

# KCM NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2020 FALMOUTH PARISH CHURCH OF KING CHARLES THE MARTYR



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Dear Friends,

Like so many other things in 2020 Harvest Festival this year may seem rather a reduced and distorted reflection of its normal self, but that if anything increases rather than reduces its importance. Harvest begins for us each year a season of remembering, of looking back with thankfulness and acknowledging our blessings before God and one another, and never is that more important than in the hard times.

The news at present seems relentlessly grim and the prospects for the next few months increasingly depressing. Our leaders struggle to know what to do for the best and we feel powerless to know where to turn. It is easy, and understandable, to focus our thoughts on all the things that feel like loss... loss of choice, of freedom, of opportunity as well as of income, of health and, worst of all, of those we love. Loss is painful and should be recognised and if necessary mourned, but it is never the whole picture.

Inevitably this year our celebrations will be pared down, but we will still celebrate (the same will apply when we come to Christmas). We still have so much for which we need to be thankful and there is no time more vital for the expression of gratitude, for the counting of our blessings, than when we are experiencing loss. One of the key signs of a mature faith, both for an individual and a community, is the ability to hold together gratitude and grief, and that can only come from a living trust in the God who holds us and sustains us through all of life...and death.

So come, however you can and celebrate God's goodness over this season of autumn season, as we lead from Harvest into All Saints and All Souls towards Remembrance. The prophet **Habbakuk** puts it wonderfully well:

***"Though the fig tree may not blossom, nor fruit be on the vines... and the fields yield no food; Though the flock may be cut off from the fold, And there be no herd in the stalls - Yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation". (Habbakuk 3:17-19)***

An attitude of gratitude can be truly transformative. May it be so for us.  
God bless,

Bill Stuart-White



Christians Against Poverty Debt Centre  
Serving Falmouth, Penryn & Surrounding Villages  
September 2020 Update

Time has flown by since training with CAP was completed and we went live as a Debt Centre on 10th August.

As we continue through this time of pandemic and hopefully emerge from the other side, many people are likely to require the ministry of Christians Against Poverty to help them emerge from debt.

It is a ministry which uniquely seeks to help the whole person, not just to deal with crippling debt but also to re-engage with society. It is a ministry which the whole church can be involved with; prayerfully, and practically through offering your time and gifts of love to help clients through the early stages of debt recovery. Ultimately, we pray that through the love of God and his people, CAP may well help many to lead a new life in Jesus.

The exciting news for this month is that we are officially launching our new CAP Debt Centre so please do set aside the date for a special service of commissioning if you can, it looks set to be a good night.

We are really excited that our new Bishop of St Germans, Bishop Hugh will be with us and he is also delighted that this ministry will be happening within the deanery.

We also have a very gifted speaker from Christians Against Poverty, Jen Sweet, who is passionate about the work of CAP, Jen is also the Area Manager for the South West.

This is a great opportunity for us to engage with those in great need and to see lives changed.

**Christians Against Poverty Debt Centre**  
Serving Falmouth, Penryn & Surrounding Areas  
**Launch Service**  
**Wednesday 30th September**  
**Guest Speakers: Bishop Hugh and**  
**Jen Sweet, CAP Area Manager**  
**Join us on Zoom**  
To join on a computer, click this link at 7 pm on Wednesday 30th Sept  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83460477382?pwd=NlcrOXZFMUdJRjRZRvVhUeXoxeSs3UT09>  
To join on a phone/tablet, tap "join meeting" in the Zoom app at 7 pm and key in  
Meeting ID: 834 6047 7382 Password: 463013

**KCM ELECTORAL ROLL** The revised list of March 2020 is situated at the back of the church by the Baptistry and North Door. This is in preparation for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting to be held on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2020. Church Electoral Roll Officer, Sylvia Ryan

**Music for Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2020**

***Organ*** played by Michael Hoeg. Before the service: Concerto no. 6 (George Avison). After the service: Postlude (William Matthias)

***Anthem*** sung by the choir: For the Beauty of the Earth (*Rutter*)

**From October, Evensong** will be on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month (11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> October)

**SUNDAY OCTOBER 4<sup>th</sup>** We will be pleased to welcome Hannah Stephens representing **Falmouth and Penryn Welcome Refugee Families** to speak to us about the work of the Charity and how we might be able to support it.

**Our Annual Church Meeting** will be held on **Tuesday October 13<sup>th</sup> at 7.00pm in Church**. If anyone would like to attend, but may not be able to come in person, we will look into ways of enabling remote attendance also – do let us know if this is the case.