



REDRUTH TEAM MINISTRY

21ST JUNE 2020

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY PRAYER SHEET DURING COVID-19

Collect for this Sunday

Faithful Creator, whose mercy never fails: deepen our faithfulness to you and to your living Word Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings for this week

Genesis 21.8–21, Romans 6.1b–11, Matthew 10.24–39

Post Communion

Loving Father, we thank you for feeding us at the supper of your Son: sustain us with your Spirit, that we may serve you here on earth until our joy is complete in heaven, and we share in the eternal banquet with Jesus Christ our Lord.

Gospel: Matthew 10.24–39

'A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

'So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground unperceived by your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

'Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

'Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and one's foes will be members of one's own household. Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

TODAY'S GOSPEL READING: Matthew 10 vv24 - 39

It's all about letting your life speak of God's love for the world. It's all about not letting others, even if they are your family or your friends, turn you away from the path that God has set before you. It is all about remembering that in the end, the truth will emerge and whatever you have done or not done will become clear.

During the present time so many people have let their lives speak. We all have seen the work of those in the face of danger, those whose work has become essential for each one of us. Maybe today we pause to remember and give thanks for those who have 'just got on with it' and have done what they could to "stay at home, protect the NHS, save lives".

There is a TV advert for a food delivery firm who are delivering meals to households where there is a need. They deliver to the

heroes of the NHS, to the heroes of all the jobs we have applauded, but also, they deliver meals to the heroes who stayed at home.

God calls us to do what we can, wherever we are. To change someone else's darkness, sorrow or despair with a kind word, a generous action, a friendly wave. As the lockdown eases and things seem to be a little more normal, each one of us can become a hero to someone else, through being aware of their need. Through each one of us, God's love can not only change lives, but also save them.

HOW TO JOIN OUR ZOOM SUNDAY SERVICE BY TELEPHONE

If you don't have access to the internet you can still join our Zoom Sunday Service by telephone. Your call will be charged at standard national rate, but you may well have a phone package that includes this at no extra charge. This is how to do it:

- 1) Phone **0203 051 2874**
- 2) Type in the meeting ID, which is **813 7899 3551** followed by #
- 3) When asked for a participant number, ignore this and just type #
- 4) You will be asked for the password, which is always **654321**

SUNDAY 21ST

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

"You are a forgiving God, and show us the way forward." Psalm 99 vv8

PRAYER: Loving and forgiving God, help me to remember that you forgive me even when I cannot forgive myself.

PRAY FOR ALL FATHERS, AND ALL THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN A FATHER TO US. ESPECIALLY WE PRAY FOR NEW FATHERS AND FOR THOSE WHO HAVE CHOSEN TO BE A FATHER. MAY ALL FATHERS GIVE LOVE AND PROTECTION TO THOSE IN THEIR CARE.

Monday 22nd Alban, first martyr of Britain, c.250

"Devote yourself to the Lord your God, keep God's laws day by day." 1Kings 8 vv61

PRAYER: Heavenly Father, when I need to love, help me to love with all my heart; then, help me to love with the same energy when I am not inclined to love.

PRAY FOR THOSE WHOSE LIVES LEAD THEM INTO DANGER.

Tuesday 23rd Etheldreda, abbess, c.678

"The sisters of Lazarus sent a message to Jesus: "Lord, the one you love is ill." John 11vv3

PRAYER: Healing God, be close to those who suffer at this time, surround them with your healing arms and sustain those who care for them, and those who would be with them.

PRAY FOR THOSE KNOWN TO US WHO STRUGGLE AND FOR WHOM WE PRAY. HELP US TO ACCEPT GOD'S PURPOSES FOR THEIR LIFE AND TO REMEMBER THAT YOUR LOVE CAN BE REVEALED IN WAYS WE DO NOT UNDERSTAND.

Wednesday 24th Birth of John the Baptist. Ember Day

"The Lord heard the sighs of the prisoners and those appointed to die." Psalm 103 vv20 - 21

PRAYER: God of peace and justice, hear the cry of those who suffer as they speak words about a new society where all people are honoured and your love surrounds us all.

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO WORK IN THE JUSTICE SYSTEM AND FOR THOSE WHO WORDS HAVE LED THEM INTO THE PRISONS OF THE WORLD. BE CLOSE TO ALL WHO PROTEST AT THIS TIME, THAT THEIR CRY MAY NOT BE OVERSHADOWED BY VIOLENCE AND VANDALISM.

Thursday 25th

"Many came to be with Mary and Martha and to console them for the loss of Lazarus, their brother." John 11 vv19

PRAYER: Rest Eternal grant unto them O Lord and let light perpetual shine upon them. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

PRAY FOR THOSE WHOSE LIVES HAVE BEEN LOST TO COVID19, FOR THOSE WHO GRIEVE FOR THEM BUT COULDN'T BE WITH THEM, FOR FUNERAL DIRECTORS, CEMETERY AND CREMATORIUM STAFF.

Friday 26th Ember Day

The prophet Elijah said "I have been zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts." 1Kings 19 vv10

PRAYER: Blessed and eternal God, be close to those who struggle to know your will for their lives.

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO SEEK TO NURTURE VOCATIONS; FOR THOSE WHO WILL MAKE DECISIONS ABOUT THE FUTURE OF OTHERS, GUIDE THEM ALL AS THEY SEEK TO KNOW AND UNDERSTAND GOD'S WILL.

Saturday 27th Cyril, bishop, teacher, 444

Jesus said to Martha "I am the resurrection and the life, whoever believes in me even though they die, will live." John 11 vv25

PRAYER: Lord Jesus, so often, you knew that what you did and what you said would draw you ever closer to the cross, but, you did and said it anyway. Help us to do the same.

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO PUT THEMSELVES IN THE WAY OF RACISM, PREJUDICE AND INTOLERANCE. GIVE THEM AND US, THE COURAGE TO LIVE, SPEAK AND WORK FOR THE GOOD OF ALL PEOPLE.

SUNDAY 28TH THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

The Lord forgives all your sins and brings you healing. The Lord redeems your life and crowns you with kindness and mercy.

10.30am. Benefice Zoom service via screen or phone

IN YOUR PRAYERS: Among those who have died in years past we remember: *Stewart Barrie, Trevor John Tolputt, Morley Truran, John Hastings Ince Jnr.*

Although the applause and the torches have stopped, we can still come together at home, each Sunday at 6pm, to pray for those whose names are listed in this sheet and those whom you carry in your hearts. You may also wish to remember those whose journey is over and those whose lives have supported you on your journey.

Please pray for: *Iain, Donald, David, Terri, Terry D, Shirley, Max, Zoe, Helen, Phil, Brian, Catherine.* Rest In Peace: *Mavis, Vicky.*

We pray also today for the Bishop of St. Germans elect, Hugh. Today was to be the day of his consecration as Bishop, COVID-19 has stopped this moment in his life and the life of the Diocese of Truro. May God bless Hugh and all his family.

CHURCHES OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

Following the change in the Government rules, we are slowly beginning to open our churches as follows:

- **St Andrew's Redruth: Saturdays and Tuesdays, both 10am to 2pm.**
- **Christchurch Lanner: Monday 2pm to 4pm and Friday 4pm to 6pm.**
- **St Andrew's Pencoys: Tuesday 2pm to 4pm and Saturday 4pm to 6pm.**

Both St Euny and Treleigh are still working through some issues about opening - information to follow.

You are very welcome to call in for private prayer, to sit and think or maybe just to come back to church. Please read the notices carefully when you come into church, and take care to keep 2 metres (6 feet) apart from anyone else.

ENCOUNTERS WITH JESUS IN JOHN'S GOSPEL - WEEK 3

These study groups are continuing. The times are as follows...

- Wednesdays: Margaret's group 9.30am
FP's group 11.15am; bring a sandwich
- Thursdays: Graham's group 7pm
Caspar's group 7.30pm

FATHER'S DAY. Sunday June 21st

Half way through Lent the church celebrates Mothering Sunday, or Mother's Day. This year it was on March 22nd and our churches were locked. Now on June 21st, just three months later, the churches are slightly open, but for some reason Father's Day, or you could say Fathering Sunday, isn't given the same importance.

Since the Middle Ages, this special day was kept on March 19th, and was known as Saint Joseph's Day. In 1910, the USA kept the day on the third Sunday in June, and we in the UK have followed on. Other nations keep the day at different times.

In the UK the day came into an increased importance after the Second World War. Perhaps as you look back on your life there will be people who have also had the qualities of a father for you.

A PRAYER FOR FATHERS

God our father, in your wisdom and love you made all things. Bless those fathers who have accepted the responsibility of being a father.

Bless those who are being a father alone.

Strengthen all dads by your love, that they may be loving and caring.

Grant this prayer, through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

THE BIRTH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST. Wednesday June 24th

JOHN THE BAPTIST was the son of Elizabeth, a cousin of Mary and Zechariah. His birth, announced by the Angel Gabriel resulted in Zechariah being rendered dumb for disbelieving the angelic messenger. His youth was spent as a hermit in the wilderness, surviving only on locusts and wild honey. His charismatic personality attracted great crowds when he left the wilderness and began to preach. His words focused on preparing for the Messiah and it is John who baptises Jesus in the river Jordan. The end of his life came when he denounced the marriage of Herod Antipas and his niece Herodias, whose daughter, Salome called for John's execution as a prize for her dancing.

A TENT FOR LENT

The £400 needed to support SHELTERBOX in this Lent 2020 appeal has been reached, and the cheque has been sent. The money will be used to provide a tent for a Syrian refugee family. THANK YOU so much for your donations, especially in such troubled times.

A TREE FOR PENCOYS SCHOOL

The Red Windsor apple tree, so generously donated by the Lelant Garden Centre and planted on Zoom last Sunday on World Environment Day has found its way into Pencoys Primary School. It will eventually have a plaque with the words:

PENCOYS CHILDREN CARE FOR THEIR ENVIRONMENT.

THIS TREE CELEBRATES THAT CARE, AND, THE CARE

GIVEN TO EACH OTHER IN THE 2020 LOCKDOWN

As the lockdown is gently released where will you walk? The same pathway? Or will you, like Graham suggested in last week's sermon, step out into the unknown and find new ways of reflecting God's love out into the world.

OUR CLERGY ARE HERE TO HELP YOU

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