

**MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER**

**Newsletter Year 2 / 37**

**Sunday November 28 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 AUSTRIA!!***

## ***ADVENT SUNDAY***

**Dear Readers throughout the world,**

As the church year comes to an end, a new church year begins, the following story may give you a smile .....

*Two spiders decided to live in a church. The first spider spins their web in the chancel, then in the pulpit and then in the font; but it seems wherever the web is spun, the church cleaners sweep it away. The first spider grows thin, weak and unhappy. One day, the first spider meets the second spider who is plump and happy. The first spider asks the second spider how they have done so well. The second spider explains how a place of safety was found, the web had been spun across the collection box!!*

As you light your Advent candles, remember that each one of us is called to GIVE. As God gave himself to us through Jesus, and as we prepare for the moment when we remember that moment on Christmas Day; so we must also prepare ourselves to give that love to those whom we meet day by day. Put your hand into the hand of the Christ child. Feel his grip, his strength and let that strength lead you on your journey through Advent and on to Christmas Day, so that you too may give not only your money, but also that you may give your prayers, your time, yourself as your gift to others. .



***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 21 vv25 - 36**

Every generation has its disasters, troubles and signs that the end of time, the end of the age, signs that the Kingdom of God is drawing close. Our generation is no different. We have all witnessed refugees struggling to build a life in a world that is free, terrorism on a terrible scale, a pandemic with so much death and long-term illness. ARE WE LIVING THROUGH THE LAST DAYS?

Jesus points to the fig tree which was a symbol of wealth and prosperity; it was a versatile tree as it was used to feed animals in time of a failed harvest and the bark and roots were used to make cloth, shields and building material. Farmers know the changing seasons by looking at the trees, seeing the changes in their structure, the growth patterns in buds, leaves, flowers and fruit, the farmers know what is about to happen.

So it is with us who wait for the second coming, the Parousia, when God will draw all things to himself. But at the moment, there is so much hope, so much kindness, so much care of each other. This was all evidenced in a contribution in a Radio 4 programme, "The Museum of Curiosity". In this programme guests are asked to give items to a virtual museum. One guest donated A SUNSET AFTER A NIGHT SHIFT. The guest was a doctor and during the pandemic who had worked many night shifts in the intensive care unit. After one very difficult shift, when it had snowed heavily, he saw through a window the sun rising about a snow cloud. The sky was a brilliant red and the sun rose slowly through the snow. For this doctor it was a great sign of hope, that the pandemic would pass and that the world would continue in safety.

Like the farmers and the fig trees, the doctor and the rising sun, we must look for signs of hope, rather than signs of disaster. We must see the goodness that flourishes in the world, for the signs of answered prayer and God's love active in the world. We must look for the signs and know that God's love surrounds us all and we need not be afraid.

## **THOSE WHO WE REMEMBER THIS WEEK**

**MONDAY NOVEMBER 29** Andrew the Apostle / transferred

**TUESDAY NOVEMBER 30** Andrew the Apostle

Andrew seems to be one of the first disciples called by Jesus. In Matthew, Mark and Luke, Andrew is seen as a fisherman together with his brother Simon Peter and two other brothers, James and John. It is in the Gospel of John that more information becomes available. It seems that all four were disciples of John the Baptist before Jesus called to them. Andrew is often called the 'first missionary' as he brings his brother, Simon Peter to Jesus: "*Andrew said to Simon, I have seen the Messiah, who is the Christ, and he took him to Jesus*". Legend has him travelling on several journeys, and he became the patron of Scotland when his relics were brought there in the eighth century. The cross of Saint Andrew, the flag of Scotland, known as the SALTIRE continues to be used.

**WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 1 Charles de Foucauld Hermit 1916**

Charles was born in 1858 and as a young officer in the cavalry and on a trip to Morocco developed a love of North Africa. Returning four years later to the Roman Catholic faith, he became a Trappist Monk in 1890 and a later a servant to the Poor Clares in Jerusalem and Nazareth. Ordained priest in 1901 he went to live as a hermit in Algeria. Despite his love of the people, he was assassinated in a local religious war. His example and his writings inspired the formation of an order known as 'The little brothers of Jesus' in 1945.

**THURSDAY DECEMBER 2 (feria)**

**FRIDAY DECEMBER 3 Francis Xavier Missionary 1552**

Born in the castle of Xavier in Spain in 1506, he was educated in Paris, where together with Ignatius Loyola and others became the first to take vows in an order now known as The Jesuits. Francis travelled to Goa in 1541 and together with visits to Ceylon, Malacca, Malaya and Japan established churches. He died on the ship taking him to China.

**SATURDAY DECEMBER 4 John of Damascus Monk Teacher 749**

John was born in the then Muslim city of Damascus in 657. His father, a Christian was the Chief of the Revenue for the city and the main representative of the Christian community. John became a monk in Jerusalem and wrote many theological works and hymns.



**PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK**

**SUNDAY NOVEMBER 28 ADVENT SUNDAY**

“If I give everything away to feed the poor but do not have love, I achieve nothing”

**PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE GIVEN AWAY EVERYTHING AND HAVE JOINED A RELIGIOUS COMMUNITY TO PRAY FOR THE WORLD**

**MONDAY NOVEMBER 29 Andrew the Apostle / transferred**

“You will then be like a son of the Most High, and he will love you more than anyone”

Sirach 4 vv10

**PRAY FOR THOSE CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULTS WHO SEEK THEIR ‘FOREVER’ HOME**

**TUESDAY NOVEMBER 30 Andrew the Apostle**

“Love is patient, love is charitable, love is not envious, it does not have an inflated opinion of itself” 1Corinthians 13 vv4

**PRAY FOR THOSE WHO WORK ON THE SEA, TO BRING FOOD, RESOURCES, GOODS, EQUIPMENT AND RESCUE**

**WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 1 Charles de Foucauld Hermit 1916**

“Teach me to do your will, for you are my God. Let your gracious Spirit lead me upon a level path” Psalm 143 vv10

**PRAY FOR COUNSELLORS, SUPPORT GROUPS, TELEPHONE SERVICES AND ALL WHO SEEK TO HELP AND GUIDE OTHERS**

**THURSDAY DECEMBER 2 (feria)**

“Love is never rude; it does not seek its own advantage” 1Corinthians 13 vv5

**PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE PREJUDICED AGAINST OTHERS BECAUSE OF RACE, SEXUALITY, DISABILITY AND ANTHING ELSE THAT SOMEHOW SETS THEM APART**

**FRIDAY DECEMBER 3 Francis Xavier Missionary 1552**

“Watch for the opportune time, and do not e ashamed to be yourself” Sirach 4 vv20

**PRAY FOR ALL THOSE WHO FEEL ON THE EDGE, THAT WILL BE BRAVE**

**SATURDAY DECEMBER 4 John of Damascus Monk Teacher 749**

“Love is not prone to anger, neither does it brood over setbacks” 1Corinthians 13 vv5

**PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE WORRIED ABOUT THE FUTURE, THAT THEY WILL FIND HOPE**

## **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](mailto:baptism66@gmail.com)

IN NEED: Nigel, Olly, Morgan, 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: Jowan Ryan*

## 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.

**DIARY DATES: TONIGHT!!** SUNDAY NOVEMBER 28 / St Euny Advent Carol Service. 6.00pm

MONDAY NOVEMBER 29 / St Andrew, Redruth & Pencoys, Patronal Festival, 7.00pm

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 1 / Advent Study Group at Christchurch, 11.45am

THURSDAY DECEMBER 2 & 9 / St Euny study course, 'Living in love and faith', 7.00pm

SATURDAY DECEMBER 4 / Redruth Hospice Shop Christmas Event, 11.00am – 3.00pm  
Treleigh Church winter fair, 11.00am – 1.00pm

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

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

THURSDAY DECEMBER 16 / St Andrew, Pencoys, '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., 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.

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 .....**

