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Croissants, Pizza, Toast and More!

If you have missed what is going on in St Andrew's Redruth on the first Sunday of the month, then you have missed a total treat!!

Earlier this year myself and Revd Chris decided to start looking at Bubble Church. Both of us had heard about it independently in the space of a few days, with me hearing of it at a National C of E course that I was on. One of the other delegates also ran Bubble Church in his Parish, and was able to share how fruitful and enlivening it had been. So we pursued funding from the diocese, and set up links with Bubble Church in Balham, London, and went about making it happen.



So far we have run two services. The services are a half hour “coffee and croissant fuelled, puppet led, action packed adventure with God” aimed at children aged seven and under, and their families. Families are encouraged to sign up in advance. They arrive at the church to be greeted at the door, and invited to have some refreshments. The team then chat to them, and generally make them feel welcome.



The service begins with the Bubble Church countdown.

Everything is projected onto the screen so the countdown is the same, with accompanying music. All the digital resources we use come from Bubble Church HQ!

We have a warm up “dice game”, our opening sentences (Bubble Church is very liturgical!), a song, prayers, a Bible Story, response, and then a closing song and responses to finish with. All led by one of our service leaders, and the puppets!

As we close, we invite all the congregants to consider how they can help at bubble church: The final slide offers that they can give financially (giving machine at the back of church!), pray, or serve in any of the roles they've seen at church that day. It is also worth noting that Bubble Church is now our largest worshipping community in the Parish. We had just under 50 at the October service, and already have new families signed up for November. This does bring a conundrum I will come to later!!

The puppet team is made up of four teenagers who are connected with our churches. None of them feel that the traditional morning services in our parish particularly connect with them, but they have loved being able to serve at Bubble Church.

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These are also coming to our new Youth Group; **Pizza and Prayer**. It does what it says on the tin; we have fun, eat pizza, and explore faith together. This week we were exploring creative ways to pray. Interestingly, although these teens have all grown up around church, they all said they only pray when they are worried about something. Hopefully they might explore how prayer can be more of an everyday sustaining thing now! It's currently a small and



select group of three teens (outnumbered by the adults!). If you know a young person (secondary age) who might want to join us, please do send them our way!!



The other vastly growing group is TOAST! Our Friday afternoon

youth club is mainly home to Trewirgie and Redruth School children, with the age range being between 8 and 15. Until the youth event in July, we would have around twenty children. We now have over 45 every week.

We offer table games, board games, toasties, chill out area, volley ball and badminton. It's a fab session, with a fab group of young people. But we need more space. Currently the football game happens on the stage in the crypt, and there is just not space for the numbers that want to play. However there is a really creative and effective solution. We could buy (and we are confident we can get funding for this!) an inflatable football pitch which would fit in the nave. It's 12 metres by 6 metres and comes with a storage trolley, so would allow for 4 aside football (we'd stick to foam balls!!) and then packs away neatly afterwards. But we would need to move pews for this.

You can probably see where the thinking is going here... Our areas of growth are in Bubble Church and Toast. You'll see from the Bubble Church picture above that we are pretty full already in that space at the front. And Toast needs more room! Whilst I appreciate that there is great fondness for the pews, and the look they give the church, I would really appreciate folk weighing up what we do next.

The traditional services in our parish do not need to change. But neither are they going to grow without other changes. And there has been consensus in the parish conversations that we need to grow. My hope (and expectation) is that, as the newer and younger focused activities grow and develop, we will also see our traditional services grow. However, if the traditional services were going to grow alone, that would have happened already. Most churches that have invested in alternative services and engagement with people have seen their traditional services grow as well. So I look forward to running out of wafers soon!!

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I appreciate that my coming has brought a lot of change, and with that does come some anxiety. But I hope you also recognise that I am not the kind of priest that rail roads things through; I will always collaborate and consult. And I hope you can already see amazing fruit from some of the changes and new initiatives.

A final question. We need to buy new chairs to replace the removed pews (and will need even more if we remove more pews!!). Would you consider sponsoring a chair for £80? Please drop me an email if you might be interested, or contact Richard.

Thank you for reading!!
I wonder what God is up to in all this?!

Revd Becca Bell

LIVING NATIVITY

The Living Life of Christ' will be performed on Sunday December 21 in Mary Anson's Barn beside Christchurch at Lanner



The Inbetweeners

There's something about autumn that always gets me thinking. The air cools, the leaves start falling, and everything feels like it's changing gear. October especially — it's not quite summer anymore, but it's not winter yet either. It's that awkward, beautiful, uncertain in-between time.

I've been living in a bit of an in-between myself lately. I've come to the end of curacy and I'm waiting for the next thing — looking for where God might be calling me next. It's a strange place to stand, between what was and what's to come. The boxes aren't unpacked, the plans aren't settled, and you start to wonder what's next.

Maybe you know that feeling too — the in-between of looking for a job, or waiting for some news, or just trying to make sense of what's next in life. It can feel like waiting in the half-light, can't it? You're not where you were, but you're not yet where you're going. But as I've sat in this season, I've reflected on how the Bible is full of people in-between. Abraham and Sarah left their home and wandered for years, chasing a promise they couldn't yet see. The Israelites spent decades between Egypt and the Promised Land, learning to trust God one day at a time. Mary carried the Saviour of the world before anyone else knew what was happening. And Jesus Himself — He lived constantly in the in-between. Between heaven and earth, between what people expected and what God was doing, between death and resurrection.

When you think about it, the whole gospel is a story of in-betweenness — of interruptions, uncertainty, waiting. And yet it's there, right in that space, that Jesus meets people. Between sickness and healing, between guilt and forgiveness, between despair and hope. He doesn't rush them past it. He shows them that God is already present in it.

We are sojourners, travellers. We live in the tension of the “already” and the “not yet” — God's kingdom has come, but it's not finished yet. Our church is in the in-between of what we were and what we are to become. The in-between isn't wasted time; it's where faith deepens. It's where we learn to depend again, to pay attention, to stay awake. And that's the challenge, isn't it? To stay awake when you're waiting. Jesus says, *“Keep watch, for you do not know when the master of the house will come.”* So, I'm trying to do that — to stay alert, to keep my eyes open for what God is doing, even when I am unsure. Because maybe this is the space where God is shaping something new.

As the leaves fall and the nights draw in, maybe this autumn can remind us that God is still at work in the in-between — holding us between endings and beginnings, between loss and renewal, between what is and what will be.

And maybe, just maybe, that's where the deepest faith grows.

Revd Chris Harrigan

ST STEPHEN TRELEIGH



As I write this the sun is setting and I'm realising that it's only 6.30 and I have to have the light on. By the time you receive your copy of this magazine the clocks will have gone back an hour and the lights will be going on even earlier. Because of my accident, the summer passed me by in a blur and now winter is just around the corner. I must take this opportunity to thank everyone at Treleigh for their support during my recovery especially Anne as she took on my role of churchwarden in my absence. Thank you one and all for all your help.

Our second tea party of the new school year was a great success so much so we were only left with a couple of slices of cake. As I stood outside of the hall, some of the children walked down to church to rehearse for their harvest festival service, one young lad asked was there cake today. His response to my answer was goodie. He was one of the first through the door when school was out. Our next tea party will be on Tuesday 11th November. All are invited to share in our fun.

Once half term is out of the way we then have the early years children coming into church most mornings to rehearse their Nativity. The month or so of rehearsing shows in the final production with word perfect children performing before family and friends.

On the 2nd of November we have our Remembering Service at 6pm. This year it is also a first Sunday event in aid of Penhaligon's Friends. All are welcome to join us and if you have a name you would like us to add to the list, please let Anne or myself know. Our telephone numbers are in the front of the magazine. The following Sunday we have our Remembrance service which starts at the earlier time of 10.50 to allow our wreath to be laid on the Altar and to acknowledge the two minute silence at 11am.

On Saturday the 6th of December we will be holding our annual Christmas Fayre from 11am till 2pm in the hall where along with the stalls offering lots of goodies we will once again be serving hot soup and a roll along with the usual refreshments. We look forward to seeing you there.

Mary Harris

CHRISTCHURCH LANNER



Christchurch remains open 10.00am– 4.00pm and Holy Communion is celebrated each Sunday at 9.30am. The third Sunday is a Communion with new music and each Wednesday there is a Prayer Book Communion Service at 11.00am followed by a Bible Study.

The LAST Sunday of each month will continue to revolve through the six worship settings and starts at 10.30am.

THE CHRISTCHURCH SUPPER CLUB: Christchurch enjoys a SUPPER CLUB every three months. There is always lots of food etc. brought by the guests and a good time, by candlelight is had by all. The next Supper Club date is on

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 29 / The Patronal Dinner at Mary Anson's house.

OTHER EVENTS AT CHRISTCHURCH: *Margaret's Last Monday Tea Party 2.00pm – 4.00pm.*

Sadly the **OCTOBER** party did not take place. The **NOVEMBER** date is **Monday November 24**

FUTURE EVENTS: The games afternoons and the film nights are advertised in the weekly pew sheet. **BUT** to avoid a clash with the Treleigh monthly tea-party the rotation for the games afternoon has been adjusted:

Tuesday November 4, 18 December 2

FILM NIGHTS: The October date is **FRIDAY OCTOBER 31 / 6.30pm for 7.00pm**

METHODIST / ANGLICAN LINKS: Links are continuing and a joint Advent Study Group is being planned. Building on the success of the first joint service it is hoped that another one will be in the diary very soon.

A LIVING NATIVITY: This follow-up to 'The Living Life of Christ' will be performed on Sunday December 21 in Mary's Barn. All are welcome to take part, and rehearsals start on **TUESDAY NOVEMBER 6** at 3.30pm in Christchurch. If you can't be there let FP know and we'll sort something out.

ADVANCE NOTICE: These dates in various settings may help us to avoid diary clashes:

Saturday	November 29	Patronal Dinner Mary Anson's House	7.00pm
Tuesday	December 16	Skyliner Carol Service	7.00pm

FP

ST EUNY

Harvest Sunday, I took the service it was good to see familiar faces and the generosity they showed with a lovely amount and selection of food for the foodbank, thank you all who donated. Sunday 19th of October saw St Euny's first Cafe Church led by Becca and Fran Thurston, more on how it went next month.

Last month I led the mining service and for the sermon slot I read a story of the day in the life of Cornish miner, I have been asked if I could share it in 5 Alive hope you enjoy it.

Jason Hoole-Jackson

"A Day in the Life of a Cornish Miner"

The first light of dawn barely creeps over the rugged Cornish moors when The miner wakes to the sound of the chapel bell. The air in the cottage is cold and damp; his breath hangs in the room as he pulls on his heavy boots and rough woollen jacket. His wife has already packed a Cornish pasty for his midday meal, its thick crimped crust meant to be held by dusty fingers. With a quick kiss to his children, the Miner sets out toward the mine, the silhouette of the great beam engine house looming against the pale morning sky.

By the time he reaches the shaft head, the mine yard is alive with the clatter of iron and the hiss of steam. Miners gather, their faces already smudged from soot and candle smoke, joking with each other in the Cornish dialect as they wait their turn to descend. The "man engine", a system of moving platforms powered by steam, carries them down into the dark. The air grows warmer and wetter with each level until the light from above is swallowed entirely, leaving only the flicker of candles.

At the bottom, Miner stoops low in a cramped tunnel no more than four feet high. The rock face glistens with moisture. He and his partner drill holes into the rock by hand, using a steel borer and hammer, each taking turns to strike and twist. The rhythm of hammering echoes through the passages like a drumbeat. Once the holes are deep enough, they pack them with black powder, retreat to a safe distance, and call out a warning before the blast. The explosion shudders through the ground — dust fills the air, stinging his eyes and throat.

Hours pass as they shovel the broken rock into barrows and trams, hauling it to the main shaft for hoisting to the surface. The air is thick with dust and the faint metallic taste of ore. Sweat runs freely down his back despite the damp chill. The candle stub flickers, reminding him that he must work quickly before the light dies.

At noon, Miner and the others gather in a slightly wider chamber to eat their pasties. Some are filled with meat and potato, others with jam at one end — a sweet reward after hours of toil. Laughter and talk echo off the walls, but only briefly; soon it is back to work, breaking rock until arms and backs ache.

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When the day's tribute is done, Miner and his mates ride the man engine back to the surface, their faces ghostly white from the tin-bearing dust. The setting sun greets them, and the roar of the engine house fades into the wind off the sea. His body is sore, his hands blistered, but there is pride in his work. He walks home across the heath, past ruined stone circles and ancient hedges, where his children run to meet him. The chapel bell rings again, calling the community to evening prayer — a chance to give thanks for surviving another day in the deep.

That night, His wife sat beside him by the fire, her hand resting on his. The children played on the floor, unaware of how close they had come to losing their father. "Perhaps," His wife said softly, "we should think of leaving. There are letters from my cousin in South Australia — they say there are rich lodes there and good pay."

Miner stared into the flames. The thought of leaving Cornwall, of leaving the graves of his parents and the chapel where he had been baptized, filled him with unease. But so did the memory of the earth rumbling under his feet during a collapse in the mine.

The next Sunday, the entire village gathered for a special service. They prayed and sang hymns until the chapel rafters rang. Afterward, the congregation spilled out onto the green, where children played and the smell of pasties drifted from cottage kitchens. Life went on — it always did.

As Miner watched his children chase each other, their laughter carried on the wind, he felt a quiet resolve take root. Whether in Cornwall or halfway across the world, he would mine the earth because it was all he knew — but he would do it so that his children might one day choose something different."

Jason Hoole-Jackson



St. Andrew Pencoys with Four Lanes Methodist Church

'FLAPJACK'

FLAPJACK: *Four Lanes And Pencoys Join and Cheer the King*

Firstly FP has to tell you that the Pencoys Church, Churchwarden, Brian Gannaway has had a 'slight stroke'. Thanks to the amazing NHS ambulance service, Brian was rushed to Treliske and Brian was cared for immediately. After effects are at a minimum and Brian is doing really well. However, he cannot drive for a month so some of us will need to step up to support his wife, Sheila and others who Brian and Sheila both watch over. Jenny O. has already re-stocked the pantry!!

GOD BLESS BRIAN AND SHEILA, MAY GOD'S HEALING ARMS SURROUND THEM, MAY HIS HOLY ANGELS GUIDE THEM ON THIS STAGE OF THEIR JOURNEY.

ADVANCED FLAPJACK DATES

<i>Saturday</i>	<i>November 1</i>	Pencoys Hall Monthly Quiz	7.00pm
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>November 2</i>	The Memorial Books are blessed by Bishop David at St Euny	3.00pm
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>November 2</i>	First Sunday Event at Treleigh, a time to remember	6.00pm
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>November 9</i>	Remembrance Day at the Pencoys Lych Gate followed by A service of Holy Communion in Church	10.45am
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>November 15</i>	BINGO at the Pencoys Hall	6.00pm
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>November 22</i>	Sausage and Mash in the Chapel	11.00am

THE MEMORIAL BOOKS

These are books which will be held at St Euny in which you can record the names of those whom you have loved, but see no longer. Details of how names can be added to the books, and the possible cost will be advised.

THE NATIVITY EXHIBITION

St Andrew, Redruth is hosting an exhibition of Nativity Cribs / Scenes on **FRIDAY / SATURDAY NOVEMBER 28, 29**. If you have an idea, eg. Christmas in hospital, Christmas on the streets, Christmas in a Hotel, Christmas in another culture etc. etc.

THANKYOU for supporting FLAPJACK, the project is strong and getting stronger!!

FP

How well did you do with the quiz?

Answers

1) Afghan Hound; 2) 60,000; 3) 30mph; 4) Minoan; 5) Tenzing Norgay (Sherpa Tenzing); 6) 1829; 7) Nottinghamshire; 8) Scallop shell; 9) Oviedo; 10) 25th July

ST ANDREW REDRUTH

It's been a vibrant and busy season at St Andrews, with plenty to celebrate and look forward to!

Bubble Church Visits

We were delighted to welcome Keli from HQ and Lydia from the diocese to Bubble Church. Their visit brought positive feedback and encouragement for our work at the cutting edge of ministry. Next month, we're excited to host Bishop David, further strengthening our connection with the wider church.

Harvest Service & Community Giving

Our harvest service collected donations for the foodbank and we welcomed Trewirgie and Pennoweth schools for their harvest services who also contributed to the foodbank, showing the power of community spirit and care.

Wave of Light Service

We held a moving Wave of Light service to remember and support families affected by baby loss. It was a time of reflection, comfort, and hope for all who attended.

Barn Dance Fun

The recent barn dance was a joyful gathering, with Pip playing the violin for the first part of the evening. Everyone enjoyed the bring-and-share food, lively music, and great company—a good time had by all!

Redruth Randoms Show

By the time you read this, the Redruth Randoms show will have taken place. We hope everyone who attended had a fantastic experience!

Looking Ahead

November promises to be another busy month. We look forward to Bishop David's visit, our Remembrance Day services, and the festive Christmas Market (28th & 29th) On Sunday 16th of November, Resurgam (our own Jackie and Steve's Choir) will be leading evensong at **4pm**—please join them- it promises to be a lovely service.

Thank you to everyone who continues to support and participate in the wider life around St Andrews, from the Crafty Ladies on Monday afternoons, to Toast Youth group on Fridays, and from Guides and Brownies to Kathryn's pilates classes; all are important. The warm space and foodbank, the work to get help for the homeless all help us to be part of God's work. Together, we make St Andrews and the wider Redruth Team a welcoming and thriving community!

Jim Seth

FROM THE REGISTERS

BAPTISMS

28	September	2025	Logan-Edward Llaunicks	St Andrew Redruth
28	September	2025	Aerith Frank	St Andrew Redruth
05	October	2025	Grace, Mae and James Ackers	St Andrew Redruth

RESURGAM CHAMBER CHOIR EVENSONG

Following the beautiful evensong at St Andrew's Redruth earlier in the year, Resurgam have agreed to lead our music again.

Evensong will be at St Andrew's at **4pm** on the 16th November.

All are welcome to attend.



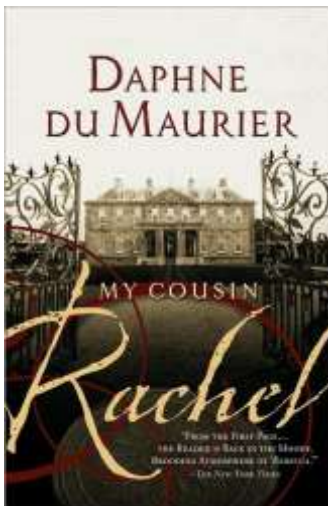
BOOK CLUB

“Women can be heroes too”

We found ‘The Women’ by Kristin Hannah universally engrossing and riveting. The story being about the experience of a young nurse serving in the Vietnam war and dealing with the aftermath of working in such a destructive and chaotic environment. Nothing can prepare Frankie for what awaits her in Vietnam. She grows up quickly and makes life-long friendships, Ethel and Barb, all there for each other. There is also some potential romance. Whilst the story, rich in historical detail, focus’ on the unpopular Vietnam war, and on Frankie’s retiring home to a changed world, it also covers the veteran’s hard journey with PTSD and importantly the forgotten voice of the women who served in Vietnam.

Our discussion inevitably turned to consider how things have changed and what has changed in the ensuing years regarding the way in which women have become more visible and heard, or not! It made us also think about other prejudices that people have to deal with in today’s world.

Our next book is Snow by John Banville. A Protestant Detective Inspector in 1957 Ireland investigates the murder of a parish priest on the estate of an aristocratic and secretive family. The novel explores themes of family secrets, religious and class divisions and the darkness beneath a picturesque surface.



As usual, if you want to get ahead of the group and prepare for the one after, you will need to pick up an old classic, My Cousin Rachel by Daphne du Maurier.

The story follows a young man, Philip Ashley, who becomes obsessed with his deceased cousin Ambrose’s widow, Rachel. Philip suspects she may have murdered him for his fortune. The author keeps us in suspense and intrigue. Is Rachel a villain or victim?

We meet again on November 3rd back at my house at 10.00am. Do please join us if you like reading - you may well have some treasure you would like us to share! Just give me a ring if you want to know more 07930 471837

Margaret

**My Way to Compostela.
Day 21 (Walking)
Leòn to Villar de Mazarife.
22.2Km (23.4km for accrued ascent)**

A decision was made during dinner last night that Andrew felt well enough to walk today and that Cat would accompany us for the remainder of her's and our Camino. So after breakfast and an emotional goodbye for Cat and her Mother, who was after all entrusting her grown-up daughter to two men she did not really know, showed the trust she had in us. It put me in mind of a quote by Lord Cecil "Solitude shows us what we should be, Society shows us what we are". So on a warm and sunny day we headed out on our route with no firm plan in mind as to when or where we would stop. It was depending on how Andrew stood up to the terrain. The guide book warns that having left the sprawling suburbs the pathway is relatively isolated so stock up on water and snacks, Andrew always had plenty of suitable snacks!!!! Like all the large cities that we have walked through you have to keep your eyes on the metal plates shaped like Scallop Shells set into the pavements giving us the directional way markers. Leaving the centre of the city we passed San Marcelo (St Mark church) once the headquarters of the Knights of the Order of Santiago. The front of the church is covered in reliefs which shows the Pilgrim history of the church. Close by is the Casa Be Botines a Neo Gothic palace, one of Gaudi's classic creations, from this point we had a gentle stroll for a further 2.1km to cross the Rio Bernesga. The next 2.7km took us through the sprawling industrial area of the city until we arrived at a cross roads. Here we turned off to the right to follow a main road for a further 3.7km to arrive at La Virgin del Camino church. At this point we had a choice of two routes, each in the guide book, but each ending at a different location. The guide book recommends route 1 as a more scenic one. It was clear that there is a lot of competition for the soul and wallet of pilgrims, as each destination had painted signs on the road telling you to come their way!! We stopped here and had coffee in the local bar as we consulted the guide book and plumped for the recommended route as it looked less challenging and we would end our day's walk in Villar de Mazarife a further 13.7km ahead. Leaving the bar we followed the track running alongside the motorway to the Hamlet of Oncina de la Valocina Fuente, passing through we turned right at a picnic area and headed up out of the valley into open countryside. It was at this point that I discovered that I had left both my guidebook and journal at the bar, so with urgency, I left Andrew and Cat to rest by the track and headed the 3.6 km back. I hadn't gone more than 1km when I was met by a Korean 'Angel' who had both my books. We had met her in the bar and she had found them after we had left and was catching up with us to return them. So with great relief and my grateful thanks, I trudged back to the resting pilgrims and we continued on for a further 10.1 Km's on this wonderfully pleasant quiet countryside track to Villar de Mazarife and our stop for the night. In the centre of the village we found the albergue Tio Pepe so post showers and a cool beer it was not long before supper and an early night.

Len Cunningham

CHRISTMAS CRAFT MARKET

At

***ST ANDREW'S CRYPT
CLINTON ROAD, REDRUTH***

On

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

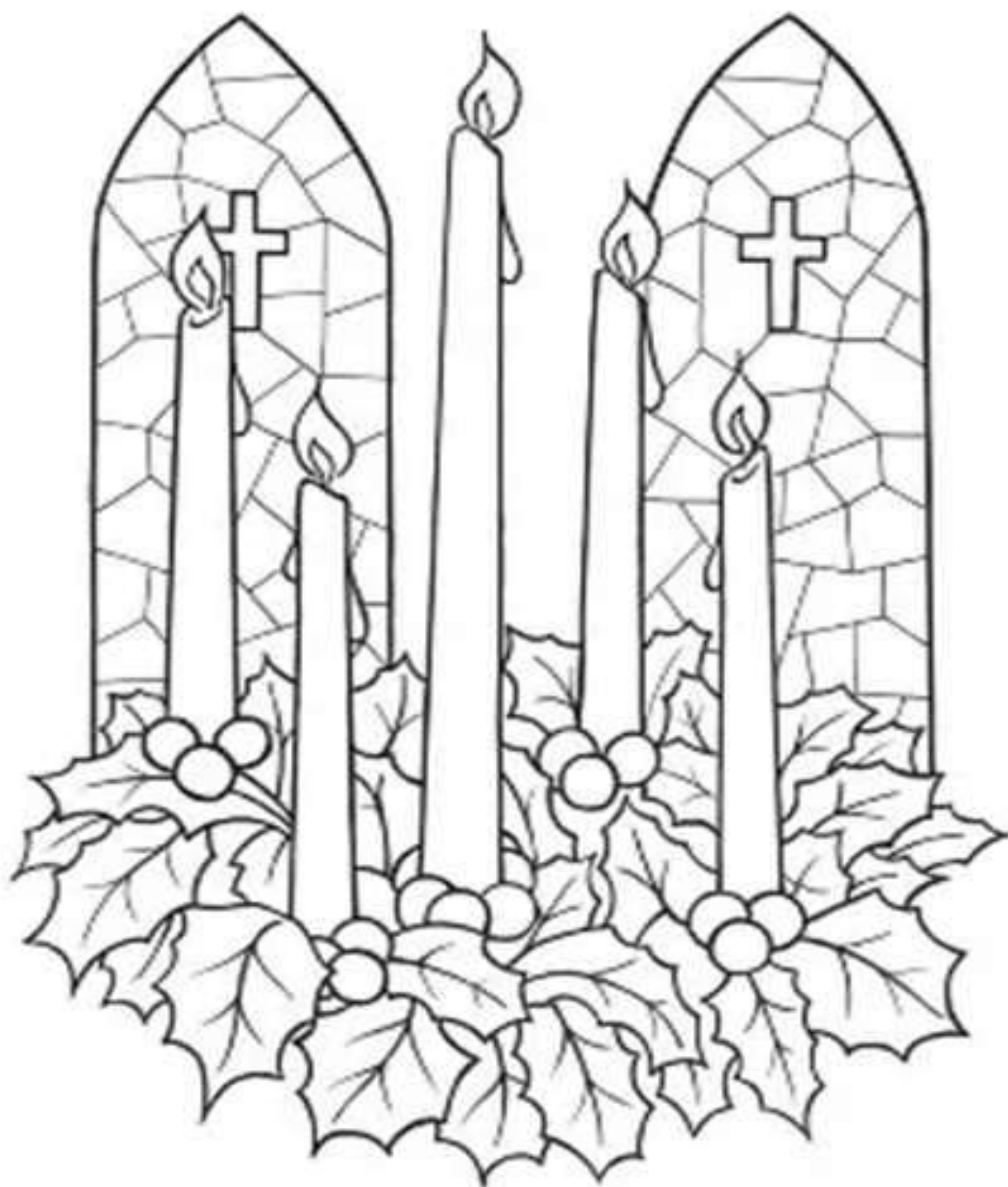
28 and 29 NOVEMBER

10AM—4PM

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handmade items, raffles and, of course, cakes
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With the coming of Advent, a picture for our younger readers to colour in



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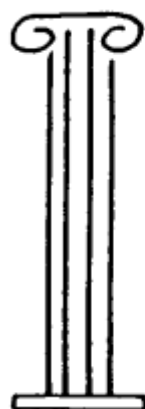


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