

NEWSLETTER 34 Sunday November 8 REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Written in the season of COVID19 and under the rule of 6 and with the possibility of a 'firebreak'!! **STO PRESS when you read this we will have probably entered the SECOND LOCKDOWN. Stay safe dear readers, and we'll keep in touch as the lockdown passes . I HOPE!!!!**

Dear Readers across the world.

FP has to tell you that after 32 newsletters, his ipad has just about packed up!! Newsletter 33 was a bit of a miracle, but this letter is being written on a laptop, so who knows what will happen, or if it will even get sent. Have patience dear reader, FP is a techno nightmare. Ron. At Christchurch did his best to tell FP which buttons to press and in which order BUT!!!

Despite all the technical difficulties, this letter comes to you with the assurance of love and prayers of the ministers and congregations in and around Redruth. I think it will arrive with you as a "word document" and you just have to open it.

This time of year is a time of remembering, and FP heard a film critic talking about a film set in the gateway to heaven. Those waiting to go through the gates were asked by the gatekeepers to choose ONE memory to take with them into eternity which memory would you choose?

With very best wishes at this time of remembering,
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



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THE GOSPEL FOR TODAY: Matthew 25 vv1 – 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 now living.

A POEM FOR REMEMBRANCE DAY written by Pat Williams from Christchurch

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.

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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 increased 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.

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LIVES REMEMBERED BY THE CHURCH IN THE COMING WEEK

MONDAY NOVEMBER 9 Margery Kempe Mystic 1440

Margery was born around 1373 in what is now known as Kings Lynn. She was a devout Roman Catholic and through her visions prayers and writings sought to be part of a mystical union with Christ. Unlike other holy women of her time she did not seek to become a nun. She visited the Holy Land where she received other visions. Returning to England she became an object of interest to church authorities and was arrested and imprisoned. She leaves a book entitled "The book of Margery Kempe"

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 10 Leo the Great Bishop Teacher 461



Leo was the first Pope to be titled Great and his papacy is often considered to be the most significant in the history of the church. In 451 he presided over the fourth ecumenical council, The Council of Chalcedon which affirmed the belief that Christ was the embodiment of both the divine and the human. It is under Leo that the Apostolic Succession from Peter was established. Leo lived in a time of great turbulence both in the church and in the world

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 11 Armistice Day / Martin Bishop of Tours 397

Armistice Day is commemorated each year on November 11 and marks the end of hostilities on the Western Front in World War 1. It was signed at 5.45am in Compiegne, France and took effect at the 11th hour on the 11th day of the 11 month. It was followed by the Treaty of Versailles in the following year which brought the war to an end.

Martin was born in 316 and after serving in the Roman Army he left the military to follow Hilary of Potiers. He became Bishop of Tours in 371. He is



famous for dividing his Roman cloak to share with a beggar, who through a dream, Martin realised had seen a vision of Jesus. A visitor to St Martin-in-the-Fields Church, Trafalgar Square can see a statue of this moment in Martin's life

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 13 Charles Simeon Priest 1836



Charles Simeon was an English Evangelical priest who was born in Reading in 1759. After a curacy, in Cambridge, Simeon was appointed as Priest-in-Charge of Holy Trinity, Cambridge. The appointment proved to be unpopular and he was insulted in the streets and his services were disrupted. He remained faithful and eventually had a full church. His influence was felt by the undergraduates and he co-founded the Church Missionary Society (CMS). The Charles Simeon Trust continues today, and supports the work of Evangelical clergy

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 14 Samuel Seabury First Bishop of North America 1796

An American priest, Samuel Seabury had to travel to Scotland to be consecrated as the first Bishop of North America. The consecration was carried out on the condition that the Scottish Eucharistic Rite should influence the American rite and this remains the case today. He had a profound influence on the development of the Church in America

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PRAYERS AND READINGS FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 8 REMEMBRANCE DAY

“Love cannot result in any harm to a neighbour; therefore love is the fulfilment of the law” Romans 13 vv10

PRAYER: Lord Jesus, your teaching centred on love for all; when I struggle with decisions concerning right or wrong, good or bad, help me to know if my decision will bring light and love into the world.

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HOLD POSITIONS OF POWER ESPECIALLY FOR YOUR OWN GOVERNMENT AS IT SEEKS TO KEEP ITS PEOPLE SAFE IN THESE TROUBLED TIME

MONDAY NOVEMBER 9 Margery Kempe Mystic 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

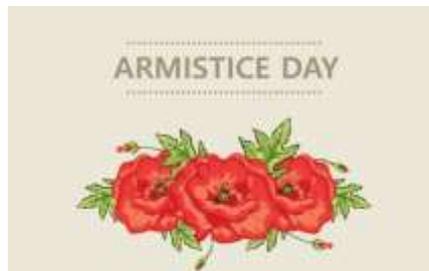
THEY MAY USE THE DIFFICULTIES THEY FACE TO STRENGTHEN THEIR DESIRE FOR TRUTH AND JUSTICE IN THE WORLD AND TO KNOW THEIR PLACE IN ACHIEVING THAT HOPE

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 10 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 NOVEMBER 11 Armistice Day Martin of Tours

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, TOLERATION AND ACCEPTANCE, THAT THEY WILL BE HEARD AND HEARTS WILL BE SOFTENED

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 12

“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 NOVEMBER 13



Charles Simeon Priest 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 decision, 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 NOVEMBER 14 Samuel Seabury 1st BISHOP OF NORTH AMERICA 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

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,

FOR THOSE WHO REST WITH YOU ETERNALLY

Tyler, Myra, David N., all those who we remember at this time of remembrance



THE YOUNG PEOPLE AT THE FOUR LANES CATCH-UP CLUB THOUGHT ABOUT.....

FREEDOM

*Open the door of reality so the air flows freely in the wind.
Escape the dictatorship,
unlock the door so you can be free
and watch the turbines and the flowers blooming.
Make your own choices to go down the right path,
Relax as the world forms in front of you,
Make sure the universe is tranquil and
Think about life under a democracy*

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DIARY DATES

Sunday November 22, Christchurch Patronal Festival (covid restrictions permitting), 3.00pm., **this will now be a zoom event!!!!**

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 now be a zoom event**

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

Tuesday December 1, World AIDS Day (will be kept as a First Sunday Event on December 6)

A FINAL THOUGHT FROM SNOOPY

A MASK is better than a ventilator

HOME is better than ICU

PREVENTION is better than treatment

It's not a curfew, it's CARE FOR U!!



A FINAL 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.