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KALENDAR & ARRANGEMENTS FOR FEBRUARY 1988

					Intention
Tue	2	The Presentation of Our Lord			
			H.E. B	10.00am	Parents
			H.E. StB	10.30am	Schools
Thu	4	Feria	P.E. B	10.00am	The Parish
SUN	7	2nd before Lent	Mattins StB	11.30	The Parish
Tue	9		H.E. B	10.00am	Hospitals
Thu	11		H.E. StB	10.30am	Nurses
SUN	14	1st before Lent	P.E. B	10.00am	The Parish
		Revel Sunday	P.E. StB	11.30am	The Parish
			Evensong StB	3.00pm	
			Preacher The Vicar of Bodmin		
Wed	17	ASH WEDNESDAY	P.E. B	6.00pm	Penitence
Thu	18	Feria	H.E. StB	10.30am	Penitence
SUN	21	Lent I	P.E. B	10.00am	The Parish
			P.E. StB	11.30am	The Parish
Tue	23	St. Polycamp	H.E. B	10.00am	Martyrs
Thu	25	Feria	H.E. StB	10.30am	Teachers
SUN	28	Lent II	P.E. B	10.00am	The Parish
			P.E. StB	11.30am	The Parish

My dear Parishioners of Blisland, St. Breward and Temple,

I have to take fourteen days complete rest and cannot provide a letter for the February Parish Magazine.
God bless you and all whom you love,

Edwin Stark.

THANK YOU TO MR. WATSON FOR PROVIDING THE FRONT COVER.

PARISH LETTER

This Editorial is written by me because the Vicar has asked me because he is poorly. That is all that is known. Hope you all had a holy and blessed Christmas. Christmas comes in all forms. In the days of long ago every year we had a gloriously happy Christmas: always we were thirteen. Later we moved to Devonshire where we kept two milking cows. Christmas was spent at my uncle's house. The afternoon was a time of delight. We drove home as fast as we could without Mother to tell us not to and we milked the cows. There was no Royal Broadcast.

Came the war and an old soldier said, "if he and I volunteered for a Christmas guard we would not miss much and the guard would be easy". It was. When the R.S.M. mounted the guard he was quite human, not a shout was heard.

In India there was one year when I was given time off to go to the Midnight Holy Communion. It was a port of light amid a drunken scene. Years later I took five Christmas services and gave a boy aged ten a happy day and a good dinner. But the best Christmas gatherings, and I'm sure you will agree, are the ordinary family times.

What is truly Christmas is to remember that this is the birthday of Jesus. We all are called by God to do a job he has given to each of us. The Baby Jesus came to share life with us, and to know life as we know. He too was happy and sad; was tired and suffered pain; knew the joy of seeing a mother hen with her chicks; loved to hear the children chant to each other. Finally he proved that there is for all who wish Eternal Life with the good God.

May God bless you all.

Michael Browning.

Eileen and I would like to thank so many friends for so much kindness.

Michael Browning.

CHRISTMAS AT ST. BREWARD CHURCH

Those attending the Celebration of Midnight Mass were welcomed by the peals from the bells, ably rung by Bill and his team. The illuminated tree on the floodlit tower beckoned us like a shining beacon.

The congregation filled the church almost to capacity and there was a most wonderful atmosphere of Christmas, especially during the singing of the hymns.

The floral arrangements, together with the Crib and Christmas Tree were superb.

We are very grateful for the effort shown by Josephine, our organist, to play for the service. Our thanks also to the Rev. Browning who has so magnificently risen to the occasion to conduct the majority of our Christmas services due to our vicar's absence through ill-health.

We were pleased to welcome our vicar to our Service of Carols and nine Lessons. This again was well attended and everyone enjoyed singing the well known Carols and the readings from the Scriptures. Our sincere thanks to those who took part, not forgetting our choristers, Clover and Darren for their part and for having served us faithfully throughout the year.

The collection from this service together with monies collected by the Carol Singers totalled almost £50.00 and will be given to the Childrens Homes.

This year has seen the passing of our most loyal Church Warden, Cyril, who, in the past has spent a great deal of time preparing our Church for the Christmas Festival. We are most grateful to all those who helped in any way to prepare the interior for the services; to Rodney and Nancy Hall for giving the trees, for Christopher collecting same, Bill Hill and John Sampson for hauling and fixing the tree to the top of the tower and to Bill in maintaining the lights throughout a very wet and rough period; Mickey Hunt and Shaun for providing and fixing the floodlight; Colin and Clifford Crowle who were on the scene to shape and fix the tree in the church; to Julie and June Harper who did such a splendid job with the decoration of the same.

May we look forward to a Happy and Peaceful New Year.

H.C.H.

LETTER FROM THE HON. TREASURER.

Dear Readers - here is the Parish Magazine Balance Sheet as promised.

BLISLAND. TEMPLE & ST. BREWARD PARISH MAGAZINE BALANCE SHEET 1986/87.

CREDITS		DEBITS	
Subs & Donations Blisland & Temple	334.49	Printing Costs	516.00
Subs & Donations St. Breward	268.55	Typewriter Ribbons, Tippex Postage	7.96
	603.04		523.96
Balance b/fwd from 1986	207.30	Balance c/fwd to 1988	286.38
	£810.34		£810.34

J.R.GURR.
(auditor)

You will see we are in a healthier positionthan we were last year. If we could sell every one of the 400 magazines printed we could build up finances and be prepared for any extra expenses that may be incurred. Mr. Smith our Printer has very kindly kept his costs to the minimum and not increased his charges in the last four years. But we can't expect him to subsidise us forever, so please pass the word on the excellence of our magazine and persuade all newcomers that this is a good way to get to know their village. Thank you all for your continued support and to the people who kindly send donations. My thanks also to Mr. John Gurr for auditing the books. Finally I look forward to receiving your subscriptions as soon as possible to enable our bank balance to become a 'joy forever'.

Sincerely,
Eileen Walford.

ST. BREWARD PARISH COUNCIL

Councillors decided to precept for a 1p Parish rate in 1988-89.

A letter has been sent to Gerry Neale M.P. protesting at the threat to the future of small rural Post Offices.

Advance notice of the Annual Parish Meeting on Tuesday 1st March 1988 at Red Cross Centre at 7.30p.m.
Speakers will be Mr. H. Northcott, County Councillor; Mr. J.R. Edward-Collins, ward member and a member of the police force from Bodmin Police Station.

ST. BREWARD SILVER BAND ENGAGEMENTS

Sunday 14th February St Breward Parish Church 'Revel Sunday' service.
Saturday 28th February members of the Band will be taking part in the 'Wadebridge Music Festival'.
Saturday 5th March C.B.B.A. contest at the City Hall, Truro.

At their Christmas Dinner & Dance which was held at the Eagle House, Launceston, the works staff of Hantergantick and Merrivale Quarries donated, from a raffle, the sum of £300 for Multiple Sclerosis.

ST. BREWARD METHODIST CHURCH COFFEE SHOP open on Wednesdays from 10 to 11.30 a.m.
Join us for a coffee and a chat.

I am sure others will join me in thanking all the ladies, who, every week make Wednesday mornings at the St. Breward Methodist Chapel so special by their welcome; where we can meet old and new friends for a friendly chat.
Long may they continue.

Josie Hawken.

AN EYE WITNESS ACCOUNT OF BLISLAND IN 1868

Sir John Maclean wrote this description of Blisland in his book, 'Trigg Minor' published in 1868 -:
"Of late (1868) china clay of good quality has been discovered at Durfold and Carwen. Works have been opened and are still being carried on, with the expectation of profit to the adventures. The immediate result is the pollution of the riverlets with which the parish was once enriched and the destruction of the fish. Men employed at the clay works receive about 12 shillings a week. Good agricultural labourers receive not much less.

In other respects the parish is purely pastoral, better for pasturage of cattle than for the cultivation of corn. Corn is however grown to a considerable extent, especially on the Western side. Wool is one of the staple productions of the parish. Large flocks of sheep are kept on extensive commons. A great number of horned cattle are also grazed on the moors.

Labourers have small garden plots attached to their cottages. They also hire from farmers quantities of ground on which to grow potatoes. They keep one or two pigs for the support of their families.

Streaming for tin used to be practised on the moors in ancient days to a greater extent than now, which is quite insignificant. The toll payed for the tin belonged to the lord of the manor and was large enough in the fifteenth century to be included in his accounts".

The Little Church at Temple. West Briton January 12th 1885.

For the first time in over 150 years a burial was made in the ancient churchyard of Temple Church. The little church was crowded for the funeral of Arthur Rich an old man in his 86th year, long resident in the village who expressed the wish that he should be buried in the old churchyard and where repose the remains of so many of the Knights Templars of old. It will be remembered that Temple Church layin ruins until recently when it was rebuilt by the exertions of the present incumbent. Fifty years ago the churchyard was a waste place where cattle from the adjoining moor wandered amongst the gravestones and ruins of the ancient abbey church.

THE STORY OF MY CHILDHOOD.

By Winifred Jane Sandercock (nee Powell) cont. from last month.

We were now thinking seriously about leaving our Butter Tor Farm. Mother's health broke down, the work was getting too much for her. My elder brother was taking over the farm. I know we were quite upset about leaving, there were many things we would miss, in the summer it was lovely. The Territorials used to camp near us and often they took me to the camp and bought me presents from the shop. They also bought milk from the farm and had their drinking water from the well. Mother liked having them around, it was company and made a lot of fun.

The day came for us to leave, I don't remember much about it. We went to live at a place called Lower Moor, about three miles from Camelford where I went to school later. So we still lived on the moors, with a good view of Roughtor and Brown Willy. I found it cold going to school in the winter. It was dark in the mornings when we set out, and almost dark when we reached home in the evenings. We had a lot of fun in the winter, especially when it was snowing, making huge snowmen. It was a mile over the moor before reaching the road. We took our food for the day, the teachers were kind, making us cocoa at lunchtime, and if our feet were wet there were felt slippers provided, a great comfort. When summer came we didn't mind at all. After school we used to play in the fields; what energy we had.

My brothers made themselves a swimming pool by building a dam across the river; they taught themselves to swim. I used to watch them dive in; by the time they left school they were strong swimmers. From our bedroom windows we could see the marshes; the water would rise in the winter and spread over the ground like a huge lake. At night we would see little lights bobbing about which we believed to be Jack the Lantern. It was of course minerals in the soil.

My grandparents lived at Aldermoor, some two miles from us. We went there often to visit them and to help with the work. The cottage had a granite staircase and when scrubbed it sparkled like diamonds. My mother took up nursing, so with us all she led a very busy life. She was such a good midwife, our doctor wanted her to take a certificate. I am sure she enjoyed the work meeting so many people;

it was hard doing all the housework and cooking and looking after the mother and baby, and in most cases there were other children to get off to school, but everyone seemed happy enough. We had our fun, in summer we had picnics, boiling the kettle with sticks we gathered on the moor. In the winter we had parties, our friends came in open traps and on horseback. In those days people believed in ghosts; we all sat around the open chimney in front of a huge turf fire and listened to the older people telling their ghost stories of the moor; and we thought it was all quite true.

After some time my grandparents moved to Slaughter Bridge near Camelford. My parents found it too much to travel so far to look after them, so we all went to live in a cottage nearby. We didn't like it at first, we missed the freedom of the moors which we had been used to, having no one to interfere with us.

After living at Slaughter Bridge, the family moved to Tregoodwell, a nearby village, where I finished my school days.

After leaving school, I lived with different people including a solicitor named French of Camelford, also Dr. Wakefield of the same town, and a Captain Hughes who managed the slate quarry at Trevillett, Tintagel. After my marriage in 1926, my husband and I lived at St. Gennys.

Winifred Jane Powell married Douglas Sandercock, a farmer's son of Roundhayes, St. Gennys. They built and farmed at Hentervene.

To day well lived makes every yesterday a memory of happiness and every tomorrow a vision of hope. Look well, therefore, to this day.

Prayer doesn't necessarily alter things for us, but it can alter us for things.

He only is rich who owns the day and no one owns the day who allows it to be invaded with worry, fret and anxiety.

MY PRAYER

Thank you God for our ears,
So that I can hear all the wonderful sounds on your earth,
My friends when I play and my family too,
Please help those who can't hear as well as I do.
Amen.

By Daniel McShee aged 6.

The Lord's Prayer is usually the first prayer that children learn; I know that both my children could recite it through at the age of five but sometimes the words can get a bit mixed up and the children must wonder what is meant unless the words are explained properly. A few examples(not ours):

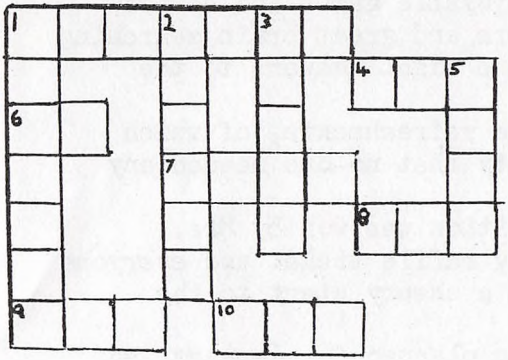
"Our Father who shouts in heaven."
"Forgive us our Christmasses."
"Lead us not into television."
"Lead us not into Nottingham Station".

IF GOD SHOULD GO ON STRIKE

How good it is that God above has never gone on strike
Because he was not treated fair in things he did not like.
If only once He'd given up and said "That's it, I'm through.
I've had enough of those on earth so this is what I'll do.
I'll give my orders to the sun, 'Cut off the heat supply!'
And to the moon, 'Give no more light and run the oceans dry'.
Then just to make things really tough and put the pressure on,
Turn off the vital oxygen till every breath has gone".
You know, He would be justified if fairness was the game.
For no-one has been more abused or met with more disdain
Than God. And yet He carries on supplying you and me
With all the favours of his grace and everything for free.
Men say they want a better deal and so on strike they go,
But what a deal we've given God to whom all things we owe.
We don't care who we hurt to gain the things we like,
But what a mess we'd all be in if God should go on strike.

CHILDREN'S FUN PAGE

Nursery Rhyme Quiz



Clues Across:

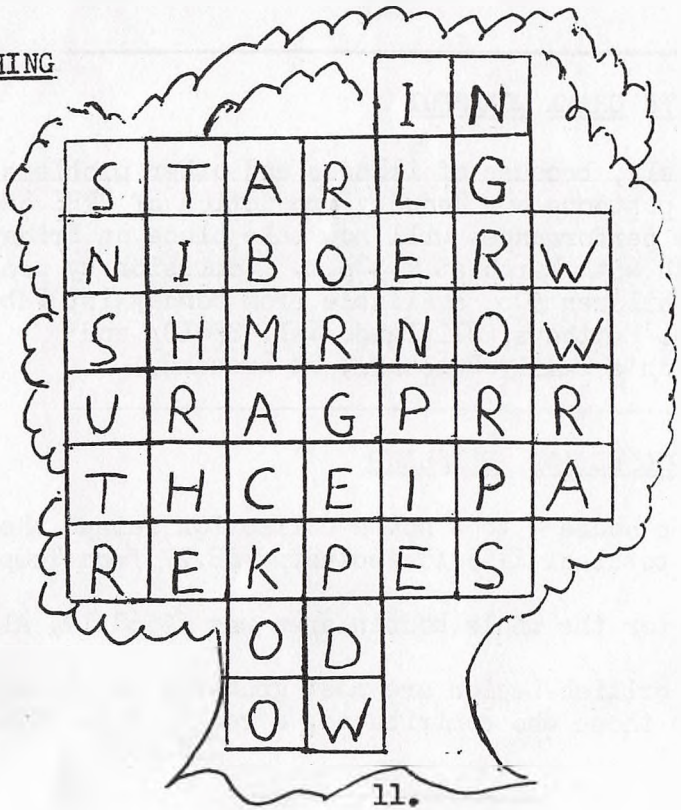
1.------- Dickory Dock
4. The --- and the Fiddle
6. Ba -- Black Sheep
7. Rings on her fingers
   Bells on her ----
8. There was a Crooked ---
9. The Little --- Laughed
10. The --- Jumped over themoon

Clues Down:

1. Old Mother -------
2. Polly put the ------ on
3. Ring a Ring of -----
5. Wee Willie Winkie ran through the ----

BIRD WATCHING

Can you find the name of seven birds?



BLISLAND W.I.

Our December Meeting took the form of a Christmas party and a good time was had by all.

A number of interesting and enjoyable games and competitions were contributed by members and great brain searching was involved in trying to find the right answers to the puzzling questions.

Everyone brought a share of the refreshments, of which there was such a delicious variety that no-one needed any persuasion to tuck-in!

The 'Home-made Cracker' Competition was won by Mrs. Donelly; Miss Rowe drew the lucky raffle ticket and everyone agreed that the evening had been a cheery start to the Christmas season.

A birthday celebration is being planned for January, so we can look forward to another get together to welcome in the New Year.

Meantime our united good wishes to everyone for a happy and peaceful 1988.

M.H.

BLISLAND YOUTH DRAMA WORKSHOP

Unfortunately, because of illness and other problems, we have had to postpone our January production of "THE SNOW QUEEN". The performances will now take place on Friday and Saturday, 4th &5th March at 7.30p.m. Admission by programme Adults £1, Children 50p, available from Monday 1st February. From; Mrs. S. Matthews, Blisland. Tel. 850134 and
Hamilton's Family Butchers, St Breward.

1987 POPPY COLLECTION, BLISLAND

This year's house - to - house collection raised the magnificent total of £159.45 including £8.77 from Temple, a record.

The total for the whole Bodmin area was £3560.19, also a record.

The Royal British Legion are most grateful to the collectors and also those who contributed, a really fine effort.

R.B.N.H.

ST. BREWARD W.I.

Once again a goodly number of members turned out on a December evening to listen to Mrs. Coad talk about Christmas Cake Icing and to watch the effortless way in which she made decorations in fondant icing; it was not as easy as it looked to make a fir tree in two minutes flat as those who tried it found out!

As it is our W.I. Diamond Anniversary in 1988 there were many ideas as to how we could best celebrate this, so a small sub committee was set up to organise this. It must bring back many memories, both good and not so good, to the founder members who are still in the village. If you have any particular memories which may interest present members I would be pleased to hear them. But before this it is the January Social once again and suggestions were received about any games that we could play then.

The seasonal competion for a home made table decoration was evidently not a good idea as only one entry was received from Mrs. J. Jackson Gamlen; possibly our tables are so filled with lovely food at Christmas that thereis no space to spare for anything ornamental. I know that the odd occasions when I've made a centrepiece, however small, it has been banished as soon as the turkey arrives. Once again Mrs. J. Greenaway had the Flower of the Month.

On February 16th it will be our Annual Meeting with Mrs. Bancroft from Wadebridge as our VCO; please do make an effort to come to this meeting if only to create a good impression of a lively Institute to the VCO. We have had good attendances throughout the year with several new members joining, and it is only by coming to the Annual Meeting that you can elect your committee for 1988.

Writing this in December it seems perfectly suitable to wish you all a very happy and healthy New Year.

Anne Holmes.

CAN you spare one hour a month? We desperately need someone to deliver Meals on Wheels in St. Breward. If you think you can help please ring Kathy Billington on Bodmin 850873.

FROM THE EDITOR

It has been suggested that I put in the magazine a list of all local organisations as a help to newcomers to the parish and even anyone who has lived here for a long time but might be interested in joining something different. If all the secretaries could let me have the name of their organisations and a name and telephone of who to contact I will print a list next month.

Mrs. Vause has asked me to say that she has back copies of many of the magazines should anyone need one. As the editor I also hold a back copy of every edition which can be looked at if wanted for reference etc.

May I make a plea for some more copy for further magazines. I have a few contributors who do an excellent job but come on the rest of you; anything small or long, of historical or present day interest, your views on local issues, what's happening in your particular organisation. Please have a think and let me have your ideas. What about a childrens page, I know they love to see their name in print? It is after all your magazine.

Catherine McShee

Gardening Tips.

February for the gardener is a betwixt and between month, in some years winter's long and bitter tail-end, in others a harbinger of spring but there is still plenty which can be done. Move overcrowed snowdrops, plant anemone corms, sow summer bedding plants and tomatoes. Clear pest-harbouring rubbish, fork over the soil and apply a light dressing to hedges. Apply weed killer to paths and clean out window boxes and tubs; double dig a bed for new roses and incorporate humus before planting. In the greenhouse sow vegetables including Brussels sprouts, cabbage, cauliflower, lettuce, leeks. If the weather is right, sow broad beans in the open. February frosts can cut off all water supplies to birds and animals so don't forget to put out pans of water and replace it if it becomes frozen. Birds become more active and nest building starts but food should still be put out for them if the weather is harsh.

W.R.V.S. Monday Club Report.

We ended 1987 with our Christmas party, when many friends of the Club joined us; games and a sumptuous tea made it a festive occasion.

We started the New Year with a social afternoon on January 4th. After the long break it was good to have so many present and a new member was welcomed.

Mrs. Miller took the chair in my absence and a good report was returned to me. Small gifts were presented to our helpers and the usual Calendar sent to the school.

Mrs. M. Collins who celebrates her 80th Birthday this month received a box of chocolates; Mrs. Collins sees that the raffle cards are sold at each meeting, proving once again that age is no barrier when it comes to being helpful. Miss Tucker was also 'under the weather' and I would like to thank the 'able and ready' members for taking office so efficiently. Preliminary arrangements were made for our Annual New Year's lunch; and the competition winner was Mrs. G. Hambley with a Christmas Card.

Gwen Masters.

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