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Weekly Benefice Bulletin

Sunday 22nd November 2026

Sheep and Goats

Sheep on the right, goats on the left Really?

What about naughty sheep and kind goats? I don't believe Jesus was asking us to take his parable too literally but sheep do seem to congregate in flocks whereas goats like to individualise/stand on rocks. And anyone can see that when applied to national groups we humans do take sides, as in current conflicts and wars.

Although these conflicts are happening far away from our homes this story does pointedly reveal that peace is something in which everyone needs to play their part. It is far too important to leave to politicians and members of our armed forces. Peace has to be worked at with our close neighbour. Even Jesus' first question to us was "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

And they cry this because we have forsaken them. They believe that there cannot be a God because they see that we don't care.

There is probably someone who is dependent on you caring for them today. It may be a friend who needs some gesture of caring. To care for someone may mean calling round to see how they are, or picking up the phone, or taking a meal round. It may mean taking a little time talking and listening to them. It could also be you do not have the time because that capacity simply is not there. Then it is time to pray for them and ask God to care for them. It is the stranger on the beach, someone in the shop struggling to find the right amount of money, or the woman sitting alone in the café. Perhaps it will make a difference to world peace if we make little gestures of kindness, such as someone in pain and needing their hand held and just getting quietly beside them. Or inviting a person you only know slightly round for a cup of tea. The possibilities are as many as you care to think of.

All this is your task and mine. We have to be wise to do so, what we have to be. We have got to be carers.

We have just got to help create a more caring world.

Sheep and goats are not like that different. Are both not part of God's creation?

Brian McQuillen

This week's services

Sunday 22nd November
Christ the King

Probus	9.30	Holy Communion	Linda
St Erme	9.30	Morning Prayer	Caroline
Ladock	11.00	Holy Communion	Pat
St Clida	11.15	BCP Communion	Caroline
Treslothan	11.15	Holy Communion	Sherry
Ladock	18.00	BCP Evensong	Caroline

Psalm 95: 1-7
Ephesians 1: 15-23
Matthew 25: 31-46

Next week's services

Sunday 29th November

Team Service at Treslothan	10.00	Together@10 Holy Communion	Pat
Probus	18.30	Kneelefh	Anthony

Psalm 80: 1-8, 18-20
Isaiah 64: 1-9
Mark 13: 24-37

Thursday 3rd December

Probus	12.00	Holy Communion	

Friday 4th December

St Nun's	19.00	Carol Service	Caroline

Children & Young People's Groups

Probus - Little Lights: Thursday 26th November, 9.30am-11.30am
Probus - Youth Group: Sunday 6th December, 6.00pm-7.00pm

Benefice notices

Probus Youth Group – Volunteers Needed

Over the past year, Probus Church has been running a youth group for school years 6 to 10 (years 10 to 15).

As the group has grown, we are now looking for adults to help run activities and support our young people. If you have a passion for working with and supporting youth, we would love to hear from you.

The group meets on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of every month from 6.00 PM to 7.00 PM. DBS and safeguarding training will be provided.

For further information, please email Revd Caroline at rector@probuschurch.com by Thursday 17th December.

Across the Upper Fal Parishes

You are welcome to any and all these regular events across the parishes. Please keep a look out in the Bulletin for news and dates of 'pop up' events to take place around the Benefice.

GRAMPOUND
Home Group
Thursday evenings for further details. Tel William 07767 203402

LADOCK
Coffee Morning at Ladock Village Hall
1st Saturday each month: 10-12noon

Bell-ringing Practice
Alternate Wednesdays
Contact Jonathan for more info

PROBUS
Home Groups
Alternate weeks, Tuesday / Wednesday evenings
Tel Scott 07535 232064 (Tuesday group)
Tel Liz 07525 456434 (1st & 3rd Wednesday group)

Tots Praise
3rd Thursday each month: 9.30 - 11.30
This is a stay and play group for babies and toddlers. Once a month we share a Gospel story, sing and play usually with bubbles.

TRESILLIAN
Lunch Group at Holy Trinity Church
1st Monday most months: 12 noon
Booking essential Tel Clare 01872 520198



TR2 Community Hub

Tuesday 24th November
Coffee Morning: 10.30am -12pm

Wednesday 25th November
Community Larder: 3.30pm - 5.30pm

Saturday 28th November
Community Larder: 9.30am - 10.30am
Coffee Morning: 9.30pm - 10.30pm

No One Goes Hungry Christmas Hamper Appeal

The Christmas Hamper campaign is up and running. Last year we provided all the ingredients for a Christmas Dinner for 85 local families - that's almost 350 people.

If you can donate items of food to help with this years hampers you will find boxes at Morrisons Daily Probus, Probus Parish Church, Hawkins Arms and Trudgian Farm Shop.

Or money donations can be made to our bank account - Probus Parish Church NCIO. 30-98-76, 39433260

For families and individuals who would like to request a Hamper to help them out this Christmas requests should be emailed to nogh@probus.church.

Please note we can only cover families within our local area (Probus to Tresillian, To Tregony, to New Mills, to Sticker) or regular users of the Probus community larder.





On the humorous side...

The Sunday School teacher said the children to draw Christmas pictures. She goes over to one child and sees he's drawn a picture of four people on an airplane.

"What is this?" she asked.

"Mary and Joseph and Baby Jesus on a flight to Egypt," he says.

"Well... who's the fourth person?"

"That's Pontius, the pilot."

News from Mothers' Union

Mothers' Union has branches across Cornwall, and the events at Truro Cathedral below are open to everyone - members, friends and guests. Thank you.

Dates for the diary

- 25 November - 10 December - the UK's '**16 Days of Activism**' campaign against gender-based violence is supported by Mothers' Union. Our theme is 'Together for Dignity and Safety'. Further details to follow.
- Thursday 10 December - annual **Mothers' Union Advent Carol Service**, Truro Cathedral (time tbc)

Message from the Bishop's Office

Following on from a meeting with the Cornwall Council Emergency Team they have asked if we could help disseminate some information relating to preparing for an emergency. please see links below :

- 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 interrupted (for those over 65years, children under 5years, health 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 living prepare for three days just in case of bad weather, utility supplies are cut off etc **www.beready.campaign.gov.uk**

Safeguarding in our Benefice

We want our churches to be places where everyone feels welcome, valued and safe. Safeguarding is something we all have a part in and we are committed to looking after one another, especially children, young people and adults who may be vulnerable.

We have Parish Safeguarding Officer in each of our parishes who works alongside our clergy and PCC to support good safeguarding practice and those who work with children and adults are appropriately recruited, trained and supported.

Most importantly, we want people to feel able to speak up if they are worried about something or someone. We will listen and take concerns seriously and will make sure they are dealt with appropriately. If you have a concern, however small, please speak to your Safeguarding Officer, clergy or churchwarden. By listening, caring and looking out for one another, we can all help make our churches safe and welcoming places for everyone.

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

Newsletter Submissions

Please send your items by 4pm on **Sunday 22nd November** 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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