adrian Porter SJ, new Director of the Edinburgh Jesuit Centre, and explore what the Synod means for the church.

[Click here for the zoom link](#) or view on Facebook live (search "Edinburgh Jesuit Centre" on Facebook

### "Thank You For The Rain"

A screening of this film will take place on **Thursday 20th January at 7pm** in the Moresk Centre, Kemp Close, Truro (opposite Shoppers' Car Park).

When Kisilu, a Kenyan farmer started taking photographs 5 years ago documenting the effects of climate change on his family, he could not have predicted where this would lead him!

(Details of the film are [HERE](#) ).

CORNWALL CHURCHES ENVIRONMENT GROUP  
**ONE WORLD, ONE CHURCH**  
an ecumenical online service  
praying together for the environment  
during the  
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2022



**SUNDAY 23 JANUARY 6PM**  
or catch up later on social media  
All links at [ctcinfohub.org/WPCU22](http://ctcinfohub.org/WPCU22)

disabilities on the occasion of the International Day dedicated to them, Pope Francis noted that Baptism gives each one of us, "without exclusion or discrimination, the possibility of exclaiming, 'I am Church!'"

"We are convinced that if we are able to listen attentively to the voices of our sisters and brothers with disabilities, the ecclesial community will come out truly enriched," said Gabriella Gambino, undersecretary of the Dicastery.

## Synod Watch

The formal parish phase of the Synodal listening process has ended but many voices have not yet been heard; the Diocese has therefore added an online facility for individuals and groups to provide feedback. Hosted by SurveyMonkey, the form is aimed at anyone both inside or outside the Catholic Church, and has just 3 questions, which can be answered in free form and anonymously.

Readers are encouraged to point their family and friends to this form, which can be completed very quickly and easily, by following this [LINK](#)

## The Synod, What's it really all about?

Even those of us who participated in the four Advent meetings on the Synod may yet be uncertain what it's really all about, and where we're heading. An article by Jenny Sinclair in the Tablet of 1st January seems to me by far the most persuasive of what's been written so far.

She writes that in many respects our Catholicism has become individualistic, which is an obstacle to grace - our seeking for the kingdom can't be done on our own; we have to cooperate with each other. Too many Christians are stuck in a consumerist model. So as individuals we go to Mass, 'consume' the readings and the homily and the Eucharist, and go away again. All too often Christian life lacks the fellowship of mutual love and support. The example shared is of a woman, struggling with terrible debt who went to Mass every week but hadn't told a soul about her troubles.

Jenny Sinclair proposes that there are three kinds of power identified by Catholic Social Thought, money power, state power, and relational power which is the power that human beings build together, and which should be at the heart of the new formation that the Church needs. It is to conceive of church as a community of faithful people committed to a place, outward facing to the world, living in loving friendship with others in the neighbourhood, and with a commitment to building local relationships, personal and institutional.

Fundamental to becoming 'communities of place' are core practices of prayer and discipleship. Many of us will be unfamiliar with what being in relationship with the Holy Spirit is like. The 'cell' group can be the key to this. It is often in small faithful groups that the Spirit transforms, where people journey together, engage deeply with Scripture, and talk honestly about what really matters.

It seems that far from having 'done' our Synod duties, we've hardly begun.

(from Francis M)

## Welcome The Stranger

**Tuesday 8th February 2022.**

All are invited to join Caritas Plymouth for an hour of prayer, reflection and discussion on the issues facing refugees, migrants and those affected by modern slavery, with guest speakers who will talk about community sponsorship. This free online Zoom event is from 5-6 pm.

To register: email [caritas@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:caritas@prcdtr.org.uk)



*Terrorist threats to air travel made this Pilgrimage to Lourdes in September 2006 a much longer overland affair - but was well worth it. Thanks to Paul B*

## Evening Prayer.

Join Dcn Andrew for evening prayers, Mondays at 6pm. Everyone welcome.

For further info e-mail: [andrew.shute@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:andrew.shute@prcdtr.org.uk)

## More on Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Chemin Neuf has prepared a series of talks/testimonies on Christian Unity to be shown on YouTube during the week.

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