



Weekly Bulletin

Sunday 30th November 2025

Message from the Rector

Ow sos ger,

What a busy week last week! As you know I went away to Bristol last Sunday for a 48 hour residential course with the focus on the inclusion and discipleship of children, youth and their families. Bishop David also attended, such is his belief that children and youth need to be included in the vision and mission of the local church. It is the hope that every village and town will provided spaces for the different generations to explore and come to faith, that our churches will become more intergenerational, that our churches will acknowledge and lament over the missing generations, and that together we will seek to become communities that are Christ centred and outward focused. Growing Younger is the vision that attracted Bishop David to become the Bishop of Truro. Bishop David exhibits a passion and warmth for people of all generations and is a model for all of us, very much as Jesus did and is for us. Each of us, in our own way, must discover how we might do this, how we as a church might be able to open our doors and practice hospitality, this might look like serving refreshments after the schools carol service, it might mean offering to go into school and become a trusted adult for children to read to, or help out with a gardening club. Each church will have a different possibility open to them, each of us will carry a particular concern, might I invite you to gather together and talk about these things and to pray for the Lord to show you what he is calling you to, and then to have a go! We have to be prepared to try a few things and have a go to see if it captures the imagination of others or not, there is no harm in trying. Please do remember to discuss all this with your local parish safeguarding officer and church wardens so that any documentation or preparation can be completed in a timely manner.

Saturday then saw me at the Diocesan Synod, this was my first meeting as I have joined part way through the Triennium. The morning was inspiring, we had talks from Claire Green from Creation Care who spoke passionately about sharing the Gospel with school children that are not necessarily in church schools, we were presented with a tricky situation to discuss through the lens of safeguarding and the PCC's cares and responsibilities. We also had a presentation on the budget for 2026, with discussion around limited resources in terms of stipend clergy, housing costs, Net Zero ambitions, Glebe management and several other less costly expenses. There was a robust question and answer session as well as a call to Romans 13:1-7 from someone else who was also at the Synod for their first time. Bishop Hugh gave an incredible presidential address, which can be found here <https://trurodiocese.org.uk/bishops-blog/bishop-hughs-last-diocesan-synod-presidential-address/> Needless to say, Bishop Hugh received a standing ovation. I also owe my great thanks to Bishop Hugh as he stepped in and took a service of baptism for me last week as I had underestimated how long it takes to get to Bristol from Probus! Bishop Hugh was gracious and generous with his time, I am sure you all know that this is his nature.

As you go into this week, may you experience God's love and presence in all that you do and in all that you are.

gras ha kres,
Caroline

This week's services

Sunday 30th November
First Sunday of Advent
'Keep Awake!'

St Crida	10:00	Together @ 10	Linda
		Team Service	
Probus	19:00	Holy Communion	Anthony
		Kosoleth (details below)	

Readings this week

[Psalm 122](#)
[Isaiah 2:1-5](#)
[Romans 13:11-14](#)
[Matthew 24:36-44](#)

Digging Deeper

As we look ahead to the readings for this coming Sunday, I invite you to pause, reflect and enter more deeply into the Word. Before the service, take time with the passage and ask the following four questions:

1. *What does this passage tell me about God?*
2. *What does it tell me about human life?*
3. *If this really is God's word, what will I do in response to it?*
4. *Who am I going to tell about what I have learnt from this?*

Collect Sunday

Almighty God,
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness
and to put on the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life,
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility;
that on the last day,
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty
to judge the living and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen

Next week's services

Thursday 4th December

Probus	12:00	Holy Communion	Linda
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Sunday 7th December
Second Sunday of Advent
'Anchored in the scripture'

Probus	9:30	Praise & Worship	Caroline
St Erme	9:30	Holy Communion	Linda
St Nun's	10:30	Parish Communion	Caroline
Ladock	11:00	Holy Communion	Linda
Tresillian	11:15	Morning Prayer	Billa / Claire
St Michael's	15:30	Carol & Christingle Service	Linda

Readings next week

[Psalm 72: 1-7, 18-19](#)
[Rom 15: 4-13](#)
[Matt 3:1-12](#)

Home Groups

Our midweek home groups are a real blessing to be part of, a place where we share life, faith, and friendship. It's often the first to hear when someone needs prayer or has good news to share.

We hope these groups will continue to grow and welcome new members as we journey together in faith.

For details about the different midweek home groups you can join, please contact the home group leaders.

Grampound with Creed meets on Thursday evenings (weekly) with William & Ruth Trinnick (various locations)

Probus will be meeting on Tuesday evenings (fortnightly) with Scott and Sue Hall

Probus will be meeting Thursday evenings (fortnightly) with Liz and Chris Marshman. Please contact Liz on 07525 456434.

Tresillian - We are hoping to begin a daytime group in Tresillian, more news to follow, but if you would like to offer your home please let [Rev. Caroline](#) know.

Children & Young People's Groups

Probus - Little Lights: Thursday 4th December, 9:00am - 11:00am

Benefice notices

Kosoleth - Sunday 30th Nov, 7:00pm @ Probus



The anxiety in your soul will not be settled by anything you can buy in the shops.

The soul cannot be healed by what can be bought, only by the love that cannot be sold.

Advent is not a countdown to Christmas but a confrontation with reality. It doesn't begin with twinkling lights. Advent begins in the dark.

Come to our Advent Kosoleth service at Probus Church - a quiet service of reflection. It is a time to take a breath, permission to have a moment of calm. A time for stillness and to just be present in the presence of God.

Christmas Services @ Probus Church

- Saturday 13th December, 4.00pm – **Christmas Messy Church**
- Sunday 14th December, 7.00pm – **Carols by Candlelight**
- Wednesday 17th December, 7.00pm – **Roche Brass Band Concert**
- Saturday 20th December, 4.00pm – **Christingle Service**
- Tuesday 23rd December, 6.00pm – **Carols on the Cobbles**
- Wednesday 24th December, 6.00pm – **Stories by the Christmas Tree**
- Wednesday 24th December, 11.30pm – **Midnight Service**
- Thursday 25th December, 10.00am – **All Age Christmas Worship**

Probus Community Hub

Monday 1st December
Pain Cafe: 10am -12pm
Refreshments: 10am -12pm
Community Larder: 4pm - 4:30pm

Tuesday 2nd December
Coffee and Chat: 10:30am - 12pm

Wednesday 3rd December
Citizen's Advice: 2:30pm - 3:30pm
Community Larder: 2:30pm - 3:30pm

Friday 5th December
Community Larder: 9am - 10am
Refreshments: 9am - 11am

Saturday 6th December
Community Larder: 9:30am - 10:30am
Coffee Morning: 9:30pm - 12:00pm

Mother's Union Advent Carol Service

WEDNESDAY 10th DECEMBER 2.30pm

Celebrate Advent with the Mothers' Union at Truro Cathedral. Favourite carols, candles round the crib, and refreshments afterwards. There is no charge for this event.

News from Mothers' Union in Cornwall

Mothers' Union in this Diocese supports the [Red Chair Campaign](#), which symbolises our solidarity with all those whose lives are blighted by gender-based violence around the world. A vacant red chair can be seen next to the Mothers' Union table in Truro Cathedral, a small reminder of all those who have lost their lives. Please see the attached poster, and we hope you might like to do something similar in your church.

The annual **16 Days of Activism against Gender Violence** run from **25th November to 10th December**. This is a global campaign running on the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women and ending on Human Rights Day. This year the campaign focuses on one of the fastest-growing forms of abuse: digital violence against women and girls. It is supported by Mothers' Union, and runs alongside our own campaigns such as [RISE UP](#).

News from Mothers' Union nationally
Mothers' Union is delighted to celebrate the appointment of Dame Sarah Mullally as the new Archbishop of Canterbury. Throughout her ministry, Dame Sarah has been a great supporter of the Mothers' Union. In a statement, MU Worldwide President, Kathleen Snow, said: "For nearly 150 years, Mothers' Union has faithfully worked to uphold the value and dignity of every person, especially within family and community life. To now have, for the first time, a female Archbishop as our Patron is a moment of deep encouragement and inspiration for our global movement, the majority of whom are women serving in countless acts of faith and courageous leadership across more than 80 countries."

In becoming a Mothers' Union patron, Dame Sarah joins Her Royal Highness, The Duchess of Edinburgh, who took up this role in February.

COMING SOON IN 2026 – MOTHERS' UNION CELEBRATES 150 YEARS!

Generosity at Christmas!

I am sure you are all in the midst of planning your Christmas services and events, and at home giving your family gatherings and gifts, all with a spirit of generosity and giving in our hearts.

Christmas is a time of remarkable generosity. God gave the most generous gift of all when he sent Jesus to us as a baby. It's also the time when friends and neighbours who don't normally come to church will do so. There are lots of ideas and resources on the Church of England website to help our visitors experience the joy of generosity, in giving or receiving, or both. You can find these [HERE](#)

If you have a contactless device we also have some resources to help you make an attractive Christmas campaign screen for your device based on the theme of "Joy" – the Christmas joy the good news of Jesus' birth as Emmanuel (God With Us). This theme is a great opportunity to encourage generosity as a joyful response to God's gift of Jesus. You can find resources and watch a video which shows you how to create this campaign [HERE](#), or give me a shout and I can come and help you!

May God bless you during this advent and Christmas season.

Christine Salaman
Generous Giving Advisor

Generosity and Stewardship Matters

Financially Supporting your church

The Parish Giving Scheme is our preferred method of receiving regular giving within the churches of Probus, Ladock and Grampound. If you haven't already transferred from other forms of giving then do check out how it works through the link [here](#) or by contacting your treasurer.

Please do consider whether this is a good time to review your regular giving at the church, or perhaps you would like to plan for a future donation and leave a gift in your will. The Church of England has produced guidance on legacy giving which you can find [here](#)



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Please send your items **by 5pm on Tuesday at the latest** to Matthew at bulletin@probus.church and make sure the subject line clearly indicates that it is a newsletter submission.
Thank you.

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