



**Truro
Cathedral**
sacred space, common ground

Sunday 3rd of March
Third Sunday of Lent

A reflective thought for the coming week: The Church of England's call during Lent is to **'Watch and pray,'** This is a quotation from Barbara A. Holmes who is a spiritual teacher, activist, and scholar focused on African American spirituality, mysticism, cosmology and culture. She is President Emerita of United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities (2012-2016), and also served as Vice President of Academic Affairs and Dean of Memphis Theological Seminary (2005-2010).

'It is impossible to shift priorities if we are in a constant, busy, frenetic lifestyle. Be still and know---but the stillness doesn't immediately lead to knowing. At first, we have to be still and then we have to be patient until the knowing comes about. '

Services in Truro Cathedral today

8:00am Holy Communion – The Book of Common Prayer, The Dean
10:00am Sung Eucharist – President and preacher: Canon Elly Sheard
12.00noon Lent Vigil for Climate Justice
4:00pm Choral Evensong – Preacher: The Dean

10:00am CHORAL EUCHARIST

This morning's hymns are:

Processional hymn: 333 All my hope on God is founded
Offertory hymn: 360 Firmly I believe and truly
Post Communion hymn: 339 Be thou my vision

Music for this morning's service:

Introit:
Mass setting: Missa Aeterna Christi munera *Palestrina*
Motet: Sicut Cervus *Palestrina*
Voluntary: Clacona in E Minor BuxWV 160 *Buxtehude*

Collect

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; 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 Exodus 20: 1 – 17

Then God spoke all these words: I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in

heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it. Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.

Lent Prose

Hear us O Lord, have mercy upon us, for we have sinned against thee

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O thou chief corner-stone, right hand of the Father, way of salvation, gate of life celestial, cleanse thou our sinful souls from all defilement.

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Second reading 1 Cor 1: 18 – 25

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, 'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.' Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Gospel Reading John 2: 13 – 22

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money-changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned

their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, 'Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a market-place!' His disciples remembered that it was written, 'Zeal for your house will consume me.' The Jews then said to him, 'What sign can you show us for doing this?' Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews then said, 'This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

Post Communion Prayer

Merciful Lord, grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

News, notices and the diary for the week beginning 3rd March 2024

Monday 4th	09:00 Holy Communion (<i>The Jesus Chapel</i>) 09.30 Morning Prayer (<i>St Samson's Chapel</i>) 17.30 Choral evensong (<i>Quire</i>)
Tuesday 5th St Piran	09.00 Holy Communion (<i>St Samson's Chapel</i>) 09.30 Morning Prayer (<i>St Samson's Chapel</i>) 16.00 Evening prayer (<i>St Samson's Chapel</i>) 17.30 Solemn evensong for St Piran (<i>Quire</i>)
Wednesday 6th	09.00 Holy Communion (<i>The Jesus Chapel</i>) 09.30 Morning Prayer (<i>St Samson's Chapel</i>) 17:30 Choral Evensong (<i>Quire</i>)
Thursday 7th Perpetua and companions Martyrs	09.00 Holy Communion (<i>All Saints Chapel</i>) 09.30 Morning Prayer (<i>St Samson's Chapel</i>) 12:10 Christian Meditation at the Finn Cross 17.30 Choral Evensong (<i>Quire</i>)
Friday 8th March Edward King, bishop	09.00 Holy Communion (<i>All Saints Chapel</i>) 09.30 Morning Prayer (<i>St Samson's Chapel</i>) 11.00 BCP Holy Communion (<i>All Saints' Chapel</i>) 17.30 Choral Evensong (<i>Quire</i>)
Saturday 9th March	09.00 Holy Communion (<i>Jesus Chapel</i>) 09.30 Morning Prayer (<i>St Samson's Chapel</i>) 16:00 Evening Prayer (<i>St Samson's Chapel</i>)
Next Sunday, 10th March, fourth Sunday of Lent, Mothering Sunday 8.00 am Holy Communion: The Dean 10.00 am Choral Eucharist (<i>Live streamed</i>) President and preacher: Canon Sue Wallace 4.00 pm Choral Evensong (<i>Live streamed</i>) Preacher: The Dean	

This week we are praying for: *Those who are sick:* Philip Sharp, Christine Lidgeley, Pat Crowle, Albert Jackson, Margaret, Jo, Andrew May, May Kincaid, Alison, Ann Churchill, Tracey M, Juliana, Canon Simon Griffiths, John James, Fiona Davie, June Parnell, Barbara Cowdry, Clive Gough, Jill Jacobs, Pam Smith, Elisabeth Sheard. **RIP** Reverend Canon Michael Geach, Juliana, Gillian Yelland, Reverend Roger Nicholls,

The funeral of Pat Ince will take place on Tuesday 5th March at 13:00 hours at St Euny church.

The funeral of Canon Michael Geach will take place on Thursday, 14th March at 11.00 at St Bartholomew's Church, Lostwithiel.

Canon Sue Wallace will be installed as Succentor into the stall of St Endelienta at Choral Evensong on Sunday 17th March by Bishop Hugh Nelson. Canon Sue has been working with the cathedral for a year and a half and is an experienced priest, musician and Precentor. It will be delightful to welcome her to this role.

During Lent, there will be the opportunity to pray in the cathedral early morning from 08:00-08:30, when the cathedral has a particularly special and 'still' feeling. Join Dean Simon in praying around the cathedral for the mission of God here in this sacred space. If you would like to join in these prayers, please let Dean Simon know and he will give you further details. The dates are Fridays 15th, 22nd March, 8:00-8:30am

No Faith in Fossil Fuels – pray for climate justice during Lent

In conjunction with a number of other Christian development charities, Christian Aid is this year leading a 24/7 vigil at Westminster through the first 10 days of Lent, calling the UK government to work urgently to tackle the climate crisis. In solidarity with this initiative, Canon Elly will lead a short act of prayer and reflection **every Sunday during Lent at 12noon in All Saints' Chapel**, for a maximum of 30 minutes. All are welcome.

Our café, Common Grounds closed at the end of 2023. We have said that we are keen to develop an updated offer in the future. What we have also been keen to do is to find a way to offer hospitality to our visitors until that becomes the case. To that end, we can let you know that we are in discussion with a private operator who all being well will begin operating the space as a café in May.

'So what do I do now? (responding to the sermons heard in Truro Cathedral.)' A collection of reflections written by Canon Alan Rowell. There is a new edition of Canon Alan Rowell's book on the past year's ten o'clock sermons. If you would like a copy, please ask Alan Rowell after the service. There is no charge.

The next **Long Table Lunch will be on Palm Sunday**, Sunday 24th of March after the 10:00AM Sunday Eucharist. Please join us as we have lunch together as a church community. The formula is simple, bring your own packed lunch and join us at The Long Table which will be set up in the nave of the cathedral. **Everyone welcome. Please join us!**