



The Cornwall and Isle of Scilly Methodist District



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Dear Friends,

I am very proud to be part of the St Petrocs 'family' - our charity would never call themselves that of course, but the care, love, understanding and sheer stickability reflect that of family values. I have more than once had conversations with clients of St Petrocs who have told me their story: they experienced love from the St Petrocs team and love is at the heart of any family.

Within the Christian tradition the title 'The Holy Family' is revered. Jesus, Mary and Joseph are much in our minds at this festive time. Because of the census, Joseph took pregnant Mary to Bethlehem and little baby Jesus was born in a stable because there was nowhere for them to stay in Bethlehem.

The Holy Family can identify with the problem of being homeless and at a crisis time with the baby imminent! This smelly stable where Jesus was born was not the perfect setting, but it was dry and warm and principally a place of love. The new baby Jesus welcomed into the family brought joy - He still does. Please make him central to your celebrations and may Christ bring you all His joy.

St Petrocs understanding and help for homeless people is exceptional and for those of us who will be uniting at Christmastime with our families, we want St Petrocs to show family love and care for people who perhaps haven't experienced love at Christmas for a long time. So please, in these hard times can we show family love and give some extra money in your Christmas gift to St Petrocs.

We are very grateful to Steve and the wonderful staff of St Petrocs who give such care to help clients to experience a great Christmas in Cornwall.

May you feel blessed this Christmas and experience Christ's love.

Steven J. Wild

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