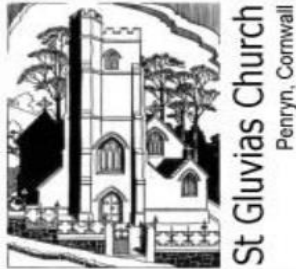


Weekly Notices



Baptism of Christ 10th January 2021 (Online worship)

Collect:

Eternal Father,

who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

First Reading: Genesis 1:1-5

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters.

Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light.

And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness.

God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Second Reading: Acts 19:1-7

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples.

He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit."

Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism."

Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus."

On hearing this, they were baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus.

When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied-- altogether there were about twelve of them.

The Gospel according to Mark 1:4-11

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey.

He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals.

I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan.

And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him.

And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Post Communion Prayer:

Lord of all time and eternity, you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son: by the power of your Spirit complete the heavenly work of our rebirth through the waters of the new creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**



These are challenging times indeed but our clergy and churches are doing everything they can to make sure all our communities stay connected and cared for.

We may all be sitting in our homes, possibly fearful, certainly pondering on how we got where we are so quickly, but there are many ways to join in and worship collectively, even though we are all apart. From lighting a candle in your window and joining in prayers at a set time each day, to flipping open the laptop and clicking on links to take you to streamed church services.

We have produced a list of services online and other useful resources which can viewed on this website

<https://trurodiocese.org.uk/2020/03/services-online/>

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

Sunday Worship @9:15am:

As Sunday services in church are currently suspended during this third period of lockdown, we ask you to join with fellow worshipers of St Gluvias, online or by telephone each Sunday.

We can offer a brief service and give everyone the opportunity to meet online to chat with coffee afterwards.

www.stgluvias.org.uk

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.

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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>

Bishop Philip recently wrote:

Gathering for worship is one part of church life, but not everything, and gathering together in a church building is one way to worship, but not the only way.

Being a church community includes the life of prayer, study of scripture, service and witness and whatever you decide about Sunday mornings, we encourage you to remember the fullness of what it means to be church.

With this in mind, we encourage you all to join with us **each Sunday from 9:15am** either online or by telephone for a brief service of worship.

Going forward we very much hope to review the current situation in conjunction with the latest Government guidance and with a further roll out of the vaccine, hope to be able to re-examine our situation one month from now.

Once we do know more we will of course let you know. For any support or prayers, even a chat, you are welcome to telephone Rev'd Amanda or any other member of our church community.

Let us pray:

**Make me aware, O Lord,
Of the eye that beholds me
The Hand that holds me
The heart that loves me
The presence that enfolds me.**

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 both locally and nationally impacted by the pandemic 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, Claire Coombes, Fred Platt and Chris.

Recently departed: John Hingston and baby Damian RIP.

Those who years mind:

Melville Wilks (10th), Irene Morrrice (11th), John Hart, Madeline Blake (14th), Maurice Green, Olive Carter and Roy Tull (15th),

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In the diocese cycle of prayer: BAPTISM OF CHRIST & PLOUGH SUNDAY Creator God, you give us the amazing gift of soil in which to grow crops to feed both humans and animals. Grant us wisdom as we seek to work with you and in harmony with the microorganisms and worms in maintaining soil fertility and proper drainage. As we plant successive crops, we trust you for the miracle of growth enabled by the balance of light, warmth, nutrients and moisture to produce an abundant crop. Keep us alert to maintain and use our farm machinery carefully and give us pride and satisfaction in our work. This we pray in the name of Christ, who set his hand to the plough and did not look back. Amen.

Anglican Communion: The Baptism of Christ. The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia.

A prayer during the Epiphany Season:

Let us pray to the Father who glorified his beloved Son in his baptism as a sign to the world.

Grant to all who are made members of your Church by baptism the grace of the Holy Spirit to live worthily of their calling...Give to your people both repentance for their sins and strength in the good works prepared for them to do.

Come into the hearts of all who do not know you, and those who know you only imperfectly...Let the people of this world no longer walk in darkness, but in the light of truth.

We pray for all who at this time are preparing for baptism...Fill them with your grace, so that in due time they may show that grace in their lives...Strengthen parents and godparents to be faithful in their promises.

Come to those that have followed dangerous and forbidden ways and lead them into new life.

United in baptism, we join our prayers with those of all the people of God. **Amen**

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

Letter from Rev'd Amanda

Dear Friends

A belated Happy New Year to you all and I do hope you are all keeping safe and well in these unusual times. It was a great joy to be able to stay open as churches and celebrate Christmas together and I would like to say a huge "thank you" to Churchwardens and their teams at both St Gluvias and Mylor whose tireless work has meant that we were able to keep our churches Covid-safe and open during the Christmas period.

Having journeyed through Christmas together, we now find ourselves in the season of Epiphany and sadly, for the meanwhile at least, as a country back in an unwelcome but very necessary Lockdown! You may have heard that under the new regulations Churches are allowed to remain open for public worship but as Bishops Philip and Hugh have reminded us on several occasions "can does not mean must" so after careful consultation with the Standing Committees of our partnership churches both together and individually, the Churchwardens of each parish and I have decided that it would be in the best interests of our congregations to suspend worship immediately, with a review at the beginning of February.

However, even if our church buildings are closed, as worshipping communities we are still very much open! So, we will be continuing to offer a simplified regular Sunday worship through Zoom with the chance to catch up over a virtual cup of tea or coffee and cake afterwards as well as regular Morning Prayer on Tuesdays on Facebook and Celtic Morning Prayer on Thursday mornings with coffee and chat afterwards.

We appreciate, too, that not everyone has access to a computer so we have

been thinking hard about how to make sure we include everyone in our worship and keeping in touch.

Firstly, it is really straightforward to join in with Zoom worship just by phoning in using a standard landline or mobile phone – we already have a couple of members of our congregations who do so and it works really well so please do contact Rev'd Amanda or one of the Churchwardens if you would like to 'give it a go'! Secondly, we are going to keep in touch regularly with weekly phone calls so please do let us know if you would especially like a chat or prayer by phone or know of anyone who would. And we are going to continue to keep in touch via email or letterbox with weekly newsletters and Reflections.

And finally, we would love to hear your suggestions about what you would like us to offer from the safety of our own homes over the next few weeks – perhaps a regular coffee morning on Zoom to which people can 'phone in too? Or a quiz? Or a get-together to hear about someone's hobbies or interests? Or Evening Prayer or Compline together? Please do let us know.

This Sunday we remember the Baptism of Christ by a rather strange and unusual character, John the Baptist, in the river Jordan – a moment when God declared that through his son Jesus Christ that he was doing a "new thing" in the world. It must have seemed a rather strange and unusual time to those who were present! Everything at the moment, too, can feel like that and yet we can be reassured that God is with us through all of this present time and, in the words of Julian of Norwich the early 15th century Christian mystic and anchoress, "All shall be well, and all shall be well and all manner of thing shall be well." Please do get in touch if we can help in any way, God bless, Rev'd Amanda.

Supporting good mental health

The effects of mental health problems are huge, and given the challenging times we are living in with coronavirus, it's more important than ever that we take steps to support good mental health.

To that end, we've updated our mental health reflections booklet with new material to provide hope, reassurance and comfort.

The 13 daily reflections are also available as a podcast series. Listen using the link below, or subscribe wherever you get your podcasts. <https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/mental-health-sources/supporting-good-mental-health>

Action Fraud: Devon & Cornwall Police Cyber Protection Unit

Please be aware of a recent Fake NHS Covid-19 vaccine text alert.

The text appears to be from the NHS and states that the recipient is eligible to receive the vaccine.

Recipients are then encouraged to click the hyperlink to an application form. The link takes you to an extremely convincing fake NHS website which asks for personal and financial details.

Remember, the NHS will NEVER ask for your payment details.

Stop and Think!

If you receive one of these scam messages:

- **Do not respond or click the link.**
- **Forward the message to 7726**
- **If you have clicked and supplied your details, report it immediately to Action Fraud.**

Other Covid-19 related SMS Scams:

- *Fake links claiming a link to the GOV.UK website to claim a Covid-19 related payment.*
- *Fines suggesting you have breached lockdown.*
- *Others of health supplements that will prevent you from becoming infected.*
- *Financial support offers that appear to be from your bank.*