

Upper Fal Parishes

Weekly Bulletin w/c 15th September 2025

Ow sos ger,

Christianity offers everyone the opportunity to enlist in a cause which works for a better world, and not just for the individual, because Jesus taught "Love God. Love your neighbour". We are not called to just love ourselves, which is why I am against some of the pressures of individualism placed upon us.

It is so important to care deeply for things which will not happen until we are long gone, to acknowledge that we have a debt to the past and must retain a sense of responsibility for the future. What concerns me is the fact that large numbers of people have abandoned any concern for the shape of the future and simply live for today. It is also sad that some people have given their lives to some cause or other which has exhausted itself before they have exhausted themselves. So, they hang on with nostalgia without knowing which direction to go.

What I see in Jesus is the daily challenge to seek the Kingdom of Heaven, now, in the immediate circumstances of our lives, shaping and transforming the future. This challenge we all accepted as Christians when we were Confirmed, and it is a lifelong commitment to work for our Lord in the special individual way to which He has called us. Because of the challenge which we accepted, we cannot let the 'changes and chances of this fleeting world' overcome our endeavours, nor be intimidated by human problems. Of course, I accept that there are events in our lives that are beyond our control, such as war, famine, poverty, and discrimination, but I am not going to let these events, terrible as they are, prompt me to lie down and bewail how everything is just hopeless. I may take just a tiny step, strike a minor blow, win a minute victory, all for the sake of the future, but do note, this is where the future of our Christian faith lies. The Gospel tells me that like one small hidden stone in a church building, placed in its unique position by a faithful worker in the past and which helps hold up the whole structure, so will my stubborn refusal to give in make a positive contribution to the future.

Jesus challenges ordinary people to accept personal responsibility for the future and make their contribution to a cause which will not exhaust itself before they have exhausted themselves. He lived and died yet rose again to prove that God's ways are beyond ours and are great enough to deal with humankind's every need, including any spiritual hunger. So, when you hear others discuss and question the purpose of life you will be able to present the potential of the Kingdom of God and invite them to help shape the future.

And also remind them we are not alone in this endeavour. God is with us. gras ha kres,

Brian

This Week's Services

Sunday 21st September

Probus 9:30 Connect Harvest Caroline

St Erme Visit to Methodist for Harvest

Ladock 11:00 Ecumenical Service Linda

St Nun's 10:30 Parish Praise Simon / William

Lamorran 15:00 EP Linda

Readings for this week

Psalm 79:1-9

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

Luke 16: 1-13

Collect for 14th Sunday after Trinity

Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Next Week's Services

Sunday 28th September

Probus	9.30	HC	Caroline
St Erme	9.30	MP	John
St Michael's	10.00	HC	Linda
Ladock	11.00	HC	Caroline
St Crida	11.00	Matins	
Holy Trinity	11.15	HC	Linda
Probus	16.00	Café Church	Scott
Ladock	18.00	BCP Evensong	

Next Weeks Readings

Psalm 91: 1-6

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15 Luke 16:19 to end

Probus Community Hub

Mondays

Pain Cafe 10am - 12pm Refreshments 10am -12pm Community Larder 4pm - 4:30pm

Tuesdays

Coffee and Chat 10:30am - 12pm

Wednesdays

Move More - Falls prevention course for the over 65s 10:30am - 11:30am

Refreshments 10am - 12pm Community Larder 2:30pm - 3:30pm

Fridays

Community Larder 9am - 10am Refreshments 10am - 12pm

Saturdays

Community Larder 9:30am - 10:30am

Bulletin - please note all items for the following week's bulletin to be sent to <u>bulletin@probus.church</u> by 5pm on a Monday.

Thanks

Ss Probus and Grace Church

I am currently looking to set up a small team of people who would be willing to open and close the church each day of the week. In the past Steve as Church warden has overseen this, however, now that he has retired from this position we need to think again about how we can manage to keep the church open. The church is widely used by everyone in the community for personal prayer, community group sessions, as well as toddler group, community larder and other things from time to time.

Responsibilities of the role would include

Opening up: unlocking the door, and turning on a couple of lights inside. Locking up: ensuring that no one is inside, the toilet is locked, lights are off and doors are locked.

It would be helpful to have a small team of people who would be willing either to take a day each, or a regular day...and that you might be willing to cover each other for sickness or holidays.

Please contact me asap if you can help,

Caroline



Calling all young people aged between 11-16 years!

We would love to gather ideas about what a future 'youth cafe' in Probus could look like and we thought who better to ask than the brilliant young people in our local community.

The youth cafe would be held in Probus Church and will provide a safe, relaxed and fun space to gather fortnightly and connect with one another over food and drink with games and activities.

Our leadership team are super excited to meet you and your parents/carers at an informal drop in evening, with refreshments. The evening will provide an opportunity to answer your questions and most importantly, gather your ideas. We also invite adults along to the evening who may be interested in volunteering at the youth cafe and would like further information.

When: Sunday 5th October 2025

Time: Drop in between 6:30pm - 8:00pm

Where: Probus Church

We can't wait to see you there!

Paroline Husband

Sara Schofield Sara Edwardes

Helen Godwin

Helen Adams

All leaders have been safely recruited and DBS checked. For more information please email youth@probus.church

Other events

Mothers' Union Wave of Prayer Service at St. Mary's Aisle, Truro Cathedral, 2.00pm, Thursday 18th September

The Wave of Prayer goes on throughout the year, remembering all the Mothers' Unions across the globe. Mothers' Union in Cornwall is prayed for in September, along with MU members in other countries including Burundi, Uganda, Nigeria and India. This annual service is always lovely, with refreshments in the Chapter House afterwards. Non-members welcome!

Contact Beverly Hulme, Truro Cathedral Branch leader, for further information - BeverlyHulme@trurocathedral.org.uk

Also, people might like to know –

Choral Evensong recorded earlier this year in Truro Cathedral is scheduled to be broadcast on **BBC Radio 3 on Wednesday 17**th **September at 3.00pm**, repeated the following Sunday evening.

Choral Evensong is live in the Cathedral most weekdays at 5.30pm and Sundays at 4.00pm. 40 minutes of transcendent music and prayer in a beautiful setting – a wonderful way to unwind and refocus at the end of any day.



Welcome to our Generosity FIKA!

As Christians we try to live generous lives, responding to our generous God and reaching out to our churches, local communities and the world in generosity.

On October 4th at Probus Church from 2-5pm we will be running a Generosity FIKA for the Upper Fal Parishes benefice to which all PCC members and anyone else who would like to attend are invited.

FIKA is a Swedish word meaning "a moment of quality time to savour with others, accompanied by hot beverage and cakes"

The generosity FIKA is a relaxed time to explore God's generosity to us, biblical generosity and generosity around the world. Through short films, reflections and discussion we can be inspired and encouraged to live more generous lives, helping us to cultivate the abundant and generous life God desires for us. Fikas can be an enormously effective way of developing a generous culture within your church. And there will be cake!!

You can read <u>HERE</u> a review by Revd. Douglas Wren of a FIKA which we ran on the Roseland.

I hope to see many of you at the generosity FIKA in October and look forward to sharing this time with you.

Christine Salaman

Generous Giving Advisor







One minute they need you, the next you're the most embarrassing person alive!

This stage of their development is full of change, so *Tweens and Teens* has been designed to offer hope and help to mums, dads and carers, through the turbulence of the tween years and beyond.

On top of the raging hormones and mood swings, our children are pulling away and becoming their own person. So, how can we give them the freedom to grow without letting them wander into chaos?

At this event, we'll explore principles that will equip you to come alongside your child as they try and establish their identity, assert their independence and find their place in the world.

You'll come away with...

- A better understanding of what's going on in their brains
- Practical ways to stay connected with your child whilst letting them go
- Strategies to keep your child safe, both in the real world and online
- Ways to help your child establish their identity and develop independence
- Increased confidence in how you, and your child, can thrive during this crucial stage in their development
- Bonus content to watch at home to help you with even more specific issues

Generosity and Stewardship Matters

Financially Supporting your church

The Parish Giving Scheme is our preferred method of receiving regular giving within the churches of Probus, Ladock and Grampound. If you haven't already transferred from other forms of giving then do check out how it works through the link here or by contacting your treasurer.

Please do consider whether this is a good time to review your regular giving at the church, or perhaps you would like to plan for a future donation and leave a gift in your will. The Church of England has produced guidance on legacy giving which you can find here