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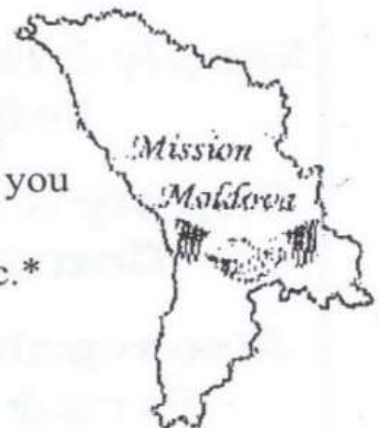
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Revd. Dorothy Noakes Thursday
Betty Booker Friday

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*The Rectory,
Church Lane
Helston*

February 2020

Dear Everyone,

I am writing this letter in the middle of January just before the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The week from January 18th to January 25th has long been an occasion when we can spend time in worship & fellowship with our fellow Christians from other churches in Helston. It was actually a former priest from St Mary's Roman Catholic Church, Father John Richardson, who suggested that a good way for the different churches to meet would be over lunch each day during the week of prayer, preceded by a short act of worship in each church. Churches Together in Britain & Ireland provide us with good material to use each year, clustered around a particular theme, and it is this material that we use.

Like that other great January thing, the New Years resolution, what we resolve to do in January should be not just for January but for the whole year through. In the course of the year we will have a shared Lent discussion group & an opportunity to worship together by the boating lake on Easter Eve (the Sunday before Easter Sunday). Further joint activities & services for the middle & latter parts of the year are being planned.

Degibna Prayer Chapel stands as a wonderful resource for prayer, discussion & worship with a strong ecumenical focus

Mustard Seed/Open Door in Wendron Street is another example of a project staffed & supported by Christians from so many different churches seeking to serve the community in many different ways.

Red Wednesday, usually in the second half of November, at St Mary's, is a chance for Christians from many different churches to pray for persecuted Christians worldwide, & sadly there are many such people.

Ecumenism energises our understanding of God's purposes & presence. The same God who is active in our church, is active in the other churches as well as in the wider community.

With my very best wishes for a happy & ecumenical 2020

David Miller

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

Flag days for February/March

February 2ndPresentation of Christ in the Temple
“ 24thSt Mathias

March 1stSt David

“ 5thSt Piran 

“ 17thSt Patrick

“ 25thAnnunciation to the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Registers



Helston

Wendron

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

Koa James

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

Nil

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

Arthur Leonard Stanley Noy

Details from the St Michaels Registers were not available when this edition went to print so will be included the next time

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For many years Helston and Wendron churches had separate Mothers Union branches. Unfortunately, both branches closed and there was no Mothers Union in either parish until the 16th November 1995 when a new joint branch was formed. In 2020 Helston and Wendron Mothers Union branch celebrates its 25th birthday. Every year we celebrate our birthday with a Service and a birthday tea.

In November our Service in the Andrew Hall was a Eucharist and as a special treat we had a cream tea;

In December we had our Christmas party, we shared our favourite poems, readings, and stories, and played games before our tea. This meeting was one of fellowship, fun and laughter and enjoyed by all.

The Mothers Union theme for 2020 is. "Building hope and confidence" As we build our hope and confidence in God we will be inspired and equipped to build hope and confidence in others, in both a local and a global context.

So our themed resources for 2020 aim to help us live out our faith to build hope and confidence in ourselves as well as those we support, and to nurture our faith as we continue to walk forward in step with God.

Revd Dorothy

Kimbilio Advent Lunch on Wednesday 4th December



Thank you to all who supported the event.

As usual there was a very good turn out of people who came for the lunch of soup and rolls & who contributed generously to this good cause. Almost £500 was raised.....so thank you to all concerned



Some of those who worked so hard to make the event successful are pictured here but unfortunately no-one seems to have taken any photographs of those who attended.

The Chocolate Factory & Craft Centre

There's always something going on for the whole family

The team at Trenance, near Mullion, have the envious task of producing chocolates for a living. Watch from the viewing gallery, try a sample in the shop & then be tempted to make your own selection from a large range of hand-made chocolates

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but there's lots more besides chocolates.....

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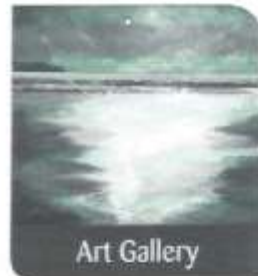
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stationery, crafts, jigsaws & more
+ 'Make & Take' for children
run throughout the day**



Trenance Chocolate



Art Gallery



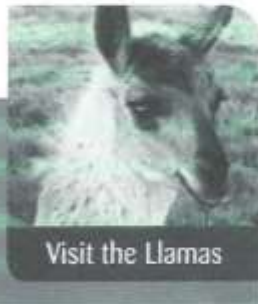
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Jean Williams



Jean Gibson, Barry Cornish & Kate Bolland

Wendy Pudner



Bell Ringers Dinner at Halzephron 11th January



A Future Strategy for Kerrier Deanery

(All the Deanery churches have been asked to publish this in their magazines. It explains what is happening with regard to Deanery strategy, so that all the churches in the Deanery are fully informed.)

The Kerrier Deanery comprises 16 churches grouped into the 6 Benefices of Constantine, Helston & Wendron, Meneage, Mullion, Gunwalloe & Cury, St Keverne and South Lizard Group, and West Kerrier. Every church in the Deanery is expected to make a contribution to the Diocese for the costs of maintaining the work of the church including the support and payment of its clergy and the costs associated with the diocesan administrative support. Previously known as the “Parish Share”, this is now called the Ministry and Mission Fund (MMF). The Diocese receives no contributions from either the Church of England or the Government towards the cost of maintaining the work of its parishes: we all have to pay our own way.

Each church is requested to make an MMF contribution based on a complex formula taking into account the size and circumstances of its congregation. However, in recent years many churches have found themselves unable to pay the full amount requested, and Diocesan finances are becoming unsustainable. In 2018 the Diocese transferred the negotiation of MMF payments with individual churches to the Deaneries, giving them the responsibility to determine how much could be paid and how that would be allocated to individual churches. The Kerrier Deanery has set up a Planning Group made up of two representatives from each Benefice to review this situation, and it has met 5 times this year.

The expected contribution from Kerrier Deanery in 2017 and 2018 was £329,909. The actual contributions made totalled £244,746 and £214,916 respectively. The Planning Group takes the view that parishes are paying what they can and that there is little point in exhorting them to make greater efforts. However the 2018 cost of

maintaining the existing complement of paid and unpaid Clergy and Readers was £313,618. It is evident that this cannot continue and the Deanery needs to develop a strategy so that costs and contributions are matched.

The unit cost for the provision of stipend, housing, training and pension for the Stipendiary Clergy, is over approximately £50,000/annum. At present there is provision for 4 ½ such clergy serving in the Deanery: in reality, the Deanery can afford only 3 fulltime, plus the underpinning support of the Non-stipendiary Clergy and Readers. Therefore there has to be a plan for a transition from the existing situation to one that is affordable by the Deanery. This will require changes to the existing parochial structure, the patterns of church services including Eucharistic services, and what congregations can reasonably expect from a smaller number of Stipendiary Clergy.

Nothing will change immediately, but with 2 ½ existing Stipendiary Clergy approaching retirement age, it is essential that the Deanery has a clear future strategy. This is what the Deanery Planning Group is developing.

Cancer Relay for Life is being held in Helston this summer 13th/14th June 2020 from 12 noon for 12 hours at Coronation Lake. The Town Council are putting in two teams: Councillors Team and Town Council Staff Team.

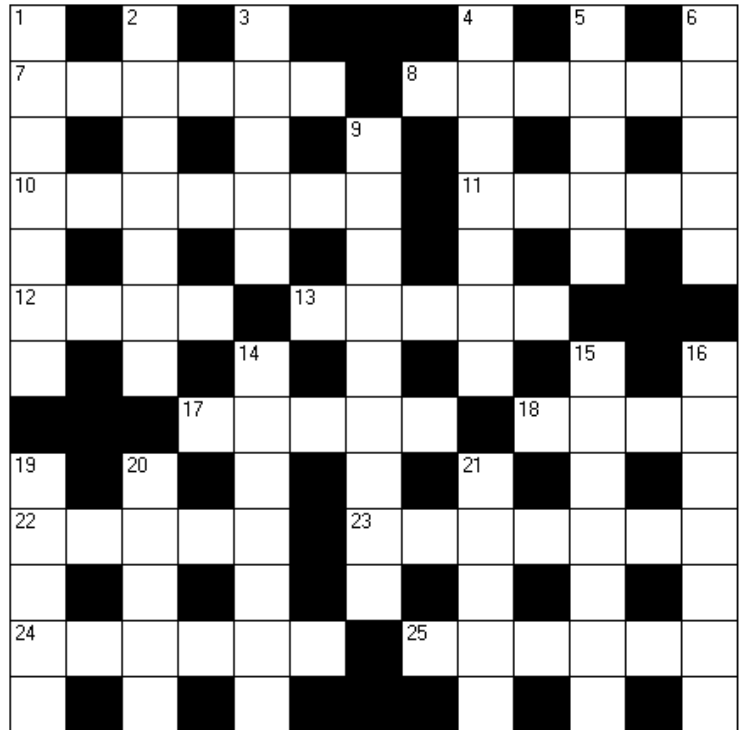
As part of our fundraising effort we are holding an event in the Guildhall on the morning of Tuesday 25th February.(Shrove Tuesday) As well as tea/coffee being served we will also be serving pancakes. Any donations or sponsorship towards the relay in June will be greatly appreciated. We have sponsor forms available.

Many Thanks

Nicola (team leader for the councillors)

CROSSWORD

Answers page 19



Across

- 7 Decaying, like the wood in Job ch. 41 (6)
- 8 Description of the ceremony held by the Egyptians in Genesis ch. 50 (6)
- 10 OT book which tells of a census (7)
- 11 ..a Jew of the _____ of Benjamin (Esth 2.5) (5)
- 12 Garden home of Adam and Eve (4)
- 13 Father of David in 1 Samuel ch. 17 (5)
- 17 Container of oil in 1 Samuel ch. 10 (5)
- 18 Buddhist priest in Tibet (4)
- 22 Devotional song (5)
- 23 Ahab summoned him in 1 Kings ch. 18 (7)
- 24 His _____ are a fraud (Jer 10.14) (6)
- 25 Group of lines of verse (6)

Down

- 1 Archbishop of Canterbury 1533-1556 (7)
- 2 Dismissed by the wicket-keeper (7)
- 3 Lips that speak knowledge are a rare one according to Proverbs ch. 20 (5)
- 4 Woman entertaining a guest or guests without payment (7)
- 5 King of Eglon in Joshua ch. 10 (5)
- 6 South American mountain range (5)
- 9 Christian festival ten days before Whitsunday (9)
- 14 Sleep, like the King of Assyria's shepherds in Nahum ch. 3 (7)
- 15 Countries (7)
- 16 Double veil worn by Moslem women in public (7)
- 19 Paul spoke of visiting here in Romans ch. 15 (5)
- 20 Watercourse in Daniel ch. 8 (5)
- 21 Religion (5)

Healing Power of God - from Paul Phillips

Hello friends

I wanted to share with you something I read a while back – it certainly worked for me, and I am sure it can for you.

We all want "healing" in some area of our lives. But-- impatience is a constant temptation. We want it now! Today! Walking with God through the ups and downs of our lives is usually not easy.

Scripture describes the life of faith, not as an instant fix, but as a slow journey in which God invites us to walk with Him into healing. (1 Peter 2: 1-3) God invites us to bring our whole selves-- the parts we like AND the parts we don't like, are ashamed of, or fear-before HIM. It is only when we come before HIM in our weakness that we experience the healing power of His love. This requires time, patience, and constant dependence on God in prayer and looking deep into our broken places. That is uncomfortable and difficult.

But, the author of Hebrews reminds us, we have NO reason to fear! God already knows us BETTER than we know ourselves (4: 12-13). Our Saviour Jesus fully understands our struggles and invites us to courageously bring them before God's throne. When we do, we experience the wonder of His never ending mercy and grace!

Be encouraged today! Jesus loves you so much!

Editors note – My apologies to Paul who sent this in for the last magazine – somehow it got mislaid

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*whilst encouraging
wildlife. The Churchyard
already has established*

*trees, important memorials and a healthy lichen population. At a time of
great environmental uncertainty, habitat creation and maintenance are
of vital importance. Careful management can encourage an increase of
wildflowers, pollinators*

*(insects), birds,
mammals, amphibians
and reptiles. St.*

*Michael's churchyard is
probably uniquely
placed to be a corridor
for wildlife as it is sited
close to fields and the
river as well as many
town gardens. It is
already a community
asset with many people*

*walking through the churchyard and taking
Sterling work by local volunteers has cleared
of the area, but this work needs to be ongoing in a
growing setting.*



After discussions with members of the PCC, Cornwall Wildlife Trust and local councillors I am offering to project manage a 'living churchyard project'. Over five years the project will:

- Scope, consult, identify and plan,*
- Involve the PCC, the parishioners of St. Michael, the local community, Helston Town Council and the local schools and groups.*
- Increase wildlife and plant diversity in the churchyard*
- Inspire, educate and refresh.*



The 'greening' of St. Michael's Churchyard presents us with many opportunities and some challenges.

It has the potential to:

- increase footfall and become more of a community resource*
- increase the habitats for wildlife*
- Increase plant life beneficial to insects, birdlife, mammals and humans*
- educate, involve and refresh parishioners, residents and visitors.*

At the same time, it is a closed graveyard, with access to the Andrew Hall, a much used facility and is a well-used church for services, concerts and weddings.

At present the churchyard looks fantastic in Spring, with three-cornered leek, crocus, daffodils and snowdrops. It then becomes rather sparse, after being strimmed and rather denuded for the rest of the year. How then can we reconcile the various interest groups in the churchyard, whilst increasing habitat and diversity and educating and involving churchyard users. Robert Moor from Cornwall's Living Churchyard Project (a joint initiative between Cornwall Wildlife Trust and the Diocese of Truro) has visited the churchyard in spring and in winter. He identified that where strimming has taken place the grass has

been left in place, making the earth too rich and suppressing wildflowers and less dominant grass species. However, the top of the graves have less grass, poorer soil and better drainage making the graves an ideal site for cultivation of wildflower species.

It is proposed:

1) to consult i.e. with the PCC, the parishioners, the local community, the Town Council, local schools and groups as to their aims, wishes and ideas for the churchyard;

2) monitor and record plant and wildlife species;

3) Identify target areas for improving habitat and diversity;

4) with the information obtained in 1 and 2 draw up and implement a five year plan.

You are invited to email Julie Taylor-Browne (01209 831672, taylor.browne@clara.net) with your thoughts on the potential benefits or pitfalls of the above scheme and offers of help or resources are much appreciated!



I dreamt death came the other night
And heaven's gate swung wide
With kindly face an angel came
And welcomed me inside
And there to my astonishment
Stood folks I'd known on earth
Some I had deemed as quite unfit
Or but of little worth
Indignant words sprang to my lips
But never were set free
For every face showed stunned surprise;
No-one expected me!

Wandering Thoughts for Lent from Tony Pudner

It was listening to the Desert Island Discs programme that prompted me to write back in the summer and mention that the book I would choose to take with me to that solitary experience along with my Bible would be Pilgrim's Progress. A Bedfordshire tinker, John Bunyan's name is always linked to that book written during his long imprisonment for being a non-conformist preacher.

But it was singing his much-loved hymn "Who would true valour see" that made me pick up the volume again and reminded me that the book is a two-part story for it is taken, not from his journeying, but from the second part which is the tale of how his wife, Christiana, and her children take on a similar pilgrimage even though they had ridiculed him when he set out on his journey. The hymn is linked to one of her great encouragers as she journeyed, a character named "Valiant for truth" – hence its opening line.

Both parts of the book are said to have come to John Bunyan "In the similitude of a dream" and, I guess, that in twelve years in prison there was ample time for dreaming, but that phrase is taken from the Authorised Version of the prophet Hosea's words which suggest that parables, stories, dreams which are quite fictional or made up purposefully can convey and impart great truths.

I write at a time when we shall be moving into Lent, a season that invites us to reflect on how our Lord told in picturesque language of his preparation for his life work I wonder what you make of those few verses found in the gospels of Matthew and Luke?

Answers to Crossword (Page 14)

Across - 7 Rotten 8 Solemn 10 Numbers 11 Tribe 12 Eden 13 Jesse 17 Flask
18 Lama 22 Psalm 23 Obadiah 24 Images 25 Stanza

Down - 1 Cranmer 2 Stumped 3 Jewel 4 Hostess 5 Debir 6 Andes 9 Ascension
14 Slumber 15 Nations 16 Yashmak 19 Spain 20 Canal 21 Faith

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

Feb 2nd Presentation o Christ in temple

Lay Asst, N Boase
 Epistle M Thomas
 Prayers M Searle
 Sidespeople S Chambers
 Offertory Junior Church
 Server N Boase
 Crucifer N Bolland
 Coffee J & E Davis
 Cleaning B Booker

Feb 9th 3 before Lent

J Boase
 K Murphy
 Clergy

 A Hearne/J Lawrence
 M Searle
 M Boxer
 H & M Thorn
 Janice & Di

February 16th 2 before Lent

Lay Asst, M G-Kane
 Epistle M Thorn
 Prayers A Holyer
 Sidespeople J Lawrence/A Hearne
 Offertory H & M Thorn
 Server B Booker
 Crucifer Julie
 Coffee Mothers Union
 Flowers Sandy

February 23rd 1 before Lent

K Murphy
 H Thorn
 M G-Kane
 S Chambers
 M G-Kane/D Maddock
 N Boase
 S Bayes
 C.M.S.
 Felicity

March 1st Lent 1

Lay Asst M Searle
 Epistle M Searle
 Prayers M Thorn
 Sidespeople L Martin/M Wellstead
 Offertory Junior Church
 Server M Searle
 Crucifer Louise
 Coffee J & D Eddy

March 8th Lent 2

N Boase
 S Bayes
 M Thomas
 J Eddy
 M Charnock
 B Booker
 K Murphy
 T & W Pudner

March 15th Lent 3

Lay Asst, J Boase
Epistle M G-Kane
Prayers M Searle
Sidespeople S Chambers
Offertory F Blight/N Boase
Server N Boase
Crucifer N Bolland
Coffee J & E Davis

March 22nd Mothering Sunday

M G-Kane
E Goodfellow
Clergy
J Lawrence/A Hearn
M & S Pryor
M Searle
Julie
H & M Thorn

March 29th Lent 5.....

Lay Asst, K Murphy Offertory S Roach
Epistle M Thomas Server B Booker
Prayers A Holyer Crucifer Louise
Sidespeople S Chambers Coffee Mothers Union

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

Mushroom & Bacon Rol-Poly

6oz Self raising flour
3oz shredded suet
¼ teasp salt and pepper
2-3 tablesp water



Filling

6oz mushrooms chopped
4oz bacon chopped
1oz onion grated
1 level teasp dried tyme
Beaten egg

Combine flour, suet, seasoning. Mix to dough with water. Roll out.
Mix filling together and roll up. Glaze with beaten egg
Bake for 30 minutes at 200C
Serve hot with tomato sauce.
(Bake 45 minutes from frozen)

Who's in the next pew?

Alan & Margaret Bostock



Margaret & Alan have lived in Mullion since the late 60s: Margaret a Cornish girl & Alan a Derbyshire lad who arrived in Cornwall in 1965. Finishing his apprenticeship as a Joiner & then working in Nottingham, Alan decided to explore the West

Country & eventually landed up in Mullion

After meeting Margaret in 1967, Alan decided to stay & they were married at Margaret's church at Treslothan. Two sons followed in 1976 & 1978.

By this time Alan was a self employed builder & Margaret a Dental Nurse which she was for most of her working life, first in Camborne then in Mullion & Helston with Gordon & Anne Milne & latterly with John Cope at Helston Dental Practice. She still enjoys chance meetings with former patients & is still in touch with former workmates. She was also particularly pleased to contribute to Cury School by becoming a Foundation Governor & latterly Chair of Governors until the creation of the multi Academy Trust.

Their two sons played rugby at Helston & cricket at Mullion so Mum & Dad helped however they could both on committees & in the kitchens- Alan being a dab hand with a tea towel!

Alan became a bell ringer by accident. After refurbishing the Mullion tower screen he needed extra muscle to refix it so this was achieved on a bell ringing practice. He was asked if he'd ever considered ringing &

*was asked to try a bell- and that, as they say, is history. He wished he had discovered it years ago. He has now joined the St Michael's team of ringers & says that the camaraderie in the Helston tower is exceptional. He wonders if the present captain imported it from Devon!
In February, Alan & Margaret will be moving to Truro to be nearer their family but Alan still hopes to be ringing in Helston & Wendron & they will attend church at whichever church he is ringing at. They say it has been good to have such a warm welcome at both Helston & Wendron & catching up with many friends & acquaintances has been special.*

Christmas Prize Quiz

Thank you to all who sent in answers to last month's Christmas Quiz.

The answers we were looking for were as follows:-

1. Wallace & Gromit
- 2 Narnia
3. Only Fools & Horses
- 4 France
5. Ilex
6. Donner, Dasher, Dancer
- 7 Bohemian Rhapsody
- 8 Irving Berlin
- 9 Christmas past, Christmas present, Christmas yet to come, & Jacob Marley
- 10, Mexico
- 11, Wattle
- 12, England. East Anglia
- 13, Ukraine
- 14 Football 4321
- 15, Ebenezer
- 16 Turkey
- 17 Ice Hockey
- 18 Brian Clough
- 19 Kylie Minogue
- 20 Alladin

Several correct entries were received but the first correct entry drawn was from Nicola Boase . Congratulations to Nicola who was the lucky person to win the bottle of wine prize

Sociability Group

On Wednesday 18th Dec St Michaels Sociability Group held their first Workshop meeting, where Paul Phillips was asked to lead on a foliage arranging project.

It was to create a small Tabletop decoration for the Christmas table.

Whilst some of the members had not arranged flowers or foliage before, they all showed a natural flair for this kind of work. Everyone seemed to have enjoyed themselves and were happy with what they had produced and as a Christian gesture decided to donate their work to St Michaels Church for its Christmas display.



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St Wendrona's Rota

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Feb 2nd Presentation of Christ in temple

Reader A Venear
Intercessions H Sandford
Offertory H Sandford/ B Osborne
Sidespeople M Cowley/J Parker
Cleaning A Venear/M Cowley
Flowers M Hutchins

February 9th 3 before Lent

H Sandford
R Spencer
C Loveday/B Osborne
M Cowley/A Venear
C Loveday

February 16th 2 before Lent

Reader B Osborne
Intercessions B Osborne
Offertory M Cowley/J Parker
Sidespeople P Haywood
Cleaning M Cowley/A Venear
Flowers C Loveday

February 23rd 1 before Lent

J Haywood
M Cowley
C Loveday/P Haywood
R Osborne/B Osborne
A Venear/M Cowley
C Loveday

March 1st Lent 1

Reader J Parker
Intercessions H Sandford
Offertory H Sandford/B Osborne
Sidespeople M Cowley/J Parker
Cleaning H Sandford/K Jenkin

March 8th Lent2

M Cowley
R Spencer
C Loveday
H Sandford/K Jenkin

March 15th Lent 3

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

March 22nd Mothering Sunday

G Leeson
H Sandford
C Loveday/P Haywood
R Osborne
A Venear

March 29th Lent 5

Reader A Venear
Intercessions R Spencer
Offertory B Osborne/H Sandford
Sidespeople M Cowley/J Parker
Cleaning M Cowley

Wendron Bits & Pieces



It doesn't seem long ago that we were preparing for Christmas. We started off with the Christingle Service at the beginning of December at our morning service. In 2018 it was held in school because of our building work but being back in church certainly made a difference to the attendance. Thank you to the little group of ladies who made the Christingles. Quite a number of the card candles which the children assembled in school were brought back to the service & kept me busy during the afternoon counting the contents. Since then I have received more candles & more coins to count & we are nearing the £200 mark to send to the Childrens Society thanks to the wonderful support at the School Carol Service on the collection plate. As soon as I have the final figure I will drop a note over at school. The school carol service has always been one of my favourite services and this year was no exception. Thank you to Mr Hunkin & the staff at the school for their work in putting on such a lovely service, Thank you to the parents for bringing the children along to sing with such enthusiasm & finally THANK YOU children (I have just had a few more pennies which I hope will pass £200)

The Community Sing Along was not favoured with the best of evening weather which prevented some from coming. However, it was enjoyed by those who did come to the completely unrehearsed sing song.

We were back in church this year for the Crib Service. What an excellent attendance of children of all age groups, parents & grandparents.

Canon David was the celebrant & preacher at our midnight service & our congregation was around the usual number.

On the first Sunday in January our congregation was invited to join with the Trinity Methodist Church at Porkellis for their annual covenant service and on the second Sunday of January we held an Epiphany Carol Service. As the Sunday is also known as Plough Sunday we also bless the land & celebrate the work of the farmers. Sadly, the weather in November/December has not allowed the farmers to prepare the land.

I must commend those who decorated the church so beautifully over the Christmas period. Finally, I cannot close without mentioning the Christmas Tree. One day I went into church & the corner was bare but a couple of days later there was a beautiful tree standing there fully dressed with baubles, tinsel & lights. It wasn't lit up but I couldn't resist the temptation to switch it on. How beautiful it looked. Thank you to Robert, Margaret & family no doubt for providing & decorating it.

Bevan



Calling All Gardeners



We have had a reasonable amount of rain in the past few months so you do need to hoe around your plants & shrubs to aerate the soil. There has been some thought expressed in magazines that digging soil is not as good as was thought, the reason being that digging disturbs the good bacteria in the soil. If you have always dug your soil & it's produced good results do continue but if you just fork over the surface that will be sufficient. I regularly hoe my soil & lift any weeds that have appeared & do very little digging which seems to be successful. If you are applying fertilisers to your ground this is both necessary & useful. Composting or manuring the ground will need a little turning over of the soil, then later back to the hoeing.

I do hope you have a seed catalogue to hand & will order your seed for 2020. If you are ordering flower seed they should be sown as shown on the packet. Some can be sown in February but these should be placed in a frost free area. Others can be sown directly in the soil, say from April onwards, depending on the weather. If you grow dahlias & begonias then clean off the tubers & place in just moist compost, frost free, until April to sow outside. Tomatoes can be sown in conservatories/greenhouses in small 3 inch pots in February together with leeks & onions to be planted out in the growing area when the weather is warm. Primroses & polyanthus do very well and add colour to your garden. Roses need to be pruned say 4 or 5 inches from the stock when the weather has been warmer & growth has started.

It is a busy time of year & your efforts should prove successful.

Enjoy your Gardening

Ron Allen

The Cathedral Pet Service

Hi Folks. It's Jacob your Canine Correspondent! The editor must still have some festive goodwill as he's allowing me to write to tell you about the Cathedral Pet Service which we went to on Saturday 28th December



We were there in plenty of time but still had to sit



in the side aisle as so many dogs had brought their owners along. It was a bit of a shame that we were stuck behind a pillar and the cathedral hadn't switched those television screens on, so we couldn't see much. However, all the dogs were in good voice & joined in the singing very enthusiastically. I didn't see any other sort of animals, it seemed to be just dogs, which I thought was just as well! We started the singing with "All things bright and beautiful" & finished up with "Bark the Herald Angels sing".

There were Wise Men & Shepherds processing around the cathedral and the Dean was dressed as an Angel. As you can see from the photo, I was paying attention to his sermon (even though it looks as if my owner had nodded off).



The Dean told everyone that pets make life a lot nicer, pointing out that people are a lot more friendly & likely to speak to each other when they have a dog with them.

On the Service sheet it said that in times past people took their dogs to church with them & straw mixed with rosemary was often placed on the floor, and incense would have sweetened the air. It went



on to say that a Service of the blessing of pets is a wonderful opportunity to thank God for the gift of animals & for us to ask God's blessing on all that he has made.

Towards the end of the service we all had to follow the nativity procession up to the chancel so that we could all get blessed. Actually I only got as far as the chancel steps as

the Great Dane in front of me had "misbehaved" and his owner was trying to mop up the floor with a tissue.

Believe me -we could have done with a bit of that rosemary & incense!

Happy New Year with lots of wags -Jacob



A Glimpse into the past- sent in by Elizabeth Goodfellow

Extract from 'The Memoirs of John Boaden J.P., C.A., of Mawgan-in-Meneage, Cornwall, 1828 – 1904'

John Boaden was born at Trease Farm in the parish of Cury. Writing at the end of his life he remembers the farmhouse(s) of his youth.

"The furniture was, compared with the present, of the plainest description, the parlour had lime ash floor, uncovered, a table in the centre, of mahogany in our case, a bureau ... (with desk on top and chest of drawers below), a few plain chairs, a table by the side, a few primitive ornaments on (the) mantelpiece, but more commonly cups and saucers, the few books would be found in this room, always the Bible with the births and deaths of the family recorded on the flyleaf. Amongst the others would be the Pilgrim's Progress¹. Baxter's 'Saints Rest'², Dodderidge's 'Rise and Progress,'³ a few Methodist magazines, Prayer Book, Methodist Hymn Book, the periodical period could scarcely be said to have begun, a plain old iron barred grate, fire perhaps not lit more than 2 or 3 times a year on an average, no fender or fire irons, a few very plain pictures generally scripture subjects. The kitchen had a table and form, 2 or 3 chairs, an open chimney with a bench by its side and generally a brick oven in the wall such as you find in Essex today, but these had fallen in disuse before my time. The dairy which was also the larder, contained the dairy utensils, on the stairs generally stood the eight day clock and the brass warming pan well burnished in some conspicuous place, I don't think it was much used. There was scarcely any carpeting, the iron bedstead was unknown here, they were all wooden, many of the four poster class. As washing upstairs was never thought of, as a rule there was a total absence of washstands, but the beds were often well trimmed and the tyes well filled with home grown goose feathers. As almost the sole fuel was furze and turf, there would be daily made, a

quantity of ashes, and raking up the fire would be the last work to be performed before going to bed, it consisted in getting all the embers of the fire together and covering them over with ashes.

Around the fire in the winter season, the farmer and family warmed themselves before going to bed, after tending the horses and cattle as they invariably did at 8 o'clock. Servants were expected to be home to do this at that hour, the cattle had hay or straw and bedded down for the night

The first work for the servant girl in the morning was to get the barrow in to wheel out the ashes to the ashes pile, which amounted to several loads in the year, then to milking, the milk of course was all scalded on the brandis and soon after 8 she would be ready to go to the field to work. The wages for a good woman servant was about £4.0.0 yearly.

There was no carpet beating or mat shaking to be done as farm houses had scarcely any of either. To bring in the fuel (furze or turf) there being scarcely any other, and to use them was an item of their work.

Wall paper or staining was almost unknown except in Mansions. Lime ash was the only adornment in farm houses from parlour to cellar, dried herbs of various kinds would be found in store and bees were kept far more than at present so that honey was brought out to the sick and as an article of luxury as there were scarcely any jams, neither was there cake kept in the house, apple pies in season were common and when a visitor was expected a heavy cake was baked under the baker.

The consumption of sugar was very little, brown about 6d per lb and loaf higher, tea sparingly used, the old tinder box with flint and steel with brimstones matches stood in the place of the modern lucifer match, the country was traversed by match sellers in all directions, there was also a large number of beggars frequently representing that they were wrecked sailors, generally with fluent tongues”.

1. John Bunyan. The Pilgrim's Progress. 1678

2. Richard Baxter. The Saints' Everlasting Rest. 1650

3. Philip Doddridge. The Rise and Progress of Religion in the Soul. 1745

Degibna

In his letter on page 4, Canon David mentions how Degibna Prayer Chapel stands as a wonderful resource for prayer, discussion & worship with a strong ecumenical focus.

It may be of interest to readers to read the short article that Rev Andrew Hill wrote for the Christmas 2007 edition of the Messenger which is reproduced below:-

Degibna Prayer Chapel

“My house will be called a house of prayer”

The name Degibna derives from Decuman, a Celtic Saint. There was a chapel dedicated to him in the area long before Methodism began. In 1397 the vicar of Wendron was licensed to celebrate the Feast of St Decuman there & in 1904 the present Methodist Chapel was built to serve the farming community. Times changed & in 2006 we began to seek a fresh purpose for the chapel

Then the roof was damaged by storms. Should we accept defeat or was God calling us to take a risk? We renewed the roof & we believe that God is leading us to develop the building as a Prayer Chapel in it's stunning location .

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We want to encourage use by Christians of all denominations. For further information please contact me on 01327 572303 or go to our website www.degibnaprayerchapel.org.uk

We value your prayers & interest.

Rev Andrew Hill

From an article written by a member of Our Lady's Church at St John's Wood London

Thirty years ago I visited a Leper Settlement in Ghana for Sunday Eucharist. As those suffering from leprosy gathered in the chapel, I noticed how each person prepared to take part. Two blind men were to play the xylophone while many people took up local instruments and formed the music group. A boy on crutches was to be the server and a lame young man prepared the reading. Finally, a beautiful young mother, Cecelia, crawled into the chapel with her new born baby strapped to her back. Cecelia had no fingers and no toes but that didn't stop her leading the singing. Throughout the liturgy I wondered - How can Cecilia manage to care for her baby girl? By the end I had the answer. The celebration was such a joyful affair there was nothing half hearted, no hint of sadness or resentment.

Everyone was full of gratitude for the gifts they still had and thankful for those among them who shared their gifts and became their hands and eyes and strong limbs

It was through receiving the gift of Jesus - the bread of life - that they found the selfless love to become gifts for each other.

The baby girl was everyone's favourite as each one would offer all they could to nurture her

Those lepers could have languished in a kind of living death but their faith and trust in Jesus' promises, "whoever eats me will draw life from me", prompted them to offer themselves the same way

A humble life, like the loaves and fishes, to be transformed into the likeness of Jesus himself.



Diary Dates

*25th February – Coffee Morning & Pancakes (Shrove Tuesday)
at the Guildhall- Fundraising for Cancer Relay for
Life event (See Page 13)*

26th February – Ash Wednesday -7.30 Combined service at St Michaels

Watch the pew slip/ or church website for details of Lent Groups

*22nd March – Mothering Sunday- Distribution of flowers at Parish
Communion*

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 April/May Messenger to me simonroach@talktalk.net by Sunday 8th March or give to me in church.

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