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OUTLOOK News and views from Around the Parish

Volunteers produce it, but there are printing costs, and one source of revenue was from local businesses' advertising. Over the intervening 32 years, we've promoted many businesses and they've helped us, and we are very grateful. Outlook magazine started in July 1991 to help keep the parish informed of what was happening locally. This was the month after the closure of Widegates Post Office (which had previously been a focal point for community knowledge).

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## Copy deadline for May 2023 Outlook is Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April.

## **Key dates in Morval Parish**

#### **Dates Widegates Village Hall**

<u>April</u>: 1<sup>st</sup> Easter Fair – cancelled. 3<sup>rd</sup> 3-5pm – "So what's it all about?" – See Page 8 for details 24<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm Quiz

May: 7<sup>th</sup> 3-5pm Bring and share Coronation Tea

#### Garden Club dates

<u>Good Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April</u> 10 - noon Coffee Morning at Marie Bersey's 47 Morview Road. Easter Egg hunt, Hot Cross Buns, Raffle <u>Wed 26<sup>th</sup> April</u> Robin and Edwina Hill: Dormice on North Dartmoor



## <u>Calling all</u> <u>crafters!</u>

Flowers needed, created in any medium, to decorate the pillars during the 'Community Life' flowers and crafts festival at St Wenna's in October.

All sorts welcome, the more variety the better – what can you create with wool, fabric, wood, recycled materials, etc.

Marie Bersey will be gathering the flowers, and is happy to collect – please ring: 01503 240478.

## **Fairtrade Fortnight**



Trenode School hosted a brilliant community Fairtrade event on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March. The children had researched various aspects of Fairtrade, producing posters, quizzes and a very informative powerpoint presentation to start the afternoon. Children and parents had enthusiastically taken up the Fairtrade Baking Challenge to create chocolate crispies, choc chip banana buns, iced sponge cakes, gluten free strawberry buns, to name but a few of the excellent goodies on offer. The food stall was also very efficiently run by the pupils, who encouraged people to donate to Transform Trade in return.



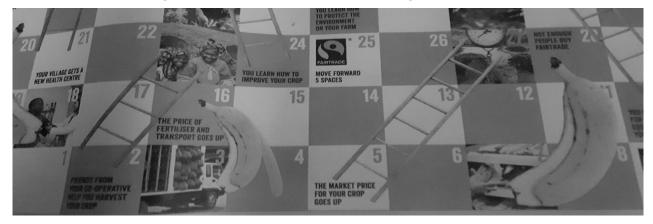
On Saturday 11<sup>th</sup>, the Fairtrade Coffee Morning was less well attended, but those who came shared chocolate brownies, tiffin, tea bread, mocha cake, banana muffins, mini quiches, all made with Fairtrade ingredients, as well as enjoying each other's company and being extremely generous in their donations.

Over the two events, a raffle of Fairtrade produce was held, including wine, roses, chocolate and some lovely ornaments and toys. There was more Fairtrade chocolate to be won in some guessing games, and the Fairtrade Tea Quiz, whilst not leading to any prizes, raised awareness of



some of the issues faced by producers and also taught us all a few fun facts (did you know that Earl Grey is given its distinctive flavour and aroma by Bergamot?)

There were still some goodies left over after Saturday's event, so coffee after Sunday's service at St Wenna's came with all sorts of cake, and more generous donations were given.



The events were as much about awareness raising as fundraising, but it was good to be able to send £80 to Transform Trade. This will be used to promote fairness in the production and supply chain of some of the foods we tend to take for granted, improving the living standards of hard working producers, and their families and communities, in some of the poorest countries.

## **Finding blessing**

Have you ever wondered what it means to be blessed? It is a word that we often use – superstitiously when someone sneezes ('bless you'), to express concern about someone ('bless').

When Jesus talks about blessing, he does not mean that the person receiving the blessing finds happiness or prosperity. He wants us to know that blessing from God goes much deeper than our common, somewhat superficial understanding of it.

At the very start of the Sermon on the Mount, the record of Jesus's manifesto, he says this:

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek. for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

What he is saying is that for us to be blessed means that we are approved by God. That is the longing of every human heart whether we acknowledge it or not and here Jesus tells us how to receive it. The first four talk about our attitude towards God, the second set about how we are with one another.

May you know what it means truly, deeply and eternally to be blessed by God.

#### Revd. Ben Morgan Lundie

#### NEWS that Cornwall Council wants to create a hardstanding waiting area at the Shortacross bus stop in Widegates has been welcomed by parish councillors.

The idea is to provide a safer waiting area for bus users, although the plans do not include an actual shelter.

The parish council has long campaigned for a more visual bus stop on the 'outward' (Torpoint) road so members were delighted that something was finally happening.



#### CORNWALL Council's plans to increase car parking charges across the county have been opposed by parish councillors.

County councillor Armand Toms said he believed that the increases would pose a major issue for businesses looking to attract seasonal workers, as someone working a four-hour shift in the tourist trade could end up paying an hour of their wages in parking fees.

He was strongly against the increases but said that if they did go ahead, he would like to see some form of residents' card introduced, allowing for discounted parking.

Mr Toms also said that he had been in contact with Sheryl Murray, MP, about proposed future increases in Tamar Bridge tolls.



COUNCILLORS were saddened to learn of the death of their former clerk,



Lynne Sutton, and expressed condolences to her family and friends.



#### PLANS for a replacement garage at Morval Vean, Sandplace, were supported.

As in all planning matters, the final decision rests with Cornwall Council.



# THESE are your Parish Councillors...

John Collings (chairman), Andy Jackson (vice-chairman), Jasmine Fullalove, Stuart Hutchins, Andy Kennedy, Debra Kirkland, John Kitson, Clive Pearn, Ben Pengelly and Graham Tamblyn.

The council meets at Widegates Village Hall at 7.00 pm on the first Wednesday of the month and all meetings are open to members of the public.

The Council also has a website – *www.morvalparishcouncil.org.uk* – where you can find much more information.

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### Easter at St Wenna's

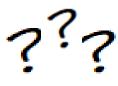
Palm Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April

11am Family Service with palm crosses

3pm The Path ~ a dramatic and moving

retelling of the Easter story in words and music by Steve Bailey. Steve is joined by fellow musicians Paul Foster and Jim Berry on a journey that takes us through a variety of musical styles ranging from boogie to ballad. There will be an opportunity to chat over refreshments after the performance.

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 3 - 5pm Widegates Village Hall



"So what's it all about?" ~ an informal chance,
over saffron buns and drinks, to quiz local Christians about their beliefs. Do come, we'll try to answer your questions, and we'll be honest if we can't.

Good Friday 7th April

2pm Meditation ~ readings, hymns and prayers, followed by Hot Cross Buns and fellowship.

Saturday 8th April

Decorating the church, planting the Easter Garden

Easter Day 9th April

11am Holy Communion ~ He is Risen!

#### Easter Lilies

If you would like to make a donation in memory of loved ones, please contact Val Olver on 262808, and your lilies will be part of a beautiful Easter display in St Wenna's.

Everyone is welcome to all events and services, to come and see, and to join in as much or as little as feels comfortable.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting, at which reports are received and Churchwardens elected, will follow the Communion service on 16<sup>th</sup> April.



