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GOOD NEWS

A CANCER GAME CHANGER

This week scientist have announced a game changer, a blood test which reveals early stage cancers in 18 different cancers . The blood test has a 93% accuracy in men and 84% in women. More research is needed.

£5m TO TACKLE HEALTH INEQUALITIES

The universities of Falmouth and Exeter have joined with Plymouth University in a Cornwall County Council-led project awarded £4.96m from the National Institute of Health and Care Research to tackle Health inequalities in local communities.

MONEY MATTERS: KERNOW CREDIT UNION

I am an investor in Cornwall Credit Union, known as Kernow Credit Union.

This has a base every Friday morning at the local council one stop shop.

It is a small Credit union compared with those in the north of England.

Members put some money into a savings account and then can subsequently borrow at a low rate of interest for larger amounts of money eg needing to repair a leaking roof - much better than using loan sharks.

This is such a help to those in need, which is why I decided to put money in so that it can be used for others. Members can of course get money out of their account at any time . The credit union is a way of encouraging people to save.

“**SHARED INTEREST**” is a Fair Trade organisation which enables people here to invest .

The money is then used according to Fair Trade principles to enable those in poverty and great need to set up their businesses and trades . Even

a small amount of money can have an enormous effect in changing people’s lives.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

Starts tomorrow Thursday 18th January.

In Falmouth/Penryn area there will be unity services at noon in Baptist, Methodist, Anglican, Catholic and Salvation Army churches throughout the week. We look forward to meeting and worshipping with our Christian friends. We have much to learn from each other.

FOR PRAYER & REFLECTION

SHOPPING AT OUR LOCAL SMALL TESCO

Sadly today I noticed that there are no longer a couple of checkouts available with staff. This is a sad loss. Tesco in in the town is used by students and elderly people. The big supermarkets are out of town and transport is needed to get there. The chat with the friendly person at the checkout might be the only conversation of the day for some older and disabled customers and sometimes there is quite a banter. One day last year when I was at the checkout, one old lady was buying lots of special items. I found out it was her birthday so we all sang ”happy birthday“ to her.

But read in the paper today that Tesco are going to be selling smaller items of veg eg sprouts, cauliflower because the farmers are having a difficult time picking veg like sprouts when the fields are so waterlogged due to the recent floods.

ESCALATION OF CONFLICT IN THE MIDDLE EAST

Our hearts are heavy with the loss of civilian life, and war affecting every area of life for those in Gaza, East Jerusalem and the West Bank and the spread of conflict in the Red Sea, Lebanon, Iran, and Syria.

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THE POST POFFICE SCANDAL

Hundreds of sub post masters and mistresses were accused of the theft of large sums of money, some convicted and sent to jail. Others lived with the loss of their good name. Only now years later is the matter receiving a public enquiry . the error was due to a fault in the IT system. It was the staging of a drama about the matter on TV that has stirred the public outrage and will see that justice is done .It is good to see that the media can be a force for good.

ACTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Attend some of the services for this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

Find out more about Shared Interest as a Fair Trade organisation.

Pray for world peace.

Engage some lonely person in a conversation and listen to them (It is Mental Health Awareness Week this week).

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