

TOGETHER NEWSLETTER 36 Sunday November 22

THE FESTIVAL OF CHRIST THE KING

Written in the season of COVID19 and under the rule of 1 and within the second lockdown!!!

Dear Readers across the world,

hope you got newsletter 35 ... the new systems are working better now, or at least, I understand them a little better. You may have noticed that thanks to Jim you now have photographs to support the various activities, events and lives to be remembered.

Much seems to be happening in the country at the moment, political resignations, news of a vaccine and continuing concerns about the economy, loss of jobs and closure of hospitality settings. HOW IS IT WHERE YOU ARE? Send news of your nation, city, town, village etc. and it will be shared with the readers.

Today is the FESTIVAL OF CHRIST THE KING, so Christchurch will be having their patronal festival on zoom!! Good luck with that!!! Look for the link and join them at 3.00pm. If all goes well, there will be hymns, prayers a skip through other patronal festivals and a FILM thanks to Michael Westgate. Julia KB. Is the technician and it would be lovely to welcome you.

Today is also the day when the Benefice bids a formal farewell to Graham as he and his family prepare to re-locate to Camborne, where Graham will take up new challenges at both the parish church and the community. The whole Benefice wishes Graham and his family every success together with peace, happiness, hope and light:

Lord Jesus Christ,

look with kindness upon your servant Graham

and his family as they prepare to leave this community.

They are marked by your cross and fed by your Word.

They are filled with our care and now are sent to be your presence in Camborne.

Guide them on their way, fill them with your wisdom,

that they may be signs of hope to a world in need.

***We make this prayer in the name of the one who came to bring hope where there was despair,
joy where there was sorrow, peace where there was division, healing where there was pain,
our Saviour, Jesus Christ,.***

AMEN

With love and best wishes from:

The Rev'd Carole Holmes, Methodist Superintendent of Hayle, Camborne & Redruth

The Rev'd Caspar Bush, Rector of Redruth and Area Dean

Pastor Jenny Lockwood, Lanner Methodist Chapel

Jim Seth, Chaplain to the Truro Readers



THE GOSPEL FOR TODAY: Matthew 25 vv31 – 46

It is a difficult Gospel for a day when we celebrate Christ the King, when we remember that Jesus always seemed to be a sheep, always ready to help and make life better for someone else. But always remember that Jesus never crossed the road to help anyone they always came to him. The Temple leader, Jairus, who came to plead for his daughter, the friends who lowered their friend through the roof, blind Bartimaeus who called out to Jesus for help. Jesus was a sheep for each one of them.

Probably you hope that you would do the same when you are asked for 'the price of a cup of tea' or when you see someone in a doorway who clearly needs support. BUT so often we cross the road or look somewhere else. What we must remember is that we were given a choice, a choice to respond to 'that of God in everyone' or to simply move on. The truth is that sometimes we do respond, and sometimes we don't. Sometimes we see Christ in the doorway and sometimes Christ in the doorway sees us.

The important thing is to remember that we are not God, and our humanity will often get in the way of our desire to choose the pathway of light and hope. In the end there isn't a sliding scale of how many people we helped and how many we passed by and if we are a sheep or a goat. In the end it is about what we want to do, how we want to help, how we do see Christ in all situations and how sometimes our humanity gets in the way and that we must keep on trying to make the choice of light and love for all.



LIVES THAT THE CHURCH REMEMBERS IN THE COMING WEEK

MONDAY NOVEMBER 23 *Clement Bishop of Rome Martyr 100*

Clement was born in 36 and died in 100. He was a contemporary of Saints Peter and Paul, and Paul praises him as a fellow-worker in Philippians 4 vv3. Tradition implies that Clement succeeded Peter as Bishop of Rome. Little is known of Clement’s papacy, but it is believed that under the Emperor Trajan when persecution was rife, Clement was arrested and sent to work in the marble quarries. In the quarries, Clement brought great hope to other prisoners and to help them miraculously found a well to give them water. His efforts at conversion led to his martyrdom.

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 25 *Catherine of Alexandria Martyr 4th century* Little is known of Catherine’s dates apart from her cult beginning in the 4th century. It is believed that she was the daughter of King Costus of Cyprus and a young woman of great faith. This faith led to a confrontation with Emperor Maxentius who when Catherine refused his proposal of marriage caused her to be martyred. She is the patron of women students and wheelwrights. The firework, ‘Catherine Wheel’ is named for her and she is also the patron saint of the dying.



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HOLY COMMUNION AT HOME /A Prayer is offered and bread is shared

Maybe you are staying a member of the zoom congregation, or perhaps with the rising transmission figures and the up and down RRate you would rather stay in or close to home. Whatever the reason, you may wish to have some bread beside you, trust the Holy Spirit and receive the Blessed Sacrament at home. May God bless you, and keep you safe

*As the seed falls into the earth and dies to give life to the grain,
As the corn is cut and crushed to make flour,
As the flour is baked and the yeast dies to give life to the dough.
As the bread is broken and eaten to give life to the body.
So, Jesus, sitting with his disciples took bread and broke it and said:*



THIS IS MY BODY BROKEN FOR YOU;

Eat the bread and remember Jesus.

THE FIRST *NURSING SUPPORT WORKERS’ DAY* MONDAY NOVEMBER 23 2020



We clapped for them, we rely on them, maybe we take them for granted. Now they will have their own special day and here is what THE ROYAL COLLEGE OF NURSES has to say: *Nursing Support Workers are the bedrock of our wards, clinics and community team. They work with everyone from children to adults in all aspects of physical and mental health. The term, ‘nursing support worker encompasses hundreds of different job titles and roles including health care support*

workers, assistant practitioners, nursing associates and health care assistants.

Nurses are often the greatest advocates of our nursing support



workforce, recognising the vital, skilled and compassionate work they undertake. Nursing support workers can work independently, alongside nurses and as part of wider multi-disciplinary teams in all health and social care settings. They have a critical role to play in delivering high quality care and excellent outcomes for patients.

A PRAYER FOR NURSING SUPPORT WORKERS

Loving God, On this special day we pray for nursing support workers in Treliske Hospital and all health facilities. We pray for them as they give of themselves day by day in the healing ministry which echoes that of Jesus. As they work to cure, speak to soothe and touch to heal may they know the power of the Holy Spirit, and may they be renewed in their commitment to healthcare. Lay your gentle hand upon each one of them as they lay their hands upon others with your love. AMEN

PRAYERS AND READINGS FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 22 CHRIST THE KING & STIR UP SUNDAY

“We put up with anything rather than place an obstacle to the Gospel of Christ” 1Corinthians 9 vv12



PRAYER: “Stir up we beseech thee O Lord, the wills of thy faithful people; that they plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may of thee be plenteously rewarded. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN”

PRAY FOR THOSE WHOSE LIVES CHALLENGE EACH ONE OF US TO FOLLOW CHRIST MORE CLOSELY; PRAYING ESPECIALLY FOR NHS WORKERS, THE EMERGENCY SERVICES AND ALL THOSE WHO SEEM TO BE THERE WHEN WE NEED THEM

MONDAY NOVEMBER 23 CLEMENT BISHOP OF ROME MARTYR 100

“Do not add to the troubles of the desperate, or delay in giving help to the needy” Sirach 4 vv3

PRAYER: Almighty God whose love for the world brought Jesus to be our pattern and example; strengthen each one of us to follow you more nearly and love you more dearly, that we may bring the love revealed through Jesus into the doorways and hidden places.

PRAY FOR SUPPORT AGENCIES; FOR ST PETROC’S, STREET WISE, THE SALVATION ARMY AND FOR ALL WHO OFFER HELP, SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGEMENT TO WHOEVER NEEDS IT REGARDLESS OF WHO ARE WHAT THEY ARE
TUESDAY NOVEMBER 24



“Rescue me from those who seek to persecute me, for they are too strong for me” Psalm 142 vv7

PRAYER: Loving and forgiving God who uttered not a word of anger or hatred as he walked to his death, guide us on our journey that we may hold forgiveness close to our hearts and that bitterness and revenge will be far from us.

PRAY FOR THOSE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD WHO ARE PRISONNERS OF CONSCIENCE, PRISONNERS HELD WITHOUT TRIAL AND PRISONNERS WHO FEAR THE OPENING OR CLOSING OF THEIR CELL DOOR. GIVE THEM COURAGE IN THEIR DARKNESS AND MERCY TO.....



WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 25 CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA MARTYR 4thC "If I use human tongues and angelic voices but have not love, I am nothing more than a noisy gong" 1Corinthians 13 vv1



PRAYER: Loving God, your arms on the cross embraced the world, regardless of my own particular skills, gifts and talents, help me to use them with love and to your glory.



PRAY FOR ALL THOSE IN THE CREATIVE ARTS WHO HAVE LOST THEIR WORK DURING THE PANDEMIC. ENABLE THEM TO USE THEIR GIFTS TO BRING LIFE AND HOPE IN WHATEVER WAY THEY CAN, AND MOVE IN THE HEARTS OF THOSE WHO COULD FUND THEM



THURSDAY NOVEMBER 26

“If I have the faith to move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing”

1Corinthians 13 vv2

PRAYER: Immortal God, who overcame the darkness of the tomb and whose love has inspired women and men throughout the centuries to do wonderful things and take brave decisions in order that the world may know you; strengthen decision makers in your world today that all may be well.

PRAY FOR THOSE CARRY THE BURDEN OF GOVERNMENT, FOR MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT AND FOR LOCAL COUNCILLORS. FOR CHURCH LEADERS THAT THEY MAY UNDERSTAND THAT HOLDING THE HAND OF THE LONELY, THE GRIEVING AND THE FRIGHTENED IS TO BRING GOD’S LOVE INTO THEIR LIVES



FRIDAY NOVEMBER 27

“Do not subject anyone to your judgement, for no-one living is righteous before you” Psalm 142vv2

PRAYER: Merciful and generous God, whose love for all people meant that no-one was sent away or left on the ‘outside’. Be close to those who walk beside others when they struggle against systems and procedures, that they will overcome their difficulties and walk in the light.



PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE PART OF THE LEGAL SYSTEM, FOR SOLICITORS, BARRISTERS, JUDGES, JURORS, WITNESS PROTECTION OFFICERS, USHERS, PRISON OFFICERS AND FAMILIES WHOSE LIVES HAVE BEEN AFFECTED BY CRIME. HELP US TO UNDERSTAND THE JOURNIES OF OTHERS WHICH HAVE LED THEM TO WHERE THEY ARE AND NOT TO JUDGE

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 28

“If I give away everything to feed the poor, but do not have love, I achieve nothing”

1Corinthians 13 vv3

PRAYER: Almighty God, who, through Jesus, fed the hungry with so little, yet all had enough; who healed the suffering with a few words yet they danced for joy; who gave hope to the lonely just by being around and they rejoiced that they had met him. We pray that the same demonstration of care and compassion will flow out into the world through your people day by day.

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO WORK IN FOODBANKS, STREET KITCHENS AND NIGHT SHELTERS, FOR THOSE WHO GO OUT WITH FOOD AT NIGHT AND FOR THOSE WHO GIVE THE MEANS THROUGH WHICH ALL THIS MAY TAKE PLACE



The Candle of Hope

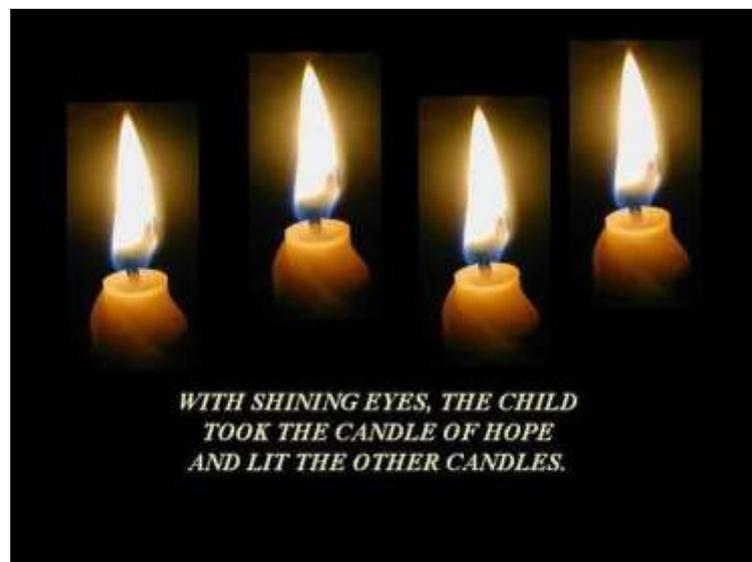
*The flame of Hope should never go out from your life,
And with Hope each of us can have a life
With Peace, Faith and Love.*

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LIGHT A CANDLE OF HEALING AND HOPE EACH SUNDAY AT 6.00pm

Each Sunday, all over the world at 6.00pm, whenever that is for you, candles are lit and the names of those who are struggling, and the names of those whose journey is over are held in the light of God's love. Maybe for you they are just names, maybe you know some of them; God however knows them all, knows their needs and each one is precious in God's sight:

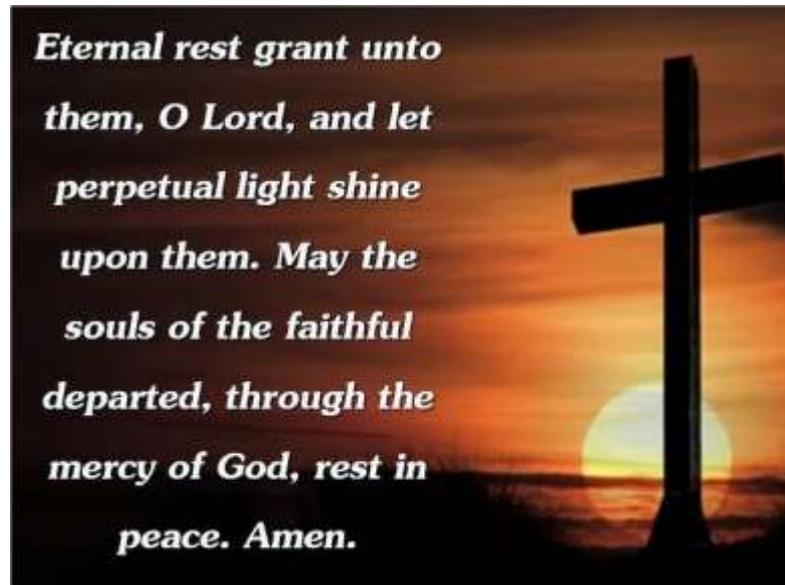


FOR THOSE IN NEED

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, Susan, Marjella and the children

FOR THOSE WHO REST WITH YOU ETERNALLY

Damon, Barbara, Terry, Margaret G., Fr Mike Peters



THE FESTIVAL OF DIWALI

This festival of light is celebrated within the Hindu, Sikh and Jain faiths. It is essentially a four day festival and is about the triumph of light over darkness and good over evil. The word DIWALI comes from a Sanskrit word meaning 'row of lights' and the lighting of lamps, DIVAS, is an important part of the festivities. This year, the fourth day of the festival will be on November 14. There are many legends attached to the festival but the most common one concerns the return of Prince Rama to his bride Sita:

Prince Rama had to go on a journey and thus leave his wife Sita. In order to protect her, Rama drew a circle around their house. Rama told Sita not to go outside of the circle and then she would be safe. After Rama has gone a deer appears at the edge of the circle, the deer is limping as a thorn is in its foot. Sita leaves the circle to help the deer and immediately the deer changed into Ravana the monster and carries Sita away to a castle in the centre of a deep lake. When Rama returns and finds his wife gone he searches for her, and Hanuman the monkey king tells Rama what happened. Rama cannot reach the centre of the lake, so Hanuman tells the monkey to collect stones and write the name of GOD on each stone. The stones then float and Rama uses them as stepping stones to reach the castle. After a fierce battle, Rama rescues Sita and as they return home people put diva lamps in their windows to celebrate Sita's return.



Light has overcome darkness, good has overcome evil.

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DIARY DATES

Thursday November 19 & 26 Pray for the NHS and others in the lockdown, 7.00pm., ZOOM

Sunday November 22, Christchurch Patronal Festival 3.00pm., **this will be on zoom**

Tuesday November 24, A Feast of Prayer, ZOOM Event, 7.00pm

Sunday November 29, Advent Sunday, 6.00pm., Special service with Bishop Hugh, **this will be on zoom**

Monday November 30, Bible Study on Saint Andrew, ZOOM Event, 4.30pm

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A MESSAGE FROM MOTHE SHIRLEY AND MAX



Thank you so much for your prayers for both Max, myself and for Terry as his life slipped from him. The funeral was within a Requiem Mass and was held on

THURSDAY NOV. 12 at 1.30pm. Restrictions permitting,

there will be a service of thanksgiving for Terry's life on TUESDAY DECEMBER

Shirley & Max



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FIRST SUNDAY EVENTS

The DECEMBER EVENT on Sunday December 6 at 6.00pm will remember WORLD AIDS DAY; the venue is yet to be decided

The JANUARY 2021 EVENT on Sunday January 3 at 6.00pm and will be an Epiphany Carol Service, the venue will be St Andrew, Pencoys



The FEBRUARY 2021 EVENT on Sunday February 7 at 6.00pm will be a Christingle with a focus on a charity supporting children in the South Pacific and will be held at Christchurch.

ARE YOU WORRIED?

If you have concerns about someone sleeping rough, then please phone: **STREETLINK / 0300 500 0914**. This agency will send out a support worker and will send you an email concerning the action taken.

THEY ARE AMAZING!!!



ADVENT STUDY GROUPS This year the usual groups will focus on the theme of JOURNIES. There are four meetings and each week there will be discussion concerning a specific group and the journey they made towards Bethlehem, from the longest journey to the shortest:

WEEK 1: The Magi (three kings, wise ones etc.)

WEEK 2: Mary and Joseph

WEEK 3: The shepherds

WEEK 4: The inn-keeper

The groups start in the week beginning MONDAY NOVEMBER 23 and will follow the usual times in the usual places. Full details are available in the weekly sheet sent out by Caspar and on the church web-site.



The CHRISTCHURCH GROUP will meet on WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 25, DECEMBER 2, 9, 16 at 11.30am on zoom. **THE GROUP WILL BE PRECEDED BY A BCP. COMMUNION SERVICE AT 11.00am. THE LINK IS AS FOR DAILY MORNING PRAYER.**

If you are not a zoomer, then paper copies will be available. **BRING A LUNCH!!!**

This year's Advent Group will seek to help us all to think about our own journey of faith through the uncertainty of the lockdown through to the hope of Christmas Day.

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PREPARING FOR ADVENT

As Advent Sunday draws closer and will be kept on SUNDAY NOVEMBER 29, this extract from a poem by JOHN BETJEMAN may help you to prepare:

ADVENT 1955

The Advent winds begin to stir
With sea-like sounds in our Scotch fir,
It's dark at breakfast, dark at tea,
And in between we only see
Clouds hurrying across the sky
And rain-wet roads the winds blow dry
And branches bending to the gale
Against great skies all silver pale.
The world seems travelling into space
And travelling at a faster pace
Than in the leisured summer weather
When we and it sit out together,
For now we feel the world spin round
On some momentous journey bound
Journey to what? to whom? to where?
The Advent bells call out "Prepare,
Your world is journeying to the birth
Of God made Man for us on earth"

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. AMEN

