

## 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 Third Sunday before Advent / Trinity 23*

**Dear Readers throughout the world,**

If you were not able to see *The Randoms* in their tribute to the 60s then you missed a remarkable event. It was enjoyable, it made us laugh, it reminded us, perhaps, of our teenage years, but it was more than that. It was about commitment to a project, it was about putting yourself 'on the line' and risking criticism, embarrassment and nerves!! As we emerge from the darkness and uncertainty of the covid pandemic *The Randoms* showed us that we can still laugh, we can still be together and we can achieve very special things. Theatre is about changing the world, and *The Randoms* through music, singing, dance and poetry changed our 'dull grey lives' and brought us hope ..... **THANK YOU TO ALL OF THEM!!**



***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: Mark 1 vv14 – 20**

Have you ever gone from the known, into the unknown? That is exactly what happened to those first disciples. There they were getting on with their life, working as fishermen, working with their father, working alongside others. Then Jesus calls them to 'follow' him, to leave everything they knew, and go into the unknown.

What was there about Jesus that was so powerful that those first disciples would leave everything and go with him. Perhaps they already knew about him, perhaps they had heard John proclaiming that someone was coming who would baptise with the Holy Spirit. It is possible that the first disciples were waiting for him, that they were ready and somehow knew that Jesus promised a new way of living.

Each one of us is being called, called to leave what we know, our security, and to go out into the unknown. You may not have heard that call, but it is there none the less. As we move towards the end of 2021, as we think about the new chances and opportunities that a new year will bring, God's call to follow the pathway that Jesus set out for us all will continue to surround you. It is a pathway of peace, justice, a pathway of God's love flooding out through each one of us, to change the world.

Many people have heard that call and left the known and gone into the unknown. Rosa Parks, who refused to leave a 'whites only seat' on an American bus, Mother Theresa of Calcutta who left her security and founded an order to help the poor. Greta Thunberg who left the security of being a teenager to proclaim the perils that our planet faces. THEY HAVE ALL HEARD THE CALL!!

## **THIS WEEK THE ANGLICAN CALENDAR REMEMBERS:**

### **MONDAY NOVEMBER 8 THE SAINTS & MARTYRS OF ENGLAND**

The 40 martyrs were executed by the English authorities during the Reformation, and mostly during the reign of Elizabeth I. In 1571 an Act of Parliament made it an offence to question the queen's title as head of the Church of England. In total over 600 died in the ensuing persecutions. 40 of these were canonised.

**TUESDAY NOVEMBER 9 MARGERY KEMPE Mystic 1440** Margery was born in 1373 in what is now King's Lynn. Her father was a merchant, a member of Parliament and mayor of the town. Despite this, Margery received no formal education and relied on being read to, especially the scriptures. Margery was a devout Roman Catholic, she married at age 20 and had 14 children. It is believed that she had multiple visions and spiritual experiences. Although tried for heresy many times, she was never convicted. She is well known for her spiritual writings in her book: "The Book of Margery Kemp" which she probably dictated.

**WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 10 LEO THE GREAT Bishop of Rome Teacher 461**

Leo the Great became Pope in 440, and twice saved Rome from invading forces. He used simple words to teach the Christian faith and used the riches of the church to benefit the poor. He withdrew from theological debate concerning the person of Christ, but rather stressed the humility of Christ, who was divine, and the compassion of Jesus who was human, thus uniting the two.

**THURSDAY NOVEMBER 11 ARMISTICE DAY MARTIN OF TOURS Bishop 297**

Armistice Day is commemorated every year on November 11 and marks the moment when the armistice was signed by the allies of World War One and Germany at Compiègne in France, and brought an end to hostilities on the Western Front; this took effect at the eleventh hour on the eleventh day 1918.



Martin of Tours was born in 316 in what is now called Hungary. Martin was a soldier in the Roman army and a Christian. He was conflicted by these two facets of his life, left the army and founded a monastery near Poitiers in 360. Martin was elected Bishop of Tours by popular acclaim in 372. He retained his monastic lifestyle until his death.

**SATURDAY NOVEMBER 13 CHARLES SIMEON Priest 1836**

Charles was born in Reading in 1759, educated in Cambridge and spent the rest of his life there. He was ordained in 1783 and became Vicar of Holy Trinity Church. He became aware of the redeeming love of God whilst preparing to receive Holy Communion as a student. Although initially unpopular at Holy Trinity Church, his love and care for the people overcame their antipathy and the congregation grew. His preaching drew crowds but he was guided by John 12 vv21, this recounts the meeting of a group of Greeks with Philip and they said: "Sir, we would see Jesus". Charles realised that people came to find Jesus, not to be won over by eloquence. He was a co-founder of the Church Missionary Society (CMS) and remained vicar of Holy Trinity until his death in 1836.

## **PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK**

**SUNDAY NOVEMBER 7 The Third Sunday before Advent (Trinity 23)**

“My body was not hidden from you, you saw me in the womb” Psalm 139 vv15

**PRAY FOR THOSE WHO WAIT TO BE BORN AND FOR THEIR MOTHERS AND FATHERS; PRAY THAT THE WORLD THEY ARE BORN INTO WILL BE SAFE AND PEACEFUL**

**MONDAY NOVEMBER 8 THE SAINTS AND MARTYRS OF ENGLAND**

“Love cannot result in harm to your neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilment of the law”

Romans 13 vv10

**PRAY FOR THOSE WHO LIVE CLOSE TO YOU, THAT TOGETHER YOU WILL BE BUILD A COMMUNITY OF CARE AND SUPPORT**

**TUESDAY NOVEMBER 9 MARGERY KEMPE Mystic 1440**

“I have spoken about matters I did not understand , things too wonderful for me which I did not know” Job 42 vv3

**PRAY FOR THE WISDOM AND THE ABILITY TO PROCLAIM GOD’S LOVE IN THE WORLD, A LOVE FOR ALL PEOPLE**

**WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 10 LEO THE GREAT Bishop of Rome Teacher 461**

“Do not repay anyone evil for evil; do not be conquered by evil, but conquer evil with good”

Romans 12 vv17

**PRAY FOR THOSE WHOSE BEHAVIOUR AND REACTIONS HAVE LED THEM TO A PRISON CELL, AND TO THOSE WHO NOW WATCH OVER THEM**

**THURSDAY NOVEMBER 11 ARMISTICE DAY MARTIN OF TOURS Bishop 297**

“I know that the Lord secures justice for the poor and upholds the cause of the needy”

Psalm 140 vv13

**PRAY FOR THOSE WHO RELY ON OTHERS FOR THEIR WELL BEING AND THEIR HOPE TO LEAD INDEPENDENT LIVES. PRAY FOR THOSE WHO TODAY ARE IN THEATRES OF WAR AND WHO MUST SEE THE VIOLENCE AND HORROR OF ARMED CONFLICT**

**FRIDAY NOVEMBER 12**

“Those of us who are strong must resolve to put up with the failings of the weak”

Romans 15 vv1

**PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE POWER AND RESPONSIBILITY THAT THEY WILL ACT WITH MERCY**

**SATURDAY NOVEMBER 13 CHARLES SIMEON Priest 1836**

“My child, when you come to serve the Lord, prepare yourself for testing” Sirach 2 vv1

**PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE CALLED TO THE RELIGIOUS LIFE THAT THEY MAY FIND PEACE**

## FIRST SUNDAY EVENT

The November Event will be at Christchurch **TONIGHT** at 6.00pm. This will be a SERVICE OF REMEMBERING with a collection for SENSE, a charity that works with deaf / blind children.

*A similar services will be held at:*

**St Euny Church / Sunday November 14 / 3.30pm**

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

## 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](mailto: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 will be in next week's sheet .... But THANK YOU**

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

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 12 / The healing service returns to Treleigh, 7.00pm

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 14 / Remembrance Sunday / at 3.15pm St Euny Church will remember

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

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



## **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!!*

## **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 .....**

