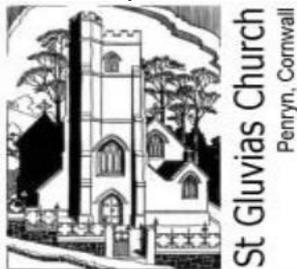


Weekly Notices



Third Sunday of Advent

13th December 2020

Collect:

O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you: grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

First Reading: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the broken hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn;

to provide for those who mourn in Zion-- to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, to display his glory.

They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations.

For I the LORD love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.

Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the LORD has blessed.

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

Second Reading:

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil.

May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

The Gospel according to

St. John 1:6-8, 19-28

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him.

He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?"

He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, "I am not the Messiah."

And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No."

Then they said to him, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?"

He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,'" as the prophet Isaiah said.

Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, "Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?"

John answered them, "I baptise with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal."

This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptising.

Post Communion Prayer:

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts; kindle in us the fire of your Spirit that when your Christ comes again we may shine as lights before his face; who is alive and reigns now and for ever. **Amen**



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

Sunday Worship @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.**

Weekly Notices Cont.:

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.

Advent Book Group – Wednesday 16th December & Monday 21st at 7.30pm

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 know if you would like to join.

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 noticeboard in Church that everyone would see.

Thank you.



Thanks to Anne & Paul for providing and decorating our beautiful Christmas Tree this year.

In addition, thanks also goes to **Margaret and Lisa** for arranging our Advent Wreath during lockdown.

On **Gaudete Sunday** rose coloured vestments may be worn instead of violet, which is otherwise prescribed for every day in the season of Advent. Gaudete Sunday was also known as "Rose Sunday". The rose-coloured candle is also lit, themed by the need for penitence, the readings on the third Sunday emphasise the joyous anticipation of the Lord's coming.

Advent & Christmas
Sunday 20th December
Candlelit Service of Lessons
& Carols @6.30pm

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Thursday 24th December
Christmas Eve
Holy Eucharist &
Blessing of the Crib @6pm

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Friday 25th December
Christmas Day
Said Mass @9.30am

Booking required – sign-up in Church
or online – www.stgluvias.org.uk

Volunteers Required – Saturday 19th
from 9.30am to help tidy the paths
and flowerbeds outside church.

The Church will be open on the
mornings of **Wed 23rd & Thurs 24th**
for anyone decorating for Christmas.

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, especially now that the roll out of a vaccine has started, 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: Joe Bray (GSS) RIP

Those who years mind:

John Hodge (13th), Olive Dunster, Olive Everton (17th), Henry Hewitt & Louisa Jane Manuell (18th).

In the diocese cycle of prayer:

INTERNATIONAL MIGRANTS DAY (18 DECEMBER) Heavenly Father, as we think of the challenges that Mary and Joseph faced on their journey to Bethlehem, so we pray for your grace and close presence with us in the challenges of the journeys we face at this time: as individuals, families, communities and nations.

We pray too for a greater international will to show compassion to all refugees and economic migrants, that the many hardships and suffering they face, especially during this Coronavirus pandemic, may be alleviated. **Amen**

Anglican Communion: Pray for the Falkland Islands (Extra-Provincial to Canterbury), + Timothy Thornton - Bishop to the Forces and Bishop to the Falkland Islands.

A prayer during Advent:

Let us pray to God, the source of all light and life. Send your spirit upon the Church, for the declaration of the Gospel to all nations. Give to your people the prophetic voice that brings knowledge of salvation through Jesus Christ.

Make us messengers among our friends and neighbours, and all with whom we share our lives...Bless to a rich harvest all the signs of hope and growth in our community. **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