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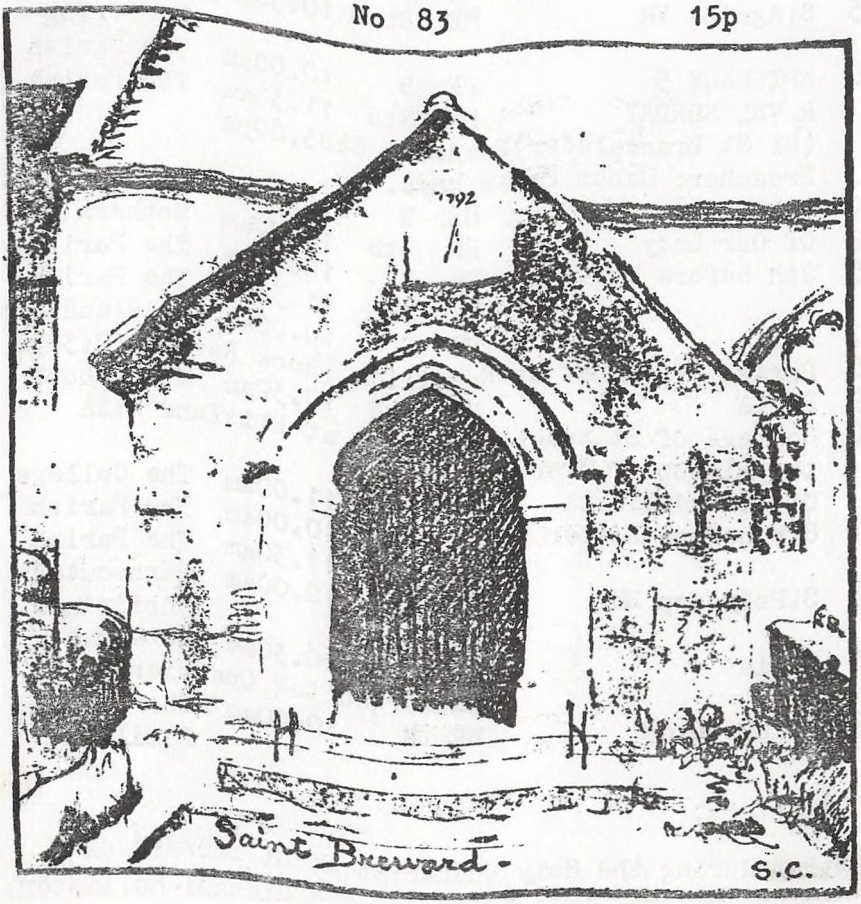

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KALENDAR & ARRANGEMENTS FOR FEBRUARY 1987

						Intention
SUN	1	EPIPHANY 4	PE	B	10.00am	The Parish
		Mattins	StB		11.30am	The Parish
Mon	2	PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD				
			HE	B	10.00am	Children
Thu	5	S.Agatha VM	HE	St B	10.30am	Sick & Suffering
SUN	8	EPIPHANY 5	PE	B	10.00am	The Parish
		REVEL SUNDAY	PE	StB	11.30am	The Parish
		(Of St Branwalader) Evensong		StB	3.00pm	
		Preacher: Canon Peter Boyd.				
Tue	10	Scholastica V	HE	B	10.00am	Univ. of Oxford
Thu	12	Of Our Lady	HE	StB	10.30am	Mothers
SUN	15	9th before Easter	PE	B	10.00am	The Parish
			PE	StB	11.30am	The Parish
Tue	17	Feria	HE	B	10.00am	Blisland Sch.
Wed	18	Parish Priest at St Endellion (Book Review) 2.30pm				
Thu	19	Feria	HE	StB	10.30am	StB School
Fri	20	College of St Endellion meets at Blisland with the Bishop of Truro.				
		Of St Endelienta	HE	B	11.00am	The College
SUN	22	8th before Easter	PE	B	10.00am	The Parish
			PE	StB	11.30am	The Parish
Mon	23	S.Polycarp BM	HE	B	10.00am	Persecuted Christians
Thu	26	Feria	HE	StB	10.30am	DeLank & Hantergantick Quarries.
Sat	28	Of Our Lady	HE	B	10.00am	The Parish Families

Parish Registers.

Holy Baptism during the Holy Eucharist at St Breward on 21st December, 1986 of Vicki Hollister and Michael Hollister.

WANTED. Linen and lace suitable to make an Altar Cloth for Temple Church.
We have the willing worker but no material.
If you can assist please contact Barbara Sharp.
Cardinham 363.

FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

My dear Parishioners of Blisland, St Breward & Temple,

I am writing this month on behalf of the Church of England Children's Society which has provided me with some facts which I would like to share with you.

1. In 1985 600,600 children were living in families subsisting below the supplementary benfit poverty line in Britain. This means that one child in twenty could come from a family who can only afford the bare necessities.
2. An estimated 7,036 children were physically abused in 1984. In the same year 126 people were found guilty of or were cautioned for cruelty to or neglect of children in England and Wales.
3. In the United Kingdom more than a million children under 16 live in families where the head of the family is unemployed. In addition, 500,000 16 to 18 year olds are out of work. These children and young people suffer from the blight of no jobs and little hope.
4. 4,110 children under 18 were recorded as missing by the Metropolitan Police in 1984. Many more leave home to live on the streets throughout Britain.
5. In 1984 149,000 children under 16 had parents divorcing.

These facts remind us of some of the complex problems children face today and we must ask ourselves what we can do to assist in solving such problems.

First of all we must pray for these children and their families. Throughout the year I shall list a series of intercessions. During February and March will you ple please pray for men with employment problems, for male single parents, for fathers deprived of contact with their children and who are deeply affected by not being in touch with them and for the Children's Society's assistance to fathers through the family and neighbourhood centres. These prayers we shall offer up at the Holy Eucharist on the Feast of St Joseph on March 19th. Further intercessions will be provided for April to June, July to September and October to December and offered up on various Saint's Days.

Secondly we must pray throughout the year for the work of the Society bearing in mind its five-fold aims; (1) To care for and support children and young people in need whether material, physical, mental, emotional or spiritual. (2) To help them to overcome as far as they are able the effects of poverty and social ills, the tragedy of family breakdown, physical and mental handicap. (3) To encourage the full development of each child physically, emotionally and spiritually towards mature and independant adulthood. (4) To foster and enrich family life, neighbourhood help and community support in the interests of children and families. (5) To work in partnership with parents and young people, volunteers and supporters, central & local government and the Church.

Thirdly we must support the work of the Society by contributing to its funds, for example by Lenten Savings about which I shall be writing to you in the March issue of the Parish Paper.

May God bless you and all whom you love,
EDWIN STARK.

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EARL HAIG POPPY FUND COLLECTION 1986

This year Blisland contributed the excellent result of £133.98, nearly 50% up on 1985, thanks to the help of Mrs Pierce and 'The Royal Oak'. It was made up by:-

House to House collection	£113.44
'Royal Oak'	10.04
Chapel collection	10.50
	£133.98

I am sorry for the delay in publicising this result but it had to await the general counting and checking in Bodmin, always a protracted business. The total for the Bodmin area wa £3216-39, a record.

Next year it is hoped we shall do even better, especially as it is hoped to collect in Temple.

R.B.N.H.

CHRISTMAS AT ST BREWARD CHURCH

Our Celebrations for our Christmas Services started with some lovely peels from the bells, thanks to Bill and his Merry Men.

What a joy it was to be in the Church for the Celebration of the Midnight Mass on Christmas night. The church was full and there was a feeling of excitement and great joy coming from all who were present as we celebrated the Holy Communion and sang some of those good old Christmas Carols. Our Organist had a very heavy cold & so wasn't able to help us with the usual help she gives, but we got along fine & all went well, the singing of the Carols kept reminding us of the wonders of that first Christmas, and what Christmas is all about.

What a joy it was to be able to wish so many of our Parishioners and Friends a Merry Christmas after the service.

The Church looked absolutely beautiful, the flowers, the Crib, the Christmas Tree combining to make the interior look charming. We are most grateful to all those who helped in any way with all the work that goes with making the Church look so lovely. Our thanks to Rodney and Nancy Hall for giving us the two trees, thus making it possible for us to once again have the tree on the top of the tower. Thanks also to Bill Hill, John John Sampson & Joan Crowle for getting it up to the top which was quite a pull this year being quite a bit heavier than previous years; but it has looked really great once it was fixed and Bill had got the lights fastened on to it. Sorry the lights failed on New Year's Eve & again on Day 2 of the New Year. We had a problem with the water(and we've had quite a drop of late) & the electricity which doesn't mix at all; causing quite a number of blown fuses.

The floodlight however has kept going in spite of the weather, out thanks to Micky and Shaun Hunt for providing and fixing it. It's been looking lovely having part of the tower floodlit.

To those who did the interior we are most grateful,

.to Vivienne Brown for the Altar flowers & to Sue Hutton and Stephanie Cholmleigh for the rest of the Church. It really has, & still is looking very lovely for the Feast of the Nativity. I liked the Ivy which was put on the roof of the Crib & the Holly by the wall, and with the new spotlight it looked lovely.

The Christmas Tree in Church was put in position by Colin & Derek Crowle, and skillfully cut to fit into the stand, and then Julie & June Harper took over and decorated it, making it look really lovely. Our thanks to you all.

As you were aware, the Christmas Night Collection was given towards the Village Hall Roof Repairs. This, plus donations the Church was able to make, gave over £100 to the fund. On behalf of the Church I would like to say thankyou for your generosity.

Now to our Service of Carols & Nine Lessons which was a great success, attended by a large congregation of Parishioners and Friends. This year, the Lessons, except the last, were read by the young. And didn't they do well. They all read beautifully, every word being heard. Our very sincere thanks to them all for their help, also to Tamie for helping with the singing. They were, in order of reading and representing:-

Mark Prout , The Methodist Sunday School.
Mandy Greenaway, The Primary School.
Marion Cheeseman, The Youth.
Andrew Hill, Scouts & Cubs.
Karen Matthews, Blisland Church.
Nicola Baines, Guides & Brownies.
Leah Metters, Sir James Smith's School.
Darren Wills & Kristofer Carroll, The Choir.
The Vicar.

The collection was taken up by two of the Choir, Clover Clarkson and Jennifer Carroll. The Collection,which is being given to the Children's Homes, plus the monies collected from our Carolling around the village on Dec 19th, came to over £50. Thanks again to your generosity.

I have been asked by the Children, all six of them plus Jennie, Julie & Garry, to express our very sincere

thanks to Grace Masters for giving us a lovely supper. And to Christopher Greenaway for loaning us his van with bales of hay for seats, and straw as carpets. This was thoroughly enjoyed by the Children. Many thanks once again to you both & to everyone who made Christmas at St Breward Church so enjoyable, not least Father Francis Hodges, for conducting our Christmas Day Service. Our grateful thanks to you all.

Cyril Greenaway.

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The Christmas Competition.

There were nine entries. The £5 prize was won by Mrs Thelma Franklin, Manor Cottage, Blisland, with a score of over eighty words.
Our thanks to Mr Bousfield for setting and sponsoring these competitions.

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BLISLAND PARISH COUNCIL

At their recent meeting the Council were told that the Devon & Cornwall Constabulary intended starting the Surgeries again with P.C. Nick Henwood covering the Blisland patch. This is in spite of the fact that we have a fairly quiet area, never-the-less it gives us a little more confidence knowing that they are around and that one can meet them. They also hope to visit the Monday Club.

ST BREWARD PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council have written to the County Highways Dept deploring the state of the roads and drains as the water tables are not being kept clean.

A street light has been requested for between 13-20 Rylands as it is within the requisite speed limit.

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FOOLS CORNER

All of a sudden I feel a real affinity to Mike (Tripehound) Robertson - I have a rising mistrust of Planners and Developers. It's been laying dormant for years only bubbling to the surface when I see abominations rising where there should be green and pleasant land or to find that perfectly acceptable planning turned down for the most obscure reasons.

This outburst stems from two directions. The first was a conversation with a member of our local planning dept. and I was appalled at the arrogance of this Body. These public servants have the temerity to assume that they know what is best for us, and that we must live with and abide by their decisions. If the applicant wants a bungalow - for the best of reasons - then it seems absurd when 'they' stipulate that you should have a 2 storey dwelling, particularly when that area already has a mixture of cottage and bungalow, the criteria being that it is within 100 yards of the Green ... by road, that is - as the crow flies, anything goes!!

The second point is, that quite by chance we learned of a planning application for 5 dwellings and 6 garages which had been submitted in respect of land to the side of the Royal Oak, normally used as there car park - and until recently signposted as such. This plot is surrounded by other dwellings and will overlook and be overlooked on all sides, much to the chagrin of the local residents.

It seems to be quite wrong that planning applications can be submitted and considered by appropriate Committees without publicity or reference to local inhabitants, particularly in outlying areas where access to Planning Offices is tenuous. In this particular case the only public knowledge was a notice sent to the Post Office by the Parish Clerk early in the week of the Parish Council Meeting, and only the very observant would have noticed it - providing you had business in the P.O.

The local residents acted with great speed and registered their protests to the Parish Council, who in their wisdom rejected the application. But the natural proccess is to ignore the Parish Council and pass on to the District Council, after all these far off Property

Developers aren't going to let a little thing like a Parish Council come between them and all that lovely loot, lots and lots of crisp oncers..

The District Council should re-appraise the development of various parts of Blisland and planning trends which have released a considerable amount of land for building where previously development was forbidden.

We should also ask them to consider the effect of allowing new building without any apparent control of the materials used for external elevations. The result of this is leading to ribbon development and new buildings which clash with traditional buildings, particularly around Blisland Green which hitherto has been aesthetically sensetive area. Indeed, the older properties facing the Green are subject to a Conservation Order.

A visit to Blisland Green will reveal that the charming and traditional moorland building is being increasingly threatened and dominated by the development of prominent, high ground with housing which clashes with traditional style of architecture in this area of outstanding beauty.

Granting planning consent confers considerable financial benefit to the landowners; it does also carry considerable responsibility on the part of the Planning Authority and the very least they can do is ensure that all elevations of new developments are faced with granite and roofs are clad with slate. The Planning Authority should reconsider its policy and tighten up planning control before moorland villages become just suburbs of Bodmin - one has only to think of the Berryfields estates..

Now that winter is well and truly upon us and all the foliage and camouflage removed, one can walk around the Green and look to the west and north, raise ones eyes above the original dwellings and the backcloth of bungalows hangs above them all like fistfulls of sore thumbs.

In the case of the Coach House (by the Royal Oak) should the planning go ahead one wonders what kind of traffic chaos is going to be caused. The pub will be deprived of extra parking facilities, in fact with the access to the new units it will be very limited, so where will the customers park?

The Green and it's bits of wastrell are conserved areas - not to be used for car parking. Already local residents have the inconvenience of cars parked outside their doors and windows, and on busy nights, come chucking out time, on go the radios and loud farewells called out.

The Planners are quick to ensure that new private dwellings not only have their proper car space and entry but for possible visitors as well - so how can they agree to losing space that was utilised as a car park?

If these far off Developers want a worthwhile job, one could suggest that they take over the unfinished plots in Ma nor Close, after all they've been standing idle for about 12 years and we'd be some delighted to see them finished - either for regular tenants or we'd even welcome visiting folk.

Planners and Architects seem to have a vision deficiency - they see everything on a flat and horizontal surface, whereas our village is full of contours. In recent years only the Pentor layout seems to be decently planned - apart from the gross error of putting bungalows for the elderly down a flight of steep steps, that was flipping madness. Hey ho..

N.B. In these days of mass unemployment we don't seem to lose any Planners..

SMV.

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** A Concert will be given by the BODMIN MALE VOICE CHOIR in Blisland Parish Church on Saturday 14th March. Commencing 7.45pm Admission £1.50. **

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EXTRACT FROM THE WEST BRITON NEWSPAPER, 11th Feb 1853.

A letter from the diggings. William Chenoweth wrote to his brother near Camelford that he was successful at the goldiggings at Willunga with other Cornishmen, David Oliver, F Martin, Robert Sleep and Richard Polkinhorne.

In 10 weeks they made £900 each - he told his brother there was a great demand for labourers who get high wages, shoemakers make fortunes. If his brother came to Australia he must bring flour, hams, bacon, pepper and other things to sell which will fetch high prices. He has put his money in the bank at Adelaide and will buy land.

LOOKING BACK III

Rabbits were both a blessing and a curse. They were a good addition to the meat ration during the war and when they got too plentiful we would get the trappers in and they would soon have a lot strung up in the barn. These they would pay for and take away.

We did trap them ourselves or have shooting parties in the early days, but they soon outnumbered our efforts, and by engaging the trappers we were able to sell them and reduce their numbers much more quickly.

We loved a good rabbit pie, but I think the favourite dish was fried rabbit. When once we had some friends to stay they wanted a days sport. They had a wonderful time, but I was dismayed when they returned with 20 or so small ones with a request to have them fried for supper.

It took quite a time to skin and joint them. I'd never seen so much fluff in my life!! The skins were so tender they tore apart as I worked. I constantly had to clean my fingers, but the delicious dish of fried joints was so appreciated it seemed worthwhile.

The other side of the coin was when the rabbits decided to invade the grass or corn fields, or when our plants started to thrive. We planted hundreds of cauliflowers one year, which we hoped to sell. It was a dry spell of weather & after planting we had to water along the rows. They took root & were doing well until the invasion & little was left but the stumps; it nearly broke our hearts. We soon got the trappers in but it was like closing the stable door after the horse had gone. Then myxomatosis struck and the rabbit population was practically wiped out.

We didn't fancy rabbit pie anyway after this, but we did miss it, and there was nothing else so cheap and plentiful to take its place.

Gwen Masters.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTES

ST BREWARD

This was our early December meeting only two weeks after the November one, due to the pressure of family commitments on most members; 20 members came and a newcomer, Mrs Phyl Varley of Tipton Cottage, was welcomed. Those who had not already heard the results of the Christmas Fair were amazed at the total of £145 which far outstrips any previous efforts. Mrs J Teague & Mrs N Sleep were specially thanked for the lovely decorated cake which made the raffle such a successful eyecatcher.

The Program 3rd place certificate has now been framed and hangs with the other momentos in the Red Cross Hall. The January meeting will be a Social with games & supper so more arrangements were made for this, also nominations will be made for the Committee then.

Our Spreaker, Mrs Cherry, is Chairman of the Advisory Council for Radio Cornwall which is an unpaid voluntary position; she talked about how she came to be chosen in the first place, and what it entailed. We asked many questions about the workings of R.C. and also aired our grievances, straight to the top in this case!

The Competition drew some very attractive entries but Mrs G Champion's was judges the best. Mrs J Hawken had the nicest flower of the month.

Two members went to the Fair at Liskeard but were not overly impressed with the crafts on sale and certainly disappointed that no refreshments were available; they felt that we (the C.F.W.I.) can do better than that!

Our Annual Meeting takes place on February 17th when the Officers and Committee will be elected. Our V.C.O. will be Mrs Kristin Arundel.

Anne Holmes.

BLISLAND

Our December Meeting is really a Social evening so we try to get through the business matters as quickly as possible. After much deliberation it was decided to have the celebration of our Ruby Anniversary in the Village Hall & invite members from the Bodmin, Helland, St Breward & St Lawrence Institutes. Miss June Runnalls is making a cake & Mrs Isobel Willcocks is going to ice it - so it should be super.

It's quite an achievement to keep an Institute in such a small village going in spite of the TV & it's diversions. But it is a good evening out & although the world with its various subjects has been brought into our homes, it's still refreshing to have the personal & informal touch that our Speakers bring to the meeting.

Mrs Doreen Miller, Mrs Isobel Willcocks & Mrs Heather Munn provided brain teasers for the entertainment & the evening passed all too quickly. The beautiful refreshments were supplied by everyone with extra Christmas touches.

The Competition (by ballot) was won by me - Mrs Spears' floral arrangement demonstration must have had some impact.

Eileen Walford.

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Cake Icing Classes

Many thanks to Mrs Jean Coad for the four very interesting evenings on the icing and decorating of our Christmas Cakes, also thanks to Mrs George Parnell for the gift of icing tubes and decorations for use during the classes. Thanks too, to the ladies who took part in decorating their own cakes. The last evening showed we all enjoyed it and had learned something by the beautiful display of cakes.

After giving Mrs Coad a donation for the trouble she had taken we also gave a donation to our church.

Many thanks to you all and keep up the good work this year - no Snow Scenes!!

Mavis G Masters.

SOMEONE MAY BE WATCHING YOU! By MARY SHARP

I am the sort of person who likes to laugh at life and the very basic things we do. Take shopping, for instance, Gateway in Bodmin is an area which I love to observe.

I watch peoples' reactions when their trolley has got a definate tendancy to drive itself into shelves and over other peoples feet! Bemused members of the public look confusedly up and down the shelves - are they on drugs? No, they are just victims of this weeks change of places for products!

Little children like to joy ride on the back of trollies against their parents wishes, and when you hear a yell of pain from behind the bargain bin, you know that yet another unsuspecting young fellow has got his fingers stuck in the brake bar. A mother curses as her childs inquisitiveness has cost her 59p in a bottle of spilt squash.

Shop assistants disappear when they are needed but when you want to get the product of your choice, they are always stocking the shelf in front of it. In a vague attempt to be helpful, you go to a different shelf and there, like the dreaded lurgy is another assistant, this time shooting a boxful of something with his price gun!

Short people, like myself, are at a particular disadvantage while shopping, things always seem to be on the top shelf, and while risking your head trying to get one tin of beans down, you always manage to hear someone calling your name. This is another of the hazards - meeting people. Well, I mean they are great to meet, people, but I think they lie in wait until they see me in a hurry, and then they spring out in their millions!! Men seem short sighted when shopping, or is it that they can't read the 2,ooo word shopping lists their womenfolk have written for them? Many of them return, tail between legs, after having been home with the wrong product "I told you specifically.." aahh! They are hard done by aren't they girls!(Huh!) Staff announcements always come at a time when you are trying to hold a conversation, you raise your voice and then you suddenly realize there is silence and everyone in the frozen foods row knows what you had for tea the night before! Think of these examples when you next go shopping and anymore observations of people would be welcome!!!

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

We didn't have a meeting on the 3rd Monday as we were joining the schoolchildren in the Church on the Tuesday for their Christingle Service. Our visit to the School had been postponed on account of Mrs Cable's illness & we are glad to know that she is progressing well.

Our first meeting of 1987 was on Monday 5th when we welcomed Mrs Munn, our local Health Visitor, who brought Miss Jackie Morant to speak as a trainee health visitor. She read an article describing what such a person is expected to be. That alone would have put me off!! There is a daunting amount of qualifications needed before you can apply for the position - S.R.N. Midwifery, Chiropody, amongst many others, each a career in itself. She gave us much information & leaflets on various subjects. During an exercise in relaxation I'm sure Miss Tucker, ever the teacher, kept one eye open to see if we were following Miss Morant's instructions which were done with closed eyes. She was thanked, as was Mrs Munn, for a very interesting & helpful afternoon.

New members were welcomed and I was the winner of the Nativity Card competition.

Final bookings were taken for the New Year's luncheon & arrangements made for transport.
Tea and chat ended the afternoon.

Gwen Masters.

A Thought for New Year.

Live in the present, hope for the best.
Nature and providence take care of the rest.
Whatever you do, give it all that you can,
None can do more within life's brief span.

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