



# REDRUTH TEAM MINISTRY

## 8TH NOVEMBER 2020 REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 3RD SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT PRAYER SHEET DURING COVID-19

### Collect for this Sunday

God, our refuge and strength, bring near the day when wars shall cease and poverty and pain shall end, that earth may know the peace of heaven through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### Readings for this week

Amos 5.18–24, 1 Thessalonians 4.13–18, Matthew 25.1–13

### Post Communion

God of peace, whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom and restored the broken to wholeness of life: look with compassion on the anguish of the world, and by your healing power make whole both people and nations; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

### Gospel: Matthew 25.1–13

'Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." But the wise replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves." And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you." Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

### TODAY'S GOSPEL: Matthew 25.1–13

This is a traditional reading as we prepare for the mystery of Advent, those weeks of preparation before Christmas. It was a traditional scene, the women waiting for the bridegroom, ready to lead him into the ceremony... but only some were ready, ready to let God's love be part of their lives. In just a month Advent will be with us and what a day Advent Sunday will be... a patronal festival for the two St Andrew Churches, three confirmations by Bishop Hugh and Graham's last Sunday; all in one service!!! These events will not just happen, each one will need preparation, planning and enthusiasm ..... just like those in the Gospel, they too needed to be ready as they waited for the wedding to start. So, let's start getting ready now, getting ready to welcome the season of Advent and all that will bring as we continue to cope with the strange times in which we are living.

### NEW COVID-19 LOCKDOWN AND SERVICES IN OUR CHURCHES

Due to the new COVID-19 lockdown, which began on Thursday 5th November, we are currently unable to carry on with Sunday and mid week services in our church buildings until the lockdown ends. **However, our online Benefice Zoom services will continue every Sunday at 10.30am.**

### CHURCH OPENING TIMES FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

Throughout the lockdown our churches will still be open for private prayer. For the week beginning Sunday 8th November, the churches are open as follows:

- St Andrew Redruth: Sundays & Wednesdays 9am to 4pm
- Christchurch Lanner: Mondays & Fridays 2pm to 4pm
- St Andrew Pencoyts: Tuesdays & Saturdays 2pm to 4pm
- St Stephen Treleigh: Wednesday 11th November 10am to 12noon and Thursday 12th November 2pm to 4pm
- St Euny: Wednesday 11th November 2pm to 4pm

There may be some minor changes for the following week, but we will keep you updated on this sheet with any changes and further developments.

### SUNDAY 8TH

### REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 3RD SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

**Due to the new COVID-19 lockdown all planned Remembrance Sunday services in our churches have sadly had to be cancelled. There is however an online Benefice remembrance service on Zoom at 10.30am today.**

*"Love cannot result in any harm to your neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilment of the law." Romans 13 vv10*

PRAYER: They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old. Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn, at the going down of the sun, and in the morning, we shall remember them.

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO LOOK BACK ACROSS 75 YEARS AND REMEMBER THE END OF THE SECOND WORLD WAR, AND OTHER WARS. WHO TODAY ARE IN THEATRES OF WAR AND ARE DOING WHAT THEY CAN TO BRING PEACE INTO THE WORLD. WE PRAY FOR THEM ALL AND PRAY THAT PEACE MAY PREVAIL.

### Monday 9th Margery Kempe, mystic, c.1440

*"I have spoken what I did not understand, things too wonderful for me, which I did not know." Job 42 vv3*

PRAYER: Help me to trust the events of my life and the events in the world, that I may see your hand in all things, and that I may work to see your glory in others.

PRAY FOR TEACHERS AND LECTURERS AS THEY RETURN FROM HALF-TERM AND READING WEEKS. BE WITH ALL STUDENTS THAT THEY MAY USE THE DIFFICULTIES THEY FACE TO STRENGTHEN THEIR DESIRE FOR TRUTH AND JUSTICE IN THE WORLD AND TO KNOW THEIR PLACE IN ACHIEVING THAT HOPE.

### Tuesday 10th Leo the Great, bishop, teacher, 461

*"Do not repay anyone, evil for evil; do not be conquered by evil, but conquer evil with good." Romans 12 vv17*

PRAYER: God of light and love, I am powerless to overcome the darkness of the world unless your light shines through me; strengthen me to bring hope into the world, that others need not be afraid.

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE PEACEMAKERS AND FOR THOSE WHO BRING HOPE INTO THE WORLD. FOR THE POLICE, FIREFIGHTERS, PARAMEDICS, EMERGENCY WORKERS, AND ALL THOSE WHOSE WORK MAKES OUR LIFE BETTER.

**Wednesday 11th Armistice Day. Martin, bishop, c.397**

*"I know that the Lord secures justice for the poor and upholds the cause of the needy." Psalm 140 vv13*

PRAYER: Peaceful God, who gave himself on the cross that the world may know of your love for all people; help us to reflect that same love to all people, regardless of ethnicity, faith or economic situation. Help us to bring that same peace wherever we are and to whoever we spend our time.

PRAY FOR THE ARMED FORCES, FOR THOSE WHO LIVE AND WORK IN PLACES TORN APART BY VIOLENCE AND OPPRESSION. BE CLOSE TO THOSE WHO SPEAK WORDS OF PEACE, TOLERANCE AND ACCEPTANCE, THAT THEY WILL BE HEARD AND HEARTS WILL BE SOFTENED.

**Thursday 12th**

*"Those of us who are strong must walk beside and understand the concerns of those who are weak." Romans 15 vv1*

PRAYER: Eternal God, you were born into a human family, you were a refugee and lived in an occupied land. Because of all this, you understand the struggles which the world and its people must face. We give thanks that even in our darkest moments you walk beside us, and will never leave us.

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE TRAPPED IN SYSTEMS WHICH THEY FIND DIFFICULT TO NAVIGATE, FOR THOSE WHO AT THIS TIME HAVE LOST THEIR WORK, THEIR SAVINGS AND THEIR PURPOSES IN LIFE. WE PRAY THAT IN THE MIDST OF ALL THEIR CONCERNS THEY WILL KNOW THEY ARE NOT ALONE.

**Friday 13th Charles Simeon, priest, evangelical devine, 1836**

*"My child, when you come to serve the Lord, prepare yourself for testing." Sirach 2 vv1*

PRAYER: Ever caring God, we pray for those who are called to public service in all walks of life, those who must make decisions, face criticism and live with the knowledge that they could have maybe done more or done differently. May they know that Jesus too faced opposition and anger but was faithful to the cross and on to the empty tomb.

PRAY FOR POLITICIANS, THAT THEY WILL SEEK ONLY TO DO WHAT WILL BRING LIFE AND HOPE AND WILL NOT BE OVERWHELMED BY THE CLAMOUR OF VESTED INTERESTS.

**Saturday 14th Samuel Seabury, bishop, 1796**

*"I am resolved that whilst I am with you, I will know nothing but Jesus and him crucified." 1Corinthians 2 vv9*

PRAYER: Loving and creative God, guide the words and thoughts of your people, that all they may say and do might reflect your love for the world. Help us to use the pathway that Jesus walked as a pattern for our lives.

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO SEE ONLY FAULT AND BLAME. FOR THOSE WHO CRITICISE AND SPIN WEBS OF GOSSIP, INTRIGUE AND DECEIT. FOR THOSE WHO PUSH DOWN RATHER THAN RAISE UP. HELP US ALWAYS TO SEE THE BEST IN EACH OTHER AND TO ENCOURAGE OTHERS AS YOU ENCOURAGE US.

**SUNDAY 15TH 2ND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT  
10.30am. Benefice Zoom service online**

**IN YOUR PRAYERS:** Among those who have died in years past, we remember: *Joan Moyle, Jim Peters.*

PRAY FOR THOSE IN NEED: *Vic. & Monica, Mother Shirley & Max, Donald, Grandma Kathy, Judith, Beverley & Nigel, Rex, Pat MF. & Phyllis, Patti, Dawn, Sylvia, Mark, Rory, Mark K., Lorraine & Tim., Helen, Elouise, Alex., Richard, Danny, Lucy, Rosemary, Jamie, Ros & Kieran, Brian & Molly, Hannah, Francesca.*

AND PRAY FOR THOSE WHO REST WITH YOU ETERNALLY: *Tyler, Myra, David N.,* and all those who we remember at this time of remembrance.

**A POEM FOR REMEMBRANCE DAY**

written by Pat Williams from Christchurch Lanner

**OUR POPPIES WEAR WITH PRIDE**

Three quarters of a century have passed since World War Two  
So many years have now elapsed since that World War was through.  
We celebrated victory while mindful of the cost  
To oh so many people who were injured, killed or lost.

Each one was someone's husband, son, or dear beloved friend,  
And all of them had families who prayed the war would end.  
So many men and women too were called upon to serve,  
And we all now must give to them respect that they deserve.

And in those Flanders fields that had seen so much bitter strife,  
The poppies raised their glowing heads – a symbol of new life.  
For they were nurtured by the blood of those who had been slain  
And as we wear this crimson flower we think of them again.

But here amidst the tears and grief we should a thought now spare  
For all we called "The enemy" who also suffered there.  
They too felt agonising pain from bomb or shot or shell  
And all experienced the fear of this a living hell.

And what of the civilians at home here and abroad?  
Their sufferings throughout the war should never be ignored.  
They kept the Home Fires Burning bright throughout those war-torn years,  
And letters sent back from The Front brought smiles and sometimes tears.

And those who were too old or young to join in with the fight  
Still helped in many countless ways and worked with all their might.  
And women too took on the tasks which once by men were done;  
They entered factories and did the jobs once frowned upon.

And WW1 would end all wars or so the pundits said,  
They little knew that WW2 would rear its ugly head.  
And as we honour those who died in World Wars 1 and 2  
We pray all conflict will now end and friendship will ensue.

Now here, Lord, in humility we ask that wars will cease  
And throughout all this earth of ours will come Eternal Peace.  
And so again "Lest we forget" we think of those who died,  
And as a symbol of respect, our poppies wear with pride.

**FUNERAL**

There will be a funeral at 1.30pm at St Stephen Treleigh Church on Monday 9th November.

**DIARY DATES**

*Sunday November 22nd* Christchurch Patronal Festival, 3pm.  
This will now be a Zoom event.

*Tuesday November 24th* A Feast of Prayer, Zoom Event, 7pm.

*November 29th* Advent Sunday, 6pm. Patronal Service for Saint Andrew with Bishop Hugh preaching. This will now be a Zoom event

*Monday November 30th* Bible Study on Saint Andrew, Zoom Event, 4.30pm

*Tuesday December 1st* World AIDS Day - will be kept as a First Sunday Event on December 6th (Covid-19 restrictions permitting.)

**A FINAL THOUGHT**

When it rains look for rainbows, when it is dark look for stars!!  
MAY GOD'S BLESSING REST UPON YOU ALL, UPON THOSE WHOM YOU LOVE AND WHO LOVE YOU, AND ALL FOR WHOM YOU PRAY;  
AS THE LOCKDOWN CONTINUES AND FOREVER.

**OUR CLERGY ARE HERE TO HELP YOU**

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