

MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER

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Written as the Season of Covid 19 draws to a close, BUT IS IT? *Let's hope*

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 opening times) THERE REMAIN SOME RESTRICTIONS WITHIN THE BENEFICE CHURCHES, PLEASE CHECK WITH THE CHURCHWARDENS FOR WHAT THEY ARE.

The Sunday before Advent **THE FESTIVAL OF CHRIST THE KING**

Dear Readers throughout the world,



Today, Christchurch in the village of Lanner celebrates 176 years since its consecration. Bishop Hugh will lead an event which includes Desert Island Discs and the baptism of Perran, the youngest member of the church. **THANK YOU FOR ALL THE SUPPORT WITH WHICH THE BENEFICE HAS SURROUNDED CHRISTCHURCH may there be many more Patronal Festivals.**

A church is an outward sign, a building which has often stood for many, many years, has provided a focus for significant world, parish and individual events. It is a sign that perhaps many can't understand until they walk through the door or perhaps need the church to honour someone they love who has died, to acknowledge the love they have for someone, or want their precious child to be somehow accepted by God. When you need the sign, then the sign will be there for you.

The sign for help can be ***“Is Angela working tonight?”*** This signal has been used many times by people in nightclubs, bars and events etc. If they feel threatened in any way, they simply have to use the sign, say it to a member of staff and there will be understanding and protection. We as members of churches must be ready to hear the signs and signals from those whom we meet day by day and be ready to surround them with God’s love, protection and care.



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

THE GOSPEL READING FOR TODAY: John 18 vv33 – 37

This is a famous reading, taking place just before Pilate appeals to the crowd, referring to Jesus as a king. This whole episode points to the nature of Jesus’ kingship. It is clear that his kingdom is not of this world, and that he will not react as the world would have expected. Jesus, as king, points us to the Christian pathway which will have moments of crisis, suffering and rejection. But, despite all that, Jesus will not give in and give Pilate the answers that would perhaps have saved his life.

It is a difficult pathway, and yet it is a pathway we will all be called to walk within our Christian journey. Each one of us will be part of situations, conversations and events where our faith will be challenged and in which we can either go along with the words or reactions that we know are contrary to the Christian faith or we can speak words of justice, peace, freedom and God’s love for all people. Jesus says to Pilate ***“my kingdom is not of this world I came into the world to testify to the truth”***. In our own way, in our own time, from wherever we are, each one of us is called to stand with the truth, that God’s love is for all people, and that all people are beloved of him. It was Malala Yousafzai who said: ***“if you are speaking the truth and if you are speaking out for justice, then there are invisible guards around you, and angels protecting you ...”***

THOSE WHO WE REMEMBER THIS WEEK

MONDAY NOVEMBER 22 **Cecilia Martyr at Rome Patron Saint of music 230**

Cecilia was one of the most revered martyrs of the early church. However, very little is known about her. What seems certain, is that in the second or third century a woman, named Cecilia allowed the church to meet in her house in Rome. In time, a church that bore her name was built on the site of her house. However, when Cecilia was giving shelter to Christians, she risked death. She is remembered as a brave woman, who converted both her father and husband; both were martyred. Cecilia is honoured as the patron saint of musicians.

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 23 **Clement Bishop of Rome Martyr 100**

Clement was an elder of the church in Rome towards the end of the second century. It is thought he was a disciple of the apostles. He wrote a letter to the Corinthians and tried to sort out matters of authority and duty. It is a valuable letter as it shows a senior believer intervening in the practices of another group. He set a pattern for future church government by presiding over a council of other priests. He was titled a Bishop of Rome and was finally exiled to the Crimea and martyred.

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 25 **Catherine of Alexandria Martyr 4th Century**

Legend tells us that Catherine was born of a noble family and refused to marry the emperor, claiming that she was already *a bride of Christ*. She maintained this position despite the arguments advanced by theologians. She refused to be threatened and held to her position. She was martyred after being tied to a wheel which shattered and led to her death. We celebrate her life through our own firework, the Catherine Wheel.



PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 21 The Sunday before Advent / The Festival of Christ the King

“Perform your tasks with humility; then you will be loved by those whom God loves”

Sirach 3 vv17

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE NO WORK AND HAVE TO RELY ON THE KINDNESS OF OTHERS

MONDAY NOVEMBER 22 Cecilia Martyr at Rome Patron Saint of music 230

“We put up with anything, rather than place an obstacle to the Gospel of Christ”

1 Corinthians 9 vv12

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE TRAPPED IN UNFULFILLING WORK AND LOVELESS RELATIONSHIPS

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 23 Clement Bishop of Rome Martyr 100

“Rescue me from those who seek to persecute me, for they are too strong for me”

Psalms 142 vv7

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE UNABLE TO ACCEPT OR EVEN UNDERSTAND ANOTHER LIFESTYLE OR POINT OF VIEW

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 24 (feria)

“If I have not love, I am nothing, only a noisy gong, or a clanging cymbal”

1 Corinthians 13 vv1

PRAY FOR THOSE WHOM WE LOVE BOTH AS FRIENDS AND PARTNERS AND PRAY FOR THOSE WHO MUST LOVE IN SECRET

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 25 Catherine of Alexandria Martyr 4th Century

“Do not add to the troubles of the desperate, or delay giving to the needy” Sirach 4 vv3

PRAY FOR CHARITIES THAT THEY MAY HAVE THE FUNDS THEY NEED TO CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THOSE WHO TURN TO THEM FOR HELP

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 26 (feria)

“If I have faith enough to move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing”

1 Corinthians 13 vv2

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE OFFERED THEIR LIVES TO GOD FOR LOVE OF THE WORLD, AND HAVE ENTERED A RELIGIOUS ORDER

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 27 (feria)

“Do not subject your servant to your judgement, for no-one living is righteous before you”

Psalms 143 vv2

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO WORK IN THE COURTS, FOR THOSE WHO SIT ON JURIES AND FOR THOSE WHO SIT IN JUDGEMENT

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 LORNA'S DROP-IN. ***Please support this event if you can, it is an important part of Lisa's placement in our Benefice on her journey towards ordination.***

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, Vanessa, Sue, Nicola

THOSE WHOSE JOURNEY IS OVER: Ryan

SUPPORT OUR CHRIST THE KING / SOCK

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 with a visit from Saint Nicholas



At SOCK 3 there will be:

St Nicholas and he will take your letters to Fr Christmas; St Nicholas will give you the traditional gifts of *chocolate coins and oranges!!*

Margaret's tea-room

The Four Tunes, a saxophone quartet

The SOCK raffle

Crafts stall

Cuddly toy tombola

Books

If you bring it, we'll sell it stall!!

Jewellery

The SOCK donations washing line!!

The OASIS children's area

DIARY DATES:

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

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

FRIDAY & SATURDAY NOVEMBER 26 / 27 / St Andrew, Redruth Christmas Craft Market, 10.00am - 4.00pm

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 27 / Christchurch, Lanner / SOCK 3, 2.00pm – 4.00pm

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

MONDAY NOVEMBER 29 / St Andrew, Redruth & Pencoy's, 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
Treleigh Church winter fair, 11.00am – 1.00pm

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

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

THURSDAY DECEMBER 16 / St Andrew, Pencoy's, '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., Pencoy's Church, 5.00pm
Christmas Eve Masses: Pencoy's Church, 6.00pm., Christchurch, 8.00pm
St Andrew, Pencoy's, 10.00pm

Happy Christmas

SATURDAY DECEMBER 25 / Holy Communion: Christchurch, 10am., Pencoy's, 11.00am

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

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Happy New Year!!!

SUNDAY JANUARY 2 / First Sunday Event, Epiphany Carol Service, Pencoy's Church, 6.00pm



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!!

TRELEIGH CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

To be held in the Treleigh Hall on Saturday December 4, 11.00am – 1.00pm. There will be Christmas baking, books, greeting cards, acrylic paintings, bric-a-brac, raffle and refreshments. Hope to see you there!!

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

