

KCM NEWSLETTER

FALMOUTH PARISH CHURCH OF KING CHARLES THE MARTYR

Greetings to you all at this difficult time.

As you will all know by now, services and gatherings at the Church have been suspended while we do everything we can to combat the spread of the Coronavirus. While our normal patterns of worship may be put on hold, this is not a time to be downhearted; as Bishop Philip says “...*this will not be business as usual. But it will NOT be no business, it will be 'business unusual'. We'll still be about the business of the Kingdom of God, but in new, different, committed, creative and deeply caring ways.*”

With this in mind, we are going to continue to opening up the Church on Saturdays and Sundays from 10am to 1pm, as a place for private prayer and reflection. Meanwhile, we the people of the Church are going to have to think seriously about what we can do to bring light into this dark situation. This will mean all of us setting aside time for serious prayer (and maybe for many of us, having a little more time on our hands for once will be one of the blessings to come out of all this). We must also all think seriously about what we can do to support our neighbours who may be sick or self-isolating, and in particular those who are elderly or who live alone. We strongly urge you to share your contact details widely, and to make an effort to check in regularly with anyone who you think might benefit from a friendly chat, or some help with the shopping.

We ask you all, if you are able, to make contributions to the Food Bank, which is under significant strain at this time, a situation which is likely to get worse before it gets better.

Please also think seriously about your financial offerings to the Church, as a lengthy period without any collections is going to hit King Charles the Martyr and the whole Church of England very hard indeed. Our financial situation is not strong at the best of times, so if we want a Church to come back to when all this is over, we are all going to have to give what we can in the meantime. For those of you who are not already signed up to the Parish Giving Scheme, this is a very good time to start. Forms are available near the entrance to the Church, or from the Churchwardens.

Shortly before all this started we began collecting email addresses for a new mailing list, and it was just as well we did! My fellow warden Jane Williams and I will be using this as the primary means of putting out updates with regards to KCM, so if you want to be among the first to know when normal service resumes, please contact KCMFalmouth@gmail.com to sign up.

The APCM, scheduled for 21st April has of course been postponed. We will put the word out about when this will be rescheduled for, and also any news in relation to our interregnum, as and when we know more, so watch this space.

Lastly, some good news. Although the final coffee morning in aid of the Tent for Lent appeal has had to be cancelled, thanks to a phenomenal showing for the March morning, the appeal has finished up with over £900 – more than twice the original target! Huge thanks and congratulations to Angela Snell and Liz Martin for all their hard work. Huge thanks also to Richard Bailey for hosting such an enjoyable quiz night on 7th March, raising £130 for the Church; so often these quizzes are dumbed down affairs, but anyone who attended on this occasion will surely agree this could not have been further from the case – and also that the best team won!

Warmest wishes to you all,
Hugo Lomax
Churchwarden

April 2020

There will not be formal services in the coming weeks. It is hoped that we can keep the Church open **between 10am and 1pm on Saturdays and Sundays for private prayer and reflection.**

The Churchwardens have sent this request:

In light of the fast changing situation with the Coronavirus outbreak, members of the congregation are encouraged to share their contact details widely among themselves. Please be particularly aware of older members of the congregation and those who live alone. If anyone is forced to self-isolate and requires any outside assistance, please do contact one of the Churchwardens and we will make suitable arrangements.

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King Charles Mummers

Unfortunately the Spring Production 'A Convenient Murder' has been postponed until the Autumn. Such a shame as rehearsals were going really well. If you have 'Friends', please let them know.

It has also been necessary to postpone the Annual Dinner, the walk on 7th April and the lunch at Trelowarren on 10th May. Hopefully events can resume in the Autumn.

KCM Concerts

All concerts in March and April have been cancelled. Please stay in touch to find out what may take place later this year.

Stampede

I have sent a large mailbag of donated, used stamps given by our congregation and friends to Christian Aid. I have received a reply of grateful thanks.

Thank you to all of you who have donated, Miriam Jefferd

Welcomers

The meeting for Church Welcomers on 25th March has been cancelled - please stay in touch with Mary 01326 316559 for more information.

Beautiful shopping bags have been made by Mary Weston with all proceeds going to KCM Church . £5 each. They will be on the souvenir table at the back of the church.

Collections over past weeks ending:

23/2/2020 £112.10

1/3/2020 £180.19

8/3/2020 £114.38

