



REDRUTH TEAM MINISTRY

23RD AUGUST 2020 ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY PRAYER SHEET DURING COVID-19

Collect for this Sunday

God of glory, the end of our searching, help us to lay aside all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom, and to give all that we have to gain the pearl beyond all price, through our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Readings for this week

Isaiah 51.1–6, Romans 12.1–8, Matthew 16.13–20

Post Communion

Lord of all mercy, we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace: by our communion keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel and preserve us from all sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Gospel: Matthew 16.13–20

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

THIS WEEK'S GOSPEL READING: Matthew 16.13–20

This is a crucial passage and is all about recognising who Jesus is, what he came to do and what to do after he has gone. It hinges on the foundation of the church, the ECCLESIA a Greek word which means "a gathering of those summoned" from which we get the word ECCLESIASTICAL, which for us means "to do with the church".

Jesus told Peter, after Peter had actually recognised who Jesus was, that it was on him, Peter that the church, the ECCLESIA would be built. This would be the new society, the new way of living based on what God had already decreed was bound or loosed. A new society bound / ordered by / love, forgiveness, compassion and freedom for all and loosed / free from / violence, oppression, slavery, legalism and injustice.

This new society, this church is what led the first Christians into conflict with the authorities throughout the world. It is still true that in many nations Christians suffer because they teach and live in a way that brings them into conflict with oppressive regimes as they seek to proclaim God's love for all.

May our churches throughout Redruth seek to build the ECCLESIA, that many may know that they are beloved of God and need not be afraid.

HOLY COMMUNION IN OUR CHURCHES

Our 10.30am Sunday Zoom service will continue to be our main service throughout August, but we offer these mid-week spoken services of Holy Communion in our churches. Please remember that face coverings must be worn in church.

- St Euny Redruth - Tuesdays at 12.30pm
- St Andrew Redruth - Wednesdays at 10am
- Christchurch Lanner - Wednesdays at 11am
- St Andrew Pencoyls - Wednesdays at 6pm
- St Stephen Treleigh - Thursdays at 1.30pm

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. 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, just type #
- 4) You will be asked for the password, which is always **654321**

SUNDAY 23RD

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

10.30am. Benefice Zoom service online or via phone

"I will praise you with sincerity of heart as I ponder your righteous judgements." Psalm 119 vv7

PRAYER: Loving and forgiving God, guide my thoughts as I study your word and pray for the world, that I may grow towards you in sincerity and truth.

PRAY FOR YOUNG PEOPLE WHOSE PUBLIC EXAM GRADES WERE BELOW WHAT THEY HOPED FOR, FOR TEACHERS AND LECTURERS. BE CLOSE TO ALL WHO TEACH AND CARE FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE.

Monday 24th Bartholomew the Apostle

"Stop!! Put your sword back ... am I not to drink the cup that my Father has given me." John 18 vv11

PRAYER: Peaceful and loving God, support and protect me when I am drawn to violence, to name calling, to prejudice, to gossip. Help me to mirror Jesus, who, when faced with arrest and execution would not allow his friends to fight back and save him.

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO CARRY THE NAME OF BARTHOLOMEW WHO GAVE HIS LIFE SO OTHERS MIGHT LIVE. FOR THOSE WHO GO INTO DANGEROUS PLACES TO BRING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO LIVES SURROUNDED BY HATRED AND ANGER. PRAY THAT THE WORLD MAY TURN FROM WAR AND EMBRACE PEACE.

Tuesday 25th

"Our God has not forsaken us in our loneliness and despair, but God surrounds us all with his steadfast love." Ezra 9 vv9

PRAYER: Faithful God, remind me that even when others have given up on me, and when I have given up on myself, that you will never give up on me, no matter what I do, or what I say, think and feel.

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE WORKING ILLEGALLY AND WHO LIVE IN FEAR OF DISCOVERY AND DEPORTATION. PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE THE POWER TO ENABLE A NEW LIFE TO BE LIVED, A LIFE OF PEACE AND HOPE.

Wednesday 26th

"Joseph of Arimathea, who was a secret disciple of Jesus asked Pilate for the body of Jesus." John 19 vv38

PRAYER: All powerful God, in the face of so much injustice, help me to put aside my fears so that I may live and work to relieve hunger, homelessness and all factors that lead to isolation and despair.

PRAY FOR ALL AGENCIES WHO PROVIDE HELP AND SUPPORT TO THOSE WHO STRUGGLE, TO THOSE WHO STAND AGAINST OPPRESSIVE REGIMES, TO ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS AND THOSE WHO SUFFER UNDER SENTENCE OF DEATH BECAUSE THEY DARED TO SPEAK OUT.

Thursday 27th Monica, mother of Augustine of Hippo, 387

"Remember the words God gave you which gave you hope; let those words be your consolation in your distress, and may your words give me life." Psalm 119 vv49 - 50

PRAYER: Merciful Lord, through me, may your word be made real in the world and touch the lives of many.

PRAY FOR ALL MOTHERS AND THOSE WAITING TO ADOPT, FOSTER OR GIVE BIRTH. WE PRAY ALSO FOR FAMILIES OF ALL GENDERS, THAT THEY WILL WATCH OVER THE CHILDREN IN THEIR CARE AND SURROUND THEM WITH GOD'S LOVE.

Friday 28th Augustine, bishop, teacher of the faith, 430

"Sir, if you have removed him, tell me where you have put him, and I will take him away." John 20 vv15

PRAYER: Holy Spirit, strength of the world, may I like Mary Magdalene, have the strength, despite my own problems and concerns, to search for you in the dark places of the world.

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO RUN TOWARDS THE NEEDS OF OTHERS, AND FOR THOSE WHO WITH A KIND WORD BRING HOPE. WE PRAY ESPECIALLY AT THIS TIME FOR THE ARMED FORCES, THAT PEACE MAY PREVAIL.

Saturday 29th Beheading of John the Baptist

"While Ezra prayed and wept, the people wept with him."

Ezra 10 vv1

PRAYER: God of mercy and forgiveness, may those today, who could do harm to others restrain their hands, lay down the knife or the rope and release the captive from their struggles.

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO TODAY WILL FACE EXECUTION OR ANOTHER DEATH AT THE HAND OF SOMEONE ELSE. PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE AFRAID TO GO HOME, OF A DOOR OPENING OR CLOSING, OF THE STAMP ON THE STAIR, OR AN EMPTY CUPBOARD. PRAY FOR THEM IN THEIR FEAR AND PAIN THAT THEY WILL KNOW THEY ARE NOT ALONE.

SUNDAY 30TH TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

10.30am. Benefice Zoom service online or via phone

"He said to her "Mary". She said to him "Rabbouni" which means 'teacher'." John 20 vv 21

IN YOUR PRAYERS: Among those who have died in years past we remember: *Harvey John Bush, Henry Rich.*

At 6pm each Sunday evening candles are lit across the world, and the needs of those known to us and perhaps to God alone are surrounded with our prayers.

THOSE IN NEED: *Barbara, Myra, Donald, David, Mother Shirley, Max, Auntie Patti, Rob, Margaret G., Jane, Walt, Dawn, Lillian, Mark, Rory, Gemma, David, Izzie, Don, Catherine, Phil, Brian, Helen.*

THOSE WHOSE JOURNEY IS OVER: *John Warrell (year's mind, 17th August.)*

OUR CHURCH OPENING TIMES FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

- **St Andrew Redruth: Tuesdays & Saturdays, 9am to 4pm**
- **Christchurch Lanner: Mondays 2pm to 4pm & Fridays 4pm to 6pm**
- **St Andrew Pencoys: Tuesdays 2pm to 4pm & Saturdays 4pm to 6pm**
- **St Stephen Treleigh: Mondays & Thursdays, 2pm to 4pm**
- **St Euny: Tuesdays & Fridays 1pm to 3pm**

BARTHOLOMEW THE APOSTLE. Monday August 24th. 1st Century

When Jesus first met Bartholomew, also known as Nathaniel, he described him as *"a man in whom there is no guile"*. Bartholomew was totally faithful and was present when the Holy Spirit descended at the first Pentecost. He travelled as far as India to preach the Gospel in which he firmly believed. Despite converting a local King, Polemius, the king's brother Astrages turned against Bartholomew and caused Bartholomew's martyrdom. Bartholomew's relics are enshrined on the banks of the River Tiber in Rome.

THE LAST WEEK OF THE CATCH UP CLUB

Both settings finish this week and a big THANK YOU to those who have worked with the children: Caroline, Hugo, Emily Jane, Grandma Carole. The remaining meetings are:

Pencoys Hall on: Monday August 24th 9am - 12 noon.

Wednesday August 26th 1pm - 4pm.

Christchurch Lanner on: Tuesday August 25th 9am - 12 noon.

Friday August 28th 9am - 12 noon.

Numbers are limited and booking is ESSENTIAL. Contact Fr. Peter on 079 038 079 46.

LAST SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

On Monday August 31st at 4.30pm the Bible Study will discuss the Benefice questionnaire on 'TO ZOOM OR NOT TO ZOOM' and link it with the work of the first Apostles. After the descent of the Holy Spirit at the first Pentecost the Apostles went out into the world to find new ways to proclaim God's love for the world. As the group considers the questionnaire and the Apostles' work, so we must find new ways in our 'new normal' to proclaim that same Gospel.

SEPTEMBER FIRST SUNDAY EVENT

On Sunday September 6th at 6pm in Christchurch Lanner, the First Sunday Event will feature the people of Lebanon. The charity will be Bishop Philip's appeal for help for Lebanon which will be channelled through a local church with which the Bishop has a connection. HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE.

MAFA PICTURES

Tucked away on a shelf in Christchurch Lanner the 'Open Church' volunteers found a remarkable set of pictures called: THE LIFE OF JESUS MAFA. The MAFA people live mainly in Northern Cameroon and Northern Nigeria. They are an agricultural society and essentially Christian.

In the 1970s a French missionary, Francois Vidil, worked amongst MAFA communities to produce a catalogue of paintings depicting Jesus as an African. This was to help the MAFA people understand their faith in a way that connected with their own community.

Working with church leaders, theologians and a carefully chosen artist, Francois Vidil spent time in MAFA villages and through dance, drama, music and study the familiar Bible stories were re-enacted, photographed and sketched. The photographs and sketches provided the basis for an amazing collection of pictures that bring a new dimension to the teachings of Jesus, not only to the MAFA but to us today. Please feel free to borrow any of the pictures that will fit into your own work and teaching.

OUR CLERGY ARE HERE TO HELP YOU

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