

This September St Mary's Church Penzance will be hosting a 24 hour prayer and worship event. We write to share information and to invite you to join us.

The event will run from noon Friday 29th to noon Saturday 30th and will have a sequence of worship and prayer. Our hope is for a chain of unbroken prayer, bringing friends, communities and churches together to seek and encounter the presence of God.

Alongside this will be 'The Bigger Table' - a long table of invitation to enjoy a meal together. These will be catered for and timed throughout the 24 hour programme. The central area of the church will be an open space for worship. To each side there will be six immersive prayer spaces each with a different theme. There will also be prayer sessions happening in the Celtic Chapel and areas for creative workshops.

There are a few ways to get involved. Firstly, we would love you to come to the event and let your friends and congregation know by sharing via social media, notices, newsletters and conversations. We would also like to invite you to participate by leading a session. This could be a 30 minute or one hour slot of worship, prayer, creative workshop or meditation. The choice is yours! We simply seek to be in God's presence together whilst celebrating community and valuing our diversity and unity.

In the Anglican tradition the date is the feast day of St Michael and All Angels. Some of the sessions during the event will celebrate this feast. The 24 hour prayer and worship is to reach across our community and all Christian church expressions, so please feel free to contribute however you feel led.

The event will start on St Michael's Mount with Communion and continue from St Mary's Church at noon. During the afternoon the local schools will be invited to take part. We are in the process of drafting the event programme and currently have slots available from late afternoon on Friday through to noon on Saturday.

At the 24 hour prayer and worship event, as well as celebrating our community, we will be praying for the vision of establishing a Night Church in Penzance - a place that seeks to make visible the welcome of God's people, whilst serving together the night community of Penzance. Night Church will provide a peaceful and informal atmosphere that releases the Gospel of love into the world through hospitality, sanctuary and inclusivity. For further information about Night Church PZ contact Alice on nightchurchpz@penleecluster.com.

We would be delighted if you would like to be involved. You are welcome to drop in to one of our planning meetings at St Mary's on Tuesdays at 5pm, or send an email to the above address for further information. We look forward to chatting with you.

Every blessing,

The Night Church Team