Truro Cathedral
sacred space, common ground

Sunday 15 November 2026
2nd Sunday before Advent

Safeguarding Sunday

Worship in Truro Cathedral today
08:00 BCP Holy Communion
10:00 Choral Eucharist
16.00 Choral Evensong attended by the Prayer Book Society
18:00 Kres – Another Way

10.00am Hymns for this morning
333 All my hope on God is founded
May this place be one of nurture
271 Alleluia, sing to Jesus

Music for the 10.00am Eucharist

Introit Ubi caritas	*Duruflé*
Cantus Missae	*Rheinberger*
Motet O Sacrum convivium	*Messiaen*
Voluntary Prelude and Fugue in G Op. 37 No. 2	*Mendelssohn*

Collect
Heavenly Father,
Whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil
and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life:
grant that we, having this hope,
may purify ourselves even as he is pure;
that when he shall appear in power and great glory
we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom;
where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading Zephaniah 1.7, 12-end

Be silent before the Lord God! For the day of the Lord is at hand; at that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, 'The Lord will not do good, nor will he do harm.' Their wealth shall be plundered**,** and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them.

The great day of the Lord is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements.

I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind;
because they have sinned against the Lord, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the Lord's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

Psalm 90



Lord, you have been our refuge
from one generation to another.
Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the earth and the world were formed,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

You turn us back to dust and say:
'Turn back, O children of earth.'
For a thousand years in your sight are but as yesterday,
which passes like a watch in the night.

You sweep them away like a dream;
they fade away suddenly like the grass.
In the morning it is green and flourishes;
in the evening it is dried up and withered.

For we consume away in your displeasure
we are afraid at your wrathful indignation.
You have set our misdeeds before you
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.

Second reading - 1 Thessalonians 5.1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing

Gospel reading – Matthew 25.14-30

'For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.

After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you

have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." But his master replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents.
For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

Post Communion Prayer
Gracious Lord,
in this holy sacrament
you give substance to our hope:
bring us at the last
to that fullness of life for which we long;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Next Sunday, 22 November – Christ the King
08:00 BCP Holy Communion
10:00 Festal Eucharist
16.00 The Legal Service

This week we are praying for: Fiona Davie, Jill Staplehurst, Keith Halstead, Anne and David Hagan, Philip Sharp, Mary Cockeram, Margaret Wallace, Bishop Graham James.

Mothers' Union Annual Meeting Thursday 19th November at Truro Cathedral 10am – 4pm. Everyone is warmly invited for all or part of the day, which includes coffee, worship and a speaker. Please bring a packed lunch. Full programme at www.trurocathedral.org.uk No need to book.

Volunteers needed!

The Cathedral Office needs some additional volunteer receptionists, especially as we head into one of our busiest times in the cathedral and enquiries increase. This role involves answering phone calls, responding to enquiries in person, via email and on the phone along with some general ad-hoc administration duties. Shifts are available on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, 10am – 3pm. If you or someone you know someone may be interested, please contact Susie Merelie volunteering@trurocathedral.org.uk

Repair Work Commences Following Storm Goretti

This week we have been delighted to see the repairs to the Chapter House roof commence. The repair works is being undertaken by local firm MAR Roofing.

Storm Goretti caused additional damage to the cathedral's Western Nave ridge. Work to rectify this cannot take place until the spring. We are grateful to our insurers for their support with the cost of repairing the damage. Approximately £130,000 of damage was caused, and our insurers are covering £100,000 of this sum. If you can assist us with this shortfall, we would welcome your donation.

We are delighted to update that the Friends of Truro Cathedral have generously donated £10,000 towards the repair works to the cathedral's Nave ridge, which are due to take place in the spring. The donation makes a huge difference to the £30,000 shortfall against the insured repair costs. If you can help us too, you can find more information on the cathedral website.

Amidst the repair work, and after several delays, construction of the new accessible entrance is approaching completion. This significant project will improve access for all visitors, enabling more people to participate fully in the life of the cathedral.

The repair work is not expected to cause disruption to worship, visitors or the cathedral's programme of events. We thank you all for your patience and support as these important projects are carried out.

Friends of Truro Cathedral

Wednesday - 18 November 2026 - Talk by Dr Joanna Mattingly - Merrie Christmas, Christmas Customs from Medieval Times - 2.30-4pm in the Cathedral Chapter House. Tickets £12, to include refreshments, from the Friends Table after the Sunday Eucharist, by phoning 07788 563 774 or by emailing:

events@friendsoftrurocathedral.org.uk ***All very welcome***.

Kres – Another Way
Join us for Kres at 6pm this Sunday, 15th November at Truro Cathedral.

Kres is completely free to attend and all are welcome, whatever your background or beliefs. This Kres is themed around 'Darkness', acknowledging the changing seasons, as we head further into autumn and winter.
"For the darkness is as light to you." Psalm 139:12

In collaboration with our friend, the poet Jesse Voth, we'll use readings, ambient music and ritual to explore ideas around darkness as the hiding place of God. The service is 1hr long and is free to attend. All are warmly welcome, whatever your background or beliefs

On this Safeguarding Sunday, let us remember that safeguarding is everyone's responsibility, and that even the smallest act of kindness, care, or courage can change a life. **So let us reflect on what safeguarding means for each of us.**

It is an opportunity to pause and consider the burdens we carry, the scars we bear, and the new pathways we walk. Pathways shaped by our experiences, our wounds, and the lessons life has taught us. We all matter. We all deserve respect, kindness, and dignity.

Let us take time to consider what safeguarding has meant in our own lives. Perhaps it was a moment when we found the courage to speak up; a time when we recognised that someone needed our support; or a promise we made to ourselves that we deserved better.

Let us wear our scars not with shame, but with pride in the strength they represent. Let us recognise the needs of those who may not be able to speak for themselves. Let us be curious enough to notice, courageous enough to ask, and trustworthy enough to listen.

As a community, let us commit ourselves to making a difference for those who need it most. Through compassion, understanding, and action may we help create places where everyone feels safe, valued, and heard. ***Cathedral Safeguarding team***

Notice for congregations from the Archdeacons' Office.

Following on from a meeting with the Cornwall Council Emergency Team we would appreciate it if the following information could be included in parish/deanery magazines, pew sheets, newsletters etc.

- The Priority Services Register (PSR) is a free service across England, Scotland and Wales that gives extra support to customers who may need it. This includes help if your electricity, gas or water supply is ever interrupted (for those over 65years, children under 5years, heath issues etc.) www.thepsr.co.uk

- Volunteer Cornwall have a number of services they provide including community hubs, health and wellbeing and transport. www.volunteercornwall.org.uk/services/

- Be Ready Campaign: government-based website that has information about being prepare for three days just in case of bad weather, utility supplies are cut off etc. www.beready.campaign.gov.uk

This week

Monday 16 November *Edmund Rich, archbishop 1240*	09.00 Holy Communion 09.30 Morning Prayer 17.30 Choral Evensong
Tuesday 17 November *Hugh, bishop, 1200*	09.00 Holy Communion 09.30 Morning Prayer 17.30 Compline
Wednesday 18 November	09.00 Holy Communion 09.30 Morning Prayer 17.30 Choral Evensong
Thursday 19 November .	09.00 Holy Communion 09.30 Morning Prayer 12.10 Christian Meditation 17.30 Choral Evensong
Friday 20 November	09.00 Holy Communion 09.30 Morning Prayer 11.00 BCP Holy Communion 17.30 Choral Evensong
Saturday 21 November	09.00 Holy Communion 09.30 Morning Prayer 16.00 Evening Prayer

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