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From Revd Philip Sharp...

Dear Friends,

As I write this letter on a sunny April afternoon, between Good Friday and Easter Sunday, I am aware that this letter will not be read until after we have celebrated Easter Sunday. Most of us will know that this is a major festival in the Christian calendar - arguably the most important festival - but possibly fewer of us realise that the church season of Easter extends well beyond the Sunday when most of us eat too much chocolate! So why is Easter so important, not only to those who call themselves Christians, but to the whole of God's creation? It is because through the events of Easter that God's love for his creation is demonstrated. Jesus' death on Good Friday and his subsequent resurrection to new life three days later on Easter Sunday have, the Bible explains, conquered death - the great enemy of all. The Bible goes on to tell us that anyone can share in Jesus' resurrection and the new life that it brings - all you need do is put your trust in him and then follow him. It's that simple and that is why it is worthy of extended celebration and why I do not feel awkward wishing everyone a very Happy Easter long after that last egg has been consumed.

Happy Easter!



Monumental question from the cover of March's Outlook

The stone cross pictured on the cover of March's Outlook stands by the roadside at Shortacross. We have received some fascinating information from Bernie Thevenin linking one of the names on the cross to the building of Trenean House, Truro Cathedral and Lanhydrock House, and how the names mentioned are linked to her family. More to follow next month...

Morval Parish Council Elections

For the first time in many years, the parishioners of Morval have an opportunity to elect who they wish to represent them as parish councillors.

Elected parish councils were first established by the Parish Councils Act of 1894, with elections every four-years. However, a recent House of Commons Briefing Paper concedes “It is not unusual for elections to parish councils to be uncontested, and for members to be co-opted where the number of candidates is fewer than the number of seats available”.

We have the privilege of living in a democracy, so important that previous generations have been prepared to sacrifice their lives in order to defend it, and the democratic process is of such importance that those in positions of responsibility, such as parish councillors, are rightly held to a high standard. It's also important for all parishioners to realise that, where a parish council election is actually happening, they are electing their parish council representatives for at least the next four years, and quite possibly for many years after that.

To help with parishioners' decision making, we had intended to offer all the candidates an opportunity to write a short piece to let us know why they were standing, and what they could offer. Unfortunately, we were advised that, because of election laws and the fact that one of the sources of income for Outlook is a grant from Morval Parish Council, there was some uncertainty about whether councillors who gave us a grant were allowed to be seen to benefit from using Outlook under the purdah rules.

When we contacted Cornwall Council for clarification, and explained that we were a community magazine, overseen by the church, and entirely independent of the Parish Council, we were advised to contact the national electoral commission, which we did. And we're still waiting for a response.

The editors feel that it is important that we should not do anything which could cause any candidate to be reprimanded by the electoral commission after May 4th, and have therefore had to assume that purdah prevents existing Parish Councillors from using Outlook to promote their candidacy. However, the current Parish Council has a track record of service to the local community which gives us an idea of what existing councillors stand for.

Two of the candidates who are not existing Parish Councillors have submitted brief outlines to introduce themselves to us all:

My name - Val Olver, retired nursing sister. Residing in Morval since 1968. I have a broad knowledge of the Parish, its boundaries and people, organizing and running the first playgroup, Governor of Trenode School, local Civil Defence and helped with the Youth club. I work with the R.V.S., delivering books to the housebound, safeguarding officer for children and the elderly and support Morval church. I am a people person not a political person.

My name is Pauline Hardinges and I am a retired social worker. I am on the Cornwall Carers Partnership Board , The NHS Partnership Foundation Trust, Trust Carers Committee for complex care and dementia and I chair the Carers forum in Liskeard. I am also on the committee for the Liskeard Area Memory Cafe. I would like to get involved in the Parish Council.

Existing Parish Councillors standing for re-election but prevented by purdah rules from submitting material to Outlook: Tracy Chudleigh, Roger Dennis, Peter Harding, Stuart Hutchins, John Kitson, Clive Pearn, Kim Spencer, Graham Tamblyn, Pat Taroni.

Bill Matthews recently retired from Parish Council and is standing again.

Democracy doesn't work if we don't vote, so please do take part and vote. You can vote on the way to work, or on the way back, or during the day, or instead of watching evening TV reruns. **You can vote for up to 10 councillors, or 1, or any number in between. It's entirely up to you.**

Parish Council News

The Annual Parish Meeting was held on the 5th April, 2017 with representatives from a few of organisations within the parish giving reports on how things are progressing within those organisations. In addition, a representative of the Cornwall Community Land Trust laid out a display of the work carried out by this organisation. A representative of the local Neighbourhood Watch Scheme gave an update. It is currently looking for new members and anybody interested in being part of this scheme can contact the clerk who will pass on the relevant contact details.

The clerk has received notification that there will be an election for Morval Parish Council. This will be held on the 4th May at the same time as the election for the Cornwall Councillor. Candidate lists for both elections can be found on each of the Parish Council notice boards and on the notice board in the Reading Room.

Morval Parish Council

Diary Dates

April (WRR=Widegates Reading Room)

Wed 26: Garden Club 'film and talk on St Luke's Hospice' by Wayne Marshall 7.30, WRR

May

Tue 2: Bridge Club (weekly) 10am WRR

Tue 2: Hessenford WI 7pm WRR

Sat 6: Garden Club Plant Sale 10am WRR

Tue 9: Handicraft 7pm WRR

Thu 11: Flower Arranging 7pm WRR (Weekly 'til the end of June)

Fri 26: Bingo, eyes down 7.30pm WRR

Sat May 27 – Mon 29: Spring Arts & Crafts Exhibition at Sale at St. Martin's, Looe

Mon 29: Street Party 3pm onwards at Torwell, Morval. Please bring a plate of food to share. BBQ will be available use.

Everyone is welcome at any of the above events.

Morval Area Play and Community Group

We have been busy again this month working on getting a play area for the children of Widegates. We have been in talks about a site for the playground within the village, as we have been advised that the Parish field above Trenode School is unsuitable as it is too far away from the houses. More on this next month (fingers crossed!).



A big thank you to Widegates Garden Club and Marie Bersey for allowing us to hold a cake sale and 'Guess the name of the Bunny' at her Easter Egg Hunt on 14th April. Thank you to Barbara Winter for the beautiful hand knitted bunny. Our Children's Committee members helped run the stalls and we raised over £50.

Our next event will be a stall at the Morval Fair on 16th July, where we will be having traditional games like hoopla - more details to follow. We will also be showing possible plans for the playground, do come along, have a look and tell us what you think.

If you have any questions or comments or would like to help us please email us at morvalareaplaypark@yahoo.co.uk or call me on 01503 240845.

Victoria Kitson

Shelterbox

St Wenna's Lent Appeal for Shelterbox stands at £65 so far; this was raised by people going without the occasional bottle of wine, not eating dessert after a meal out, and walking further instead of paying to park. There is still time to add to the total, so please pass your donations to church members or bring them to church.

Church Services at St Wenna's

May 2017

June 2017

7th May 11am
Service Eucharist
Reader Linda Harrison
Sides person Mary Howes

4th June 11am
Service Eucharist Pentecost
Reader Hayley Moore
Sides person Anne Rice

14th May 11am
Service Family
Reader Sarah Cawrse
Sides person Children

11th June 11am
Service Family
Reader Victoria Kitson
Sides person Children

21st May 11am
Service Eucharist
Reader Brian Young
Sides person Hayley Moore

18th June 11am
Service Eucharist
Reader Bridget MacArthur
Sides person Ann Williams

28th May 11am
Service Morning Prayer
Reader M. Willmott
Sides person Val Olver

25th June 11am
Service Morning Prayer
Reader Mary Howes
Sides Person Hayley Moore

Flower Rota

May 6: Easter Lilies
May 13: Julia Tamblyn
May 20: Tracey Chudleigh
May 27: Carolyn Burgoyne

June 3: Mary Howes
June 10: Meriel Kitson
June 17: Bridget MacArthur
June 24: Sue Auger

Churchyard working party

Val Olver wishes to thank everyone who took part in the Churchyard clear up day. Everybody worked really hard and made an enormous difference to the appearance and safety of the paths. Other people were beavering away inside the church as well, so it was all looking fresh and smart for Easter. The beautifully displayed lilies will last for a while, so please pop in and have a look. The Easter Garden will remain in church until Ascension Day on 25th May and is also well worth a visit.

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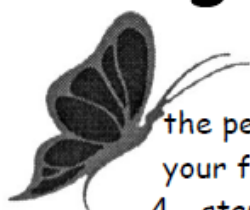
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