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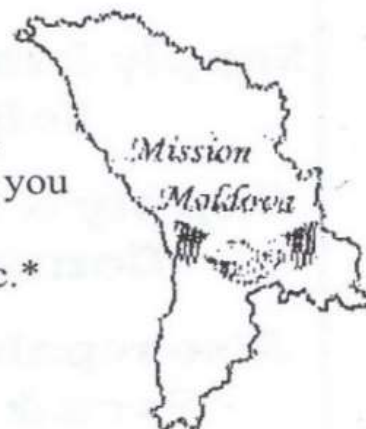
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	Betty Booker	Friday

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*The Rectory,
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December 2019

Dear Everyone,

Two words I would like us to consider in this magazine article are the two words expectation & assumption.

Let's start with the word expectation. All of us can easily become prisoners of low expectations. This is based on an attitude that the way that life has always been will continue to be the way it always will be. This can easily become a feeling that it's best to expect nothing & then you will not be disappointed. If you can't see something already happening, then it's not going to happen in the future.

The eyes of faith see possibilities in numerous situations even when what is hoped for has not yet started, let alone developed & matured. The acorn planted well may become a towering oak tree. If we confine our expectation to what already exists, we shall limit our horizons.

The same goes for the word assumption. Human nature is all too ready to assume that the way it's been is the way it always will be. We want things to be normal but if things are too normal then we can easily become bored. Our, sometimes, lazy assumptions will always need to be challenged. Even the Holy Family assumed that Jesus was elsewhere among their travelling companions on their way back home from Jerusalem when in fact he had stayed in the Temple listening & asking questions (Incidentally listening to what society is saying & not accepting what is said uncritically but asking questions of what is said is a wonderful role model which Jesus here provides for us to follow). The words expectation & assumption are worth bearing in mind when we approach Advent full of expectation about the good news of a Saviour's birth, a miracle which caught so many people in the Christmas story by surprise. God is a God of surprises. We are people

of faith, forever looking out for new things which God is doing in our world so that we can join in.

Expectation & assumption also apply to our political debate as we await a General Election. What are we expecting & what assumptions are we making?

Someone said that politicians campaign in poetry & govern in prose. It is all too easy for every politician to imagine a wonderful world where everything will get better after the election. It is tempting in response, but surely wrong, to lower our expectations & assume nothing will change.

Yes our ideals must be tempered by experience, but ideas & ideals are worth hearing. If we agree with what is being said, then it is up to us, & those who think like us, inspired by God's grace, to help put the foundations in place which may enable the ideas & ideals we are inspired by to become a reality.

Yours in Christ,

Canon David

Services at St Michael's

1st Sunday 8.00 Holy Communion (BCP)

9.30 All-age Worship with Holy Communion

2nd-5th Sunday 8.00 Holy Communion (BCP)

9.30 Parish Communion(CW)

Monday to Thursday 9.00 Morning Prayer

Thursday 9.30 Holy Communion

Evening & other Services:-as advertised in the Pew- slip

Services at Wendron

1st Sunday 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion (CW)

2nd Sunday 10.30a.m Morning Worship

3rd- 5th Sunday 10.30a.m Holy Communion (CW)

Other Services:-as announced in the Sunday Pew-slip

Special Services etc at St Michael's for Advent & Christmas

*Tuesday December 3rd 7pm Churches Together Advent Walk of Witness
starting from St Mary's RC Church.*

Please bring own lantern/torch or equivalent

Saturday December 7th Evening Parish Party- see pew slip for details

Monday Dec: 9th . 6.30pm St Michael's School (years 5-6) Carol Service

*Tuesday Dec: 10th Parc Eglos School Carol concerts afternoon &
evening-times to be finalised*

Saturday Dec: 14th Evening Helston Chamber Choir Concert

Wednesday Dec: 18th Helston College Christmas Service

Tuesday Dec: 24th 5.30pm Christingle Service

Tuesday Dec: 24th 11.30 pm Christmas Midnight Mass & Blessing Crib

Wednesday Dec: 25th 10am Joint Family Service with Communion

See Pew slip for other services & times yet to be arranged

Special Services at Wendron

Sunday 8th December 10.30 Christingle service

*Wednesday 11th December 7.30 for 8pm Porkellis Village Hall
Christmas Carol Service*

Tuesday December 17th 7pm Wendron Church Community Carols

Thursday " 19th Wendron School Carol Service

Tuesday " 24th 4pm Crib Service

" " " 11.30pm Midnight Mass

*See Pew Slip/ List in Church for other services & times yet to be
arranged*

*Please let Canon David know on 01326 572516 of anyone unable to
attend church who would like to receive Christmas Communion at
home. We will try to arrange for Christmas Communion on Christmas
Day itself or as soon as possible afterwards*

Flag days for December/January

December 25thChristmas Day
“ 26thSt Stephen
“ 27thSt John
“ 28thHoly Innocents
January 1stNew Years Day
“ 6thEpiphany
“ 25thConversion of St Paul

The Registers

Helston

Wendron

Baptisms “May they evermore dwell in Him & He in them”

Ella Rose Bowman
Emilia Ann Hayes
Sophie Lorraine Hayes
Otilie Violet Ferrie
Lukas Samuel James Honeywood
Reneshee Eliza Pengelly

Lily Rose Peters



Weddings “ May their marriage(s) be life giving & lifelong”

Hayden Jenkins/Rebecca Burton
Vincent Fromentous/Carel Tapling
Wedding Blessing
James & Hayley Hayes

David Willliam Pells/Kara Jane King
Nicky John Cross/Hannah Louise
Richards

Funerals “May they Rest in Peace & Rise in Glory”

Lionel Rex Weller,
Florence Jean Caley,
Olive Coral Meueuer,
Barry Curtis Gouldthorpe.

Peter Maxwell Barnett
David George Congdon

On every day of the year there are Mothers Union members leading a Wave of Prayer which spans the globe. Members and branches in Truro Diocese are encouraged to join with members around the world, especially with our link Dioceses of Burundi, Uganda, and Nigeria, in praying for the Mothers Union, its work, its aims and its objects;

We attended our Wave of Prayer Service at Wendron Church on Tuesday morning 24th September. After the service led by Eve Cox a long-standing MU member, we all enjoyed a carvery lunch, joined by Peter, Bob and Bevan at Wheal Dream.

Our meeting in October was enhanced by a very interesting talk given by Anne and Alan Cox entitled Cornish Curiosities. This was a light-hearted look at Follies, and Monuments with a view.

Through a number of slides, we viewed The Queens Pit, Pocahontas memorial, and a Gipsy cemetery to name a few. After tea and biscuits, we ended our meeting with a Celtic harvest service.

Mothers Union joins with many others globally to raise awareness of and call for an end to gender-based violence in all forms and in all societies. We work alongside communities to help and support those affected by Domestic Violence, and support Refuges in Penzance and Truro. This year instead of contributing harvest gifts of food we decided to provide underwear (pants) for men, women, and children in the Refuges. The response was fantastic, the gifts were divided between the Refuges and received with grateful thanks

Thankyou to all our branch members for their generous contributions.

Revd Dorothy.

Kath Oliver has sent in a letter from Mission Moldova which was sent on from Jean at Ashton, thanking all who have helped in any way to support the mission. The Mothers Union supports the mission by sending knitted items, reading glasses etc & the letter which is too long to print in full includes photographs of many grateful beneficiaries. Unfortunately, the photographs are not of sufficient clarity to reproduce in the Messenger.

The letter says “It is with great joy that we all here in Dancu would like to thank you for all the hard work you have put in to organise & send over another lorry full of wonderful treasures. Every time we have received this with so much gratitude in our hearts & we are truly amazed by all the work that you are doing to collect this huge lorry of wonderful items. Everything you have sent is a wonderful blessing to our community & the surrounding area. We have already given out lots of boxes with clothes & crockeries including bedding & bicycles to villages in our region. They have received your items before & all of them have asked if you have more because there is a huge need in their communities. All of them really appreciate everything & are amazed by the wonderful quality of everything. People really thanked us for the new socks, underwear, slippers & many other things they never could afford to buy. Thank you too for the school supplies & toys which are a real blessing to children here. We will use lots of these things in the projects which we are running for the children here.

One family we are supporting this year have 4 kids of whom two are college students in Chisinau. Their family life is very difficult because the father doesn't have a regular job. He is desperately trying to find work & the little bit of money he makes is spent on basic necessities. I wish you were here to see their faces when we visited them & delivered these items to them. They were deeply touched & so grateful for everything.” “ On behalf of the whole team A BIG THANK YOU”

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run throughout the day**



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Art Gallery



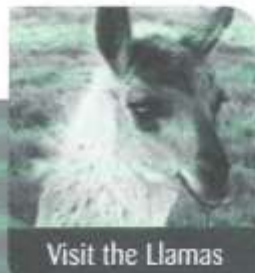
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MY FIRST CHRISTMAS IN HEAVEN

I see the countless Christmas Trees around the world below,
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The sight is so spectacular, please wipe away that tear,
for I am spending Christmas with Jesus Christ this year.

I hear the many Christmas songs that people hold so dear,
but the sounds of music can't compare with the Christmas choir up
here.

I have no words to tell you, the joy their voices bring,
for it is beyond description, to hear the angels sing.

I know how much you miss me. I see the pain inside your heart,
but I am not so far away. We really aren't apart.

So be happy for me dear ones. You know I hold you dear,
and be glad I'm spending Christmas, with Jesus Christ this year.

I send you each a special gift, from my heavenly home above.

I send you each a memory of, my undying love.

After all "LOVE" is the gift, more precious than pure gold.

It was always most important in the stories Jesus told.

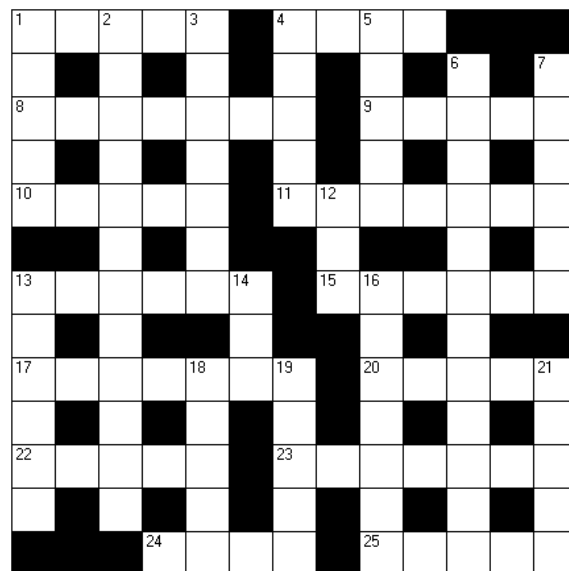
Please love and keep each other, as my Father said to do,
for I can't count the blessing or love he has for each of you.

So have a Merry Christmas and wipe away that tear,
Remember, I'm spending Christmas with Jesus Christ this year.

Author unknown

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Answers Page 19



Across

- 1 Animal ridden by Rebekah in Genesis ch. 24 (5)
 4 The idol in Exodus ch. 32 was shaped like this animal (4)
 8 Like the account written for Theophilus in Luke ch. 1 (7)
 9 Parish priest (5)
 10 I will send fire upon the _____ of Hazael (Am 1.4) (5)
 11 Playhouse (American spelling) (7)
 13 British persons (N Am slang) (6)
 15 Parson (6)
 17 Contravenes the sixth commandment (7)
 20 Person in charge of an abbey (5)
 22 ..the measuring line of _____ (Isa 34.11) (5)
 23 Person in 1 Sam ch. 25 who sounds like a large beer (7)
 24 Ten-stringed instrument in Psalm 33 (4)
 25 Slang word for medals (5)

Down

- 1 Hazael took a thick one in 2 Kings ch. 8 (5)
 2 June 24th (9,3)
 3 Crime contrary to the eighth commandment (7)
 4 Underground chapel (5)
 5 Morning reception of visitors (5)
 6 Person incapable of sustained attention (12)
 7 Resting place of Noah's ark (6)
 12 Jacob's was wrenched in Genesis ch. 32 (3)
 13 Father of Noah in Luke ch. 3 (6)
 14 Word of respect prefixed to the name of a knight (3)
 16 ..devote yourself to the public _____ of Scripture (1 Ti 4.13) (7)
 18 Written composition (5)
 19 Moses made a bronze one in Numbers ch. 21 (5)
 21 Stories told by old wives in 1 Timothy ch. 4 (5)

St. Michael's Church Helston
invite you to the Advent Soup Lunch
on Wednesday 4th December
at the Guildhall between 12 noon and 2.00pm

There will be soup with vegetarian option and bread followed by tea or
coffee and biscuits as well as a Cake Stall and Raffle.

No Charge - Donations to the Kimbilio Centre which takes in
homeless street children in Lubumbashi D.R. Congo

Christmas 2018

This Christmas I went to a party
On a Dementia Ward
All around the room reclining chairs, wheelchairs,
Dining chairs were occupied by patients
And their relatives- wives, husbands,
Brothers, sisters, sons and daughters.

There was a Christmas tree and decorations,
Crackers, 'pass the parcel', music, singing
And an amazing spread of food-
Chicken satay, spring rolls, sandwiches,
Sausage rolls and Christmas cake;
Wine, tea, coffee, fruit juice.

But most of all there was kindness,
Understanding, closeness, smiles, warmth,
Hands held in devotion
Humour, patience, safety and LOVE.
A true Christmas. Thankyou

Margaret Wheeler



Rev David's Induction as Priest in Charge of West Kerrier Cluster

*“ O God, make the door of this house wide enough to receive all who
need human love and fellowship;
Narrow enough to shut out all envy, pride and strife.
Make its threshold smooth enough to be no stumbling block to children,
nor to straying feet,
but rugged and strong enough to turn back the tempter's power.
God, make the door of this house the gateway to Thine eternal kingdom.
Amen++++ ”*

Thomas Ken (1637-1711)



News from the Tower

On Tuesday 1st October the combined Towers of St Michael's and St Wendrona held a Bellringing Open Evening at Wendron Church...During the course of the evening over 20 people attended....mostly Bellringers from other West Cornwall churches, to enjoy an evening of bellringing and to meet up with ringers from other towers.

A number of excellent peals were rung during the evening both in call change and method manner.

During the evening refreshments were served and later several guests and members of our teams went for a pint at The Maytree nearby.

An enjoyable evening was had and the friendly relaxed atmosphere of the event was appreciated by our visitors.

It was hoped that the open evening event might result in us being able to recruit new members to the Helston/Wendron teams.

If anyone is interested in joining or just wants to see what is involved in Church Bellringing, then the Helston and Wendron Bellringers meet each Tuesday at 7.30 pm at St Michael's or (on the first Tuesday of the month) at St Wendrona's for practice sessions.

Bob Woods, Tower Captain (tel no 01326 562596)



Who's in the Choir Stalls?

Penelope Smith - *I have been invited to write a small article on coming to live in Helston & how we got here!*

My husband, Mike, and I raised four daughters both in Cumbria and, for the last 35 years, in Devon.

We are both entrepreneurs by both background & inclination, always 'paddling our own canoes'. Our daughters declare they are impressed & full of admiration for our efforts & although we may have been somewhat pre-occupied as parents due to the stresses & strains of running our own businesses, they managed to adapt with resignation & all came through childhood without much complaining or wayward drifting – in fact they tell us they were strengthened for future life from the experience! Anyway we are all very close & supportive of each other, our only major areas of conflict being politics & political correctness.....

When I met Mike he was devising electronic connectors for the personal computer industry, then in its infancy, He was, in his youth, an electronic whizz-kid but threw up a burgeoning career to join C.N.D & sell potatoes door to door. His daughters are very proud he gave up his earlier work on anti-missile missiles! Alas in his twilight years his memory is faulty & he has become a shadow of his former self.

I, on the other hand, seem physically & enthusiastically undaunted – always looking for interesting walks, projects, pieces to sing, & delectable things to cook. I created two very successful cafés (& a winebar with our youngest daughter) in Devon over the last 25 years and still in so-called retirement, find it impossible to turn the dynamo off!

I currently cook in the kitchen of a lovely harbourside café, part-time. The two café businesses I ran were quite unique & quirky, one in the living area of our Georgian home with all our pictures & furniture en situ, & the other in an old Victorian grocer's shop which still retained some of it's fixtures & fittings. Our food was always homemade & innovative and we built a reputation on this.

We sold our last café & set our eyes westward- as far as we could physically go as it happens! We both love living in the centre of Helston- everything on hand for Mike & the stunning Penrose estate & beyond offers our dog, Rhodri, wonderful freedom to roam & grow.

It's just a lovely feeling to be at the furthest edge of the country. We always wanted to retire to Cornwall but weren't sure where to be- the area surrounding Helston has it all! In fact two daughters have also decided to live in West Cornwall which is an absolute joy & bonus for Mike & I.

Grand children now number four & they enjoy coming to stay, surf boards & tablets on their backs.

My life-long love of choir singing is now fulfilled again at St Michael's (although my alto is not what it once was...) Being part of the church where I live has always been spiritual life-blood to me.

We are looking forward to our first Christmas in Helston – I have a pretty casement window overlooking Wendron Street which I hope to fill with lights.

Penelope Smith

***A HugeThank you** from the RNLI Committee to all who supported the Coffee Morning on 5th November. It was an enjoyable social event and £314 was raised in donations in addition to selling £342 worth of Christmas Cards etc. Thank you for being so generous & for helping to safeguard life at sea & on our beaches!!!*

St Michael's Rota It would be a great help if anyone unable to attend on a Sunday would attempt to find a replacement for their duty

December 1st Advent 1

Lay Asst,	N Boase
Epistle	M Searle
Prayers	A Holyer
Sidespeople	
Offertory	Junior Church
Server	M Searle
Crucifer	K Murphy
Coffee	C.M.S
Cleaning	J & T Gibb

December 8th Advent 2

J Boase
S Bayes
M G-Kane
J Lawrence/A Hearn
F Bliight/N Boase
N Boase
N Bolland
J&D Eddy

December 15th Advent 3

Lay Asst,	M G-Kane
Epistle	M G-Kane
Prayers	M Thorn
Sidespeople	S Chambers
Offertory	M&S Pryor
Server	M Boxer
Crucifer	S Bayes
Coffee	T & W Pudner
Cleaning	John

December 22nd Advent 4

K Murphy
E Goodfellow
M Thomas
J Eddy
S Roach
B Booker
M Boxer
E & J Davis

December 24th Midnight Mass

Lay Asst	M Searle
Epistle	
Prayers	Clergy
Sidespeople	
Offertory	A Hearn/J Lawrence
Server	
Crucifer	Julie
Coffee	
Cleaning	Tisha
Flowers	All

December 25th Christmas Day

N Boase
K Murphy
M Searle
S Chambers
H&M Thorn
M Searle
Louise

December 29th Christmas 1

Lay Asst, J Boase
 Epistle H Thorn
 Prayers A Holyer
 Sidespeople S Chambers
 Offertory M G-Kane/D Maddock
 Server M Boxer
 Crucifer N Bolland
 Coffee M & H Thorn
 Cleaning J & T Gibb
 Flowers F Blight

January 12th Christ's Baptism

Lay Asst, M G-Kane
 Epistle S Bayes
 Prayers M G-Kane
 Sidespeople S Chambers
 Offertory F Blight/N Boase
 Server
 Crucifer
 Coffee C.M.S
 Cleaning
 Flowers Julie

January 26th Epiphany 3.....

Lay Asst, M Searle
 Epistle E Goodfellow
 Prayers M Thomas
 Sidespeople J Eddy
 Offertory S Roach

January 5th Christmas 2

J Boase
 M Searle
 A Holyer
 J Lawrence/A Hearn
 M Charnock

Mothers Union

N Boase

January 19th Epiphany 2

K Murphy
 M G-Kane
 M Thorn
 L Martin/M Wellstead
 M & S Pryor

J & D Eddy

M G-Kane

Server
 Crucifer
 Coffee T & W Pudner
 Cleaning
 Flowers Nan & Kath

Crossword Answers from page 12Across

1 Camel, 4 Calf, 8 Orderly, 9 Vicar, 10 House, 11 Theater, 13 Limeys, 15 Priest, 17 Murders, 20 Abbot, 22 Chaos, 23 Abigail, 24 Lyre, 25 Gongs.

Down

1 Cloth, 2 Midsummer Day, 3 Larceny, 4 Crypt, 5 Levee, 6 Scatterbrain, 7 Ararat, 12 Hip, 13 Lamech, 14 Sir, 16 Reading, 18 Essay, 19 Snake, 21 Tales.

Wandering Thoughts from Tony Pudner

It's Monday 23rd of September and something I've just heard on the radio moves me to write this article as the week begins. Breakfast over, I've heard the local news and switched over to the pleasant sounds of Classic FM and I pick up my book in the study to prepare for our next reading group discussion. All is well until the music is interrupted by a string of adverts most of which usually flow over my head – but not this morning! I mention the date because this morning, a week before the end of September, none other than a well-known and respected national store that I've often used, is inviting me to think about my Christmas shopping.

Of course, by the time you read this, if the editor is good enough to accept it, we'll all be involved in the run up to Christmas and all the paraphernalia that accompanies it. Shops will bombard us with cards, presents, trees, lights, decorations. We'll be invited to, carol services, receive and respond to charity appeals, write shopping lists – how big was that turkey we had last year? But hang on a minute did I really need to be writing about this just over three months before Christmas Day?

We have a season in which to prepare for Christmas called Advent – a word of Latin origin that means “coming” and that is the rightful time to home in on the essentials of the day. For me I turn often to a little book called “Who is this Jesus born of Mary?” written by Stephen Dawes, a former leader of the Methodist Church in Cornwall and Canon Theologian of Truro Cathedral. In the simple beginnings of the book he tests our knowledge of the heart of the story, helping us to separate fact from fiction and then homes in on the core message of the Biblical story and moves on to show how the music and poetry of many of our carols, some of them less well known, can best express something of the mystery at the heart of our faith. Make that journey and you could share in his conclusion and in the words of a carol sing or say, “Praise to God the Christ has come!”

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St Wendrona's Rota

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December 1st Advent 1

Reader	R Spencer
Intercessions	M Cowley
Offertory	M Cowley/J Parker
Sidespeople	P Haywood
Cleaning	M Cowley/A Venear

December 15th Advent 3

Reader	A Venear
Intercessions	R Spencer
Offertory	P Haywood/C Loveday
Sidespeople	R Osborne/B Osborne
Cleaning	M Cowley/A Venear

December 24th Midnight Mass

Reader	B Osborne
Intercessions	Canon David
Offertory	M Cowley/J Parker
Sidespeople	B Osborne/C Loveday
Cleaning	H Sandford/K Jenkin
Flowers	H Sandford & others

January 5th Christmas 2

Reader	J Parker
Intercessions	H Sandford
Offertory	M Cowley/J Parker
Sidespeople	R Osborne/B Osborne
Cleaning	B Osborne
Flowers	H Sandford

December 8th Advent 2

G Leeson
H Sandford
Christingle Service
R Osborne/C Loveday
M Cowley/A Venear

December 22nd Advent 4

H Sandford
B Osborne
H Sandford/B Osborne
M Cowley/J Parker
H Sandford/K Jenkin

December 29th Christmas 1

J Haywood
M Cowley
B Osborne/C Loveday
P Haywood
H Sandford/K Jenkin
H Sandford & others

January 12th Christ's Baptism

M Cowley
M Cowley/J Parker
B Osborne
M Hutchins

January 19th Epiphany 2

Reader	R Spencer
Intercessions	R Spencer
Offertory	B Osborne/H Sandford
Sidespeople	P Haywood
Cleaning	B Osborne
Flowers	M Hutchins

January 24th Epiphany 3

G Leeson
B Osborne
P Haywood/C Loveday
R Osborne/B Osborne
A Venear/A Cowley
M Hutchins

Wendron Bits & Pieces



When thinking about writing this month, my thoughts went back to Canon David's sermon last Sunday when we were reminded that this time in our church year we have a number of special days & services when we are asked to remember. We have All Saints Day

when we think of all the saints who have no special day of their own which is followed by the day set aside for the Commemoration of the Faithful (All Souls Day). Moving on a couple of days or so we have Guy Fawkes Day, Remembrance Sunday & Armistice Day followed soon by Christmas Eve & Christmas Day when we remember the birth of Jesus in the stable. If one looks through one's diary hardly a day passes without being reminded of someone or some organisation that we should remember & for which we should give thanks. Even earlier today I have been to the annual Coffee Morning to raise funds for the RNLI. I always stop what I am doing on the evening of the 19th December & remember the tragic loss of the Penlee Lifeboat & all its crew, one of whom was a work

colleague of mine & another I played football with whenever we played against Mousehole. Sadly, today many of these occasions & remembrances do not receive the same respect that is owed to them.

Turning to church matters, our Harvest Festival was held in early October. The church was beautifully decorated & the amount of produce brought to the service was unbelievable. As well as giving thanks that we have plenty, we remembered those who are far less fortunate, as gifts of food etc were taken to the Truro & Penzance refuges & to St Petroc's Society. On the Monday the school also held their Harvest service in church.

Workwise, long outstanding work on the electricity supply was carried out yesterday replacing the temporary supply wiring put in place after we had called Western Power when some wiring was beginning to get hot & smoke. Quite an interesting job taking some 7 hours to finish.

We are back to our normal pattern of services from now to the end of the year. I expect some of these will appear elsewhere in this issue of the magazine. A list will be displayed on the church notice board by the font in the next few days. Any queries contact the wardens,

We are sad to have said 'Goodbye' to Carol Bryans who will be moving out of the county soon.

We were all sad to hear of the passing of Max Barnett. Max was always very proud to tell you that he first came to Wendron to worship before he had reached ten years of age. He was in his late eighties when he passed away. Despite his illness he was able to attend church until a short time before his death.

Bevan

To the Congregation of Helston & Wendron Churches & the wider Community

The Women's & Men's Refuges are always very appreciative of all your donations & on behalf of them I thank you very much indeed. I can assure you that what is given, & has been given over the years, has been welcomed with open arms.

I often find items in the Refuge box at the back of both churches.

What a wonderful amount of Harvest goods which was divided between the Refuges & the Food Bank. Many thanks to Helston & Wendron churches & also to the Mothers Union & Parc Eglos School who support us every year. The Refuges like to keep as much as they can in their store cupboards for when women & children arrive, a meal is always very welcome.

The Mothers' Union also supports St Petrocs & again they are always so thankful for Duvets, bed linen. pillows & sleeping bags.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Sue Spencer (MU)

Own recipes" (from hand written recipes, mostly collected from local ladies & gents from around the West Country)

Special Chocolate Cake

4 oz chocolate, 3 oz sugar, 3 oz ground almonds
3 oz butter, 3 eggs, Slice of white bread

Separate eggs, beat yokes with sugar. Add butter
Add 1 tablesp breadcrumbs and ground almonds.
Add melted chocolate and 2 teasp water.
Whisk egg whites and fold in stiff egg whites.
Pour into greased tin.
Bake at 190 deg C for around ½ hour



Christmas Prize Quiz

1. *On Christmas Eve 1990, a film “A Grand Day Out” introduced us to which iconic duo?*
2. *In which fictional world, created by CS Lewis, is it always winter but never Christmas?*
3. *In which 1996 Christmas comedy did the Trotters finally become millionaires?*
4. *Where is Father Christmas known as Pere Noel?*
5. *What is the other name for the Holly plant?*
6. *Name the three of Santa’s reindeers that start with the letter ‘D’*
7. *Which record was a Christmas No.1 in both 1975 and 1991?*
8. *Who wrote “I’m dreaming of a white Christmas”?*
9. *Who were the four ghosts of Dickens’ “A Christmas Carol”?*
10. *What country did Poinsettias originally come from?*
11. *What is the name of the skin that hangs from a turkey’s neck?*
12. *Which country & area is Eggnog said to have originated from?*
13. *In which country is it said that finding a spiders web on Christmas morning brings good luck; resulting in Christmas trees being decorated with artificial webs?*
14. *‘Christmas Tree’ is a term commonly associated with which sport & player formation?*
15. *What is Scrouge’s first name in Dickens’ “A Christmas Carol”*
16. *St Nicholas was born in which country?*
17. *Bandy is an ancestor of which winter sport?*
18. *Which future managerial great suffered a horror injury on Boxing Day 1962 from which his playing career would never recover?*
19. *Which Australian pop star appeared in a ‘Doctor Who’ Christmas Special in 2007*
20. *Widow Twankey appears in which Christmas Pantomime?*

Answers to be sent to the editor simonroach@talktalk.net by 4th January 2020

First correct (or most correct) opened will receive a bottle of wine

Calling All Gardeners



Autumn is now passing into winter so it's important to clear up all the leaves & dead plant material. Leaf mould can be made if a quantity of leaves can be put into a black plastic bag, almost full, tie off the top & leave it for 2 years. It will make very good compost for potting up the special plants you wish to grow indoors.

Pests are always a problem so when you pick up litter from the soil look for slugs & snails & destroy them. Whilst you are clearing plant litter you should try & lift any weeds that are present. I don't compost weeds, mine go to the recycling centre.

It is the time of year, on frost free days, to turn our soil so that the rain will go deeper in the soil & if you leave the soil in lumps the frost will break it & kill off unwanted items in the soil. If you are able to put compost on the soil you can dig it in with care for your health. If the compost is spread on the surface the winter rain & frost will help it combine with the soil. Worms will work the soil for you. In the spring you can lightly fork over the soil ready for planting. If you have tender plants & shrubs you can protect them with fleece obtained from garden centres.

This years raspberry canes should be cut to 3 inches above ground & the new canes tied into the supports. Blackcurrant wood can be cut back in November/December by one third of its length.

If you are buying plants to grow indoors, water them when you buy them and then when the pot feels light. Keep indoor plants away from radiators & cold windows. Many varieties are on offer. Do get seed catalogues or inspect seed packets on show in supermarkets & garden centres for you to sow later in the year.

Enjoy your gardening in the rest of this year & into 2020.

Ron Allen

Diary Dates

<i>Tues</i>	<i>December 3rd</i>	<i>7pm Churches Together Advent Walk of Witness See Page 6</i>
<i>Wed</i>	<i>4th</i>	<i>12noon-2pm Kimbilio Advent Soup Lunch See Page 13</i>
<i>Sat</i>	<i>7th</i>	<i>Evening Parish Party in Andrew Hall See Page 6</i>
<i>Sun</i>	<i>8th</i>	<i>10.30am Wendron Christingle Service “</i>
<i>Mon</i>	<i>9th</i>	<i>6.30pm St Michael’s School Carol Service “</i>
<i>Tues</i>	<i>10th</i>	<i>Parc Eglos School Carol concerts afternoon & evening Page6</i>
<i>Wed</i>	<i>11th</i>	<i>7.30 for 8pm Porkellis Hall Carol Service See Page 6</i>
<i>Sat</i>	<i>14th</i>	<i>Evening Helston Chamber Choir at St Michael’s See Page 6</i>
<i>Tues</i>	<i>17th</i>	<i>7pm Wendron Church Community Carols “</i>
<i>Wed</i>	<i>18th</i>	<i>Helston College Christmas Service “</i>
<i>Thurs</i>	<i>19th</i>	<i>Wendron School Carol Service “</i>
<i>Tues</i>	<i>24th</i>	<i>4pm Wendron Crib Service 5.30 St Michaels Christingle “</i>
		<i>11.30pm Midnight Mass both churches</i>
<i>Wed</i>	<i>25th</i>	<i>10am Joint Family service at St Michaels with Communion</i>

See the church website – www.stmichaelschurchhelston.org.uk & the Pew Slip for the up-to-date church calendar & for details of other church events for the Helston & Wendron Parishes.

Last Word from the Editor. Please submit any items for the February/March Messenger to me simonroach@talktalk.net by Sunday 12th January or give to me in church.

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If you occasionally find spelling errors in the “Messenger” just consider the following:-

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Amzanig huh?

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Ringin Practice night is on Tuesday's at 7.30 pm at St Michael's except on the first Tuesday in the month when it is at Wendron. New ringers and visitors are welcome

Helston & Wendron Mothers Union Branch Leader/Enrolling Member.- Rev. Dorothy Noakes. Address, 6 Tenderah Road, Helston TR13 8NT.Tel. Number, 01326 573239.

New Members are always welcome!! Please contact Rev Dorothy if you wish to join

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Wendron Bell Ringers – Ray Spencer,

The St Michael's Ringers usually try to ring for morning service at Wendron on the first Sunday of the month though the Sunday may change occasionally to fit in with special occasions e.g. Harvest Festival etc

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