

MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER

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Written as the Season of Covid 19 draws to a close, BUT IS IT?????

All of the churches in the Benefice of Redruth are OPEN at their pre-pandemic times
(except St Euny, please check with the ministry team for details of their new opening times)
THERE REMAIN SOME RESTRICTIONS WITHIN THE BENEFICE CHURCHES, PLEASE CHECK WITH THE CHURCHWARDENS FOR WHAT THEY ARE.

The Second Sunday before Advent / Trinity 24 **REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**

Dear Readers throughout the world,

Today, the churches of the Benefice, and churches, groups and societies throughout the world will remember those whose lives have been lost and changed in the First World War (which prompted this particular day) and in conflicts which have taken place since then. Prayers will be said, uniforms and medals will be worn and a silence will be kept and followed by the traditional citations. **BUT WILL IT CHANGE ANYTHING?**

Yes, we MUST remember, because through the act of remembering, perhaps, just perhaps something will change in you, me, each one of us. We may not be soldiers, sailors or in the air, but we are call involved in arguments, disagreements and prejudice. Through those feelings, thoughts and actions, through those little unresolved 'wars' peace cannot prevail. If we cannot make peace amongst ourselves, how can we expect the nations of the world to lay aside their weapons of war and mass destruction.

Today, as we stand in silence, giving thanks for those whose lives were lost so that we can live in a nation where we can stand in silence and remember, pause for a moment to think about your unresolved 'wars'. Who do you not speak to, who do you cross the road to avoid, whose lifestyle do you condemn, or cannot be bothered to understand. Think about them all, and in the silence resolve to build bridges of friendship and peace.

With the love and assurance of our prayers as a new chapter begins for us all

The Rev'd Keith, Methodist Superintendent of Hayle, Camborne & Redruth

The Rev'd Caspar Bush, Rector of Redruth & Area Dean

Pastor Jenny Lockwood, Lanner Methodist Chapel

Jim Seth, Chaplain to The Readers



SHEILA / POET IN RESIDENCE AT ST ANDREW, PENCOYS

Here is a poem from Sheila it is very appropriate for this season of REMEMBRANCE

A light in the darkness

As darkness falls, instinctively, we reach out, for the light,
To guide us through the dangers, for comfort in the night,
To free us from the power of dark, that steals the light away,
Without it life feels, cold and lonely, empty, formless, grey.

And so it is, in Spirit terms, when facing “darkest hour”,
We reach out for the ‘Holy Light’, to help us with his power,
To guide us through the dangers, for comfort in our plight,
To free us from the power of dark, to show us what is right.

The source of light, the Father, is reflected by the Son,
Through the beam, the Holy Spirit, to become the Three in One.
This light with love, is sent for all, redeeming, sin of Cain,
Once banished from God’s presence, shines, to guide us home again.

But on the way, the rays, as ‘dust’, show up our darker side,
Impatience, hate, aggression, envy, selfishness and pride;
And as, when turning on a light, the dark seems darker still,
We see how far we’ve fallen, in our battle for self-will.

Then when, the time that comes to all, the Book is opened wide,
The truth revealed, did we obey our light or darker side?
If turned away from darkness, and God’s will we obey,
Our eyes become accustomed, to this right and brighter way.

So when his countenance we see, won’t turn away in fright,
Won’t shield our eyes, in darkness, but behold the Lord of Light.



THE GOSPEL READING FOR TODAY: Mark 13 vv1 – 8

At a first reading this may not seem to be the most appropriate passage for Remembrance Sunday, but read it again!! At the heart of the reading is the search for truth. The difficulty is, is that for different groups, societies and cultures truth is different. If you were in a court listening to witnesses, each one's account of the same incident would be different, but for each one, what they are saying is the truth. So how do we know?

As you read this weekly sheet, somewhere in the world there will be a war or some conflict, and both sides will believe that they have the truth, and what they are fighting for, even dying for is the truth. Perhaps the only way to begin into decide about your truth is if it brings LIGHT, HOPE, JUSTICE, PEACE, RECONCILIATION. Does your truth raise up the fallen, support the weak, give courage to the fearful, welcome the stranger and encourage those on the edge.

So many wars have been fought in the name of truth, so many people have died, or have had their lives changed and continue to suffer because they have stood for truth. Today, on this special day, we remember them all, all those who have stood for the truth, and although frightened and perhaps cast aside, have continued to stand. MAY GOD BLESS THEM ALL. At the November LIGHTHOUSE one of the young people wrote:

THE POPPIES OPEN FOR PEACE AND TODAY PEOPLE REMEMBER YESTERDAY.

May each one of us help to build a world where the poppies are open, and our memories of yesterday are filled with love and light.

THIS WEEK THE ANGLICAN CALENDAR REMEMBERS:

MONDAY NOVEMBER 15 Feria (that means nobody!!!)

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 16 MARGARET QUEEN OF SCOTLAND Church Reformer 1093

Born in 1046, Margaret was a member of the Anglo-Saxon royal house of England. She was educated in Hungary where her family were in exile during the rule of England by the Danes. After the Norman invasion in 1066, Margaret was welcomed into Scotland by the Scottish king, Malcolm III whom she later married in 1069. The marriage was a success and, as well as her role as queen, Margaret did much to reform the church and founded many monasteries, churches and pilgrim hostels.

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 17 HUGH BISHOP OF LINCOLN 1200

Hugh was born in Avalon, Burgundy in 1140 and became a monk when he was 25. In 1175, Henry II, king of England, invited Hugh to become Prior of the Charterhouse Foundation in Witham, Somerset. In 1186, Hugh was consecrated Bishop of Lincoln, then the largest diocese in England. He was a good bishop, enlarging the cathedral, meeting the clergy in synod, protecting the Jewish communities and ensuring lepers were cared for. He had the ability to stand against the king without making him an enemy.

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 18 ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY Philanthropist 1231

Elizabeth was born in 1207, the daughter of the king of Hungary. She married Louis IV, the king of Thuringia, with whom she had three children. Louis died of the plague after four years of marriage and Elizabeth was forced to leave the court. She was encouraged to leave an austere religious life through which she cared for the poor. Weakened by her lifestyle and her work amongst the poor, Elizabeth died aged just 24.

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 19 HILDA ABBESS OF WHITBY 680 Hilda was born in 614 into the royal house of Northumbria, and at the age of 12 was baptised in York by Paulinus. Hilda was encouraged by Aidan of Lindisfarne to become a religious, which she did at age 33. She established a monastery at Hartlepool and two years later at Whitby. The Whitby house became a great centre of learning, and in 664 was the place where the Synod of Whitby was held in 664. This was where the decision was made for the church to follow the Roman traditions rather than the Celtic ones.

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 20 EDMUND KING OF THE EAST ANGLES Martyr 870

Born in the year 840, Edmund was proclaimed king when he was a boy. He was crowned king of Norfolk in 855, and of Suffolk in 857. He cared deeply for the poor and spoke continually against crime. When the Danes invaded he refused to give up his crown or renounce his Christian faith. He was martyred in 870.

PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 14 The Second Sunday before Advent (Trinity 24)

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

“I resolved that while I was still with you, I would know nothing except Jesus Christ – and Him crucified” 1Corinthians 2 vv2

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO EVEN NOW ARE IN THEATRES OF WAR, DOING WHAT THEY CAN TO PRESERVE PEACE AND JUSTICE FOR ALL

MONDAY NOVEMBER 15 (feria)

“Set a guard over my mouth, O Lord; keep watch over the door of my lips” Psalm 14 vv1

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO SPEAK ILL OF OTHERS AND CANNOT UNDERSTAND THE DIFFERENT PATHWAYS THROUGH LIFE

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 16 MARGARET QUEEN OF SCOTLAND Philanthropist 1093

“Eye has not seen, ear has not heard, nor has the human heart imagined what God has prepared for those who love him” 1Corinthians 2 vv9

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO BEAR THE RESPONSIBILITY OF BEING ROYAL, THAT THEY MAY ACCEPT WHAT IS LAID UPON THEM

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 17 HUGH BISHOP OF LINCOLN 1200

“The Lord is compassionate and merciful; He forgives sins, and saves in times of distress”
Sirach 2 vv11

PRAY FOR BISHOPS PHILIP AND HUGH AS THEY SEEK TO LEAD THE CHURCH IN TRURO INTO AN UNCERTAIN FUTURE

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 18 ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY Philanthropist 1231

“Do you not realise that you are God’s Temple, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you”
1Corinthians 3 vv16

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO SEEK TO DO GOOD AND TO ENHANCE THE LIVES OF OTHERS

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 19 HILDA ABBESS OF WHITBY 680

“Who made you so important? What do you have that you did not receive?”
1Corinthians 4 vv7

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE ENTERED A RELIGIOUS ORDER AND NOW PRAY FOR THE WORLD

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 20 EDMUND KING OF THE EAST ANGLES Martyr 870

“No matter how faint my spirit is, you are there to guide my steps” Psalm 142 vv4

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO SUFFER BECAUSE OF WHO THEY ARE, GIVE THEM COURAGE

FIRST SUNDAY EVENT

The December Event will be at the Four Lanes Methodist Chapel, on **SUNDAY DECEMBER 5** at 6.00pm. It will be led by LUCIE R. And LISA C. (an ordinand on placement within the Benefice). The charity is to be decided.

THANK YOU so much if you were able to be at the NOVEMBER EVENT. Together with collections from the other two remembering services held by FLAPJACK, just £200.00 was raised for SENSE. This is a charity that cworks with deaf / blind children, young people and adults. Through touch, holding and care, SENSE is able to help people make sense of their dark, silent world. You may have seen the film “The Miracle Worker” where Helen Keller, is helped to break through her darkness and silence by the sensation of water falling on her hand, and the letters W A T E R being written on her hand. SENSE is a remarkable charity, THANK YOU for supporting it so generously.



HOLY COMMUNION AT HOME

Perhaps you are still receiving the Blessed Sacrament at home? Perhaps you are still zooming your Sunday Service week by week. No-one must do what they are not comfortable with, so this prayer may still be of use to you. The Redruth Benefice churches remain open for private prayer and weekday services of Holy Communion and now the Benefice churches are open as usual on a Sunday (check timings for St Euny). However you may well have taken the decision to STAY AT HOME. The following prayer will help you to receive the Sacrament at home when once you would have been in church, or even on zoom. A prayer is offered and bread is taken:

*As the seed falls into the earth and dies to give life to the grain,
As the corn is cut and crushed to make flour,
As the flour is baked and the yeast dies to give life to the dough.
As the bread is broken and eaten to give life to the body.
So Jesus, sitting with the disciples, took bread, broke it, and said:
“This is my body broken for the world”
Eat the bread and remember Jesus
May God bless you on your journey and keep you safe.*



SUNDAY AT 6.00pm

Still lighting your candle at 6.00pm each Sunday? If you are, THANKYOU. The list is updated regularly: This list goes all over the world and if you would like a name added, no matter where you are just let FP know at baptism66@gmail.com

IN NEED: Nigel, Olly, Morgan and all their family and friends, Peter & Maureen, Val., Mandy, Monica & Victor, Ian, Rose & Terry, Francis, Rex, Joy, Jamie, Marlene, Caroline & family, Mark Genower, Zoe, Isabelle & Andrew, Betty, Helen Anderson

THOSE WHOSE JOURNEY IS OVER: Jowan, Monica, Neil, David

SUPPORT OUR CHRIST THE KING / SOCK

The Christchurch community thank you very much for your support and generosity which made SOCK1 such a success. £800.00+ was raised to support the church into the future. **THANK YOU!!**

The donations for SOCK2 was £670.00 THANK YOU SO MUCH

SOCK3 takes place on SATURDAY NOVEMBER 27 still at Christchurch, and still 2pm – 4pm.

The headline event on the pyramid stage (joke!!) will be the fabulous saxophone quartet;

THE FOUR TUNES. This SOCK will have a distinctly Christmas theme.



DIARY DATES:

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 18 / *'Living in love and faith'*, face to face, at ST EUNY, 7.00pm., and continues on November 25, December 2 & 9

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 19 / Christchurch Patronal Dinner (restrictions permitting) 7.00pm

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 21 / Christchurch Patronal Festival with Bishop Hugh and the baptism of Perran Knight-Bennett 3.00pm

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 28 / St Euny Advent Carol Service. 6.00pm

MONDAY NOVEMBER 29 / St Andrew, Redruth & Pencoys, Patronal Festival, 7.00pm

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 1 / Advent Study Group at Christchurch, 11.45am

SATURDAY DECEMBER 4 / Redruth Hospice Shop Christmas Event, 11.00am – 3.00pm

SATURDAY DECEMBER 11 / Pencoys Church 'Frost Fair' in the Pencoys Hall, 2pm – 4pm

TUESDAY DECEMBER 14 / Christchurch Carol Service, with the **SKYLINER BIG BAND**, 7.00pm

THURSDAY DECEMBER 16 / St Andrew, Pencoys, 'Lights on the holly tree' 7.00pm

SUNDAY DECEMBER 19 / 4Lanes Chapel, FLAPJACK & VILLAGE carols with nativity play, 2.30pm

FRIDAY DECEMBER 24 / Crib Services: Christchurch, 3.00pm., Pencoys Church, 5.00pm

Christmas Eve Masses: Pencoys Church, 6.00pm., Christchurch, 8.00pm

SATURDAY DECEMBER 25 / Holy Communion: Christchurch, 10am., Pencoys, 11.00am

SUNDAY DECEMBER 26 / St Stephen's, Treleigh, Benefice Service & Patronal Festival, 10.30am

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SUNDAY JANUARY 2 / First Sunday Event, Epiphany Carol Service, Pencoys Church, 6.00p



LIGHTHOUSE

LIGHTHOUSE is a meeting for children and young on the FIRST SUNDAY of each month and is held in the Four Lanes Methodist Chapel. Led by Caroline, Grandma Carol and FP, the Sunday theme is worked on as well as prayer candles being offered for those known to us who are struggling. On the SECOND SUNDAY the children are invited to share their work at the family service in the Pencoys Church.

The children have faithfully attended not only LIGHTHOUSE, but also the CATCH-UP CLUB and have recently worked on pieces of art inspired by four Cornish artists.

THE ART EXHIBITION REMAINS OPEN IN ST ANDREW, PENCOYS. A DONATION BOX WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR SURFERS AGAINST SEWAGE.

LIGHTHOUSE, the FLAPJACK monthly Sunday School meets every FIRST SUNDAY in the FOUR LANES CHAPEL, 3.00pm – 5.00pm, with TEA!!

LIVING IN LOVE AND FAITH

There is a local church council, a Benefice council, a Diocesan Synod and a General Synod. The General Synod with newly members will meet for the first time in 2022. One of the major matters for this new synod to discuss will be if same sex attracted couples can marry in church, or have their relationship blessed in church. The Methodist Church and some non-conformist settings have already voted on this issue with a positive outcome, AND it has been the law of the land for several years.

The Church of England has prepared, over three years, the LIVING IN LOVE AND FAITH study course. Several church members within the Benefice took part in this course on zoom, and in November you will have the opportunity to take part face to face.

The dates are in the diary section of this sheet. The course is designed to enable you to discuss such issues as marriage, same sex attraction, trans-gender and what the church should teach and allow.

If the Synod votes to allow either blessings or marriage for same sex attracted people it will probably be passed down to parishes to make their own decision about how to act (as remains the case with the ordination of women to the priesthood and the episcopate). This course will perhaps enable you to think through the arguments, to hear the theological arguments and to try to understand lifestyles that are outside of your experience.



IN CASE YOU ARE STRUGGLING AND NEED A LISTENING EAR:



The Samaritans: 116 123 Anxiety UK: 03444 775 774
Mind: 0300 123 3393 Calm: 0800 58 58 58
Crisis text line (text) 85258 Child-line: 0800 11 11
Switchboard LGBTQ+?: 0300 330 0630

Go well on your journey, and stay safe

