



## Falmouth and Gwennap Methodist Circuit

### Circuit Pastoral Letter from Pastor Jenny December 2020

Greetings to you all!

As I begin this letter to you it is still November.  
I wonder if, like me, you ask: 'November, already?'  
'How did we get here so quickly?' 'Where has the year gone?'  
What a year it has been, hasn't it?

#### So many changes.

Whilst we may have had to change our lifestyle in so many ways and, as we Cornish say, 'do things we don't b'long to do' here we are at the beginning of Advent.

Yes, Advent begins in November this year –  
the 29<sup>th</sup> is the first Sunday of Advent!  
Are you ready? Are you prepared?



We will, probably, change the way we usually decorate our churches :  
: will your church have an Advent wreath?  
: will there be a tree?  
: will the windows be decorated?  
: will we meet in our church over Christmas?  
: will we change the way we greet Advent and Christmas?  
: will we find that 'quiet time' to prepare for the coming of Jesus?



As I write this I don't know which restrictions will be lifted later in  
the week – but oh! to sing in Church again! Carols!

Here are some favourite carols in anagram form – have fun:  
*IN THE GLINTS; HOG IN HOTLY; UNEMOTIONAL LENGTH TO IT;  
USES JEWELS STILL TELETYPE; CELEBRATE THE NEATER HOPE;  
CRY OR THE CLEARER; WELL! ROTTEN FISH CLEARER;  
RICH NEAT OBJECTION LEMONADE and DISEASED FLEET*

#### So many changes.

BUT: so many blessings also:

ZOOM – I always thought they were those rocket shaped ice-lollies –  
now I know differently!

DROPBOX by which to send recordings to be put together by our clever  
technical folk which make the filming of our services look SO  
professional.

## ONLINE SERVICES –

who would have thought?

People we know and haven't seen for AGES in our own homes! Singing lustily with no one to hear! We've even had cows joining in!

## WEEKLY WORSHIP

SHEETS via email or by hand – the latter with often the chance to have a little 'catch up' on the door step.

VILLAGE PANTRIES springing up; packages and parcels being put together so families can be supported and loved across the Christmas period.

NEIGHBOURS checking up on neighbours, shopping for others, helping out, chatting on the telephone.

**Yes, so many changes.**

Not only in the life and routine of our church, but in the lives of our church families and others that we know.

So many difficult days, for so many – especially at this time of year.

We continue to pray for those we know and those we don't know - but who are known by name and loved by God.

We have *all* been touched by a personal sadness at the loss of our much loved Revd Robbie Bowen, but to keep his spirit and the memory of Robbie alive, (who will ever forget) as he would want, we carry on with the work Robbie would have us do. We look forward in our Circuit with positivity and purpose and, yes, with excitement – and why not?

To see what God has in store for us in the coming days and months.

I leave you with the question:

**What changes will you make** as you prepare for Advent and the coming of Jesus into a broken, hurting and fractured world?

Set aside that quiet time, reflect - away from the business of the usual routine and preparation, such as it will be this year, and remember that:

*Love came down at Christmas, Love all lovely, Love divine.*

*Love was born at Christmas. Star and angel gave the sign.*

We, your Circuit Leadership Team, are here for you and wish you many Christmas Blessings and much love.

*Paster Jenny*

## THE ONLINE SERVICE

HOW TO MAKE IT FEEL LIKE NORMAL



ARRIVE A FEW MINUTES LATE, CARRYING COFFEE



SCOWL AT THE PERSON SITTING IN YOUR SEAT



WHISPERED DISCIPLINING OF CHILDREN (UNSUCCESSFUL)



USE YOUR PHONE TO 'READ THE BIBLE'



STAND UP AT ENTIRELY THE WRONG POINT



SHARE A PLATE OF STALE BISCUITS