

The 47th Sunday in the united parish / The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Dear Readers,

This carol expresses the love, hope and joy of Christmas enjoy!!

Said the cat to the mouse, in their dark little house,

In that stable so long ago,

"I am wondering why that bright star in the sky Is shining upon us down below."

And the night skies rang, as the angels sang,

When Love came down to the earth;

And the night skies rang, as the angels sang,

When the Baby King had his birth.

Said the mouse to the cat, as in wonder they sat,

And they saw Mary's face filled with joy,

"Perhaps that star we can see is to tell you and me,

Of the coming of this precious little boy."

And the night skies rang, as the angels sang,

When Love came down to the earth;

And the night skies rang, as the angels sang,

When the Baby King had his birth.

Sleepy shepherds they saw as they crept through the door

And they brought little gifts to the child.

As they gazed with love on the child from above,

Mary turned to the shepherds and smiled.

And the night skies rang, as the angels sang,

When Love came down to the earth;

And the night skies rang, as the angels sang,

When the Baby King had his birth.

So they happily sat,
little mouse, little cat,
As they heard Mary singing to her son, As she cradles with care,
This baby, the Lord's chosen one
*And the night skies rang, as the angels sang,
When Love came down to the earth;
And the night skies rang, as the angels sang,
When the Baby King had his birth.*



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 8.30am (next one 23 / 12 / 24)

WEEKLY TUESDAY GAMES at Christchurch. This event is FORTNIGHTLY and when you read this, the next one is on Tuesday December 31, 2.00pm – 4.00pm

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

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

MONTHLY TEA PARTY at Treleigh 2.30pm (Next one, Tuesday January ????? TBC)

MONTHLY TEA PARTY in THE PENCOYS HALL 4.00pm (next one 29 /12 / 24)

MARGARET'S LAST MONDAY TEA PARTY in Christchurch 2.00pm (next one 30 / 12 / 24)

YOU are welcome at them ALL!!



With the assurance of our prayers
The Rev'd Rebecca and the Ministry Team of the United Parish of Redruth
The Redruth, Camborne & Hayle Methodist Circuit
Jim Seth, Chaplain to The Readers
Sarah Flowerday, Pastor to Four Lanes Chapel

GOSPEL FOR SUNDAY: Luke 1 vv39 - 45

The angel sent Mary to Elizabeth because she was 'carrying' and was far too old. This was the proof that was offered; Elizabeth's pregnancy was miraculous, just as Mary's was. As the two women meet Elizabeth's child turns as it hears Mary's voice. For Mary it was enough. She breaks into a song of praise, which we, thousands of years later call 'The Magnificat'.



So, what is your proof? As you approach Christmas, is it just a party, an expensive few days, a time of isolation, a time of argument, a time of celebration, a time when you know, realise or remember that you are beloved of God, and that through you Christ will once again be born into the world.



THOSE WHO WE REMEMBER DURING THE WEEK

THURSDAY DECEMBER 26 Stephen Protomartyr Deacon

In the Book of Acts, Stephen is described as one of the seven Deacons chosen to help the poor in the early church in Jerusalem. However Stephen gave a speech to the Sanhedrin which showed the history of the Jews leading to the birth of Jesus. This so enraged his audience that he was taken out and stoned. Thus he is accorded the title of: protomartyr.



FRIDAY DECEMBER 27 John Apostle Evangelist

It is not known if John the Apostle and John the Evangelist were the same person. But today we honour the one who wrote: "In the beginning was the word". John, known as the 'beloved disciple' was one of the inner circle. He was present at the Transfiguration, at the Last Supper and at the foot of the cross where Mary is given into his care. He was a witness to the resurrection and according to legend died in Ephesus.



SATURDAY DECEMBER 28 The Holy Innocents

Although Stephen is the first martyr, the Holy Innocents died before him. They died at the hand of Herod the Great who on hearing of the birth of Jesus was determined to eliminate him. This parallels with Moses who was saved when Pharaoh ordered the death of Hebrew children. Moses goes on to lead God's people into the promised land. Jesus goes on to lead all people to the promised land of God's love.



PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY DECEMBER 22 ADVENT 4

"We are ambassadors for Christ. God is talking to the world through us"

2Corinthians 5 vv20

PRAY FOR POLITICIANS, ESPECIALLY FOR THOSE IN SYRIA, UKRAINE AND RUSSIA THAT THEY MAY CALL FOR PEACE

MONDAY DECEMBER 23 Feria

"As much as you can be part of your community, know your neighbours and be wise"

Sirach 9 vv14

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO LIVE NEXT DOOR TO YOU, AND FOR ALL THE COMMUNITIES OF WHICH YOU ARE A PART

TUESDAY DECEMBER 24 CHRISTMAS EVE

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

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE PART OF THE HOSPITALITY INDUSTRY

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 25 CHRISTMAS DAY

"Mary gave birth to her son, Emmanuel" Luke 2 vv7

PRAY FOR THOSE WHOSE CHILD IS DELIVERED TODAY, ESPECIALLY FOR THOSE BORN INTO PLACES OF VIOLENCE AND OPPRESSION

THURSDAY DECEMBER 26 Stephen Protomartyr Deacon

"Look, said Stephen, I see heaven opened, I see God's glory and Jesus standing at the right hand of God" Acts 7 vv54

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO TODAY ARE PERSECUTED FOR THEIR FAITH

FRIDAY DECEMBER 27 John Apostle Evangelist

"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 MODERN DAY MISSIONARIES

SATURDAY DECEMBER 28 Holy Innocents

"Rachel, weeping for her children refuses to be comforted, for they are dead" Matthew 2 vv17

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO GRIEVE FOR A CHILD OF WHATEVER AGE

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

Emily, Hilary, Eileen, Andy & Linda, Zoe & Andrew, Rex & David, Marlene, Betty, Gill, Graham & Pam, Caroline, John Stevens, Pa., Judith & her family, Rosemary, Lisa, Dave & Sam, Mark, Ben his children and Fudge their dog

Those whose journey is over: Roger Gessy



FIRST SUNDAY EVENTS

You will wish to know that **FOOD TROOPS** which you supported through the October Event is featured as one of the 20 charities in the Diocesan **Cornish Christmas Giving Catalogue**. Copies available either on-line or through your parish setting.

SUNDAY DECEMBER 1 / St Euny Church / Advent Event / 6.00pm

ST PETROC'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL AND YOU COLLECTED £150.00. THANKYOU

SUNDAY JANUARY 5 2025!!!! / Pencoys Church / Epiphany Carols / 6.00pm



BUT WHICH CHARITY?????

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 2 / St Euny Church / The St Euny Feast / 6.00pm



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

SATURDAY DECEMBER 21

Pencoys Hall BINGO 6.00pm

SUNDAY DECEMBER 22

St Euny Christingle 3.00pm

MONDAY DECEMBER 23

Glencoe Carol Service 2.00pm

TUESDAY DECEMBER 24

So many services!!!!

These may have changed, please check if in doubt!!

Treleigh Crib Service 3pm

Christchurch Crib Service 3pm

St Andrew, Redruth Crib Service 4.30pm

Pencoys Crib Service 5.00pm

St Euny Carol Service 6pm

Christchurch HC 8pm

Treleigh HC 9pm

Pencoys HC 10pm (including the dedication of a new crib figure)

St Andrew, Redruth HC 11.30pm

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 25

More services!! Please check the times

Christchurch HC 10am

St Andrew, Redruth 10am

Pencoys HC 11.15am

FLAPJACK Community lunch in 4Lanes CHAPEL 12.30pm

THURSDAY DECEMBER 26

St Stephen, Treleigh Patronal Festival HC 10.30am (cake & fizz!!)

FRIDAY DECEMBER 27

Christchurch Film Night 6.30pm / cameras at 7pm

AND the film is: "*Miracle on 34th Street*" starring Richard Attenbrough

SUNDAY DECEMBER 29

Joint HC at St Andrew, Redruth 10.30am

St Euny Cornish Carols 3pm

Pencoys Hall Last Sunday Tea-Party 4pm

MONDAY DECEMBER 30

Christchurch Margaret's Tea Party 2pm – 4pm

Morning Prayer ZOOM link Bible Study 4.30pm

TUESDAY DECEMBER 31

Christchurch Games afternoon 2pm – 4pm

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 1 2025 *HAPPY NEW YEAR*

HC services as usual

St Euny Open Café – Christmas New Year Celebration



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 is: **FRIDAY DECEMBER 27** and the film will be:
“Miracle on 34th Street”

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 SUNDAY JANUARY 5 2025 / 3.00pm in the Chapel

3rd SATURDAY BINGO

The next session is **SATURDAY DECEMBER 21 6.00pm** in the Pencoys Hall.
WEAR A HAT AND LET'S HAVE A CHRISTMAS PARTY!!



WEEKLY QUESTION!!

LAST WEEK'S QUESTION:

Can you name **FOUR** Archangels? Michael / Gabriel / Raphael / Uriel

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION: At which **POLE** does Fr Christmas live?



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 LAUGH!!

I don't want much for
Christmas I just want
the person reading this
to be healthy, happy
and loved!

Wishing You
Snowflakes,
Friendship
and Winter cheer!



SAPPHIRE BLUE AND THE CORNISH KNOCKERS

A LOCALLY WRITTEN PANTOMIME

JANUARY 10 @ 7PM

JANUARY 11 @ 2 & 7PM

TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THE
CHILDREN OF GAZA &
ST JULIA'S HOSPICE, HAYLE

FREE ENTRY - DONATIONS FOR
THE TWO CAUSES MUCH
APPRECIATED

ST EUNY CHURCH,
CHURCHTOWN, REDRUTH

PLEASE PUBLICISE THIS AMAZING EVENT AS WIDELY AS POSSIBLE!!