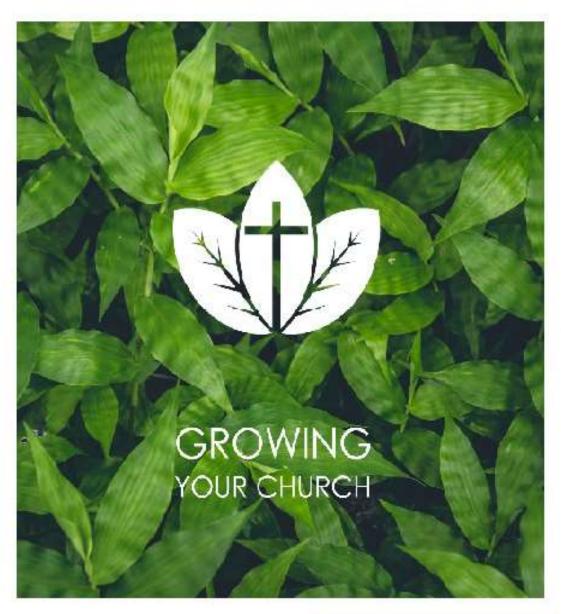
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## **Rector's Notes – SEPTEMBER 2020**

## **Sunday worship from September**

Having worshipped together on Sundays online every Sunday since 29<sup>th</sup> March, Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> Sept will see worship resume in our churches. At the time of writing we are still waiting for responses to the questionnaire to come in, but after 67 responses 47% of people would prefer to worship in church while 38% would rather worship on Zoom (the rest are neutral). So our pattern of worship from Sontomber while the details are not yet worship

A prayer for church growth God of Mission, who alone brings growth to your church; send your Holy Spirit to give vision to our planning, wisdom to our actions, and power to our witness.

Help our churches grow in numbers, in spiritual commitment to you, and in service to our local community; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

worship from September, while the details are not yet worked out, will include worship in church and on-line, and there will certainly be some experimentation to see whether it's realistic or desirable to integrate the on-line and the in-church worship. More news on this soon.

## God is at work!

This week I met Bishop Hugh for the first time. He is visiting rural deans in their homes to listen and learn about how it is to be part of the Church of England in Cornwall, and this was my turn. We chatted about all the challenges and joys you might expect, and agreed on how reliant we are on retired people to carry the great load of duties in the church, and also of the need for new people of all ages not yet in our churches to come to faith and join us, in order that our churches can serve our communities in the future. We prayed to that effect before he left.

While he was with me, a woman had phoned, leaving a message. It turned out to be a recently retired couple, just moved to Redruth to be nearer family, and very keen to throw themselves into the life of one of our churches, and to put their home and their energy to use in any way that could help the church!

A few hours later I received an email from a young woman nearby, mysteriously moved to pray, and wanting someone to explain what this might mean, and how she could join a church. The next day, I and another person met her on Zoom, and heard her story, and our conversation culminated in her accepting an invitation to pray to receive the life of God and begin a new journey of faith!

These people have been prayed for by others, and they have been a delightful reminder to me of the power of prayer. Please continue to pray that God will draw people to himself, and grow his Church, by whatever ways he will. And please join us for *Growing Your Church* on 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> Sept (advert elsewhere).

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With my prayers & best wishes Caspar Bush (Team Rector)

#### Come Rain or Shine 2020

These have been strange times to come back to work in the Benefice after some time off recovering from last year's heart attack! Although I am Team Vicar working across all the churches, I came back to offer pastoral care to a different church community: based at St Euny, and wondered how I would manage even to meet my parishioners during lockdown. Margaret and Lucie have been immensely supportive as I have tried to get to know the village and congregation.

One of the things we all felt was that we wanted, as a church, to be good news for our local community. As we began to move out of lockdown we were particularly concerned for local families with schoolchildren over the summer holidays. Many of these children have barely been to school this year and the pressures on their families are great, trying to entertain and feed them in difficult financial circumstances.

We put together a bid for a grant from CCF for 5 weekly sessions over the summer holidays, taking place in St Euny church, offering a family craft activity followed by a cooked meal. There is huge pressure on grant awarders at the moment but we were successful and won £1100 to run Come Rain or Shine 2020 over August and into September. Working in partnership with CN4C (based at the Elms) and Ruth, who has worked with us before at Open Café, we hosted our first session this week, catering for about 25. There is a little more capacity, we can welcome 30 people, but were happy to start a bit smaller! Thanks to all those volunteers who helped by cooking at home and bringing or sending in dishes; the apple crumbles were very well received!

We hope to build on this beginning, by making the church a friendly and welcoming place for families who do not usually enter our buildings. It takes time to earn trust, but we hope to expand our activities to respond to need as we become aware of it, especially loneliness during the present crisis. We are conscious that these are difficult times financially for the church as well as everyone else but we want to be outward looking and supportive, as the church historically has been through times of crisis, and we trust God to lead us and provide the resources we need, as we venture into new territory!

## Revd Deb Grigg

#### Fr Peter writes ....

For the churches it began on Sunday March 22, and in a way it is still going on. Maybe for you, one day runs into another and every day seems the same. But even in the major lockdown and now as the world starts to read-open, the church's year has gone on. The major festivals, EASTER, ASCENSION, PENTECOST, TRINITY have all taken place and who knows where we will be at ADVENT SUNDAY on November 29.

Alongside these major festivals the lockdown has been punctuated by the lives of the saints and other lesser festivals. September is no exception because in the coming month the church will remember and celebrate:

#### THE BIRTH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY: Tuesday September 8

Little is known about this moment, except that Mary's parents are believed to be Saints Anne and Joachim. However, her birth is a major festival as Mary is the one who is to be the Theotokos, the mother of God. Her birth is thus a vital part of the incarnation, the moment when God enters the world as Jesus.

#### **HOLY CROSS DAY: Monday September 14**

In 326 St Helena, the mother of Emperor Constantine, is said to have discovered the 'true cross'. In 335 on September 14 the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem was dedicated and the 'true cross' was available to be venerated as the means through which God's love was made known to the world

## **MATTHEW, APOSTLE & EVANGELIST: Monday September 21**

Matthew, believed to have been the author of the first Gospel in the Bible was a tax collector. Jesus called him away from his despised work for the Romans and he was one of the inner circle of disciples. His life after the Ascension is shrouded in mystery although he is thought to have died in Ethiopia.

## MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS: Tuesday September 29

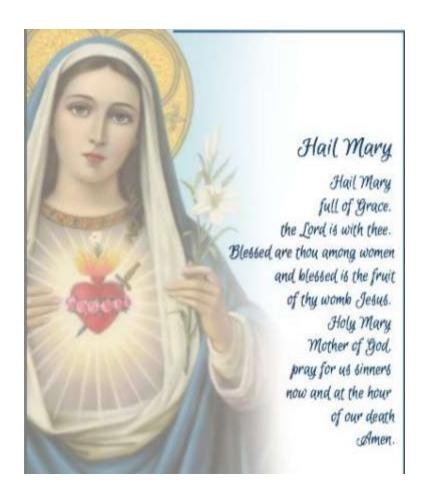
Known locally as the protector of Cornwall, Archangel Michael spoke to Moses on Mount Sinai. In the Book of Revelation, Michael is the defender of the heavenly realms against the dragon and on Saint Michael's Mount close to Marazion there is a chapel with a beautiful statue of Michael extending the hand of friendship to the dragon he had conquered.

A saint (from the Latin word SANCTUS meaning HOLY) is a person whose life had an exceptional degree of holiness and whose life and witness might draw others towards a deeper awareness of God's love in their own life and in the world. The process of becoming a saint is complex, but there are essentially three platforms:

- 1. The candidate is recognised as VENERABLE / this means that their life was especially holy or that they were martyred for the faith
- A miracle will have occurred as a result of prayers being offered to the venerable candidate who is then titled BLESSED and will have a local feast day
- A second miracle occurs through intercession to them and the blessed candidate could be canonised and named a SAINT, a global festival will be named and churches may be named in the saint's honour.

Although this system is essentially part of the Roman Catholic tradition, the Anglican Church has accepted many of the named saints into its tradition. The lives of these saints continue to inspire the lives of many and maybe in this time of lockdown and unlock, they will inspire yours.

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#### ST ANDREW REDRUTH

So a new month and a chance to reflect on our lockdown experiences so far. We have all been sent a survey to complete about how we have found our church Zoom sessions and where we want everything to go next. With this in mind I thought I would ask my two children, aged seven and ten what they thought of Zoom Church and what their hopes were for the future of our church.

#### 1) What do you think of Zoom Church?

Patrick (age 8) - I don't like it, I like normal church because church is my favourite. It's better.

**Ellie (age 10)** - It is kind of weird not being at church, but it's the best way we can see each other.

#### 2) What do you like about Zoom Church?

**Patrick** - We can see each other in lockdown. I like to see my friends. I love when animals appear.

**Ellie** - Well I like that you can see everybody and chat with everybody.

#### 3) What don't you like?

Patrick - That I can't actually hug my friends and family in church.

**Ellie** - Well I don't really like the fact that, well you can't actually talk to one person at a time and also don't like that you can't interact.

#### 4) Do you like the music? Why?

**Patrick** - No because listen to his voice (He does an impression, standing in pose with an outstretched arm and eyes closed. He sings a repetitive chorus in an American warbly voice. This is something he does during certain songs on a Sunday!)

**Ellie** - Yes, I think, well the pop music is terrible but the rest of it's fine. Well, I like the other music because I hear it a lot. The pop music is a bit mad. It's just not my taste in music.

#### 5) What do you miss about our normal church services?

**Patrick** - I just really miss it. All the people and others. I just really miss normal church. **Ellie** - That we can't actually be in the church. Like Sunday club and things, but I am enjoying the stuff Father Peter is setting us.

## 6) What do you hope will happen in the future with church?

**Patrick** - Um I wish there were some things to play on and I wish we could see each other again.

**Ellie** - Well I hope that we can go back to church, so that it can be back to what it normally is and I can go running around in the crypt and see everybody.

To put Ellie's answers in context, when she was two, at her first 'Worship for All' experience sitting at the front of church she declared, "Why are we sitting here? I want to sit in my pew at the back where Granny sits!"

Change is always a difficult thing (for children as much as adults) and it might take quite a while before our churches return to normal but in the meantime we remain grateful at the Ministry Team's efforts to provide something for everyone, even if they can't please all of the people and Ellie and Patrick all of the time. They can't wait to get back to hug their St Andrews Family.

## St Andrew's Pencoys with Four Lanes Methodist Church 'FLAPJACK'

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St. Andrew's Church Pencoys is now open twice a week for private prayer, on **Tuesday** afternoons from **2 pm to 4 pm** and on **Saturdays** from **4 pm to 6 pm.** During the continued suspension of Sunday worship, we hold a weekly **said** service of Holy Communion each **Wednesday at 6 pm**, observing the necessary safety guidelines, at which everyone is very welcome.

Our **grateful thanks** continue to go to Caspar, Deb, Graham and Fr. Peter (and named 'hosts') for enabling us to 'meet' weekly for a social chat and of course, to share our Sunday Benefice Holy Communion Service, at 10.30 am, via the wonder of modern technology. This arrangement will continue during August and will be updated from September. For the latest information and/or for the Zoom link to join the weekly service and social times please contact our Rector, Caspar Bush, at <a href="mailto:casparbush@gmail.com">casparbush@gmail.com</a> (01209 216958).

On Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> August our **LAMP First Sunday Evening Event** resumed at St. Andrew's Pencoys, featuring a summary of the last year's Events and the charities supported, at which donations totalled £155 for the Disasters Emergency Committee Appeal for those suffering in refugee camps. The money will feed ten families for a week and fund the installation of two clean water areas, now essential for hygiene as the COVID19 virus is rife in the camps. Our grateful thanks go to all who supported this event and for their generous donations.

The next First Sunday Evening Event will be held on **Sunday**, **6**<sup>th</sup> **September** at 6 pm at **Christchurch Lanner**. The theme will be the people of Lebanon and will support the Church Mission Society as part of Bishop Philip's fund-raising appeal for the people of Beirut following the recent devastating explosion, and the work of the Church of the Resurrection, with which he has a personal connection. Please remember the people of Beirut in your prayers. "Loving Heavenly Father, God of all people, we pray that your Holy Spirit of healing love and protection will embrace the people of Beirut and Lebanon at this time. May the good news of peace and loving care be with all who live there, especially with those suffering as a result of the disaster; may there be genuine co-operation between rescue workers, government personnel and residents, so that true justice and peace may break through for all, and the deep suffering of the people be relieved, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen."

In the meantime we continue to wish everyone good health and safety as the holiday season continues.

Jill Tolputt

#### **ST EUNY**

It has been so good to see St Euny church alive and kicking lately – thanks to our Steeple-keeper, Brian, for getting up the tower and ridding it of the crow's nests. He has now fitted mesh to the small windows in order to stop them from creating the same destructions again next year. Sorry crows, but it has to be done. Also, at the same time, Danny was up on the roof 'water marking' the lead as a deterrent to thieves. This was part of the conditions with our new insurers, Trinitas, and thanks must go to our Treasurer, Carrie, for looking into viable insurance alternatives which have made us a considerable saving, so necessary in these increasingly difficult financial times.

Whilst the tower was accessible, Revd Deb was brave enough to go up and view the surrounding area from an elevated position. Quite an achievement!

On the ground and in the churchyard beavering away were our Gardening Club Maintenance team — Clive, Anthony, Paul and Margaret. Everything in the grounds looked perfect for the upcoming wedding of Tristan Burrows and Sally Roberts on Saturday, 8 August. The socially distanced wedding was led by Revd Deb who had decorated the church beautifully.

Our Tuesday lunchtime service of HC continues at 12.30pm and the church is open for private prayer on Tuesdays and Fridays from 1-3pm. Thanks to Sue Solway for stewarding on a Friday. She says she has been involved with St Euny Church for 41 years and still has things to learn about it!

As you know, Revd Deb Grigg is the Benefice Vicar for Mission and with this remit she has successfully bid for grant funding to run craft and entertainment groups for vulnerable families in Redruth, in conjunction with CN4C, over the next four weeks in St Euny Church. As part of this plan, the families will be fed a much-needed and appreciated nutritious hot meal at the end of each session. This is a wonderful opportunity for outreach into the community, although not without its stresses! The church has to be deep cleaned before and after each session and food prepared by a team of volunteers. Ruth Purdy (Mitber – Make it Better) is leading the craft sessions and below are pictures of the efforts this week entitled 'Come Rain or Shine, we're building a street'.

We send continued good wishes to our readers and hope you are all safe and well.



**Margaret Johnson** 

Congratulations to Valerie and Keith Jenkin who celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on 13 August.





## CHRISTCHURCH LANNER

#### Church weekly opening times

Monday, 2-4pm for private worship and prayer Wednesday, 11am for Holy Communion Friday, 4-6pm for private worship and prayer

#### **Community Pantry**

This initiative continues and thank you to everyone who has donated tins or jars of food. In addition to the daily pantry, members of the public can reserve a cake as part of the Bake Giveaway organised by Nathaniel Squire, a resident of Lanner. You can reserve your cake by using the Olio app.

#### **Catch Up Club**

A small group of young people have been using their maths, literacy and craft skills by exploring the theme of "liberation". The clubs have been running on Tuesday and Friday mornings, 9am-12pm, and are an opportunity for children to catch up before returning to school in September.

#### **Baptism**

Ron, a member of our congregation, was baptised on Wednesday 29 July at the 11am Holy Communion service. Originally, his baptism was set for Easter Day followed by a cathedral confirmation, but both events were cancelled due to the pandemic. All social distancing measures were in place for the baptism – Ron was anointed with holy oil by a rather beautiful spoon and water was poured over his head from a distance. Ron was supported by his wife, Vanessa, and the congregation at Christchurch. We are now looking forward to Ron's confirmation, which will take place once a new date is set.

## **September and October Event**

The September First Sunday will be held LIVE at Christchurch at 6pm on Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> September, and we will be supporting Bishop Philip's appeal for Lebanon. For October, we are in discussion with the Celtic Fiddlers to support this event musically.

#### Sam's Tree and Jason's Tree

It was a very sad day when it was realised that the trees to remember both Sam and Jason had died. However, Ken saved the day when he planted a clematis to grow through Jason's tree, and created a micro-climate and space for a new tree for Sam. THANK YOU, Ken!

#### ST STEPHEN TRELEIGH

Our sincere thanks to Anne Youlton for the love, friendship and hope she has been spreading with her handmade "Hug in a Heart" (see photo) She has made eighty of these so far and has delivered or posted these virtual hugs to family, friends and the wider community. A real boost to us all in these uncertain times.

**Treleigh Services....**Holy Communion is on Thursdays At 1.30pm and the Church is also open on Mondays and Thursdays from 2-4pm for private prayer.



#### **Treleigh Snippets....**

1952: The Palm Sunday service at St. Stephen's, Treleigh, conducted by Rev'd Hawthorn, was broadcast by the BBC. Describing the church's position as three miles from the Atlantic and ten miles from the English Chanel, the newspaper report went on to name two well known members of the congregation, Thurstan Peter the historian who is buried in the churchyard and Fanny Moody, "The Cornish Nightingale" who was a member of the Church choir. Later the same month the Easter services were packed out with every seat taken and chairs placed in the main aisle. Subsequently Rev'd Hawthorn received a large number of letters of appreciation including one from The Bishop of Truro.

**1972**: Canon Michael Simcock organised a coach to bring parishioners to Church for the 9.30 am family service once a month. This ran until 1980 when it was no longer considered viable due to lack of use, although the service was still popular. The route taken by the coach was Mount Ambrose, Buller's Terrace, Drump Road, North Street, Treleigh Avenue, Pond Lane and via the roundabout to North Country. The service was followed by coffee in the hall and returned by the same route at about 10.50 am. It was not expected to make a profit, but contributions could be made via the Church collection.

Stay safe everyone Trish Rowe

# **Growing Your Church - for all PCC and DCC members**

On the Tuesday evenings of 22nd and 29th September at 7pm, all PCC and DCC members, together with anyone else interested, are invited to attend special sessions to hear the findings of the 'Growing Your Church' course we held in January and February, along with Thy Kingdom Come discussion groups in May. This will certainly be accessible by Zoom, but we are very willing to share this same meeting in St Andrew's Crypt in person if there is the demand for it. Please contact Caspar if you would prefer to come to this meeting in person.

Covid-19 restrictions have thrown up extra issues for us as we seek to play our part in growing God's Church, but there are opportunities as well as challenges, so please come ready to help shape our thinking on these matters, and please continue to pray for growth in our churches.

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#### **BOOK CLUB**

The next meeting for the book club is on Friday September 4th when we will be discussing the book 'Honour' by Elif Shafak. A gripping tale of love, betrayal and clashing cultures.

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#### Lebanon Disaster Relief

The terrible explosion in Beirut killed and injured many of its citizens as well as leaving hundreds of thousands homeless. Bishop Mounstephen wrote on the Diocese website last week about the work of the Church Mission Society in that city.

Bishop Philip was a former executive of the Society and had visited Beirut during his period of service. The Society is supporting the Church of the Resurrection which is located in the port area where the explosion took place who are providing humanitarian aid to the local population.

Bishop Philip is urging churches in Cornwall to support the Society's work in Beirut by visiting the Just Giving website.

As you know the Redruth Team has been raising funds for disaster relief (REEF) through collections at its fifth Sunday Benefice services therefore I have been able to make an immediate transfer of £540 to the Church Mission Society Just Giving account for the Beirut Blast Emergency Response which is well on the way to reaching its £25,000 target.

#### Richard Robinson—Treasurer



## <<Talkabout>> Miscellany 2—© by Tricia Rowe

More snippets from life....

As the office junior in banking in 1960 things were very different to how things are done today. No computers and everything done manually. Many of the jobs attributed to the office junior have disappeared over the years. Dave remembers his first jobs as junior clerk were filling ink wells, changing the blotting paper and the nibs on the pens, going up the ladder to wind the clock and changing the light bulbs, plus checking the boiler. A million miles from how thing are done today.

I read recently that the world's tallest dog is a great Dane and is over seven feet tall on his back legs, weighing fifteen stone. My fur would definitely be ruffled if he came bounding out of the bushes on the coastal footpath! In a walk description recently it warned that a particular stile was difficult for large dogs and lifting may be required!! Could be fun to watch but I'm sure Freddie the great Dane would take it in his stride!!

I follow this up with a cat who lived for 31 years! The article said that Rubble, possibly the oldest cat in the world was given to his owner on her twentieth birthday and now she is fifty two! Now that is commitment!

In this day and age when most things are "easy wash" it annoys me when the label says "Do not tumble dry". I bought some cheap polo shirts years ago and they wash like rags, can be tumbled dried, never need ironing and always look good. However since then I have bought slightly more upmarket ones and these can't be tumble dried and need ironing, where's the sense in that??

One day on the cliffs around Cot Valley a man told us about his family who had been miners and tin streamers, consequently when we descended into the valley and saw a young man leaning over the water, dipping a metal pan beneath its surface we asked: "Are you panning for tin?" "No" he said, "I'm washing my plate!"

In Alderney once we were returning to their small airport on foot, after a day exploring the island, when I stopped to pass the time of day with some chickens who were gathered around the gate of a field. Suddenly they were out and following us, all strung out along the road! What if we couldn't shake them off before we reached the airport? I had visions of checking in two rucksacks and twelve chickens!! Luckily when we put a spurt on, they dropped behind, and as we looked back, they returned to their field. Phew!!



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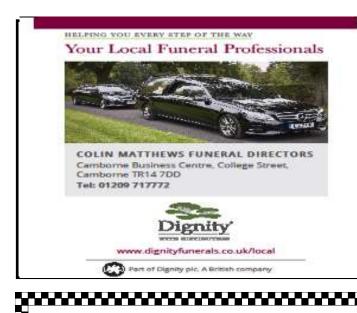
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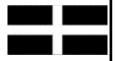
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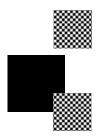
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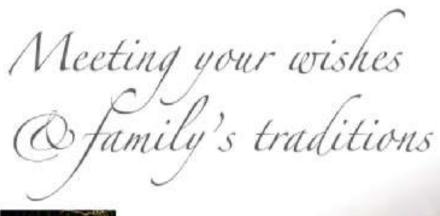
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