

MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER

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Sunday December 19 2021

Written as the Season of Covid 19 draws closer to Christmas, *let's hope it will be a happy time for the world especially in the face of OMICRON*

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Dear Readers throughout the world,

Last week, Treswithian Crematorium had its annual memorial service. This was a chance to remember those who had their funeral at Treswithian. Part of the event was a new version of **THE 12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS**. Perhaps at this time of year we have memories of those whom we have loved but see no longer. This could be through death, but could also be through distance, argument or just circumstance. Maybe this song will help us all to remember and to give thanks for all those with whom we have shared Christmas over the years

*On the FIRST day of Christmas my true love said to me: **(and) A merry Christmas to you***

*On the SECOND day of Christmas my true love gave to me: **Patience and love***

*On the THIRD day of Christmas: **Years of fun***

*On the FOURTH day of Christmas: **Care for our friends***

*On the FIFTH day of Christmas: **Kindness and love***

*On the SIXTH day of Christmas: **Tears of joy and sorrow***

*On the SEVENTH day of Christmas: **Words of forgiveness***

*On the EIGHTH day of Christmas: **Someone beside me***

*On the NINTH day of Christmas: **All that I needed***

*On the TENTH day of Christmas: **Arms to surround me***

*On the ELEVENTH day of Christmas: **A promise for the future***

*On the TWELFTH day of Christmas: **A chance to remember***

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: Luke 1 vv39 - 55



This is a famous passage and focuses on the meeting between Mary and her cousin Elizabeth. Both women have conceived miraculously and as the women meet the child Elizabeth was carrying, John the Baptist, 'leapt' within her. Elizabeth knows that ancient prophecies are being fulfilled. Her recognition gives rise to the prayer known as **The Hail Mary**;
***Hail Mary full of grace, the Lord is with thee,
Blessed art thou amongst women,
And blessed is the fruit of thy womb; Jesus***

The meeting leads on to Mary's song, known as 'The Magnificat', a song which turns the structures of the world on their heads. The powerful are brought down, the hungry will be fed, the rich will lose their power and influence. These words are at the heart of the Christian faith, a faith which proclaims that God's love is for all people, and that all people are beloved of God and should be honoured and valued. BEFORE JESUS WAS EVEN BORN, THE GOSPEL MESSAGE WAS BEING PROCLAIMED BY THESE TWO FAITHFUL WOMEN.

THOSE WHO WE REMEMBER THIS WEEK

Believe it or not, the Church of England doesn't remember anyone of spiritual or social significance in the week before Christmas. The next Festival is on DECEMBER 26, when the church remembers STEPHEN, first Deacon and first martyr.

PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY DECEMBER 19 Advent 4

“Do not ridicule someone who is bitter, help them to remember that there is One who was humbled and exalted” Sirach 7 vv11

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO FEEL REJECTED, WHO CAN SEE NO PURPOSE FOR THEIR LIVES

MONDAY DECEMBER 20

“Anyone who is united with Christ is a new creation. The old order has passed away. Behold, all has become new”. 2Corinthians 5 vv17

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO THE WORLD SEES AS SUCCESSFUL, THAT THEY WILL REMEMBER THOSE WHO WERE CAST ASIDE IN THEIR PURSUIT OF SUCCESS

TUESDAY DECEMBER 21

“With all your might love your maker, and do not neglect God’s ministers” Sirach 7 vv30

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HOLD POSITIONS OF AUTHORITY IN THE CHURCH

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 22

“Do not be so confident of forgiveness that you add sin to sin” Sirach 5 vv5

PRAY FOR THOSE WHOM YOU HAVE WRONGED

THURSDAY DECEMBER 23

“As much as you can, aim to know your neighbours and consult with the wise” Sirach 9 vv14

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO WHERE YOU LIVE, FOR THE COMMUNITIES YOU ARE PART OF AND FOR THE CHURCHES WHICH ARE PART OF YOUR LIFE

FRIDAY DECEMBER 24 CHRISTMAS EVE

“There was no room for them in the inn” Luke 2 vv7

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO TODAY WILL WALK THE STREETS, SLEEP IN A DOORWAY, HIDE IN A ‘SKIPPER’ AWAY FROM PEOPLE AND FEAR THE COMING OF THE NIGHT

SATURDAY DECEMBER 25 CHRISTMAS DAY

“She gave birth to her first-born Son, she wrapped Him in swaddling clothes and laid Him in a manger” Luke 2 vv7

PRAY FOR CHILDREN WHO ARE SEEKING, OR HAVE FOUND THEIR ‘FOREVER’ HOME, FOR THOSE WHO WAIT FOR A CHILD AND FOR THOSE WHO NOW HAVE A CHILD FOR WHOM THEY HAVE LOVE AND CARE

FIRST SUNDAY EVENT

The December Event has now raised £150.00 for Lorna’s Drop In THANKYOU SO MUCH.

The January 2022 Event on Sunday January 5 will be an Epiphany Carol Service charity yet 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

IN NEED: Nigel, Olly, Morgan, Peter & Maureen, Mandy, Monica & Victor, Ian, Rose & Terry, Francis, Rex, Marlene, Mark Genower, Zoe, Isabelle & Andrew, Betty, Helen Anderson, Vanessa, Sue, Nicola, Mary, Tina, Meva, Roy & Caroline, Sylvia Eden, David Rowe, Sarah, Paul & families

THOSE WHOSE JOURNEY IS OVER: Sue, Auntie Nita., Trish Rowe, Geoffrey, Rose-Mary

PENCOYS CHURCH CHRISTMAS DAY

It will be another PICNIC!! From about 12.30pm. Snax provided along with mulled wine etc. ALL WELCOME, games, music etc. Wear a hat and a Christmas jumper or not!! It would be helpful to know if you hope to be there. Just let FP know 079 038 079 46

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 DECEMBER 19 / 4Lanes Chapel, FLAPJACK & VILLAGE carols with nativity play, 2.30pm
St Stephen, Treleigh, Carol Service, 6.00pm

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 22 / Christchurch / Last Wednesday Study Group 11.45am

FRIDAY DECEMBER 24 / Crib Services: Christchurch, 3.00pm., Pencoys Church, 5.00pm
Christmas Eve Masses: Four Lanes Chapel, 6.30pm.,
Christchurch, 8.00pm St Andrew, Pencoys, 10.00pm

Happy Christmas

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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Happy New Year!!!

SUNDAY JANUARY 2 / First Sunday Event, Epiphany Carol Service, Pencoys 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.

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

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