

MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER

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Written as the Season of Covid 19 through Omicron continues to lead us into a new year

Dear Readers throughout the world,

The new year marches on and is already well established. During the first lockdown, there were lots of helpful quotes designed to inspire and strengthen us here is another one from 2022:

THOSE WHO ARE ON THE EDGE OF SOCIETY ARE NOT ON THE EDGE IS YOU

STAND WITH THEM. Maybe that could be a sort of new year's resolution; to try to understand why some people always seem to be at the end of the queue, why some people always seem to have the door slammed in their face. Fr Austen Williams, the one time Vicar of St Martin's in the Fields used to ask that question, and because he asked the question, he did something about it and the crypt of the church became a unit for homeless people. **May God bless you on your journey to the edge and to be with those who stand there.**



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

The Rev'd Keith Osborne, 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 BIBLE READING FOR TODAY: John 2 vv1 – 11

The arrangement of the readings and festivals for the church year takes us, this week into the first miracle of Jesus, the wedding at Cana in Galilee. The presentation of Jesus as a baby is yet to take place (February 2) but this reading takes us to Jesus at the start of his earthly ministry.

The miracle is well known and is often read at weddings. Little is known about weddings in first century Palestine, they are thought to be lengthy events, perhaps for a week, and hospitality was very important; failure to provide was a serious social error. Jesus, through his actions restores honour to the groom when the wine ran out and water was transformed into the best wine anyone had ever tasted.

However, for John, a miracle, or a sign as he prefers to call them, is more than just a spectacular event, it is a vehicle to reveal God's glory. Here, Jesus takes something ordinary, water, and transforms it into something special, wine. He thus takes each one of us, and through God's glory and love, transforms us into people capable of revealing that glory and love to others**THAT IS THE MIRACLE!!!**



THOSE WHO WE REMEMBER THIS WEEK

MONDAY JANUARY 17 Antony of Egypt Hermit Abbot 356

Antony was born around 251 and at a young age heard the Gospel: ***“if you would be perfect, sell all you have, give the money to the poor, and you shall have treasure in heaven”*** When his parents died, Antony did just that and went to live in the desert. His spiritual guidance drew many to him. He died in the desert at the age of 105. He was buried in secret and thus is invoked by the faithful who search for something that is lost.



TUESDAY JANUARY 18 THE BEGINNING OF THE WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is an annual celebration and last for eight days. It is an opportunity for Christian denominations to come together in prayer and worship and to remember the centrality of the Gospel message of God's love for all people.



WEDNESDAY JANUARY 19 Wulstan Bishop of Worcester 1095

Born in 1009 was ordained and spent the next 25 years in a monastery in Worcester. In 1062 and with great reluctance, Wulfstan was elected as Bishop of Worcester. He proved to be an able pastor and administrator and helped the transference from Saxon to Norman rule.



THURSDAY JANUARY 20 Richard Rolle of Hampole Spiritual Writer 1349

Born in 1300 in Yorkshire Richard lived the life of a hermit. He eventually moved his hermitage to a Cistercian Convent at Hampole where he wrote in Latin, English and a Northumbrian dialect. His work was of great influence and his cult continued until three hundred years after his death.



FRIDAY JANUARY 21 Agnes Child Martyr at Rome 304

Agnes, died under the last Roman persecution of Christians led by the emperor Diocletian. She publically proclaimed that she preferred death to marriage and became the first in a line of child martyrs.



SATURDAY JANUARY 22 Vincent de Saragossa Deacon First Martyr of Spain 304

Vincent was born in the latter years of the third century in the region of Aragon, Spain. After being made a Deacon, he became a secretary to Bishop Valerian. Due to speech concerns, Valerian relied on Vincent to speak for him. When both were arrested under the persecution of Emperor Diocletian Vincent so annoyed those who questioned him he was martyred thus becoming the first Deacon and first martyr of Spain. He is likened to Stephen as he would not be silenced in his proclamation of the faith even in the face of death.



PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY JANUARY 16 THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

“Esau ran to meet Jacob, they embraced, and they wept” Genesis 33 vv4

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN REUNITED WITH THOSE WHO WERE ONCE PART OF THEIR LIFE.

MONDAY JANUARY 17 ANTONY OF EGYPT Hermit Abbot 356

“Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you; this will make you children of your heavenly Father” Matthew 5 vv44

PRAY FOR THOSE NATIONS WHERE PEOPLE OF FAITH ARE PERSECUTED, IMPRISONED AND KILLED, THAT THE HEARTS OF THOSE WHO PERSECUTE THEM WILL BE SOFTENED AND THAT TOLERANCE AND UNDERSTANDING WILL PREVAIL

TUESDAY JANUARY 18 THE BEGINNING OF THE WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

“You, O Lord, are a light for my lamp; you make my darkness turn to day” Psalm 18 vv29

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE SIGHT CONCERNS AND FOR THE CHARITIES WHO OFFER HELP, GUIDANCE AND RESOURCES

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 19 WULFSTAN Bishop of Worcester 1005

“In everything, deal with others as you would like them to deal with you” Matthew 17 vv12

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE IN DEBT AND FOR THOSE WHO WORK WITH THEM

THURSDAY JANUARY 20 RICHARD ROLLE Spiritual Writer 1349

“Thank the Lord for his steadfast love, and for the wonders he does for his people”

Psalm 107 vv31

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO LEAD WORSHIP AND FOR THOSE WHO ARE CALLED TO DO SO

FRIDAY JANUARY 21 AGNES Child Martyr at Rome 304

“Come to me, all you are weary and overburdened, and I will give you rest” Matthew 11 vv28

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO STRUGGLE WITH MENTAL HEALTH PROBLEMS AND FOR THOSE WHO CARE FOR THEM

SATURDAY JANUARY 22 VINCENT OF SARAGOSSA Deacon First Martyr of Spain 304

“Arise my love, for the flowers appear on the earth, the time for singing is here Song 2 vv10

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO WORK IN GARDENS

FIRST SUNDAY EVENT

THANK YOU IF YOU WERE ABLE TO SUPPORT THE JANUARY EVENT To date £200.00 has been collected to support ACTION AGAINST HUNGER. *It is not too late for you to support this collection, please let FP. have your donation.* THIS CHARITY IS WORKING TO LESSEN THE EFFECTS OF THE AFGHAN FOOD CRISIS ESPECIALLY AMONGST CHILDREN.



OTHER RECENT GIVING:

THANK YOU also if you contributed to the FLAPJACK Remembrance Day collection at Pencoys for the Royal Navy and Royal Marines Charity, **£120.00** has been sent



THANK YOU again if you supported the Children's Society at the FLAPJACK Crib Service, **£110.00** has been sent



FEBRUARY 6: The Presentation of Christ in the Temple / CANDLEMAS / Christingle
Christchurch, Lanner, 6.00pm. 70th anniversary of the accession of Queen Elizabeth II

MARCH 6: The First Sunday of Lent. Four Lanes Chapel, 6.00pm

APRIL 3: Passiontide begins. Pencoys Church, 6.00pm

MAY 1: The third Sunday of Easter. Christchurch, Lanner, 6.00pm

JUNE 5: Pentecost. Four Lanes Chapel, 6.00pm

JULY 3: Thomas the Apostle. Pencoys Church, 6.00pm

AUGUST 7: Transfiguration (trans.) Christchurch, Lanner, 6.00pm

SEPTEMBER 4: 12th Sunday after Trinity. Four Lanes Chapel, 6.00pm

OCTOBER 2: Harvest. Pencoys Church, 6.00pm

NOVEMBER 6: 3rd Sunday before Advent. Christchurch, Lanner, 6.00pm

DECEMBER 4: World AIDS Day / Advent. Four Lanes Chapel. 6.00pm

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR ALL YOU HAVE GIVEN IN BOTH SUPPORT AND DONATIONS. YOUR KINDNESS HAS CHANGED LIVES.

FIRST SATURDAY QUIZ

Although it was hoped that the quiz would be face to face from January, due to the current health situation, the quiz will remain ON-LINE. **VOLUNTEER QUIZ SETTERS FOR FEBRUARY, MARCH & APRIL HAVE BEEN FOUND.** We'll try again for face to face from after EASTER on **MAY 7!!!** *The JCDs will set FEBRUARY, The Jersey Jesters will set MARCH, and the Isolated Two will set APRIL* **THANK YOU!!**



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: Peter & Maureen, Mandy, Monica & Victor, Ian, Rose & Terry, Francis, Rex, Marlene, Mark Genower, Zoe, Isabelle & Andrew, Betty, Helen Anderson, Vanessa, Sue, Nicola, Mary, Tina, Melva, David Rowe, Sarah, Paul & families

THOSE WHOSE JOURNEY IS OVER: Barbara Russell, Maureen, Shaun

SUPPORT OUR CHRIST THE KING / SOCK



THANK YOU so much if you have been able to support one of the three SOCK events. This was a major fund-raising project and raised £2,000.00 to support the life and work of Christchurch.

At a recent meeting, the Christchurch Council resolved to hold a SOCK every quarter, so the next one will be on: **SATURDAY MARCH 26 2022, 2.00pm – 4.00pm.**

The Council also resolved that **Margaret's TEA & CHAT** will start again on the **LAST MONDAY** of each month, 2.00pm – 4.00pm. This starts on MONDAY JANUARY 31.



DIARY DATES:

FRIDAY JANUARY 14 / St Stephen, Treleigh, Healing Service, 7.00pm

SATURDAY JANUARY 22 / The Crypt, Wedding Preparation, 9.30am – 12noon / ZOOM

SUNDAY JANUARY 23 / Christchurch PCC., 3.00pm

SUNDAY JANUARY 30 / Benefice Sunday, St Euny Feast

MONDAY JANUARY 31 / ZOOM / Last Monday Bible Study



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.

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

PART 2 of the LIGHTHOUSE nativity play was another great event. Titled, "Sharon the sheep's long journey" and performed at the Four Lanes / Pencoys / FLAPJACK First Sunday Event it showed the arrival of the travellers who had followed a star and arrived at Bethlehem / Nazareth / Somewhere, via Herod's Palace. The collection was for a charity working to feed the people of Afghanistan: **ACTION AGAINST HUNGER** WELL DONE LIGHTHOUSE!!



IN CASE YOU A 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

