

The 4th Sunday in the second year of the united parish
THE SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

Dear Readers,



You never know what might turn up on a white elephant stall. Take for example the logo / badge for the Isle of Man. It's that three legged man, the origin of which is lost in the mists of time. Here is a picture, just to remind you:



The origin of the three legged man comes from centuries ago – here is one theory:

The history of the Three Legs of Mann goes as far back as Pagan times and was originally a symbol of the sun and of power and life. It has also been suggested that the Manx Three legs symbol may have been an adaptation of the “triskele” which appeared on coins of the 10th Century Norse King Analaf Cuaran whose dominion included Dublin and the Isle of Man. Folk tales suggest a link with Manannan, the Celtic Sea God but there is no early evidence of this. All the early examples of the Manx “Legs” show them running clockwise towards the sun. The Three Legs of Mann motto has been associated with the symbol since about 1300 A.D. “Quocunq̄ue Jeceris Stabit” literally translates to “Whithersoever you throw it, it will stand.”

But it is the motto that is so important. Read the article in the March “5 Alive” concerning Ash. There are so many people who get ‘thrown out’ and yet still manage to get up and carry on, searching for the sun, the origin of life, what some of us call God. Maybe this prayer will help us all reach out to those who are ‘thrown out’ for whatever reason. Because, one day, just maybe, it might be you!!

Loving God, let our actions bring light to those in dark places, hope to those who are despairing, and love to those who feel forgotten. Lord, cultivate in me a heart that eagerly seeks to help others. Open my eyes to the needs around me, and stir in me the willingness to act without hesitation. AMEN



WARM SPACES

WEEKLY MONDAY MORNING IN THE CRYPT with breakfast from 8.30am (next one 24 / 02 / 25)

WEEKLY TUESDAY GAMES at Christchurch. This event is FORTNIGHTLY and when you read this, the next one is on Tuesday March 4 2.00pm – 4.00pm (NOTE the change in the rotation)

WEDNESDAY GAMES at Four Lanes Chapel, 2pm – 4pm (next one 26 / 2 / 25) This alternates with the community WEDNESDAY CLUB (next one 5 / 3 / 25) 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 March 11)

MONTHLY TEA PARTY in the PENCOYS HALL 4.00pm (next one Sunday February 23 2025)

MARGARET’S LAST MONDAY TEA PARTY in Christchurch 2.00pm (next one 24 02 25)

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

TOAST YOUTH GROUP (*Talk Over A Slice Together*): The future development of this significant area of parish work is being discussed at the next PCC. If you are interested in helping or just learning more please talk to the leader, *Fr Christopher*



GOSPEL FOR THE 2nd SUNDAY BEFORE LENT: Luke 8 vv22 - 25

It is a reading about faith. Faith in a situation which is desperate, hopeless and very dark. In this reading the disciples are crossing from their own territory – the known, and heading towards the unknown, the other side of the water. They were afraid, more than afraid, they were terrified. Jesus is able to calm their fears, to shatter the darkness that surrounds them and to bring them hope.

Perhaps that is when our own faith is tested, when we are surrounded by the unknown – grief, unemployment, depression, illness. It is then that we must remember that we do not face the unknown alone. Through the cross, through the resurrection the darkness has been shattered and the light and hope of God's love surrounds us.



THOSE WHO WE REMEMBER DURING THE WEEK

MONDAY FEBRUARY 24 Matthias Apostle Martyr

Matthias the Apostle was one of the [twelve main disciples of Jesus Christ](#). He's the only disciple who wasn't personally called by Jesus. Instead, the other disciples chose him to replace [Judas Iscariot](#), who betrayed Jesus and died shortly after Jesus was crucified. Matthias is only mentioned by name in [Acts 1:23](#) and [Acts 1:26](#), but from that point on, whenever the Twelve apostles are referred to collectively, he's with them. Beyond these two mentions in [Acts](#), the [New Testament](#) tells us nothing about him. However, we do know that he met the requirements [Peter](#) established for replacing Judas: he'd followed Jesus since his baptism by John the Baptist, and he witnessed Jesus' ascension to heaven ([Acts 1:21-22](#)).



THURSDAY FEBRUARY 27 George Herbert Priest Poet 1633

Born in 1593 into an aristocratic family, George was educated at Cambridge in 1614. He became a member of Parliament and refused to be ordained. However after spending time at Little Gidding he was deaconed in 1626 and priested in 1630, serving in Bemerton near Salisbury. He wrote prolifically and his hymns are still sung.



SATURDAY MARCH 1 David Bishop of Menevia Patron of Wales 601

David or Dewi was a monk and a bishop in the 6th century. Although living an ascetic lifestyle he was known for his kindness and compassion. He founded a monastery in Menevia / now St David's and based the rule on that of the Desert Fathers. He is recognised as the Patron Saint of Wales.



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, Isobel, Paul & family

Those whose journey is over: Teresa, Billy, Brenda

PRAYERS FOR THE COMING WEEK

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 23 2nd Sunday before Lent

"He will be a source of joy and delight to you, and many will rejoice at his birth" Luke 1 vv14

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY GIVEN BIRTH AND FOR THOSE WHO ARE WAITING; FOR MIDWIVES AND FOR ADOPTING AND FOSTER PARENTS

MONDAY FEBRUARY 24 Matthias Apostle Martyr

"Why are you so disheartened, put your hope in God" Psalm 43 vv5

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO SUFFER WITH DEPRESSION, FOR COUNSELORS AND FOR 'MAN DOWN'. FOR THOSE WHO LIVE WITH ADDICTION

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 25 Feria

"He has come to the aid of those who seek peace" Luke 1 vv54

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO SEEK TO RESTORE PEACE TO THE BROKEN AREAS OF THE WORLD

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 26 Feria

"The Lord your God, is God; the God who is faithful to those who love him" Deuteronomy 7 vv9

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE FAITHFUL IN THEIR SEARCH FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE FOR ALL

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 27 George Herbert Priest Poet 1633

“Jesus laid his hands upon them and healed them”

**PRAY FOR THOSE WHOSE LIVES ARE BOUND UP WITH HEALTH SETTINGS,
THAT THEY WILL NOT TIRE OF DOING GOOD**

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 28 FERIA

“They overcame the darkness because the light of your love was upon them”

Psalm 44 vv4

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO WORK THROUGH THE NIGHT

SATURDAY MARCH 1 David Bishop of Menevia Patron of Wales 601

“Trust in the Lord and he will have compassion upon you”

PRAY FOR THE PEOPLE OF WALES



STOP PRESS!!

The Methodist Church, has, for some time allowed for the marriage of same gender couples. Each Methodist setting has to come to their own decision concerning such marriages in their building. **THE CHAPEL AT FOUR LANES HAS DECIDED TO ALLOW SUCH MARRIAGES.** There will now be a consultation with others who worship in the building.

The Church of England has yet to make a decision on this matter



FIRST SUNDAY EVENTS

SUNDAY MARCH 2 / Christchurch, Lanner / Kawasaki disease / 6.00pm

CHARITY: The UK Kawasaki Foundation



SUNDAY APRIL 6 / Four Lanes Chapel / Cambodia revisited / 6.00pm

CHARITY: To be decided



PLEASE NOTE: THE MARCH AND APRIL EVENTS HAVE BEEN SWAPPED DUE TO SCHOOL EXAMS WHICH AFFECT OLLY WHO WAS REPORTING ON HIS VISIT TO CAMBODIA

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

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 21

The Crypt The Randoms perform for YOU!! 7.00pm

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 22

Four Lanes Chapel Bangers & Mash 11.00am – 1.00pm

Happy Birthday Grandma Jill

Christchurch, Lanner Supper Club 7.00pm

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 23

Penmarth Chapel Christingle 3.00pm

Pencoys Hall Last Sunday Tea-Party 4.00pm

St Euny Evensong 6.00pm

MONDAY FEBRUARY 24

Christchurch Margaret's Tea-Party 2.00pm

Morning Prayer Link ZOOM Last Monday Bible Study

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 25

Treleigh Hall PCC 7.00pm

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 26

Christchurch Film Club / "Keeping Mum" 6.30pm / 7.00pm

SATURDAY MARCH 1

Pencoys Hall Monthly Quiz 7.00pm

FUTURE LAST SUNDAY JOINT SERVICES

March 23 (note the change) Four Lanes Chapel March 30 / Own church

April 27 / Redruth May 25 / Lanner June 29 / St Euny

July 27 / Treleigh August 31 / Pencoys September 28 / Redruth

October 26 / Lanner November 30 / St Euny December 28 / Treleigh

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 £???? and the contribution to watch a film is £5, **BUT** there is **FREE** ice-cream and tea / coffee in the interval.



The date of the next film is: **FRIDAY FEBRUARY 28 2025** and the film will be **"KEEPING MUM"** starring Maggie Smith

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 MARCH 2 2025

WEEKLY QUESTION!!

LAST WEEK'S QUESTION: Who is TENTH in line to the throne of GB?
Princess Beatrice

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION: Who is the current American Secretary of State



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

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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!!

