

# INFORMATION

## Village Activities

(All held in the chapel)

**WI:** 2nd Monday in the month  
2.00pm: Sally Brocklehurst 864717

**Coffee Stop:** 1st Friday in the month, 10.00—11.30am; except Jan  
Sale of coffee, cakes, preserves etc

**Lunch Club:** one Wednesday each month, dates vary. Contact Betty 863902 / Bridget 862662

**ROCKs**—Right On Church for Kids: every Sunday 10.30—11.30 am in the school rooms Sept—June. Contact Penny 862624

**B\*olders**—8-16 year olds. Times vary. Contact Kath 864415

**Café Church**—every Sunday 10:45-11:30 am Sept-June (11-18 years). Contact Vicky 864729

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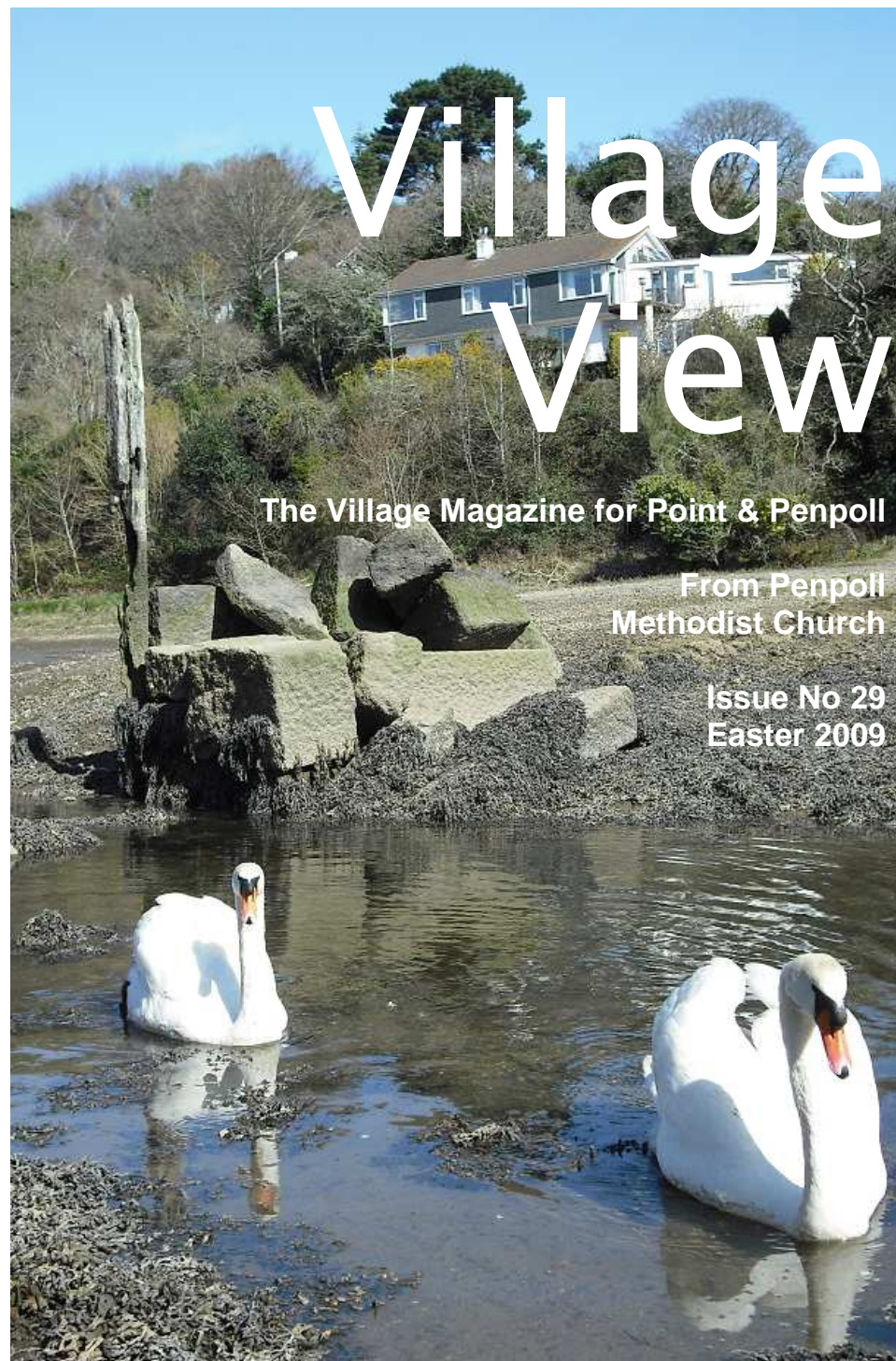
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## Message from...

So much is making the news today that it is difficult to know where to begin. I'm going to try and stay reasonably safe by steering clear of credit crunch, increase in crime, decline in church attendance, government etc!

I wonder what you do in your spare time. I wonder how many different answers I would receive if I invited 'answers on a postcard, please'? I wonder how many answers would include candle-making? No, I don't make candles, not as a hobby, although I do remember making candles for Christmas one year. I am reminded of this from reading an article in a magazine from my home county. The writer 'waxed lyrically(!)' about wax being a wonderful commodity but was quick to point out that he recycled old candle stubs.

Recycled. Remember those little teddies in a box with a (sometimes) cryptic comment on the box? A friend of mine had one, 'born to shop;' I received one on a particular birthday, 'recycled teenager!' Recycled. Yes, rightly so, we are encouraged to recycle all we can, and, hopefully, eventually, we will find that almost all of what we produce will be able to be rescued, thus making the most of the gifts that God has given to us.

Recycling isn't a new idea. Dare I suggest that it is Biblical, in other words, it is God's idea that I have been recycled! God took me, cleansed me – separating out the debris from what was useable – made me new and set me to work. Paul wrote to the Corinthians, 'So if anyone is

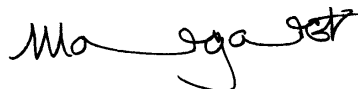
in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away, see, everything has become new!' (2 Cor. 5v17) So like a candle, I burn for God and live my life so that the light of God might be seen and known by others. Like the old wax that the candle-maker uses, I want to be used – useful to the one who has set me free and given purpose and direction to my life.

What is true for me can be true for us all, for all Christian disciples have been recycled and our desire should be that we are the best that we can be for God. Some may have forgotten where we have come from, or have lost that first love for God in Christ. As we hear again, the Easter message, and celebrate Christ crucified for our sakes, and sing our Alleluias, He is risen, let us reflect on our relationship with God; if it is past, let your memories of all that God has done for you refresh and encourage you to seek to live for Him again; if your relationship with God is glorious and ongoing, sing aloud your Alleluias, as you continue on your journey with the risen Christ.

Wherever you are with God, He is always there with you. May you experience, again, the rich blessings of a Risen Saviour this Eastertide. Come and celebrate with us.

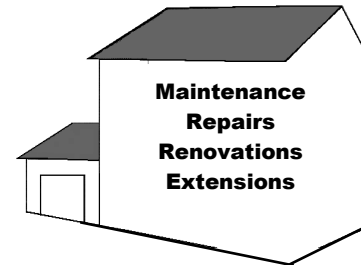
A Happy Easter to you all.

With love and blessings,



**Reverend Margaret Barnes**

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## WHAT'S ON AT PENPOLL METHODIST CHURCH

### April

Wed 8<sup>th</sup> Chapel Meeting at 7:00pm  
Fri 10<sup>th</sup> Good Friday Walk with refreshments at PMC  
Sun 12<sup>th</sup> Easter Sunday Service at 10:30 am led by the Revd. Margaret Barnes, with Communion  
Lunch Club, 12 noon

Wed 15<sup>th</sup>

### May

Fri 1<sup>st</sup> Coffee Stop, 10.00 – 11.30am  
Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> Morning Service commencing at **9:30 am** instead of 10:30 am for May and June— experimental.  
Lunch Club, 12 noon

Wed 13<sup>th</sup>

### June

Fri 5<sup>th</sup> Coffee Stop, 10.00 – 11.30am  
Wed 10<sup>th</sup> Lunch Club, 12 noon  
Sun 28<sup>th</sup> ROCKS Anniversary, led by Dr. Andrew Dye of St. Austell—9:30 am

### July

Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> Coffee Stop, 10.00 – 11.30am  
Sun 5<sup>th</sup> Open Air Service in the Orchard at 6:00 pm  
Sat 11<sup>th</sup> Regatta Stall on Point Quay, pm  
Sun 12<sup>th</sup> Regatta Service on Point Quay at 10:30 am. Speaker the Revd. Aubyn de Gruchy, Chaplain to Truro School  
Lunch Club, 12 noon

Wed 15<sup>th</sup>

### August

Fri 7<sup>th</sup> Coffee Stop, 10.00 – 11.30am  
**NO LUNCH CLUB** in August

### September

Fri 4<sup>th</sup> Coffee Stop, 10.00 – 11.30am  
Sun 6<sup>th</sup> Covenant Service at 10:30 am led by the Revd. Margaret Barnes  
Lunch Club, 12 noon

## History of Penpoll Chapel

At a Penpoll Methodist Church meeting, encouragement was given to investigate the possibility of writing a book to mark the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the building of the present chapel. That date is 2011 if you take the date from above the chapel entrance, or 2012 if using the date of the first church service. Christopher Kingston (01872 862662) and John Lander (01872 862297) are to start gathering material together to see if sufficient information can be acquired.



We have no doubt that many readers of Village View will have information to give us and we would be very grateful to receive it, in any format. Would those of you who can help us with memories, either directly or as a result of information from previous generations, and have useful articles or photographs, please contact either one of us so that we can begin to judge whether there is likely enough to be enough interesting material. Christopher Kingston and John Lander.

## Village Party

Come one, come all, residents of Point and Penpoll, to the Quay on **Saturday 6th June** for the **Village Summer Party!** In the tradition of the Millennium and Jubilee parties, this year's event will be a cheese and wine affair. In addition there will be live folk music and children's entertainment including Splat the Rat, Tin Can Shy, Pistol Shooting and Quoits.

Tickets prices are £7.50 for adults and £3.00 for the 12's and over, children under 12 go free! Admission price includes a glass of wine or soft drink and cheese. The party commences at **6pm** so turn up with a smile for a fun evening.

Keep your eyes peeled for posters with further information about the party, including who to contact for tickets, which will be posted around Point and Penpoll closer to the date.

All profits from the Village Party will be donated to Cornwall Hospice Care who aim to provide the highest quality care to alleviate pain and distressing symptoms for people with life-threatening illness, and to offer practical, emotional and spiritual support to them, their family and their carers.



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## Coming Home

I have to say, we feel extremely privileged to be a part of this special community. Having moved back to our 'beloved Cornwall' just 19 months ago (and indeed, the move being the last of 4 house moves in 5 years!), we feel incredibly lucky to have arrived in such an active, fun, friendly and caring community. Moving to our new home, with a great school nearby for our children (Devoran) was one thing, but to discover the area is thriving with community spirited people has for us, been the icing on the cake! Thank you!

Of course, an important part of Penpoll and Point's village life - is the church. Attending **Penpoll Church** has become a special part of our weekend; in fact, our children look forward to meeting their village friends on Sunday at **ROCKS** ('Right on Church for Kids').

During the course of two consecutive Sunday's, our fabulous Youth Leaders (Pat, Joan, Vicky and Penny) took the time to teach and 'prepare' the children for Communion, which they achieved in a thoroughly interesting and fun way. On Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March, all teachings from the previous two Sundays came to fruition, with the entire congregation, standing at the front of the church in a very large circle, whilst Reverend Margaret Barnes led us through Communion. The children (now understanding the meaning of Communion), stood totally still and amazingly didn't try a sneaky 'nibble' of

bread or sup of 'wine' before it was time! (As parents, you will appreciate that this was a miracle in itself!) However it proved to me, just how well the children now understood the meaning of Communion – a true reflection of the fun and engaging teachings during the previous two weeks! Needless to say, we left church that morning, with spirits lifted high, a big grin on our faces and a lovely hug from God to carry us on our homeward way!

So take a step back and count your blessings. We live in such a stunning, safe and peaceful location. In Penpoll & Point in particular, we are truly blessed with a thriving sense of community – proof of which was Regatta Day last year, an incredible spectacle to watch and we personally, were blown away by the magic of it all. Indeed, we can ALL look forward to another '**Regatta spectacular**' on **11<sup>th</sup> July** this year and of course, join in with the greatly anticipated fun ahead, at the **Village Summer Party on 6<sup>th</sup> June**.

So give yourselves a pat on the back...together you make this community a special place to live in – a special place in 'God's country'!  
**The John Family, Trevallion Park.**



## Womens Institute

Quite a few newcomers to Penpoll and Point have realised that joining the WI is a good way to get to know others. It's a really big social club that happens to meet once a month to listen to a speaker and in between goes on visits and walks. Everyone gets something different out of joining and can pick and choose to take part in the bits that they enjoy.

We try hard to include the community in our programme and men have been known to come to a meeting because they particularly wanted to hear a speaker. We had an open meeting last month when Mr. and Mrs. Stephens told us about the creation of Marsh Villa gardens at Par and we will have another in April when someone will come and talk to us about Shelterbox. Visits are being arranged to the gardens and Shelterbox warehouse at a later date.

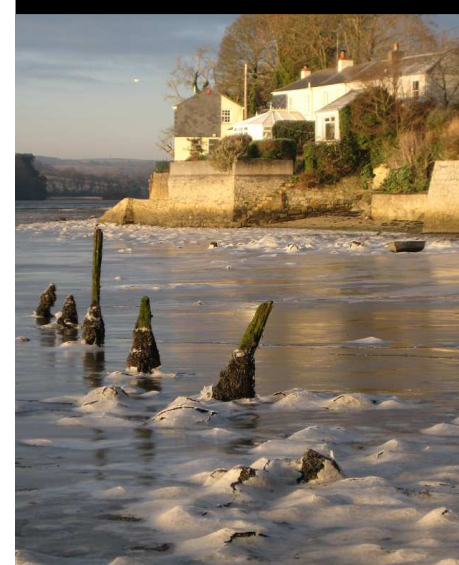
Some of the talks are in theory of more interest to women, especially the antique underwear one with samples, which will take place later in the year! In June we shall hear about the lives of three Cornish women—a fisherman's wife, a shepherdess and a convict's wife—as lived in a previous century. Our July speaker has made some wonderful baskets, wigwags, Christmas tree decorations and garlands using willow and will tell us about cultivation of the tree, its history and uses. Hopefully we will have a day-class later in the year with her.

Carol singing around the creek in December is an annual event in which we are supported by a good number of villagers. We were able to send a cheque for £233.59 to the Merlin Project—a fine sum for two hours work! The speaker for our Community Evening in October is already booked when Mark Webster will show us his stunning photo's of life beneath the Cornish seas.

Just to prove that we're not just a 'jam and Jerusalem' WI, we have been asked if we will be the warm-up act for the gig racing at the regatta again this year. We did not disgrace ourselves last year and were surprised at how well we coped. We enjoyed it so much we asked if it could become an annual event!

Sally Brocklehurst (Tel: 01872-864717)

## Chycoose Beach Freeze!



## What's Another Year?

Have you ever wondered why the New Year starts on the first of January? OK, the New Year has to start somewhere so January 1<sup>st</sup> is a good a place as any other. However, it did not always start there. Until we adopted the Gregorian calendar in 1752, the year had changed on 25 March (The Feast of the Annunciation). Gregory's reform took us back to the original starting date for the Julian calendar. As January is believed to derive from the Roman god Janus (the two faced god of doorways and beginnings and endings) it seems logical enough that his month should stand at the turn of the year.

But that wasn't always the case either. Originally, the Roman year had changed on 15<sup>th</sup> (Ides) of March when new consuls were chosen. (Roman Years were not numbered, but recorded by the names of the consuls in office for that year). The early Roman calendar and its various reforms are relatively obscure.

Originally, the calendar consisted of ten lunar months running from March to December. The Ides was the date of the full moon and the principle point of reckoning for the month. Days were counted back from certain fixed points in the month. So although the month started with the Calends (theoretically the first day on which it was possible to see the new moon) in reality this was reckoned as 15 days before the Ides. The Ides of March were

deemed to be the Full Moon around the Spring Equinox. As the months were lunar, the resulting "year" was only 295 days long and the remainder of the solar year was not part of the calendar.

Various reforms were attempted with the intention of bringing the remainder of the solar year into the system whilst also maintaining a lunar basis and keeping March in the spring. As a result, January and February were added. Originally their order was reversed so January was the last month before March. However in c450BC, January came to follow December to produce the order of months that we now know. From 153BC, the consular year started on 1<sup>st</sup> January and thus it was this date that Julius Caesar "inherited" when he reformed the calendar.

The Roman historian Livy tells us that in 153BC there was trouble in Spain and that the Senate wished to dispatch one of the new consuls to Spain with an army as soon as possible. As a consequence the start of the year was moved back to January 1<sup>st</sup> to avoid waiting until 15<sup>th</sup> March for the new consuls to take office. Personally, I have some reservations over this explanation, but those can wait for another time. Next year, perhaps?

Malcolm Kingston.



## Point ShelterBox

"Earthquake leaves Tens of Thousands Homeless in Sub-zero Temperatures." This was the headline on an Appeal poster in my e-mail one Friday last November. It reported that Shelterbox was stretched to its limits, having responded in the previous 10 days to requests for urgent assistance in the Congo, Honduras, Swaziland and Pakistan.



I decided to go to Shelterbox HQ on the following Monday to help pack boxes and take a donation. In the hope of boosting the donation, I circulated the appeal to my neighbours (all 35 of them). After all, £15 from each household would pay for a Shelterbox to provide housing, cooking utensils and tools for 10 people who had nothing.

The first donation arrived through the door whilst I was still out delivering the appeal leaflets! Saturday was amazing as envelopes tumbled through the door and neighbours met neighbours in the street discussing this "wonderful idea" in support of this "great local charity". One neighbour even met me in Canon Downs & wanted to write

a cheque there & then (we ended up coming home for coffee together).

Whilst I had initially simply hoped to obtain more funds for this very worthwhile organisation, I hadn't anticipated the warmth of response from my wonderful neighbours. Almost all the contributions brought with them lovely messages of thanks and/ or gave us opportunities to meet (sometimes for the first time) and chat excitedly together. I had a brilliant weekend, for which I can only thank everyone around me. Every time I thought we'd reached our final total, another donation would arrive. There was even a cheque on the mat first thing on Monday morning! The weekend collection enabled us to fund our "own" Shelterbox and we soon heard that this had paid for a box sent to Haiti. However, that was not the end of it! Most of the donations were "Gift Aided" and cheques continued arriving up to a month after my original "deadline". All in all, with the "Gift Aid" element, we cannot be far short of providing funds for two Shelterboxes. Twenty people given shelter by these fantastic people I am so fortunate to live amongst! Thank you one and all!  
Shirley Still, Point.



## Messy Church

### WHAT ON EARTH IS Messy Church?

Originating in a church near Portsmouth in 2004, the concept of Messy Church was devised to 'grip the imagination' of families for whom Sunday morning worship was something you grew out of at the age of eleven. It is only one of numerous fresh expressions of church that are evolving throughout the country, but it has proved to be an idea which readily translates to different churches and communities – even it would seem to Penpoll!

The 'Messy' in the title stems partly from the various activities on offer, which are largely craft-based (but could include games, cookery, even farmyard animals ...) but also partly from the informality of the session, which also includes time to get to know each other, worship and a shared meal. If you can imagine 70 people squashed into the downstairs room at Penpoll eating bowls of bolognese while perched in any available space they can find, you will appreciate that messy is a very good word for this type of service indeed!

Yet it is first and foremost worship, and all elements of the sessions are linked to the bible-based theme – for example Jesus as the Good Shepherd

was our theme in February. Anyone is welcome to join us, although we do ask that children bring their own adults - parents, friends, grandparents, we're not fussy - since Messy Church is meant to be enjoyed as 'families', in the broadest sense of the word, and adults are expected to get involved too.

Messy Church runs once each term at the moment since the work involved is colossal and, even with the unstinting leadership and support of Janet Tredrea (Truro Circuit's Children and Families Lay Worker), that's all the team can cope with for now. So why not note the date of the next one in your diary and come along and get stuck in!

Penny McClymont

(THURSDAY)

30 April

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## The Old Tree

Stark, dead and lonely  
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The old dead tree stands desolate  
And buzzard cry.

Skies grey and lowering  
Birds wheeling high  
We stand and seek a meaning  
The old dead tree and I ...

Wind, rain and memories  
Whence do we come and why?  
Buzzards circle ceaselessly,  
Mewing their plaintive cry.

Shafts of sunlight pierce the gloom  
Touching the tree so drear  
The spirit rises to the sun  
And God is near.

A poem written by Joan Barrett (sister of Mary Williams of Turnstones). Joan died on 10<sup>th</sup> February this year and the poem was read at her funeral service.



## Yoga With Sally

Never tried yoga, but keen to have a go? Used to go to classes, and want to start again? Professionally qualified yoga teacher Sally Hesling is starting a new yoga class in Penpoll Chapel. Her style of yoga is gentle and relaxing, and classes include warm up stretches, postures and sequences, breathing practices and relaxation.



Sally is convinced that yoga can be beneficial and enjoyable for everyone. There are no age limits for yoga, and you don't have to be fit and supple. Yoga is not about competing with others to do the perfect pose, but, rather, about improving control of body and mind and balancing flexibility and strength.

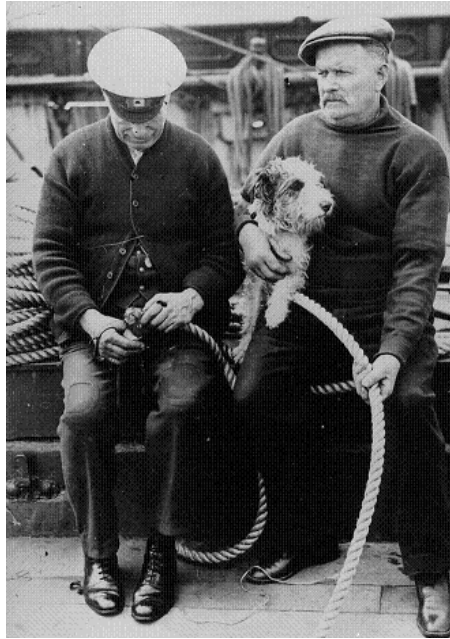
Weekly yoga classes begin on Thursday 23 April, starting at 7.30pm and ending at 9.00pm. Call Sally on 870920 with any queries or to book a place.



## Memory Lane

Continuing the series of photographs provided by local residents from their family albums, this edition of Village View features two images.

On the right is Samuel Crocker with dog and watchman on board "The Cutty Sark" when she was moored in Carrick Roads, late 1920s. The expertly patched trousers are a testament to twenties thrift while the shine on the shoes reflect the shipboard standards of the day. Below is a snap of the King Harry Ferry, taken in 1936. Can anyone recall what the horse was advertising or identify the model of the elegant saloon cars taking the short-cut to the Rose-land?



Please continue to send in any photographs you may have for publication in future issues of Village View.

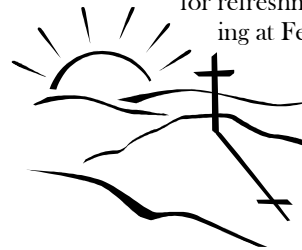


## PST! Penpoll Summer Time

By popular demand from some of the younger members of the congregation, during May & June this year services at Penpoll Chapel will be held one hour earlier. This is a trial period to see whether the move is generally popular. Services will begin at 9.30am instead of 10.30am and this will also apply to ROCKs and Café Church sessions. Normal service will be resumed in July! (10.30-11.30am)

## EASTER SERVICES

Good Friday Walk  
Meet Carnon Downs Chapel at 9.15am  
Walk via Devoran to Penpoll  
for refreshments, finishing  
at Feock Church  
at 12.15pm



Easter Sunday  
Morning Service with Holy Communion  
10.30am led by Revd Margaret Barnes,  
BA, BTh.

EVERYONE WELCOME

## Point & Penpoll Regatta 2009



### Regatta Sat 11 July

Childrens' sports on The Green  
from 3:00 pm  
Sailing from 7:00 pm

### Regatta Service Sun 12 July

Reverend Dr. Aubyn de Gruchy,  
Chaplain of Truro School 10:30 am

### Watersports Mon 13 July

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## VILLAGE FUN RACE

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