

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER / THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

Transition Sunday 37 and the 17th Sunday in the united parish

Dear Readers,

Sadly, the official church diary no longer mentions ROGATION SUNDAY. It does however name the Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday following as ROGATION DAYS. So, below is a commentary on ROGATION!!



Rogation is an ancient church festival to seek blessing for a community and its sustenance. The word rogation comes from the Latin verb rogare, meaning "to ask", which reflects the beseeching of God for protection from calamities. As the Book of Common Prayer puts it: "Rogation Days are the three days preceding Ascension Day, especially devoted to asking for God's blessing on agriculture and industry."

Since mediaeval times there has been a tradition of "beating the bounds" of the parish, praying for God's blessing upon the crops and thus the well-being of that particular settlement. It is still observed by some parishes today – with a procession, prayers and a sharing of hope in God's goodness to nourish every endeavour which enables people to flourish.

The Sixth Sunday of Easter (the fifth Sunday after Easter Sunday) is traditionally known as "Rogation Sunday" in the Church of England's calendar of festivals. This

is because the Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of the following week are known as the “Rogation Days,” days for fasting and prayer. The Thursday of that week is the feast of the Ascension, which comes on a Thursday, the 40th day after Easter (when Easter Sunday is counted as the 1st day).

Rogation invites people to ask for blessing – for a particular place; for all its inhabitants; for every endeavour to promote the common good. It is totally inclusive – joining everyone in seeking sustenance and a commitment to play their part in its provision.

*Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ in his earthly life shared our toil and hallowed our labour:
Be present with your people where they work;
make those who carry on the industries and commerce of this land responsive to your will;
and give us all a right satisfaction in what we do,
and a just return for our labour;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.*



LOOKING FOR SOMEWHERE TO GET WARM OR JUST TO BE WITH OTHERS

Don't forget the WARM SPACES that have been created as a result of last year's government's 'WARM SPACES INITIATIVE'. The united parish of Redruth warm spaces are:

WEEKLY MONDAY MORNING IN THE CRYPT with breakfast from 8.00am (next one 6 / 5 / 24)

WEEKLY TUESDAY GAMES at Christchurch. After Easter the event has restarted FORTNIGHTLY when you read this, the next one is on Tuesday May 7, 2.00pm – 4.00pm

WEDNESDAY GAMES at Four Lanes Chapel, 2pm – 4pm (next one is on 8 / 5 / 24) This alternates with the community WEDNESDAY CLUB/ same place, same times

WEEKLY OPEN CAFÉ at St Euny, 2.15pm – 4.00pm

MONTHLY TEA PARTY at Treleigh (Next one, Tuesday May 14 at 2.30pm)

*MONTHLY TEA PARTY in the **THE PENCOYS HALL** (next one 26 / 5 / 24)*

YOU are welcome at them ALL!!



THE TRANSITION!!

So back to our SIX worship settings in the UNITED PARISH and the period of transition. Can you estimate the number of Sundays there will be before the new Rector of Redruth is installed – **remember there is a prize for the nearest estimate!!!**

THE LIST OF POSSIBLE SUNDAYS IN THE TRANSITION

LR: 100 FP: 75 AR: 52 SG: 40 MH: 48 JO: 60 CR: 88



A prayer for churches in a time of transition

God of Love, you are with us in every transition and change.

As we enter into this new era with excitement and even some anxiety, we recall your deep compassion, presence, and abounding love.

We thank you for the gifts, talents and skills with which you have blessed us.

We thank you for the experiences that have brought us to this moment.

We thank you for the work of others that gives breadth and depth to our own work. Be with us as we move forward, rejoicing with you and supporting one another. We ask this in your Holy Name, our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

If you were in church on MOTHERING SUNDAY, you will have heard the following announcement:

The Acting Bishop of Truro, the Rt Rev'd Hugh Nelson is pleased to announce that The Rev'd Rebecca Bell, at present Priest-in-Charge of the Benefices of Menheniot, St Cleer, St Ive, and Pensilva with Quethiock in the Diocese of Truro is to be Rector of the Benefice of Redruth in the Diocese of Truro. This is conditional on legal formalities completed. She will be licensed at a place and on a date to be arranged.

The winner of the valuable prize for the most accurate installation date for the new rector who we now know will be The Rev'd Rebecca Bell will be known once we have an installation date. BUT, entries are now CLOSED!!!!



With the assurance of our prayers
The Ministry Team, the Benefice of Redruth
The Rev'd Liz. Harris, Lanner Methodist Chapel
The Redruth, Camborne & Hayle Methodist Circuit
Jim Seth, Chaplain to The Readers.

THE MINISTRY TEAM

Just in case you are not sure, the Ministry Team, which is doing its best to move the new parish forward and to prepare for the new rector is:

The Rev'd Margaret Fr Christopher Reader James Reader Jason FP

They meet weekly on a Tuesday. They are joined on the first Tuesday of each month by:
Simon / Parish Administrator **Anya** / Parish Nurse **Lucie** / Pioneer Minister in training



At the moment, the MT will be meeting YOU in your particular worship setting to discuss changes in the current service structure. PLEASE go to your meeting, and tell the MT what you think of the proposals.

THE CHURCH COUNCILS

Following the APCM the united parish of Redruth now has ONE elected Parochial Church Council. This Council has reps. from each of the six worship settings. Each worship setting will now have a District Church Council which will suggest events and plans to the Parochial Church Council for approval. This will help us all to know what is happening and hopefully avoid clashes wherever possible. The Parochial Church Council continues to be chaired by *Geoff Saville*.

The NEXT PCC meeting is on TUESDAY MAY 14 / single item agenda to vote on the rota twining proposal. The next regular meeting is on THURSDAY JUNE 13 at Christchurch, Lanner. Keep talking to your church reps. and let Geoff Saville know if there is anything you need discussed at the next meeting.



GOSPEL FOR SUNDAY: John 15 vv9 – 17

This Gospel is difficult as it concerns LOVE. Not just love for a family, for a partner, for a dear friend, but love for all people, and love for the world. A difficulty is that in English we just have the one word to express many emotional responses to each other and oneself. In Greek there are EIGHT words for love:

AGAPE: *love of God, and God's love for the world and its people*

PHILIA: *the love for a friend*

EROS: *love expressed physically*

STORGE: *love for ones family*

MANIA: *obsessive love*

LUDUS: *flirting!!*

PRAGMA: *a love born out of duty*

PHILAUTIA: *the love of oneself / self esteem*

Maybe, with the help of these words we can follow the old saying:
you can't LIKE everyone, but you can LOVE everyone!!



THOSE WHO WE REMEMBER DURING THE WEEK

MONDAY MAY 6 Bank Holiday Rogation Day / See earlier notes

TUESDAY MAY 7 Rogation Day / See earlier notes

WEDNESDAY MAY 8 Julian of Norwich Mystic Writer 1417

Tradition records the birth of a woman in 1343, who when she was 30 had a series of 16 visions when she was gravely ill. These visions revealed the nature of God's love. The woman recovered and for the next 20 years meditated and then wrote "Revelations of Divine love"; the first book to be written by a woman in English. At some point the woman became an anchoress attached to the church of St Julian in Norwich. Future generations have remembered her by this name.



THURSDAY MAY 9 ASCENSION DAY

Ascension Day comes 40 days after the resurrection. It is the moment in time known as the great commission. Jesus asks his disciples to return to Jerusalem and to wait for the 'comforter' the 'Holy Spirit'. This will empower them to go out into all the world and to proclaim God's love for all people. The Bible records the moment Jesus leaves the disciples and the world. By tradition, the Paschal candle which has burn at every service since Easter Day is extinguished, to be re-lit a every sacramental service until the new Paschal candle is lit on Easter Day a year later.



PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY MAY 5 The sixth Sunday OF Easter / The fifth Sunday AFTER Easter

"The fruit of the Spirit is in goodness, righteousness and truth" Ephesians 5 vv9

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE CALLED TO SERVE OF JURIES, THAT THEY WILL SEEK TO KNOW THE TRUTH

MONDAY MAY 6 Bank Holiday Rogation Day

"You are the Father, we are the clay; you are the potter and we are the work of your hand" Isaiah 64 vv8

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO WORK IN THE CREATIVE INDUSTRIES, THAT THEIR WORK WILL REFLECT YOUR LOVE

TUESDAY MAY 7 Rogation Day

"In the beginning was the word, and the word was with God, and the word was God" John 1 vv1

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE WAITING TO BRING NEW LIFE INTO THE WORLD IN WHATEVER SETTING

WEDNESDAY MAY 8 FERIA

"The Lord has made his wonderful works to be remembered" Psalm 114 vv4

PRAY FOR THOSE WHOSE LIVES HAVE PLAYED AN IMPORTANT PART IN YOUR JOURNEY OF FAITH

THURSDAY MAY 9 ASCENSION DAY

"If we are faithless, God will remain faithful" 2 Timothy 2 vv13

PRAY FOR PILOTS AND ALL WHO WORK IN THE AVIATION INDUSTRY

FRIDAY MAY 10 FERIA

"Through faith we believe that the world was framed by the word of God"

Hebrews 11 vv3

PRAY FOR THOSE WHOSE WORK AND RESEARCH ENLARGES OUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE WORLD AND THE GALAXY

SATURDAY MAY 11 FERIA

"It is God, who through our hearts has revealed the light of the glory of God"

2 Corinthians 4 vv6

PRAY FOR THOSE WHOSE LIVES AND EXAMPLE HAS OPENED GOD'S LOVE FOR EACH ONE OF US

WEEKLY PRAYERS

Please let FP know if there is a name to include on this part of the sheet: 079 038 079 46 or baptism66@gmail.com

Jill, Philip & Hilary, Daphne Thomas, Francis, Joy, Eileen, Andy & Linda, Zoe & Andrew, Rex & David, Marlene, Betty, Joy Pedley, Mark Genower, Graham and Pam, Caroline, John Stevens, Michael Tangy, Pa

Those whose journey is over: *Jean Roberts*

FIRST SUNDAY EVENTS

MAY 5 / St Andrew, Pencoys / Prostate Cancer Appeal



PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATE

The guest speaker will be Deborah Vincent, a specialist nurse in this condition. Please support her and anyone you know who are living with prostate concerns.

June 2/ Four Lanes Chapel / South West Community Chaplaincy

Life after prison



July 7 / Christchurch / A service for peace in the world



August 4 / St Andrew, Pencoys / National Stroke Association



If you have a suggestion for a FIRST SUNDAY theme or charity, please contact FP

DIARY DATES



PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS IS NOT A DEFINITIVE LIST, PLEASE KEEP CHECKING THE WHITE WEEKLY SHEET WHICH MAY HAVE ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES AND DATES.

ALSO!! The ONE PARISH ARRANGEMENTS mean that ALL events and additional services must be agreed by the One Parish PCC. This is to ensure that clashes are avoided and the necessary risk assessments and safeguarding requirements are in place

SUNDAY MAY 5

Flapjack meeting / 12.45pm / Four Lanes Chapel
LIGHTHOUSE / 3.00pm / Four Lanes Chapel

MONDAY MAY 6

Bring & Share Supper in the Pencoys Hall / 6.00pm. This replaces the events that have been lost due to the weather. ALL WELCOME

TUESDAY MAY 7

Games afternoon / 2.00pm – 4.00pm / Christchurch, Lanner
Healing Service / 7.00pm / St Andrew, Redruth

FRIDAY MAY 10 – SATURDAY MAY 11

St Andrew, Redruth / Gardening Exhibition 10.00am – 4.00pm



CHRISTCHURCH FILM CLUB

The club meets on the LAST Friday of each month. Doors open at 6.30pm and the projector starts running at 7.00pm. The sponsoring group is CFYLM which is based in the Kroji building. A year's membership costs £?????? (reducing to £3.00 from July) and the contribution to see each film has been increased to **£5.00** which supports the film rental cost of £25.00. There is FREE ice-cream and tea / coffee in the interval.



PLEASE NOTE THE INCREASED ADMISSION PRICE. THIS IS TO HELP CHRISTCHURCH WITH THE INCREASED ELECTRICITY. COSTS tea, coffee and ice-cream still free. BUT, CHILDREN WILL WATCH FOR FREE, AND A GUEST WILL BE £2.00

The date of the next film HAS changed; it will now be on **SATURDAY JUNE 7**, and then again on **FRIDAY JUNE 28**

PENTECOST – SUNDAY MAY 19

Following Avril's Holy Week Meditation, there is a plan to present a similar event on **PENTECOST**. The proposed date is **SUNDAY MAY 19, 6.00pm at Treleigh Church**.

There is a rehearsal on **FRIDAY MAY 17, 7.00pm at Treleigh**. THIS IS A CHANGE OF DATE!!!!

This is a STEPS initiative (STEuny Performing Stars) now becoming:

Stephen Treleigh Everyone's Pentecost Stars



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 at 11.15am.**

LIGHTHOUSE meets next on MAY 5 / 3.00pm

THIRD SATURDAY BINGO

The next 'eyes down' is at 6.00pm in the Pencoys Hall on Saturday May 18 2024.

The theme for the prizes is: **BACK TO THE LOO CLEANER!!**

OTHER LOO CLEANERS ARE AVAILABLE!!



WEEKLY 'IF YOU KNOW YOU KNOW' QUIZ QUESTION

If you read / see this sheet here is a question – answers to FP.

No internet or reference books allowed!!

LAST WEEK'S QUESTION:

Who is the Shadow Secretary of State for health and social care

WES. STREETING

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION: Apart from the late Queen, whose face is on a £5.00 note?



SUMMER HOLIDAY PROJECT

The project has been confirmed by the newly elected PCC, and the proposed theme is **THE OLYMPICS 2024**. The proposed programme is:

Outings are from 10.00am – 4.00pm., **BUT** EARLY / LATE arrivals and departures can be arranged from 9.00am – 5.00pm

Tuesday July 30 / outing / Christchurch, Lanner & Mary's sheep, horses and tractor!!

Friday August 2 / outing / Portreath beach

Tuesday August 6 / outing / Hayle swing park and beach

Friday August 9 / outing / Portreath Beach

Monday August 12 – Friday August 16 Adventure Week to Porthpean

Tuesday August 20 / outing / Ken's Farm

Friday August 23 / outing / Portreath beach

Tuesday August 27 / outing / Hayle swing park & beach

Friday August 30 / outing / Portreath beach

COSTS:

Each outing is £3.00 / including **ice-creams at 2 'cos that's what we do!!**
BUT those taking part will need to be taken and collected from the venue.

The Adventure Week is being offered at £200.00 / young person, which is HALF of the price charged by the centre.

BOOKING IS NOW OPEN / Fr Peter 079 038 079 46



IF YOU ARE YOU ARE STRUGGLING AND NEED A LISTENING EAR

The Samaritans: 116 123 A long established help line for those who are moving to the edge and who need help to draw back

Anxiety UK: 03444 775 774 A helpline for those who are carrying concerns and worries that maybe overwhelming them

Mind: 0300 123 3393 An opportunity to talk through your mental health, and perhaps to find strategies to help you

Calm: 0800 58 58 58 Do not struggle alone, there are people to help you cope and move forward

Crisis text line (text) 85258 Whatever your concern, especially if it is linked to housing and your need to come inside, CRISIS will guide you

Child-line: 0800 11 11 Children and young people need not be afraid, just phone for a friendly voice

Cornwall Council: 0300 1234 100 You'll get an automated voice, but keep going, press the right buttons on your phone and you'll be able to speak to someone eventually or leave a message

NSPCC: 0808 800 5000 A charity if you have concerns about a child

Multi Agency Referral Unit (MARU) 0300 1231 116 A Cornwall Council referral group who will be able to guide you, or take a referral

STREET LINK: 0300 500 0914 Although this is a London number, you can be connected to a local number. BUT you may want to phone **ST PETROC'S 01872 264 153**, they are based in Truro and will be able to help you locally.

JUST TO MAKE YOU SMILE!

