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KALENDAR & ARRANGEMENTS FOR JANUARY 1987

						Intention
Thu	1	THE NAMING OF JESUS	HE	StB	10.30am	Children
SUN	4	THE HOLY FAMILY	PE	B	10.00am	Families
			Mattins	St B	11.30am	Families
Tue	6	EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD				
		Sung Eucharist		B	6.00pm	Unity
Thu	8	Of the Epiphany	HE	StB	10.30am	Unity
SUN	11	BAPTISM OF OUR LORD	PE	B	10.00am	The Parish
			PE	StB	11.30am	The Parish
Tue	13	S.Hilary	HE	B	10.00am	Fr.Curzon
Thu	15	Of Epiphany I	HE	StB	10.30am	Fr.Browning
Sat	17	S.Antony	HE	B	10.00am	Religious
SUN	18	EPIPHANY II (Week of	PE	B	10.00am	The Parish/
Prayer for Christian Unity)			PE	StB	11.30am	/Unity
Wed	21	S.Agnes	HE	B	10.00am	Martyrs/Unity
Thu	22	S.Vincent	HE	StB	10.30am	Martyrs/Unity
Sat	24	S.Frances de Sales	HE	B	10.00am	Unity
SUN	25	CONVERSION OF ST PAUL	PE	B	10.00am	The Parish/
			PE	StB	11.30am	/Unity
Tue	27	S.John Chrysostom	HE	B	10.00am	Bishops
Thu	29	Of S.Thomas Aquinas	HE	StB	10.30am	Priests

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Parish Registers.

Mrs Joyce Burgess, widow of John, died in Chichester recently. The couple lived at Beechwood, Tresarret for several years after retiring but infirmity in both and the inability to continue driving forced them to move to a more compact and convenient home, and near to their daughter.

Mrs Burgess was a keen WI member and 'into' floral art before it really got to the rest of us. Her remarks and admonitions were a factor in the effort to improve our own Produce Show. Her forthright and indomitable manner will long be remembered - but she was a real old softie at heart when it came to her dog. Her lasting memorial is the stitching that she put into our WI tablecloth which Pat Nelder embroidered.

Our best wishes to Mrs Cable, Blisland Headmistress, for a speedy recovery. Also to Yolande Crowle - the bus was some quiet m'dear..

FROM THE PARISH PRIEST.

My dear Parishioners of Blisland, St Breward & Temple,

I hope that you all have had a blessed and joyful Christmas and I wish you a blessed and happy New Year.

At the beginning of the month of January we keep the Feast of the naming of Jesus and shortly afterwards that of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Parents bring their children to Church to receive Holy Baptism and they are encouraged to bring their children up as Christians in their families and in the Family of God which is His Church. Then we keep the Feast of the Epiphany, the manifestation of Our Lord to the Gentiles. Jesus died to save us all and we should all try to keep this great Feast. We commemorate the offering of the gifts of gold, frankincense and myrhh symbolising His kingship, the worship offered to Him and His death on the Cross. We offer ourselves, our souls and our bodies to Him as His disciples in the community in which we live. Then we keep the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord by St John the Baptist in the River Jordan. John was the herald of Jesus who called upom the people to repent of their sins. So must we.

From Sunday, January 18th to Sunday, 25th (the Feast of the Conversion of St Paul) we keep an octave of prayer for Christian Unity. We do so because of the prayer of Jesus that ' they may be one' and in the Creed we profess our belief in one, holy, catholic, apostolic, Church. The first great schism was between the Western and the Eastern (Orthodox) Churches and then, at the Reformation, there were further splits within the Western Church. Since the Reformation there have been breakaway groups from the Anglican Church within which there are still divisions because of what have been called parties - the High, Broad and Low Church Parties. We must pray for the healing of the divisions within the Anglican Church and for the progress of ecumenism within the whole Church. Happily, there are occasions when, for example, Anglicans worship with their Methodist brethren.

The nearer we draw to Jesus, the nearer we draw to each other. It is in Him that we meet and have fellowship

with Him and with one another. As we enter the Year of Our Lord 1987 let us pray for the Unity of His Church and for the peace of His World and for the brotherhood of all mankind.

May God bless you and all whom you love,

EDWIN STARK.

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Dates for your 1987 Diary.

Blisland Parish Church.

24 th Feb. P.C.C.
14th Mar. Concert by Bodmin Male Voice Choir in the Church.
21st Apl. Annual Vestry Meeting.
2nd June. P.C.C.
20th June. Rectory Garden Fete.
8th Sept P.C.C.
27th Sept. St Pratts Sunday.
11th Oct Harvest Festival. 12th Sale & Supper in Inst.
8th Nov. Remembrance Sunday Service in Church.
21st Nov. Christmas Fair in Village Hall.

Blisland Methodist Church.

21st June Chapel Anniversary.
4th Oct Harvest Festival. 5th Sale & Supper in Chapel.
20th Dec. Carol Service.

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The Blisland Church Christmas Fair raised £302.30p and the very sociable Mansion House Munch raised a further £280. Our sincere thanks to everyone who worked so hard to raise these sums and if I may say so, especially to Beryl Ward-Lee who ploughed on in spite of a broken wrist; also to her generous guests. These may sound large sums going towards church funds but it still leaves us with quite a shortfall on the Diocesan Quota. Also taken into account in our quota figures is Temple Parish, which as we all know is a lovely little church but in recent years has been quite a drain upon our resources due to very necessary repairs. The population is minute and we have been very fortunate in finding caring parishioners amongst them who have worked hard to help - but they need assistance, and funds.

LETTER FROM THE TREASURER.

Dear Readers, As the Editor remarked last month, the Magazine subscription has to increase to 15p. Mr Gurr has kindly audited the books for me & found that over the year we have made a loss of £24.74. Fortunately we still have the balance from 1985/86 to work on so we can manage to keep our head above water. We have 400 copies of the magazine printed each month & if we sold every one we could easily meet our financial commitments, unfortunatel we don't & as the balances each year are decreasing rapidly it is imperative the magazine goes up by 3p.

I'm sure you will all understand & continue to support us. A lot of hard work goes into the compilation & it does enable us all to keep in touch with the village & local events. If you know any new-comers who would like a copy to see what it contains I've always some spare magazines, as does Mrs Vause.

The final statement is as follows:-

Debit.		Credit.	
Printing	504.00	Subs & donations	
Expenses	26.98	Blisland & Temple	273.36
		St Breward	232.88
Balance c/f		Balance b/f	
1986/87	207.30	1985/86	232.04
	£ 738.28		£ 738.28

The Editor & I would like to convey our thanks to Mr John Gurr for auditing the books for us.

Eileen Walford (Hon.Treasurer)

NB It must also be noted that despite increases in the price of paper, the printer has to date kept his figure to us at the original quote. So there is a very real possibility that our printing account could rise with the cost of our basic material. Ed.

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MAKERS & MENDERS.

Starting 15th January Thurs (time to sober up!!) would any interested females (or males) care to come along to Beechtree Cottage - next to PO, between 2 - 4.30pm & start a 'working party' . Cuppa thrown in.. SMV

W O O D T O B U R N

With many people now turning their thoughts to the cold winter ahead, high oil prices and North Sea Gas only being available in a few areas, we should like to present some thoughts on what wood you should burn. The following lines are taken from an old estate management book, but the lessons remain true today. Thanks to Brian Pierce for finding it and thinking of us.

Logs to burn; logs to burn;
Logs to save the coal a turn.
Here's a word to make you wise
When you hear the woodman's cries;
Never heed his usual tale
That he has splendid logs for sale,
But read these lines and really learn
The proper kind of logs to burn.

Oak logs will warm you well,
If they're old and dry;
Larch logs of pinewoods smell
But the sparks will fly.
Beechlogs for Christmas time;
Yew logs heat well;
"Scotch" logs it is a crime
For anyone to sell.

Birch logs will burn too fast;
Chestnut scarce at all;
Hawthorn logs are good to last
If cut in the fall.
Holly logs will burn like wax,
You should burn them green;
Elm logs like smouldering flax,
No flame to be seen.

Pear logs and apple logs,
They will scent your room;
Cherry logs across the dogs
Smell like flowers in bloom.
But ash logs all smooth and grey,
Burn them green or old;
Buy up all that come your way,
They're worth their weight in gold.

ST BREWARD FOOTBALL CLUB.

St Breward Football Club held their Christmas Prize Bingo & Draw and raised the grand sum of £450 towards club funds.

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ST BREWARD PARISH COUNCIL

St Breward Parish Council held a Public Meeting where it was decided to levy a .625p on the rates to enable the Village Hall Committee to get a grant for repairs to the roof from the N.C.D.C.

The Cornwall County Council Further Education Committee have agreed to a £1450 grant for major roof repairs to the Village Hall. The estimate for repairs is £6345.

The Parish Council have proposed that the Parish Rate for the next year shall be 2.5p

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ST BREWARD SILVER BAND.

The St Breward Silver Band held their A.G.M. recently when good reports were received from the Chairman, Band Master and Treasurer.

All the band members have been kitted out with new uniforms and raincoats.

The second cassette is almost a sell-out. Entitled "Moorland Brass" it is priced at £3.50 each and can be obtained from any band member.

Despite the bad weather during the summer season, the engagements raised over £2500 and the Treasurer reports that this sum will start the New Year.

The next engagement of the Band is on Sunday 1st Feb when they will be playing at the Cornwall Coliseum in the Entertainment Contest.

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ST BREWARD PARISH CHURCH

Vera and Maurice Edwards of St Breward and their sister-in-law Mrs Jean Hill of London, had flowers placed in the church over Christmas in loving memory of their brothers, Bob and Jack, and beloved husband Jack who were regular visitors to St Breward for over 20 years.

L O O K I N G B A C K II

Rationing during the war affected everybody, but Farmers were allowed a little extra for harvest time, it didn't go far with the extra food we prepared. This is where pig keeping was an advantage. We had to apply for a permit to kill one and this signalled the start of weeks spent in curing the meat.

Wilfie was an expert in pig killing, plenty of hot water was needed, so I stoked the fire under the copper while he sharpened his knives. When the pig was killed, using a humane gun to stun the pig first, he was kept well supplied with constant hot water with which to clean the pig. This was done by scraping the skin with a kind of tin candlestick which removed the bristles while continuously washing down with hot water; this had to be the right temperature, if too hot it would scald the skin & spoil the appearance, if not hot enough it wouldn't remove the bristles. After a final going over with the knives he would soon have it hanging up, drawn and cut in half to cool.

It was then my work indoors commenced. The belly was brought in on the kitchen table to have the fat taken off & the tripe separated ready for cleaning. This was the job I most disliked. When clean the tripe was soaked, in changes of water, for 3 days in preparation for the hogs puddings. In the meantime the best fat around the kidneys would be run down for lard.

The pig would be cut up in portions; some would be used frsh, the rest was salted for 2-3 weeks, according to the joint. After hanging to dry it was considered cured, if this was done properly it was far superior to the bacon and ham of today.

The small cuts and the pluck was partly cooked, minced and mixed with rice or graots, seasoned well with spices and used to stuff the tripe for the resulting hogs puddings. Those who have never tasted a good farmhouse hogs pudding have missed one of the culinary delights. Days were spent in preparing and making them & if the family had their way they would be gobbled up in as many minutes!

Joints of fresh pork would be exchanged between farmers who killed within a few weeks of each other to save salting, so having the most benefit from it.

I may add that anyone could keep a pig if they had a little house for it, with a bucket by the back door to take the waste vegetables etc. which helped towards feeding, and make no mistake, these animals fed on scraps, a little barley and milk had the flavour we never find in pork today; the same with beef. Young people who have never tasted natural meat, without all the injections imposed on animals today, don't realise the difference.

I'm afraid farmers in the old days didn't provide a living for many vets. Remedies were passed down from Father to Son and there always seemed to be an old chap who knew everything! Surprisingly we didn't seem to lose many animals through common ailments, it was usually the unexpected, like when we lost one of our best milkers through swallowing a piece of plastic bag, carelessly left lying around. This was discovered by the post-mortem, the only way we could know why it died.

I hope someone will have the sense to demand the return to free range natural products before we become so full of the side-effects that we eventually lose our taste buds!!

Gwen Masters.

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The late Mr Don Bridge.

I have been overwhelmed by the kindness of my friends and neighbours in St Breward following the sudden death of my husband. The messages of sympathy, cards, letters and flowers comforted me greatly, and I want to express my heartfelt thanks to you all.

In addition, the sum of £63 has been donated locally for the British Heart Foundation. This is a wonderful tribute to Don, and I thank everyone who contributed, from the bottom of my heart.

Our son and daughter wish me to convey their thanks too - they are greatly helped to know that I have so many kind friends offering their support.

Pam Bridge.

A CASE FOR AGRICULTURE.

The Centre for Agriculture Strategy at the University of Reading has recently published a major report 'The Case for Agriculture', it is an independant assessment and sets out in a readily available form, the positive benefits that agriculture brings to the nation and its regions as a whole.

It balances the negative comments which are so often thrown at the industry and the people that control it. But sadly the general public fail to realise the major benefits that agriculture has on our economy, when the countryside is being discussed.

'Straw burning, silage effluent, the removal of hedges and trees from roadway and river banks, and the cutting of farm hedgerows at the wrong time of year, together with the C A P (Common Agricultural Policy) and animal welfare'are all from time to time seen splashed around our newspapers or TV screens.

There are however, two sides of every story and a balance has to be struck. Our lives over a few decades have been totally transformed compared with the postwar period in terms of supply and unit cost of our food.

The achievements of agriculture over the years is taken for granted and some are not recognised, this industry makes three main contributions to the nations wealth. (1) Production (2) Employment (3) Care of the Countryside.

Production. Agriculture in the UK is a very large industry with gross farm output of £12,000million. We are now approaching and indeed in a few areas, we have exceeded self-sufficiency in the major food groups. With cereals we exceed self-sufficiency by some 17% and in all meat production we achieve 90%. Concern over food shortages and hygiene have diminished over the years with T.B. and brucellosis almost eliminated.

Food prices at the farm gate have risen less than the retail price index and the % of household income spent on food has steadily declined.

Over-production of course must be controlled, but at the same time we must have some in reserve for a

rainy day - remember Chenobyl of a few months ago ? The Russians will for decades.

The tide must turn and by using the skills of farmer's and people that work in the countryside, set about reducing the amount of imported non-food commodities that can be grown on land. We import 90% of timber we use and we import almost all of our finer woods. So an agro-forestry system would fit in well with the community's interest.

Employment. One of agricultures achievements is its staggering rise in productivity per person, of course, the % employed directly involved in farming, even in our rural community appears small with nationally at 2.3%, but if you add all those indirectly involved this rises to 3.9%

Care of the Countryside. The natural vegetation of our country is trees (Camel and De Lank valleys) and scrub (the moor itself). Virtually all the grassland is maintained by defoliation. This is done by grazing farm animals or by man and his forage harvester. In fact it is a true meaning of 'man made' and to keep it looking good does require continued management.

Most of the land is farmed, so farmers have a role in managing the countryside and caring for it's appearance. I am sure that a completely unmanaged countryside would not appeal to the majority of readers of this magazine but the part played by farmers in maintaining the countryside is probably little appreciated.

Quite naturally attention is fixed on the instances of mis-management but this should not totally obscure the dependance on farming of the beautifull scenery we possess and cherish.

Ashley Masters.

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The Cornish Churchman

Will present subscribers, (and any new ones) kindly let me have their payments - 60p - as soon as possible, please, so that the numbers required for 1987 may be ordered.

Thank you.

Mrs Joyce L.Richards.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTES

ST BREWARD

On an evening so wet and windy that it was very nearly decided to cancel the meeting 20 members and 4 visitors arrived to hear Mr Shad talk about the Royal Yacht - but once again he did not arrive, this time due to 'flu. My husband, Barry Holmes sorted through his slides and gave a selection showing the gardens at Sandringham, and then a set showing our ducklings as house pets when orphaned or abandoned by their non-maternal Mums.

Sadly both table tennis teams lost their matches in Launceston & St Austell but have enjoyed several afternoons practising recently.

Mrs A Skinner told us of the lighter side of the International Jamboree at Mount Edgecombe during one of the really stormy "summer" weeks; coping with all the problems caused by the weather must have made for a traumatic time.

A few last minute arrangements were made for the Christmas Fair on the Thursday evening; due to a lot of local support for which many thanks, the final total is £143. In particular the craft stall was a great success, raising over £40 as a result of our Thursday afternoons. As these were so enjoyable we have decided to continue these and make items to support other village events. I hope Blisland have as much pleasure from their afternoons as we have.

The January meeting will be our Social with refreshments provided by all the members, and nominations for the 1987 committee will be made.

Anne Holmes.

St Breward Methodist Church are holding their NEW YEAR'S EFFORT on Jan 7th at 7pm

Bring & Buy Stall. Gift Tree. Open Fancy Dress for all. Adult Comp: A Pretty Plate. Childrens Comp. Make a picture, which will later in the evening be made into Calenders. Numbers will be provided. Refreshments.

All proceeds for Church Funds.

BLISLAND

What dreadful weather we had for the November meeting but our stalwart members turned up &the convivial atmosphere soon made one forget the rain & gales.

The three ladies who attended the Officers Meeting at Wadebridge came back with many suggestions for our Institute to adopt & our thanks to Gwen Masters, Wendy Gurr and Isobel Willcocks for keeping us up to date.

Our Speaker and Demonstrator this month was Kay Pope who lives at Tresarrett. Kay came and gave us lots of ideas on cake icing with Christmas in mind - her flowers and figures were beautifully made but obviously need lots of skill and patience. Have that feeling that my cake will still be the usual snow scene with the sprigs of holly!! Apart from the cake icing Kay who was later joined by her sister Jennie, chatted about their twelve month holiday in Australia which was very interesting especially as they just about covered the whole of the continent.

After the cups of tea and refreshments supplied by Doreen Miller & Stella Vause - Stella gave the report on her trip to the Autumn Council Meeting at Truro. This included the resolutions which were all supported, (1) A special room to be made available at local hospitals for victims of rape & sexual abuse. (2) Compulsory bleepers on all vehicles over 35cwt & (3) Lobby all MP's against the proposed Channel Tunnel. The Speaker was Miss Joan Burns who spoke on 'The Piano in the Romantic Age'. Stella said this really was splendid & brought the tatty old piano in the City Hall to life. We all enjoyed the report & thanked Stella for representing us.

A correction to last months report. Wendy Gurr won the Unusual Spoon' competition, not Marjorie Horton - sorry Wendy. This month Isobel Willcocks won the 'Congress Tarts' competition.

In January Blisland WI celebrates it's Ruby Anniversary so we hope to do something extra to the annual dinner & party we organise. We are very proud & pleased to have Three of the original members with us still, Mrs Doreen Miller, Mrs Gwen Masters & Miss June Runnalls & they take a very active part in the running of the Institute.

Now it only remains for me to wish you all a Very Happy

& Prosperous New Year during which it would be nice to see some more new faces amongst our members.

Eileen Walford.

Best wishes from over the Tamar.

I had a cheery letter the other day from one of our overseas subscribers, Mrs Freda Townsend. She will be best known as our long-standing WI President who lived at Landerbethick, a keen gardener and also into Scouting.

Mr & Mrs Townsend retired (?!!) to New Zealand and by all accounts haven't stopped since, in spite of a spell of ill-health. They came on holiday last July and called into Blisland but only managed to see a couple of old friends, the village seemed to have hibernated for the day. However she sends all her best wishes to ex-fellow members and friends.

Carrying on the good work, she is now President of her local Institute. The National Conference is a bit different to our NFWI AGM, to attend this year gave her a hectic 5 days and nights to go to Wellington, the meeting compared with the Albert Hall was more interesting, inspiring and less formal. The coachload of delegates and visitors had a circular tour through the mountainous centre of the North Island. They were entertained to lunch at a huge cattle & sheep station, even having a helicoptor dropping onto the lawn to see what was going on.. Her WI is an aging one with no young members coming on - sounds familiar - but they do have a lively Garden Circle.

Another recent letter from Mrs Hawthorn,who wished to convey her best wishes to her Blisland friends.

My mail is another editorial bonus. May I add my New Years good wishes to all our readers and could they please make a New Year's Resolution, to support the mag. with more articles and memoirs. Thankyou.

" The old year is your experience,
The new year your opportunity,
From the one you get wisdom,
And from the other, you need faith."

Thanks to Grace Masters for this.

W.R.V.S. MONDAY CLUB REPORT.

Nov 17th was very successful regarding the appeal for good clothes. Members brought generously including bedding. Two officers from the W.R.V.S. were welcomed & told of the dire need of clothing & all household goods. So much unemployment in our area causes poverty beyond our imagination. The need is great for further supplies. Parcels can be left at the W.R.V.S. offoce in Fore St, Bodmin, where they will be gratefully received.
A letter of thanks has been received from County Office telling us that most of our collection had already been dispatched to flood victims, and we have already sent more parcels.
The competition 'Christmas table decoration' was won by Miss Rowe.
After arrangements were made for the Christmas tea party tea and chat concluded the afternoon.

Dec 1st was a bumper meeting when we welcomed several guests and some prospective members. The room looked very festive & we thank the friends who contributed so generously. It was a lovely social occasion, when games were enjoyed and a special tea spoiled our appetite for supper!! We were requested to repeat it more often!
I wouls like to thank everyone for coming & helping us to enjoy our afternoon.

Gwen Masters.

GRAND AUCTION on JAN 24th at 10.30am
in the VILAAGE HALL, ST BREWARD.
All proceeds in aid of ST BREWARD METHODIST CHURCH
The Village Hall will be open on the 23rd so that items can be brought for the Sale.
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