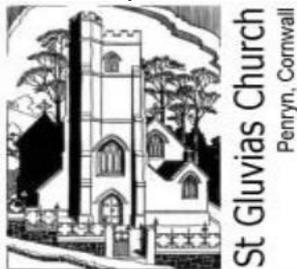


# Weekly Notices



## Advent Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2020

### Collect:

*Almighty God,*

give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen**

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### First Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ.

He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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### Second Reading: St Mark 13:24-37

"But in those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the

heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. "But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.

Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch.

Therefore, keep awake--for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly.

And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

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### Advent & Christmas

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Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December  
**Service of Lessons & Carols**  
Online via Zoom @6.30pm

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Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> December  
**Messy Church**  
**Christingle in a Bag**  
Online via Zoom @4pm  
&

**Christmas Eve**  
Holy Eucharist &  
Blessing of the Crib @6pm  
(Ticketed Event)

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Friday 25<sup>th</sup> December  
**Christmas Day**  
Said Mass @9.30am  
(Ticketed Event)

### The Purpose and Symbolism of the Advent Wreath



The first candle, which is purple, symbolises hope. It is sometimes called the "Prophecy Candle" in remembrance of the prophets, especially Isaiah, who foretold the birth of Christ. It represents the expectation felt in anticipation of the coming Messiah.

The second candle, also purple, represents faith. It is called the "Bethlehem Candle" as a reminder of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem.

The third candle is pink and symbolizes joy. It is called the "Shepherd's Candle," and is pink because rose is a liturgical colour for joy. The third Sunday of Advent is Gaudete Sunday and is meant to remind us of the joy that the world experienced at the birth of Jesus, as well as the joy that the faithful have reached the midpoint of Advent.

On the fourth week of Advent, we light the final purple candle to mark the final week of prayer and penance as we wait for the birth of our Saviour. This final candle, the "Angel's Candle," symbolizes peace. It reminds us of the message of the angels: "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men."

The white candle is placed in the middle of the wreath and lit on Christmas Eve. This candle is called the "Christ Candle" and represents the life of Christ. The colour white is for purity—because Christ is our sinless, pure Saviour.

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*NB: Fridays are to be adopted as a 'Rest Day'*

### Sunday Worship will resume from Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December @9:15am:

**We strongly advise that face coverings should be worn by all those attending a place of worship**, including ministers, worshippers, staff, volunteers, contractors and visitors, where there may be other people present; remembering that they are mainly intended to protect other people, not the wearer, from coronavirus COVID-19 and that they are not a replacement for physical distancing and regular hand washing.  
**You are kindly reminded that people must not sit in groups of more than six when attending any services in church.**



**Advent in a Bag**  
**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November**  
**@4pm via Zoom.**

- Please inform Rev'd Amanda, Lisa or Jason with your contact details, by 25<sup>th</sup> Nov, so that an Advent pack can be sent to you in advance.

**Midweek worship –Tuesdays at 8.30am on Zoom**

We will continue to meet for Morning Prayer on Zoom:

- Tuesdays: **Morning Prayer (Common Worship)** on Facebook Live on the St Mylor Church Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/stmylorchurch>
- *please let Rev'd Amanda know if you would like to join in so we can send you the details.*

**Bishops' Call to Prayer**

The Bishops' are encouraging us to focus on prayer during this second Lockdown. **We hope you can hear the church bell, as a reminder, every evening at 6pm if you happen to be in Penryn.**

<https://stgluvias.org.uk/bishops-ask-that-you-pray-for-the-nation-during-the-second-lockdown/>

**Advent Book Group – Wednesdays 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> December & Monday 21<sup>st</sup> at 7.30pm**

This group has been moved back by one week to allow everyone time to read the book.

This year we are going to be coming together to read and reflect on Stephen Cottrell's book ***Walking Backwards to Christmas*** which tells the Christmas Story through the eyes of various key characters through the Bible.

*Please let a Rev'd Amanda or a churchwarden know if you would like to join.*

**Keys** – the locks for the church have now been changed. If you require access to the building, please contact Jason, Kathryn or Paul. All essential keys have now been replaced.

**Christmas Offering:**

As you will know, this year our finances have taken a hard hit, as we have been prevented from hosting our usual fundraising events.

It has therefore been suggested that perhaps parishioners may like to consider making a **Christmas Donation to the Church**, instead of going to the expense of handing out Christmas Cards to everyone. If this appeals to you, we could display a single card on our notice board in Church that everyone would see.  
**Thank you.**

**Weekly Prayer**

**Intentions:**

**Mission and Ministry of this Parish:**

For those living and working in Penryn and surrounding villages. For the parish of St. Gluvias and a growth in our congregation.

For the homeless in our parish and throughout the country. For those that rely on the support of the Foodbank.

**For the World:**

We pray for victims of terrorism the world over; for all affected by atrocities around the world. Particularly for persecuted Christians.

For deliverance from Coronavirus and those communities impacted by COVID-19 throughout the world. We pray for the healthcare workers who are caring for them, as well as civil authorities and all those involved in assisting patients and in containing the spread of the virus.

We continue to pray for the people across Syria who have suffered for so long and continue to suffer. For those fleeing violence and oppression. For all exploited by people smugglers and for refugees across the world. For an end to the violence in Gaza and Israel. For those affected by natural disasters around the world. Help us to value the environment so that we can all work to reverse climate change and global warming.

**For those suffering in mind, body or spirit especially:** Geoffrey Philpott, Christine Martin, Edna Lytle, Kevin Jose, Rob Coward, Ruby Jeffrey, Joan Wood, Maria Strachan, David Lydford, Annie Firth, Gillian Cable, Keith Parry, David Kelland and Chris.

**Recently departed:** Betty Drew, Rev'd Robbie Bowen RIP

**Those who years mind:**

Arnold Smuda (1<sup>st</sup> December),  
Norma Rycroft (4<sup>th</sup>) &  
Charles Pope (5<sup>th</sup>).

**In the diocese cycle of prayer:**

TRANSFORMING MISSION

We give thanks to God for our Transforming Mission projects and all involved in them. We pray God's blessings upon the TM teams as they seek to create thriving church communities that attract and support people of all ages. We thank God that during this Coronavirus season the teams have enabled a wide range of people to engage in worship remotely, as well as offering them practical and emotional support. We pray for wisdom and guidance for the TM churches and teams as they seek to use the resources they have received to effectively engage in mission to the communities they serve and to be a blessing to the diocese as a whole. **Amen**

**Anglican Communion:** Pray for the Lusitanian Church (Extra-Provincial to the Archbishop of Canterbury), + Jorge Pina Cabral - Bishop of the Lusitanian Church

**A prayer for Advent:**

Let us pray as faithful servants to know and obey the will of God. Make your Church ever watchful to discern the signs of your will...keep her firm and constant to the end, knowing that all her works are worth nothing without the blessing of your grace.

Give to families and friends, discernment to recognise your presence among us at all times...May we grow in the grace that Christ gives to all who will come to him. **Amen**

**Dial Hope – 0800 804 8044**

A free phone line of hymns, reflections and prayers.

<https://www.churchofengland.org/news-and-media/news-and-statements/archbishop-canterbury-launches-free-dial-worship-phone-line>

**NB: Please inform Jason of any notices for the pew sheet by noon on Thursday**