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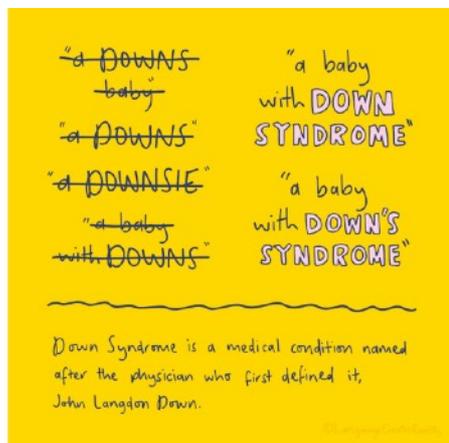


“A lonely place”: readers pausing for prayer at home may like to contemplate this view of Our Lady of the Portal Church, pictured here in a peaceful moment when some parishioners may be seen rehearsing with organist Bridget Westlake. There are visual clues as to the time of the liturgical year - can you guess? Let us know.

Mum’s new language cards

“Language is very powerful. Language does not just describe reality. Language creates the reality it describes.”

Desmond Tutu



RCHT is currently featuring a series of digital cards by Becca on their video displays around Trelliske Hospital. Becca’s son Arthur was diagnosed with Down’s syndrome at birth. In an open letter that sparked off this project, Becca says: “With my son’s arrival, I have witnessed my world through a new lens. ...as a mother to a little boy with Down’s Syndrome, I have suddenly felt

first-hand the importance of considerate and appropriate language.”

Becca has designed a range of digital social media cards which show what kind of language people can usefully use when talking about Arthur. Although Trelliske is ‘off limits’ to most of us at present, you can see the cards and read more about this really interesting project on the downs-syndrome.org.uk website [here](#)

(thanks to Jo Blyth)

Christmas Box Appeal 2020

Last year, 1200 boxes were donated through Cornwall Christmas Box and distributed by Cornwall Social Services to the poorest families in the County.

Visit their website [here](https://cornwallchristmasbox.co.uk) for details: cornwallchristmasbox.co.uk

The Truro SVP group can help with collection or drop-off, and collating boxes if you wish. Call on 07474-941099 or write to svp.truro@gmail.com.

Messages

Thanks and best wishes to all from Rosemary P, Yvonne & Tony, Jean, Angela, Sam, Paul and Sue



The Portico is always so full of info. Yvonne & Tony.

Thanks for the short summary of the Pope’s Encyclical published last weekend. Sam

I always feel a bit overwhelmed by the length of Encyclicals and this was so helpful in getting the essence of what Pope Francis has to say. Jean

Now winter is here I suggest we take warm cardigans and jumpers to St Petroc’s and old coats

A Morning Offering:

Each day, as Apostles of Prayer have done for over 175 years, why not make a Morning Offering to the Heart of Christ, offering your day, your gifts, your talents for the service of Christ's mission with this prayer:

“Merciful Father, I begin this day in silence before you. In the stillness of the dawn, I recognise the beauty of your creation. Grant me the grace to be faithful and courageous today in all that I do, that I may faithfully carry out my baptismal mission. May the Holy Spirit open my heart to the challenges of humanity, especially the Pope's Intentions, for which I now pray. Our Father ...”.

Pope's Intention for October “The Laity's Mission in the Church: that by the virtue of baptism, the laity, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church”

(From www.jesuit.org.uk)

Plant a Forest



There are thousands of acorns everywhere this year. Many of the ones lying on the ground are starting to sprout already - what a great opportunity to grow a forest for Truro! Why not put them into a pot to grow on and plant out in hedgerows and rough ground next year or plant them straight into the ground now, next time you're out walking.

A Walk in St Allen



This morning's walk in God's wonderful world, this stile one of two on this particular walk.

As you can see from the photo, the vista is immense and both Carn Brae and the windmills on the Perranporth road can be viewed from this vantage point. All this less than three miles from Truro city centre!

To sample this walk, you can park in the car park behind St Allen church and the walk commences across the road through a gate. (There are signs but not very clear so suggest taking an OS map.)

Last Friday was perfect to be out in the fresh air - we are so lucky when you think of all the house bound unable to feel the wind on their faces.

(Paul and Sue Vage)

Homeless in Winter

The SVP Truro group, led by Evelyne, is launching a new project to help Truro's homeless face the Cornish winter, with items that provide practical creature comforts. This is an opportunity for fellow parishioners to work together, and readers are invited to donate such (new) items as underwear & socks, lightweight day-bags and 3- or 4- season sleeping bags; any cash donations will help to make up shortages! As always, any contribution -

to keep the homeless warm , I did it last year and they was glad of them. *Angela.*

Thanks for finding a hairdresser to do my hair at home - a definite success. *Margaret*

More parishioners are coming to Mass now. Some may still feel uncomfortable attending, but I can assure anyone hesitating that Fr John and Rosemary have made excellent arrangements within the church and sanitising is done scrupulously after people leave (I speak as a steward who has done her share with spray and cloth!!) *Jean*

however small - will make a real difference. As Pope Francis points out, the parable of the Good Samaritan shows us “how a community can be rebuilt by men and women who identify with the vulnerability of others, who reject the creation of a society of exclusion, and act instead as neighbours...” (*Fratelli Tutti*)

Contact Truro SVP on 07474-941099 or email svp.truro@gmail.com for details on how to donate.



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