

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,

January is a strange month. Named for the Roman god Janus, who is portrayed as looking both backwards and forwards, Perhaps that is what you are doing, looking back over the past months and realising how much the pandemic has changed what we thought was normal, or perhaps you are looking forward to new challenges, new hopes, new chances and possibilities. As church communities we are waiting for ON THE WAY to suggest new possibilities as to how the Benefice and the Deanery might strengthen our future development. The three churches in Redruth (St Andrew, Redruth, St Euny, Churchtown & St Andrew, Redruth) are now working as one Parish and we are all looking forward to the arrival of the new Deacon, Chris. Pat. W. from Christchurch, Lanner has written a poem which sums up what we call hope for

MY GUIDING LIGHT

*I know that Jesus loves me and that I love Him too.
I promise I will serve Him and try His will to do.
He always watches o'er me; I'm ever in His sight.
I know that Jesus loves me; He is my Guiding Light.*

*His warm and loving presence is like a constant flame.
He spreads love all around Him and bids me do the same.
He knows my inner conflicts; He helps me win the fight.
I know that Jesus loves me; He is my guiding Light.*

*And when I lose direction or somehow go astray,
I know He's there beside me to show to me the Way.
And if I let Him lead me He'll show me wrong from right.
I know that Jesus loves me; He is my guiding light.*

*And in this world of darkness and misery and sin,
His love can scatter all the gloom and peace will then flood in.
He lights up my life's journey and makes my pathway bright.
I know that Jesus loves me; He is my guiding light.*

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: Luke 4 vv14 - 21

This reading shows Jesus as a popular figure. He has just left the wilderness after having resisted the temptations of thinking only of personal need, popularity and power. He is filled with the power of the Holy Spirit and as he speaks in the Nazareth synagogue, the synagogue of his home he sets out the manifesto for his future ministry, a ministry that will be based on the words of the prophet Isaiah. It will bring social change, a reversal of the status quo, a new way of living and relating to others. He proclaims a world where all are equal and no-one is cast aside, where all are honoured and in which no-one need struggle. It is a world which the Diocese of Truro is seeking to establish through its 'Diversity and Equality' discussions. May their efforts be successful and may Cornwall at least reflect God's love for all of creation.



THOSE WHO WE REMEMBER THIS WEEK

MONDAY JANUARY 24 Francis de Sales Bishop of Geneva Teacher 1622

Francis was born in 1567 in the castle of Sales in Savoy. Educated in Paris and Padua, his working life began as a lawyer before he was ordained priest. In 1593 he began preaching against Calvinism in favour of the Roman Catholic pathway. In 1599 he was consecrated Coadjutor Bishop of Geneva. Although he became the Diocesan Bishop in 1602, the Roman Catholic faith was not given official recognition until 1799. Much of his writings focus on making meditation and prayer possible for all. Francis died in Lyons on December 28, the Festival of the Holy Innocents, in 1622.



TUESDAY JANUARY 25 THE CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL AND THE END OF THE WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

The moment of Paul's conversion came on the road to Damascus after Paul, then Saul had witnessed the martyrdom of Stephen. The martyrdom, his blinding, baptism, re-naming and Paul's subsequent journeys and letters to the struggling early churches is all recorded in The Book of Acts and the letters that follow eg. Romans, Corinthians, Philippians etc. The festival of Paul's conversion began in the 6th century and became accepted worldwide in the twelfth century.



WEDNESDAY JANUARY 26 Timothy & Titus Companions of Saint Paul

Immediately after the festival remembering Paul's conversion, the church remembers two of his faithful companions who Paul describes as: "*partners and fellow-workers in God's service*".

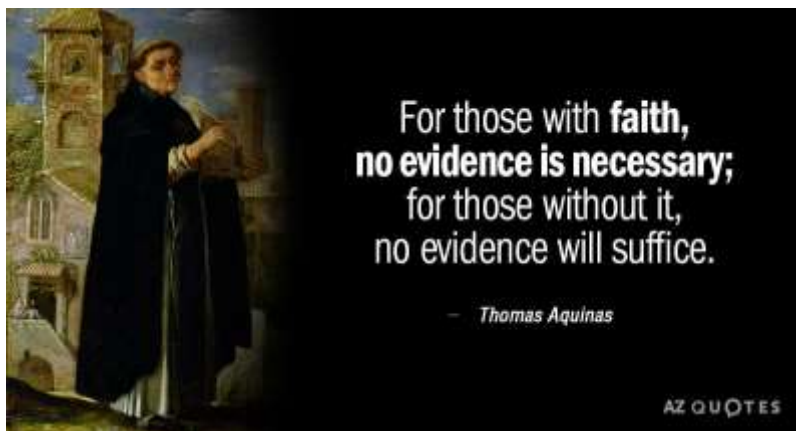
Timothy was dual heritage, a Jewish mother and a Greek father, Titus was Greek, and supported Paul against the circumcision party. Timothy is linked with the church at Ephesus and Titus with the church in Crete, of which he became the first Bishop. Both Timothy and Titus are honoured for their faithfulness and devotion to the Gospel.



THURSDAY JANUARY 27 Feria

FRIDAY JANUARY 28 Thomas Aquinas Priest Philosopher Teacher 1274

Described as the greatest teacher and thinker of the medieval church, Thomas was born in Italy and educated by Benedictines at Monte Casino, and at university in Naples. Against his families wishes, he joined the mendicant order of Dominican preachers. He had a profound theological knowledge combined with a gentle approach which earned him the title: "The Angelic Doctor". He died on his way to the Council of Lyons in 1274.



SATURDAY JANUARY 29 Feria



PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY JANUARY 23 THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

“When Jesus saw the crowd, he had compassion on them and healed those who were sick”

Matthew 14 vv14

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE STRUGGLING WITH THEIR HEALTH, AND FOR THOSE WHO CARE FOR THEM

MONDAY JANUARY 24 FRANCIS DE SALES Bishop of Geneva Teacher 1622

“The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall lack. He makes me lie down in green pastures, He leads me to tranquil streams” Psalm 23 vv1

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE COUNSELLORS AND THERAPISTS, THAT THEIR WORDS MAY BRING HOPE AND PEACE OF MIND

TUESDAY JANUARY 25 THE END OF THE WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

The Conversion of Saint Paul

“Jesus looked at the and said: “for people this is impossible, but for God, all things are possible”

Matthew 19 vv19

PRAY FOR ALL CHURCHES, PEOPLE AND INSTITUTIONS WHO CARRY THE NAME OF PAUL, AND FOR THOSE WHO ARE SEEKING TO TURN THEIR LIFE ROUND

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 26 TIMOTHY & TITUS Companions of Saint Paul

“In your steadfast love you led the people whom you redeemed; you guided them by your strength” Exodus 15 vv13

PRAY FOR THOSE WITH WHOM WE SHARE BONDDS OF FRIENDSHIP AND WHO WALK WITH US ON OUR JOURNEY

THURSDAY JANUARY 27 FERIA

“Instead, whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant” Matthew 20 vv26

PRAY FOR THE LEADERS OF THE WORLD, THAT THEY WILL LEAD IN THE WAYS OF JUSTICE, PEACE AND FREEDOM FOR ALL

FRIDAY JANUARY 28 THOMAS AQUINAS Priest Philosopher Teacher 1274

“The ways of the Lord are kindness and truth for those who keep his covenant and his decrees”

Psalm 25 vv10

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO STRUGGLE TO STAY WITHIN THE LAW IN THE FACE OF HARDSHIP

SATURDAY JANUARY 29 Feria

“The second commandment is: you shall love your neighbour as yourself” Matthew 22 vv29

PRAY FOR THE COMMUNITIES IN WHICH WE LIVE OR SPEND TIME, ESPECIALLY FOR THOSE WHO NEED HELP AND SUPPORT AT THIS TIME

FIRST SUNDAY EVENT

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

ROYAL CHRISTINGLES WILL BE MADE!!

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.

ADVENT STUDY GROUP

The Christchurch, Lanner Group wrote a prayer after the first meeting of "Beyond the Christmas Card" when they studied Mary.

MARY

*We thank you Mary for bring Jesus into the world
and for the trials and tribulations you faced as a mother.*

I don't know what to say as I give thanks for the joy your baby brought to us all.

Mary, you are the Mother of God, you accepted God's purposes for your life;

May God's purposes for my life take root in my heart and bear fruit,

And may Mary after her struggles in life find happiness eternally,

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN



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!!** Wherever we are, face to face or on-line, **POETS CORNER** will set the MAY quiz.

MANY CONGRATULATIONS TO THE ISOLATED TWO the triumphant team in JANUARY.



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, Claire-Louise, Paul & Victor, Rose & Terry, Francis, Rex, Marlene, Mark Genower, Zoe, Isabelle & Andrew, Betty, Helen Anderson, Vanessa, Sue, Nicola, Ethel Mary, Melva

THOSE WHOSE JOURNEY IS OVER: Barbara Russell, 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:

SUNDAY JANUARY 23 / Christchurch PCC., 3.00pm

SUNDAY JANUARY 30 / Benefice Sunday 10.30am, St Euny Feast 6.00pm

MONDAY JANUARY 31 / ZOOM / Last Monday Bible Study

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 2 / St Andrew, Pencoys meeting, 4.00pm., church

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 13 / FLAPJACK meeting, 1.00pm., church



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!!

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

