



REDRUTH TEAM MINISTRY

10TH JANUARY 2021 THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST FIRST SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY PRAYER SHEET DURING COVID-19

Collect for this Sunday

Heavenly Father, at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son: may we recognize him as our Lord and know ourselves to be your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Readings for this week

Genesis 1.1–5, Acts 19.1–7, Mark 1.4–11

Post Communion

Lord of all time and eternity, you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son: by the power of your Spirit complete the heavenly work of our rebirth through the waters of the new creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Gospel: Matthew Mark 1.4–11

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

THIS WEEK'S GOSPEL READING: Mark 1.4–11

When the church remembers The Baptism of Christ

If you have been to a baptism, what do you remember from the event? Perhaps it is the names that were chosen, the God Parents making their promises, the wrapping in a shawl, or the water and the candle. All of these symbols unite to receive the one being baptised into the family and life of both the church and the gathered congregation. Baptism is the first step on the road to confirmation. Baptism is about becoming a member of the church, confirmation is about becoming a citizen.

For Jesus, baptised in the River Jordan by his cousin, John, it was also a first step. Accepted by God, Jesus then goes into the barren landscape of the wilderness. It is in that bleak place that Jesus faces the three trials or temptations: think of yourself and eat, be a world leader, be famous. Each time Jesus is able to turn from his own needs and reach out to God. As he begins to leave the desert, Jesus has become ready for his ministry, he has become a citizen.

So it will be for the three candidates who hope to be confirmed by Bishop Hugh (but due to the new Covid-19 lockdown just announced, they might well be adding a third postponement to their total). They have been baptised and so are members of the church. But, when the Bishop puts his hands on them, they will become citizens. People ready to take responsibility for their faith, ready to take an active part in the life of a particular church or group of churches, ready to follow Jesus and turn from the darkness and embrace the light of God's love.

COVID-19 LOCKDOWN - NEW PATTERNS FOR WORSHIP

In view of the new national lockdown and rapidly increasing infection rates nearby, Team Council has decided that in-person Sunday worship in all our churches should be suspended for the time being. Mid-week services will continue as before, but please take extra care with hygiene and distancing if you come to these services.

St Euny's mid-week service will be reinstated, now on Wednesdays at 1.30pm, beginning Wednesday 13th January. Zoom worship online will continue every Sunday at 10.30am.

Details are as follows...

MID-WEEK HOLY COMMUNION SERVICES IN OUR CHURCHES

- St Andrew Redruth - Wednesdays at 10am
- Christchurch Lanner - Wednesdays at 11am
- St Euny - Wednesdays at 1.30pm
- St Andrew Pencoy's - Wednesdays at 6pm
- St Stephen Treleigh - Thursdays at 10am

CHURCH OPENING TIMES FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

Churches open for private prayer are as follows...

- St Andrew Redruth: Sundays & Wednesdays 9am to 4pm
- Christchurch Lanner: Mondays & Fridays 2pm to 4pm
- St Andrew Pencoy's: Tuesdays & Saturdays 2pm to 4pm
- St Euny: Open Church - Wednesdays 2pm to 4pm

SUNDAY 10TH

THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST FIRST SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

10.30am. Benefice Zoom service online

"Peter asked "Lord, how often must I forgive? Jesus answered, not seven times, but seventy times seven times." Matthew 18 vv21

PRAYER: Forgiving God, whose love never falters and whose desire to forgive touches us all; we give thanks for the assurance of a new beginning and that the past can be washed away.

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO WE CANNOT FORGIVE, FOR THOSE WHO WE CROSS THE ROAD TO AVOID, FOR THOSE WHOSE LIFESTYLES WE CHOOSE NOT TO UNDERSTAND. PRAY ALSO FOR THOSE WHO ARE UNAWARE THAT THEIR ACTIONS AND WORDS DISTRESS AND THREATEN OTHERS.

Monday 11th Mary Slessor, Missionary in West Africa, 1915

"Isaac took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her and was comforted after his mother's death." Genesis 24 vv67

PRAYER: All powerful God, whose love for the world knows no borders or barriers; may we proclaim that same love wherever we are and not be afraid to stand against the darkness.

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN BEREAVED RECENTLY, AND FOR THOSE WHO STILL GRIEVE AND REMEMBER THEIR LOVED ONES FROM YEARS GONE BY. WE PRAY ALSO FOR THE PEOPLE OF NIGERIA.

Tuesday 12th Aelred of Hexham, Abbot of Rievaulx, 1167

"A voice came from heaven saying: "this is my beloved son, in whom I am well pleased." Matthew 3 vv17

PRAYER: Eternal God, whose will is that the world should live in peace; move in the hearts of the leaders of the world. Strengthen them that they may lead their people in the ways of justice and peace.

PRAY FOR ALL WHO ARE CALLED TO THE RELIGIOUS LIFE AND HAVE DEDICATED THEIR LIVES TO SERVE THE WORLD AND COMMUNITIES THROUGH PRAYER, AND FOR SOME THROUGH WORK. WE PRAY FOR ENCLOSED ORDERS WHO ALTHOUGH APART FROM THE WORLD HAVE NOT RUN FROM IT, BUT RATHER, RUN TOWARDS IT.

Wednesday 13th Hilary, Bishop of Poitiers, Teacher, 367

10am. Service at St Andrew Redruth

11am. Service at Christchurch Lanner

1.30pm. Service at St Euny

6pm. Service at St Andrew Pencoys

"How wonderful is your kindness. You who save those who seek protection by taking refuge at your right hand."

PRAYER: Creator God, whose son Jesus Christ opened his arms to embrace the world from the cross, be close to those who seek your protection now as they face trial, imprisonment, sickness, disability or death. May they know that you are with them.

PRAY FOR ALL WORKERS WITHIN THE NHS REGARDLESS OF STATUS. STRENGTHEN THEM AT THIS TIME THAT THEY MAY BRING HOPE, PEACE, PROTECTION AND HEALING TO THOSE FOR WHOM THEY HAVE THE CARE. PRAY ALSO FOR THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF FRANCE.

Thursday 14th

10am. Service at St Stephen Treleigh

"If I have prophetic powers, and understand all, and if I have all faith, so as to move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing." 1Corinthians vv2

PRAYER: Loving heavenly Father, we give you thanks and praise for the knowledge of your love as revealed through the prophets both then and now. May that knowledge support us on our journey and may we share that knowledge with others.

PRAY FOR ALL WHO WORK IN SCHOOLS, UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES. MAY THEY BE COMMITTED TO THE LEARNING THEY SEEK TO TEACH AND MAY THEY NOT FALTER IN THESE UNCERTAIN TIMES. PRAY ALSO FOR STUDENTS OF ALL AGES, ESPECIALLY THOSE FACING EXAMS, UNIVERSITY CHOICES AND ENTRANCE EXAMS.

Friday 15th

"But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will be subject to judgement." Matthew 5 vv22

PRAYER: Lord of the world, we give thanks that you were part of a human family and knew the love and care of parents. We remember that you also embraced the world as your family and we pray for the ability to do the same.

PRAY FOR THOSE FOR WHOM WE CARRY ANGER AND BITTERNESS; HELP US TO FORGIVE EVEN IF WE CANNOT FORGET, HELP US TO BUILD BRIDGES OF RECONCILIATION, EVEN IF WE STRUGGLE TO CROSS THEM; HELP US TO REMEMBER THAT ALL PEOPLE ARE BELOVED OF GOD.

Saturday 16th

"But Esau ran too meet Jacob, and embraced him, and fell on his neck and kissed him, and they wept." Genesis 33 vv4

PRAYER: Generous God, through Jesus you ran towards the vulnerable, lonely and isolated, you ran towards the sick and the dying, and although you never crossed the road, but rather, let them come to you in faith. May we come to you for healing, confident that your love will surround us and all will be well.

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE STRUGGLING AT THIS TIME AND BECAUSE OF COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS ARE KEPT AWAY FROM THEIR LOVED ONES, FAMILY AND FRIENDS. BE CLOSE TO THEM AS THEY COPE WITH TREATMENT AND FEAR AND COMFORT THOSE WHO LOVE THEM.

SUNDAY 17TH

SECOND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

10.30am. Benefice Zoom service online

IN YOUR PRAYERS: Among those who have died in years past, we remember: *Paul Thomas, Annie Hoyle, Tom Bennett, Simon Turnock, Maud Davies, Muriel Carter, Arthur Skewes, John Brown.*

SUNDAY AT 6PM

Are you still lighting your candle at 6pm each Sunday? If you are THANK YOU. Candles are lit all over the world, so you are not alone. Here are some of the names that you may wish to hold in the light of God's love:

IN NEED: *Barbara, Alan, Mother Shirley and Max, Jay, Jill Knox, Stephen Pedley, Pam Williams & Simon, Rose Waring.*
Please let FP know if you have other names.

THOSE WHOSE JOURNEY IS OVER: *June, Murray, Rosemary, Shirley, Michael.*

DIARY DATES

PLEASE NOTE: DUE TO THE NEW COVID-19 LOCKDOWN SOME OF THESE EVENTS MAY NEED TO BE RESCHEDULED

THURSDAY 14th January, 11.15am., Treleigh PCC meeting by Zoom and telephone link.

SATURDAY JANUARY 16TH, 10am., Benefice Wedding Preparation Morning, now via Zoom.

TUESDAY JANUARY 26TH, 7pm., Feast of Prayer.

MONDAY JANUARY 29TH, 2.30pm., Zoom FLAPJACK Meeting.

SUNDAY JANUARY 31ST / 5th SUNDAY 6pm., St Euny Church, TAIZE Celebration / PLEASE LET FP KNOW IF YOU COULD BE PART OF A BAND OR A CHOIR.

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 3RD, 7pm., St Andrew Redruth, the twice postponed CONFIRMATION with Bishop Hugh.

MONDAY FEBRUARY 15TH, LENT STUDY GROUPS START, each group discussing the new report: *Living in Love and Faith*.

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 17TH, ASH WEDNESDAY.

FIRST SUNDAY EVENTS

The January 2021 Event in Pencoys Church raised funds for THE CHILDREN OF YEMEN. Our target was £130, which will feed three children for three weeks. TARGET REACHED / you raised £150!

The February Event on Sunday February 7th, 6pm in Christchurch Lanner, will be an interactive Christingle, and will be led By Zoe, Pat Basset's grand-daughter who works for a charity supporting children on the Pacific Islands. UNDER THE NEW COVID-19 LOCKDOWN THIS MAY NEED TO BE RESCHEDULED.

Please know that if you are anxious about leaving home, especially at night, you can still give to one of the chosen charities. Just put your donation aside and let FP know and he will collect it.

Over the years, one of the charities that you have supported is SENSE. This is a charity that works with children, young people and adults who are deaf / blind. You may remember that SENSE was the chosen charity for the Festival of St Zoe, our patron saint of Zoom, A Christmas card came from the Community Fund-raiser, Jon Stubbs. Jon was a Redruth boy (anyone remember him?) and he sends his thanks for your support of SENSE as well his best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

OUR CLERGY ARE HERE TO HELP YOU

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