

BLISLAND with TEMPLE and ST BREWARD

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TEMPLE CHURCH

Priest in charge: The Reverend C. R. Sargisson, The Rectory, Blisland.

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PARISH CALENDARS

BLISLAND with TEMPLE

June 1st	Trinity Sunday	Parish Communion 10.00 a.m.
June 4th	St Petroc's Day	Mothers' Union 3.00 p.m.
June 5th	Thursday - Corpus Christi	Holy Communion 8.00 a.m.
June 8th	Trinity 1	Parish Communion 10.00 a.m.
June 11th	St Barnabas, Ap,	Holy Communion 8.00 a.m.
June 15th	Trinity 2	Parish Communion 10.00 a.m.
		Evensong TEMPLE 3.30 p.m.
June 18th	Wednesday	Mothers' Union Corporate Communion 10.00 a.m.
	TRURO CATHEDRAL	Bodmin Deanery Pilgrimage 7.45 p.m. *
June 22nd	Trinity 3	Parish Communion 10.00 a.m.
June 24th	Birthday of St John the Baptist	Holy Communion 8.00 a.m.
June 28th	St Glastonbury Pilgrimage.	
June 29th	Trinity 4 St Peter & St Paul	Parish Communion 10.00 a.m.

ST BREWARD

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*Parties by car from both parishes ?

FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

Preparations will be going ahead this month for Church summer Fetes in both parishes, Blisland Rectory on 5th July and St Breward Village Hall on 12th July.

I make no apology for writing about money this month, for the subject is not as materialistic as it sounds. In any case is not all matter made by God, and thus fundamentally good? It is an ancient heresy to say that spirit is good and that matter is bad.

It has been said that Christianity is the most materialistic of all religions. If this is so it is because we take a realistic view of all that God has made. From the very first Chapter of the Bible we learn that the maker of all things is God, that the Creation is an orderly process (hence the sequence of "days") and that he sees everything he has made as being good.

Our faith takes account of the fact that man is a being partly material (he has a body) and partly spiritual (he has a soul) and that he is not a disembodied spirit floating around.

The Church's sacramental principle follows on from that. It is the expression of the inward through the outward. God expresses himself outwardly, to be seen, heard and known in Jesus Christ instead of remaining out of sight of us men, who have been given eyes with which to see. In every day life we use the same principle ourselves. We speak our thoughts in outward sounds, we show that we care inwardly for others by our outward good manners. We shake hands as an outward greeting, kiss to show affection and send birthday cards to show we have remembered.

Such outward expressions, then, are sacramental of the inward and spiritual. That is why the old Catechism defines a sacrament as an outward and visible sign of an inward and spiritual grace. Water, bread, wine, oil, hands laid on and words spoken all contribute to the Church's glorious way of following our Lord's example of acknowledging sacramentally the good things that God has made.

Money fits into this sacramental picture. To give money to the Church is sacramental of what you feel and think about

the Church. It is an outward expression of how much you care about the Church and about your parish church as it stands there in the village witnessing to God. Parochial Church Councils have to send away as a contribution to the Diocesan Common Fund round about half their income, as a first charge and duty. The rest of the money goes on repairs and everyday "housekeeping" such as heating and lighting, and a little is given away to charitable causes and to overseas missions. Like everyone else today we are savagely hit by inflation. Further, we do realise that we are depending on gifts from those who are themselves hit by inflation before they start giving.

However, my main principle remains true. Giving money is sacramental of the way we care, and where we care greatly, we can be relied upon in all good conscience to give much.
WHERE WE LOVE WE GIVE.

Conrad Sargisson

MERRILY ON HIGH

As anyone near Blisland can hardly be unaware on a Thursday evening an enthusiastic group of young people is learning to ring our bells. The number is so great that Mr Reuben Long has to spread out the exercise over the evening, and the learners and I are grateful to him for his patience. As for the hearers, we have to balance the ... er ... the experience of the sound of six simultaneous bells against listening for improvement and the joy of anticipating eventual success.

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Members of Blisland Parochial Council would like to thank Mr and Mrs Sargisson for their generous hospitality on the occasion of the Bishop's Visitation. The buffet lunch was exceptionally delicious and much enjoyed by us all.

PARISH REGISTERS

Holy Baptism

Sarah Jane, daughter of Roy and June Nottle, was baptised at St Breward Parish Church on April 27th at the Parish Communion.

Banns of Marriage have been published between Michael Gerard Talbot-Smith of the parish of Shamley Green in Surrey and Jane Grania Lumley-Smith of the parish of Blisland. We shall have them in our prayers for July 26th.

LETTERS

Dodging the Issue

Mr Gerry Neale has reacted quite indignantly to the editorial comment that appeared in our April issue. His letter is too long to publish in full, but is available, at Lavethan, for anyone who would like to see it. The nub of his argument is as follows:

"In no way am I in favour of the closing of village Sub Post Offices . . . all I have stated is that if there are pensioners who wish to make arrangements to draw their weekly pension less frequently than weekly intervals, and in addition if they wish to have it paid into a bank or similar form of account, they should not be prevented from doing so."

Your editor has apologised to Mr Neale for misrepresenting him — however the truth is that village Sub Post Offices carry a salary without which very few village shops could possibly survive. It follows that if benefits are not paid locally and the total business transacted at the Sub PO thereafter falls below the required level, the GPO will close that Sub Post Office, and however cherished and needed the stores may be, they will almost certainly follow suit. So if you value your own Post Office Stores you must make sure that it has enough PO business to survive.

COPY FOR OUR JULY ISSUE

Please remember that all copy for No 4 should reach me not later than Sunday 8th. Letters, comments and pictures welcome.

Editor

Notes from BLISLAND Parish Council

Our Parish Assembly took place on 10th April, in the Institute and we were delighted to see so many Parishioners present. Mr. Faull and Mr. Coad, our respective County and District Councillors were present and both gave a good account of the year's activities in the Councils concerned. Mr Faull and Mr Coad were both asked a good many questions - the predominant ones being about the increases in rates and the proposal to build Nuclear Power Stations in the area. Little joy was forthcoming on the subject of rates, but after some discussion it was proposed that, in order to get a better idea of the views and feelings of the people of Cornwall, in respect of nuclear power, a referendum should be held next year. The suggestion was that this could coincide with the County Council Elections. Mr Faull agreed to put this suggestion to the appropriate authorities.

In my summing up of the work completed by the Parish Council I was pleased to be able to report that we have reduced the local rate by 20 per cent - namely from 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ p to 2p ... perhaps the County would like us to show them how it is done!

To help keep expenses down the Parish Council has bought a mowing machine for the Green - unfortunately this is not a self-propelled robot. Several councillors have volunteered their services, but we could certainly do with some outside assistance. Anyone who can spare even a little time to help will be most warmly welcomed. I can personally recommend this to members of both sexes who are anxious to shed a little weight or show off their muscles! Interested parties please contact me at "Tor", or any other member of the Council

Among other projects that we have been able to complete has been the placing of the granite stones around the Green to stop further erosion at the edges. These have completely blended in with their surroundings and don't look at all unsightly. The access ground in front of the Institute has been tarmaced, which apart from looking tidier, means your feet don't get a mud bath on wet days. All the street lights in Manor Close and all but one in Pentor are now in working

order. By the way there is a prepaid-postcard scheme for reporting failure of street lighting - both Mr. Harris and Mr. Whiteway hold supplies of these cards.

The improvements to the North corner of the Village Green and the corner by the Pendrift Council houses are now complete, providing a safer walk for pedestrians and a better view of possible hazards for motorists. Tenants of Council houses in Tregenna Road must be a lot happier with their new layby -- it makes parking a lot easier and saves tempers and frustrations caused by the road being blocked.

The Council has been engaged in other activities such as site meetings, clearance of blocked drains, complaints that have needed to be looked in to and so forth. These are the every day items that seldom hit the head lines - nevertheless they have to be seen to, and Councillors would soon be taken to task if they neglected them. The Parish Council meets on the second Thursday of every month and if you would like to come along to see what's cooking, please do. We are YOUR representatives so make use of us.

Eileen Walford

A POPULAR PARTY

The Tea Party and Coffee Evening that Tony and Isobel Willcocks put on for the North Cornwall Spastics raised £306. They would like to thank all who helped to make it such a success, and we in turn would like to pass a hearty vote of thanks to them for giving us the opportunity of having such an enjoyable time. In years past it used to be St Pratt's Fair that enabled old friends to meet, now we have the Willcocks Annual effort. As one old wiseacre said as he left, "First Friday in May is Isobel's

Day - see you same time next year m'dear"

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WELL KNITTED!

Liz Pengelly reports that the splendid sum of £168 was raised for Church funds at the recent Knit-In. Five ladies did a really fine job and five colourful blankets containing 30-35 squares each were made up and will be given to the East Cornwall Hospital. Mrs Masters won the medal for the most money raised and Mrs. Miller for the greatest number of squares knitted. Well done indeed!



THE "TRIPPET STONES."

This remnant of a Druidic circle is on the Manor of Blisland, and consists of nine upright, unhewn stones, averaging three feet above the soil. Two other large stones are lying partly buried in the circumference of the circle, but it is doubtful whether they ever formed part of it.

From: Ancient Crosses and Other Antiquities in East Cornwall. J. T. Blight

STONE CIRCLES

No one who lives, as we do, on the edge of Bodmin Moor can be unaware of the ancient stones and relics which exist in our area. The map of the locality is studded with little stars, indicating either tumuli (burial places) or hut circles (dwellings). Many of these are easy to detect, especially in the neighbourhood of Garrow Downs or Roughtor, and they provide ample evidence that there were people inhabiting these 'uplands' of Cornwall three or four thousand years ago. In this article I want to mention, in particular, the Stone Circles which are to be found in our two parishes. By "Stone Circle" I mean a roughly circular setting of spaced standing stones, which are neither burial places nor dwellings. Over 900 such circles have been identified in the British Isles, mostly in the North of Scotland, the Outer Hebrides, South-West Ireland, the Lake District and Cornwall (where there are about twenty-five), and they date, apparently from the late Neolithic to the Bronze Age (say 2500-1000 BC). They vary in size - the Stannon circle has a diameter of about 40 metres, Leaze 25 metres - and they vary in the number of standing stones, usually about 28 on Bodmin Moor and Dartmoor, but only 20 near Lands End. No one really seems to know what their purpose was. Could they be associated with Tribal rites? Or were they assembly places for annual gatherings? Are they the petrified remains of dancers who dared to dance on the Sabbath? There is no evidence because there was no recorded

language, no inscriptions, and the stones are merely large chunks of granite, of which there is no shortage in Cornwall! It is interesting that none of these circles is sited on the top of a hill, all are in open spaces, on a southern slope, which suggests that there might well have been some astronomical significance in their positions.

Of the five major Stone Circles in our area, three are easily accessible:- 1) The Trippet Stones (map ref 131750) on Manor Common, on the north side of the road from Bradford to the A30, 2) Stannon (126800) on the right of the road past the China Clay site, 3) Leaze(137773), a short walk beyond Leaze cottage going towards Garrow Tor. The others are more difficult to reach:-4) Fernacre(144800), half a mile south of Roughtor, 5) the Stripple Stones(144752), between Hawk's Tor and the China clay works. The latter is strictly a 'henge' because there are a ditch and a bank within the circle.

Donald Bousfield

Sources: Bodmin Moor by Pat Munn; Bodmin Moor by E.C. Axford; Antiquities of the Cornish Countryside (Tor Mark Press); Stone Circles of the British Isles by Aubrey Burl.



STANNON CIRCLE

From: *The Stone Circles of the British Isles*, Aubrey Burl

NEWS FROM THE WOMEN'S INSTITUTES

ST BREWARD

Mrs A. Harvey addressed the April meeting, showing excellent coloured slides of the various buildings of St Lawrence's, Bodmin, and talking about the work of the hospital.

Funds are being raised on a county basis this summer through a sponsored walk of the Cornwall coastal footpath. St Beward W.I. decided to take part in this. A group of about 20 members and friends - and one dog - met at Tintagel on 3rd May, some to walk to Trebarwith Strand and a few to pick up the walkers there later on. Walkers made notes on the state of the footpath and on the flowers and wild life; all enjoyed a pleasant afternoon together.

Pamela Bousfield

BLISLAND

Bells - bells - bells and darts and history !!! - Just three of the new schemes for your W.I.

We crack off with a demonstration of Hand-bell ringing by Mrs Rickard and Miss Greenaway which will have taken place by the time you read this. Hopefully members will be able to learn enough to help in

keeping alive this ancient art.

Secondly a darts team is being formed which we hope will lead to matches in a not too serious vein.

Thirdly and most importantly we have decided to compile a History of the Parish of Blisland, and for this ambitious venture we need all the help we can get. Please bring us your old photographs, old newspapers, local anecdotes of people and places - stories handed down verbally and anything else of possible interest - all documents will be carefully handled and returned. Please all search around and help us to make this a full and interesting study before all our old memories are lost in the mists of the past. As you can see Blisland WI looks forward and backwards!

New members always required and welcomed - all ages will find something interesting, for we cater for all tastes. The June speaker is Mrs Wright from Launceston, who will talk to us and demonstrate on the subject of patchwork. To preserve our image there is always a cup of tea and a bun!

Eileen Walford

For your Diary Please remember JUNE 28th ST LAWRENCE'S HOSPITAL Fete -- Opening 2p.m.
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SUNDAY SCHOOL NOTES

BLISLAND

By the time you read this we hope to have held an informal supper evening for the young people of both parishes and their parents to explore ways

we can share activities and worship.

The Bishop's Visitation was enjoyed by the children and we hope that he enjoyed our fragile rendering of "Loving Shepherd of Thy Sheep"

A brief account of the April outing follows, written and illustrated by Dova Romero

The Sunday School Went to the beach. We went to see the little house where they keep the beachballs and things like that. then we went to a lovely house where we had lunch. We went back to the beach and played games then went home.
by Dova



Report from Lolita Bamford, Blisland Parish representative to the Deanery and member of the House of Laity

THE DIOCESAN SYNOD April 26th 1980

After Eucharist in the Cathedral the Synod met in the Chapter House, under the chairmanship of Bishop Graham. The three subjects for discussion were: 1 Housekeeping, 2 Communications 3 Mission. The first debate in the morning concerned clergy stipends, and the increase which was approved at the last session. The basic stipend is now £4,300 for Cornwall, which does not reach the recommended £4,500 which is generally accepted through out the country. There was strong support from the laity to adopt the higher sum, but the Bishop drew attention to the fact that the parsonage and its maintenance represents a considerable addition to the stipend, as does tax relief on expenses.

The second item on the agenda was the presentation by Rev. Forest of the study booklet "Partners in Mission". A copy of the booklet had been placed on delegates' chairs and although we had only a short time to look at it, it was clear that this was going to be an important debate. The study has been drawn up by the Diocesan Council for Mission and Unity, by a team under the joint chairmanship of Rev. Forest of Looe and Jeremy Dowling, chairman of the House of Laity, who is also a lay preacher and deacon. The purpose of the study is described on the first page. "This course has been planned to help us see the Church's task, and what action we should be taking to fulfil this task. It is most important that the clergy, churchwardens, members of the Parochial Church Council, as well as leaders of the various Parish organisations should all be involved in the study. You may be led to invite people from other churches, or from outside the life of the Church, to act as observers in your groups."

Fr. Forest described how the course has been used at Looe, during Lent, and Mr. Dowling followed with a very clear and inspiring talk on the thinking that had led to this undertaking and on the results that were hoped for. Very bluntly it means that we are being asked to examine the life of our Church and our own participation in it.

After lunch the Synod reassembled and I could not help noticing that the ranks of the clergy were much depleted which was a pity in view of the importance attached to the next subject—communications. Sir Edgar Pickering was formerly

editor of the Daily Express and the Mirror Group, and is now vice chairman of the Press Council. He was able to show how the Church now has the means to reach out and spread the Word through radio, TV, the press, both national and local and last, but by no means considered least, the Parish Magazine. Comments were invited by the Bishop on relations with the press and on the role of parish magazines in urban and rural areas. Many towns have good local news coverage, so that the parish magazine is seen principally as a teaching medium, on the other hand in scattered rural parishes it often fulfils the role of a neighbourhood news sheet. One clergyman said that he read a lot about broken legs and hospital visits but not a lot about God. I pointed out that a magazine like ours is in danger of slipping out of the influence of the Church and becoming a community news sheet rather than being concerned with the life of the Church.

After Sir Edgar's talk the Bishop reverted to "Partners in Mission", and as we had then had time to study it over lunch, he asked for our views. To my mind it is dynamite, and if the Diocese as a whole adopts the course it will have a profound effect on our lives and our worship. I asked if the Synod was committed to seeing that it was carried out, if the Deaneries were to be actively involved and if this was an order or a recommendation. The Bishop graciously answered that although he could not impose it as an order he "very strongly urged" parishes to adopt it. The chairman of the study has offered to come and speak to us - he estimates that 70 out of 100 parishes are expected to take it up. In the meantime copies of the study, price 10p, are available from me

STOP PRESS!

A meeting at Blisland Village Hall to inaugurate the Sunday Club was attended by the Rector and fifteen children from Blisland and St Breward, together with a promising number of parents. Plans for a camp in June were set in motion and a very happy evening was enjoyed by everyone. For more details please contact Lolita Bamford.

FROM OUR YOUTH CLUBS

BLISLAND

Village Hall Every Friday at
at 7.00 p.m.

We have been very fortunate in having Judy Ivil taking an interest in the Club; she has kept the kids occupied with a variety of Treasure Hunts and on fine evenings they have taken to playing rounders on the Green. Judy also has a very good line in reject flapjacks which the company demolish with gusto! Shirley Rowe has come along to keep us company and members are now talking about having a fete in June to raise funds - for more news of that please keep a look out in the Post Office.

Having Judy and Shirley come along is great - but it would be nice also to have some of the parents drop by and take an interest. To date those involved with the club have no direct interest apart from their concern for the welfare of the youngsters.

Tina is interested in doing a 'Helping Hand' service and hopefully the others could be involved.

Stella Vause

ST BREWARD

After bullying the village into giving its hard earned cash, the club held its tidy-up on 26th April. I'd hoped for treasure, but no such luck. Terry O'B found a bomb-aiming panel from a Lancaster bomber and Paula, Victoria and Mandy found so much rubbish and cash that I think they must have emptied dustbins and robbed the Post Office! You may have noticed the bus shelters - I hope not too many people are stuck in them and that the cement doesn't wash off when it eventually rains. Seriously all the tidiers did very well. Jim Hill kindly lent us his trailer and all the junk ended up in my garden. Then, much to my children's annoyance and wife's relief the NCDC kindly removed it all - it needed a lorry. Like the weather, the sponsors were very kind and we made over £70. for the club. Thank you all very much.

The Club had its AGM on 14th May - the night Henry's Road Show made a surprise guest appearance - surprise that is to Larry and the committee, I think everyone else knew!

We hope to have the Pool table soon and to keep the Club running through the summer - on Friday nights - with more of Henry and the St Tudy gang.

Andy Henderson

NATURE NOTES

Oh dear Mink!

I apologise - in particular to Brigadier Edward-Collins who furnished me with the story, for referring to the Lordly **ERMINE** as a mink, in last month's nature note. The two could not be more different. The ermine is the winter form of our indigenous stoat, whereas the fierce and rapacious mink is an escapee from the mink farms which were stocked with American mink. These animals are therefore naturalised, but they are not indigenous. It is the ermine's white tail with its characteristic black tip, that is used to make the ermine capes donned by the Lords on ceremonial occasions.

Hoo - Hoo - Hoopoe!

In April I wondered whether a **HOOPOE** had been seen in recent years. And today I can report that one was spotted in the old part of De Lank Quarry at 4.40 p.m. on Friday May 9th. It was seen by Micky Hunt when he went across to the disused Silver Hill Quarry. We both tried to contact a bird watcher or photographer - but at the time of writing without success.

Polecat-Ferret?

One of our readers believes he has a polecat living in a pile of stones close to his dwelling. Could he be right? My researches make it a little doubtful. The polecat is now a very rare species and is hardly seen outside Wales. It is described in a recent book by naturalist Christopher Lever as having a 'blackish coat with almost purple sheen'. What seems much more likely is that our St Breward friend has seen an escaped coloured ferret - this would explain its familiar and cheeky behaviour, which is uncharacteristic of the true polecat, a fierce and timid creature. My book goes on: 'Polecat-ferrets are the result of escaped dark or parti-coloured animals that have been produced by crossing albino ferrets with wild polecats. . . this constant interbreeding means that there may be no full-blooded wild polecats in Britain today' This also explains why it is so difficult to distinguish between a true polecat and a polecat ferret. Meanwhile if anyone in the area has lost a coloured ferret and will contact the editor, we will tell him where he may find his straying pet.

WEBBER TRAVEL

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on Sunday 13th July

from Noon until 6 p.m.

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Offers of help and contributions for stalls invited!