

# THE PORTICO

## Cornish Pilgrimage to Walsingham



This year's group of 14 pilgrims travelled up from Cornwall to Walsingham on Sunday 16th October and stayed in the Pilgrim Centre. "We left on Saturday 21st - but our coach broke down! We were fortunate to be rescued by the Walsingham minibus and allowed to stay an extra night at no extra expense."

"While in Walsingham we followed the pilgrims' programme for two days: (Angelus, Procession to the Catholic shrine about a mile away, time for confessions and Way of the Cross, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Pilgrim Mass, Rosary, Evening Prayer and Torchlight Procession). Quite an intense programme, But there was still time to explore the village of Walsingham and visit the Anglican Shrine - worth a look - and for excursions to Cromer and Norwich."

*(thanks to Fr David)*

### Re-store Project

A Truro project aims to help "Restore Homes Hopes and Lives" by recycling and re-using unwanted furniture. "If you no longer need a household item and it's too good to throw away, please pass it on to us." say the founders of this initiative.

Fridges, sofas, cookers in good condition can all be passed on to people on low incomes or who have been re-housed e.g. because of domestic violence.

Call Chris on 07597983562

### A Foodbank Advent

Truro Foodbank invites us to follow the principle of an Advent Calendar in reverse - and a month early! They suggest we put a non-perishable item in a box on each of the first 24 days of November. "It would be such a help to Truro Foodbank to have the items at the beginning of December." says Wendy Vincent, Secretary of the Trustees.

The advent calendar with suggested items can be downloaded [HERE](#)

### Messages

HAPPY BIRTHDAY Fr JOHN!



*photo: Mark N*

Churchgoers recently helped Fr John celebrate his birthday when he was presented with a themed cake after Mass on Sunday. No two guesses what one of Fr John's hobbies is!

### CARITAS EVENT:

**WORLD DAY OF THE POOR**  
**Saturday 12 November**  
**St Mary's, Poole**

CARITAS event to reflect on Pope Francis' message and his call to us to live out our Gospel Values by reaching out to others. The event is from 10.30-3.00 with Mass at 10.00am; lunch will be provided. [Register HERE](#). If you wish to car-share from Truro contact THE PORTICO

### TALKING CLIMATE JUSTICE

**Saturday 12 November**  
**10:30am - 1pm**

All Saints Highertown  
Join the panel for a conversation about Climate Justice - and what we can do about it. See poster in porch for details

for a synodal Church:

## *“Enlarge the space of your tent!”*

A Working Document for the Synod’s continental stage was published this week by the Vatican. The Document, titled *“Enlarge the space of your tent”* is a synthesis of the Synodal responses from dioceses in 112 countries around the world. The 45 page work calls for institutional, structural and cultural reform of the Church at all levels, to better incorporate synodality into ecclesiastical life. This Document is intended to form the basis for further reflection and discernment by 5 continental assemblies. But before that, in keeping with the logic of synodality, it has been



referred back to all bishops so that they can organise synodal moments of reading and discussion within their own dioceses. “we return to the People of God the fruits of the process begun by the consultation in the particular *Churches*,” said Cardinal Grech the Secretary General of the Synod. He adds that “... it would be nice for each (Diocese) to read the Document with a broad involvement of the People of God”. So watch this space.... Cardinal Grech emphasises that ***“It is now up to each one of us to enlarge the space of the Tent, that is, to continue the work of listening, dialogue and discernment in this Continental Stage.”*** Meanwhile, you can download and [read the Document HERE](#)

## Film: “THE LETTER: a message for the earth”

*“a clarion cry to people everywhere: we have to act together, we have to do it now.”* (Cardinal Czerny)



“The Letter” was released 3 weeks ago as a Youtube Original film to wide critical acclaim. It highlights the key concept of dialogue by arranging a meeting between Pope Francis and a variety of voices from the peripheries, including an indigenous leader, a climate refugee, a youth activist, and a group of scientists.

Austen Ivereigh writes (in *The Tablet*) that “Meeting (Pope) Francis would conventionally be the climax of the film but in ‘The Letter’, it isn’t. The true drama happens later when the participants go to Assisi to reflect on the experience.”

While they are there, Arouna from Africa hears that his town is under water again and that a friend has died trying to make the dangerous crossing to Europe. This triggers an upsurge of pain and sense of vulnerability in which all the participants share and which becomes “the place of grace and new hope.”

The Letter is a *Laudato Si* production, available to watch [HERE on Youtube](#); or if anyone is interested in watching it on a big screen in a discussion group, contact The Portico.

## We are the weather makers a reflection on the eve of COP27

“It’s as though humanity is a tightrope artist. Multiple flies buzz around our head, claiming our attention: economic crisis, political crisis, social crisis. But the flies are mere annoyances compared with the threat of plunging to our death. **In scale and severity, climate change is comparable only to global nuclear war: and the risk of it occurring is vastly greater.**”

(Carmody Grey, from an article in the *Tablet* last week).

### PARISH SOUP LUNCH Friday 18 November



St Piran’s Church Hall from 12 - 2pm. (while soups last) selection of home-made soups, plus bread etc. Bring a friend!  
(FREE - Donations go to SVP)



### “He’s my Brother”

As all our living costs are shooting up and as winter approaches, don’t let someone suffer alone in silence. Contact SVP on 07474-941099.

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