

Golow Splan - Shining Light

Newsletter – St Mary Bradoc

September 2025



Braddock School children 100 years ago

**Celebrating 185 years of Braddock
School at school on 5th July 2025**



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celebration

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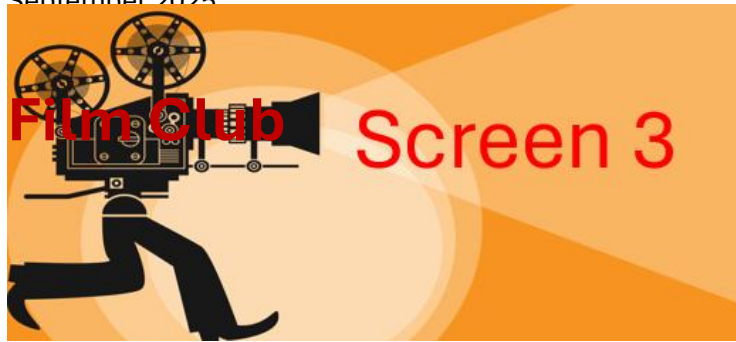
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Film Club

Tuesdays

5:30pm

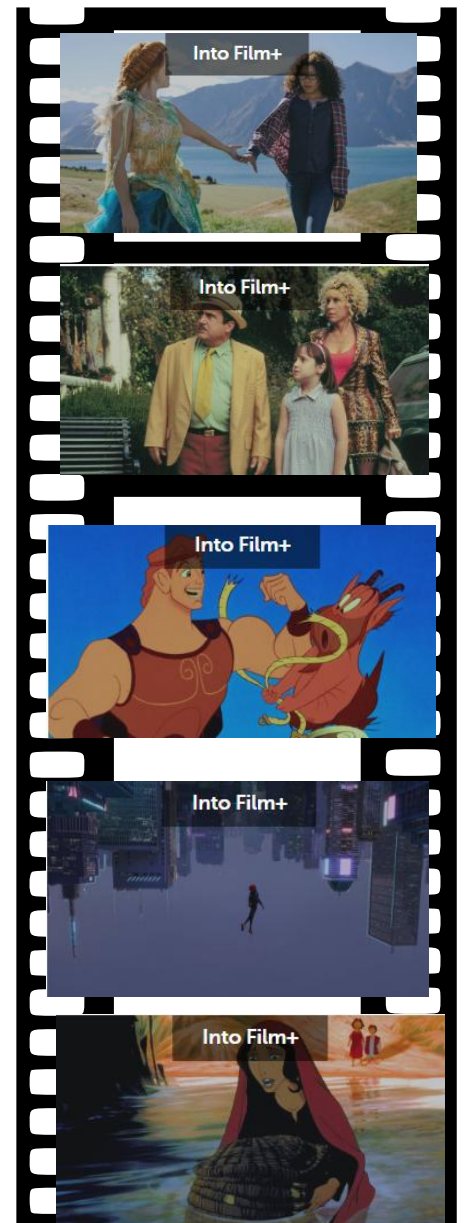
September 30th A Wrinkle in Time - Thirteen-year-old Meg must travel throughout the universe to find her father who has been missing for four years.

October 7th Matilda - Adaption of the popular Roald Dahl Book about a girl with a sunny self-reliance and special powers who attends a school with a bullying headmistress

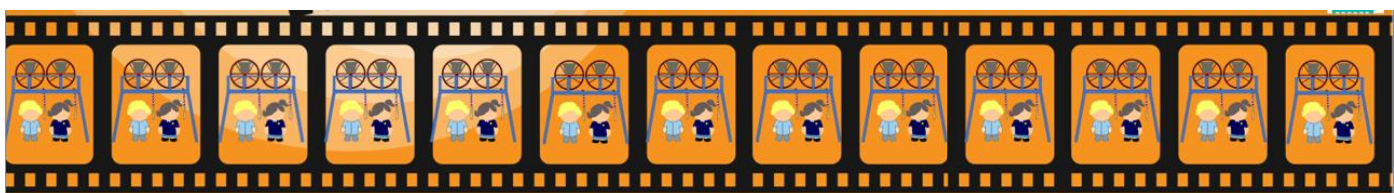
October 14th Hercules Disney's take on the Greek myth of Hercules son of Zeus being stripped of his Immortality by Hades

October 21st Spiderman in the Spideverse - Dizzying animation in which numerous Spider-Man incarnations from different dimensions team up to defeat villain Kingpin.

October 28th Prince of Egypt - Visually Astonishing feature length bible story that breathes life Into the story of Moses



Watch film, make scenery, write scripts, make film, star in film.



New Rector

The third advert for a new rector was advertised on the diocese website and the Church Times with a closing date of September 8th. Unfortunately no applications were made.

Meanwhile the Diocese have organised an event in Liskeard of 27th September when priests from all over the country are invited down to meet the diocese and understand our local ministry. Following this event they are invited to attend the Diocese Creation service at Bradoc.

Hopefully these events will result in a new Rector.

Without a Rector our services have been modified so that we now try and have one communion service each month, usually on the second Sunday.

The missing communion service is now replaced by Matins from the Book of common prayer book and we continue with choral evensong on the first and third Sundays at 6:00. Both led by a local worship leader.

Our week day worship continues to grow. The diocese has introduced an interesting initiative to grow younger, and this has a comparison of child lead worship across the diocese. St Mary Bradoc is in the top three churches. In 2020 the Church Army report God for Cornwall also identified us as in the top 5.

Our self supporting minister is also retiring in 1st November which may impact on some of our priest led services. However, where there would have been a communion service we will still have morning worship but lay led.

Important services that we will have are: -

Diocesan Creation Service on 3:30 Saturday 27th September

Harvest Communion on Sunday 26th October.

Advent Communion 10:30 on Sunday 30th November

Carols and Nativity at 11:15 on Sunday 14th December

Midnight mass at 11:15pm on Wednesday 24th December

Weekday Pioneer Worship

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7:00 pm	3:30 pm	12:00 pm	1:50 pm	
Dumbbell	After school and church Clubs	Community hub	Open the Book	
	3:15 After School club 5:30 pm Film Club + Junior Ringers		3:15 pm After school club	
Piano project	Piano project	Piano project	Piano project	Piano project

Services in September and October

- 7th September Choral Evensong 6:00pm
- 14th September Matins 11:15am
- 21st September Coral Evensong 6:00pm
- 27th September Dioceses Ecumenical Creation Service @ 3:30pm
- 28th September Matins 11:15am
- 5th October Choral Evensong 6:00pm
- 12th October Matins 11:15am
- 19th October Choral Evensong 6:00pm
- 26th October Harvest with communion 11:15am



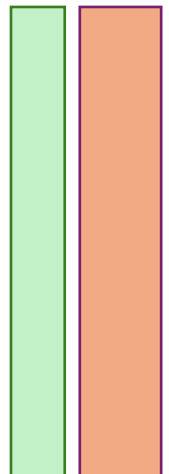
There are opportunities for the children at Braddock school to engage in Collective Worship every day of the week.

Monday	Core Christian value and bible story
Tuesday	Focus of the week
Wednesday	Individual class collective worship
Thursday	Open the Book with Bradoc Church
Friday	Celebration assembly

Our six core values

are: *Creativity, Friendship, Courage, Trust, Respect and Perseverance.*

Understanding Christianity - The National School Curriculum





We have now moved from the Old Testament on to the New Testament on the big frieze.

Panel 5 looks at the incarnation

The Understanding Christianity frieze gives us an overall picture of the bible as one story which tells us about salvation.

Here we look at the purpose of the coming of Jesus. Why was it necessary. We saw in the Old Testament that the people of God continued to sin and so God puts his rescue plan in place.

This panel shows Jesus's path through the dark world to give us salvation, from his birth his journeys and actions right up to his crucifixion.

Can you spot the nativity scene, the shadow of the cross on his pathway and the crown?

Next time you are in church have a look at the Big Frieze and watch the explanation on the digital screen and see if you can follow the big story of the bible.

Growing Younger – a Campaign by the Truro Diocese to reach more Children in the Diocese

The Diocese has launched this initiative to encourage churches across the diocese to worship with children in the week as well as on Sundays. The proposal is for two equal objectives:

1. That every child and young person in the Diocese of Truro should be within reach of a worshipping community where they can be at home and within which they can explore a journey of faith
2. To increase by a factor of ten the number of children and young people who are young disciples within the church

They have chosen Bradoc as an example of a many stranded approach to children and their families in the community and school as described in the rest of the newsletter.

We worship with our school children with collective worship on every school day and with them and those who attend other schools through our afterschool clubs at school and church and weekly open the book and in do this with our friends from Cannon Chapel.

Everyone is a volunteer.

What is perhaps surprising is that St Mary Bradoc is one of the four lowest population parishes in the Diocese yet we are one of the most active and successful in the diocese.





PEACE WITH CREATION

SEASON OF CREATION 2025

Garden of Peace
Isaiah 32:14-18

Celebrating Creationtide at St Mary's in 2025



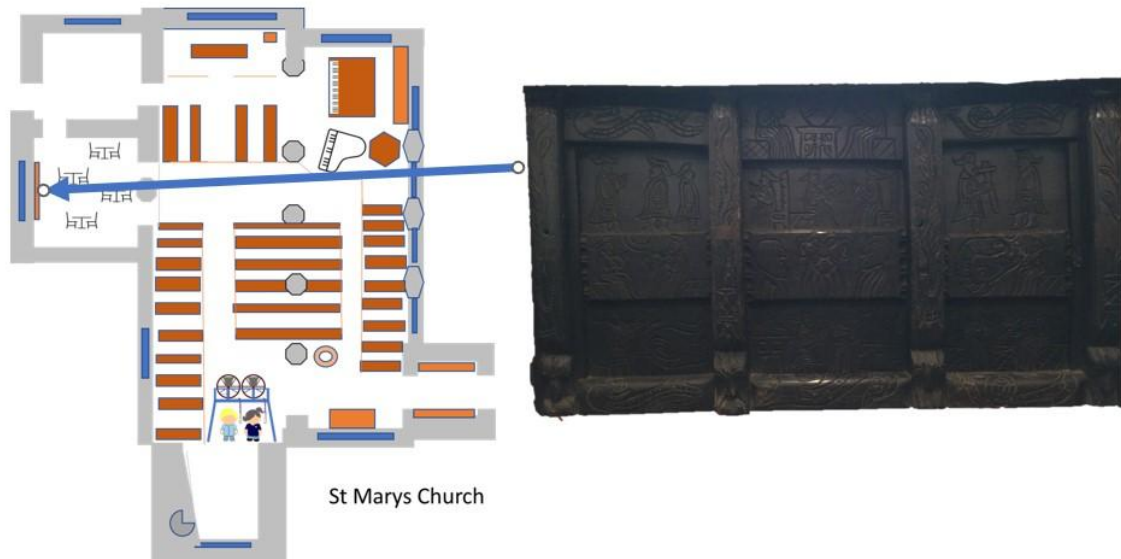
Care for our Earth prayer for Creationtide

Creator God, remind us to rejoice in all that is good and beautiful in your creations. Help us to value it and protect it as you call us to do. Focus our attention on the world as you intended. Where we live in harmony with nature and with each other in relationships guided by justice, mercy and peace. Give us strength to speak up for your creation and to live lives that demonstrate your kingdom come. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our saviour. Amen

Creation Service 27 September

On September 27 Bishop David and the Rev Iris Bray, and Braddock School will celebrate Creation and the achievements of the Methodist and Church of England in Cornwall at Bradoc Church at 3:30pm

A Fishy Tail (Tale)



In our North Transept which we use as a multipurpose refectory we have a strange carved panel. This was once the front of a choir stall or row of pews but when the church was reordered in the early 20th century it no longer had a use. With the recent reordering of the refectory, it has found a home in this chapel.

Its history is unknown. It is described by Pevsner and by Historic England as a folk panel with carvings in relief with people and snakes or serpents. It has been to exhibitions to show off the carvings.

It dates from about 1680 – 1780. We can determine that from the tricorne hats common in that period.

The strange thing however is that the serpents are in fact fish. They have fins. So why would there be a panel showing 17th century people and fish?



In the centre of the panel, we find three strange faces



We find fish with fins



We find missionaries



September 2025.



The people are smoking a pipe?



And blowing a horn, perhaps as a huer showing where the fish shoals are?



What sort of fish could they be?

Atlantic Cod grow to 2m in length. In the 17th century local fishermen started sailing to the grand banks for the summer, staying on the Canadian coast, catching and drying fish to bring back to Cornwall.

Our fish closely resemble them. At that time the fish they caught would have been mostly the large 2m fish.

In the winter they would then sail to Spain and Italy selling dried fish.

They set up camps on the shorelines and would have come into contact with the first nation people of the area.

Is this some form of record of the local fishermen from Looe sailing to the grand banks each summer?

Why would it be in our church which is not near to the sea?

What pioneer ministry is there every week?

Virtual ringers and dumbbell Monday 7:00 – 8:30 pm.



Transitioning junior ringers to tower bells



Tuesday Junior Bell Ringing



We have 5 Octaves of Hand Chimes

Junior Ringers includes a range of activities including: -

- learning to ring the mini ring,
- the virtual ringers and dumbbell.
- Hand chimes and hand bells
- Creation care
- Scout and cub badge
- D of E Awards

Warm Wednesdays Community Hub 12:00 – 3:00

All age activities, food, chat and relax. Crafts, games, model



Open the book Thursdays 1:50 – 3:15

An Ecumenical adventure with Canon Chapel at Braddock Church for 119 children



Kidz Klub Thursdays 3:15 – 4:15



An ecumenical after school club with Canon Chapel at Braddock School for 35 children

Piano Project any day of the week

Allowing our community to learn and express themselves on a beautiful piano



Safeguarding and Training



14 members of our open the book team being trained by the OTB Regional Trainer

We also offer group training for those who want to undertake, Basic awareness, Foundation, Abuse, Modern Slavery and recruiting.

All 28 of our volunteers who need db's checks and training have the requisite qualifications and checks

