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ST. BREWARD PARISH CHURCH

Whilst we are awaiting the appointment of a new vicar and during the interregnum period we hope to maintain our regular Sunday services. These will be conducted by visiting Clergy.

Services will take the form of Mattins on the first Sunday of each month and Family Communion on each of the remaining Sundays.

Special Services During December.

18th December - Service of 9 Lessons and Carols at 3p.m. (Ecumenical Service)

24th December - Midnight Mass. Christmas Eve Eucharist at 10p.m.

22nd December - Carol Singing around the Village; meet at Churchtown at 6.30p.m. We would welcome anyone wishing to join us. Collections from this effort are donated to the C of E Children's Society.

BLISLAND PARISH CHURCH

At Blisland and Temple also, until the appointment of a new rector we hope to maintain our regular services with the help of visiting Clergy.

Services will be as usual on Sundays at 10.00 a.m.

24th December - Midnight Mass. Christmas Eve Eucharist at 12. midnight.

25th December - Christmas Day service at 10.00 a.m.

Parish Register.

Holy Matrimony - Miss Clare Chamberlain married Mr. Donald Chamberlain at St. Breward Parish Church on October 22nd.

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

This is the last occasion on which I have the privilege of thus addressing you but you will, among the members of my former flocks, continue to be remembered in my prayers and in those of Sister.

Sister and I are most grateful to a number of people, non-churchgoers as well as churchgoers, who have been very kind to us particularly during our recent ill health. It is the latter that is the reason for our having to leave two years earlier than we had anticipated.

I hope that the vacancy caused by my retirement will not be a long one. During it the Rural Dean will arrange for the services to be held and notices will be given out giving the place and time at which they will take place.

The population of our three parishes are increasing. Always welcome newcomers to the existing community. The three parishes will wish to retain their identities but it would be wonderful if they could meet together for worship. Temple could well become increasingly a common meeting place if the two larger parishes are reticent about visiting each others churches for joint services.

The three parishes have churchgoers and non-churchgoers as is the case everywhere. Churchgoers should set an example of lives of prayer and service to those who are not accustomed to attending church apart from baptisms, weddings and funerals. These are sometimes the means by which non-churchgoers become churchgoers. But it is the sort of lives the churchgoers lead, their attitude to members of the community in which they live, their being active, dedicated,devoted Christians who lead disciplined lives which will make them missionaries.

A parish priest and his people must work and pray together for the extension of God's Kingdom in which all men, women and children are equal in His sight.

Sister and I will continue to remember you all in our prayers and we ask you to continue to remember us in yours. Prayer which links us with God and all the Angels and Saints links us all. The nearer we draw to God the nearer we draw to each other.

God Bless you and all whom you love,

EDWIN STARK

"RINGING THE CHANGES"

It is very pleasant from time time to time to recall and acknowledge the faithful service of someone born and bred in the village and still resident in the neighbourhood. It gives a personal touch to our Parish Magazine.

Mr. Herbert John Hawken has recently celebrated his 81st birthday and the whole of his life has been spent in the interest of St. Breward.

Born at Limbhead in October 1907, the son of Mr. Henry Hawken one time sexton and member of the Handbells team. He was baptized by the then vicar, the Rev. John Lock. Sadly his mother died when he was 18 months old and he was then brought up by his aunt, Mrs. Mary Winn who lived at Lower Lank. Mr. Hawken attended the Parish Church, sang in the choir and at the age of 10 he became interested in Bell Ringing and has been a ringer for 71 years. He is one of the faithful band of St. Breward Church Ringers who ring the peals each Sunday, for weddings and for other special occasions both in St. Breward and Blisland.

Herbert was confirmed at the age of 12 at a joint service in Davidstowe Parish Church in 1920. The party travelled there in a two-horse wagonette.

At the age of 14, Herbert went as a stable boy to Hamatethy and served the late Captain R.H. Hall and Mrs. Hall for 54 years. During these years he became a sidesman in the Church and later as churchwarden for 12 years. With unfailing regularity at the end of each month he would bring the collections to the then treasurer Mrs. G. Masters, wait until the monies were checked, have a friendly chat and be off again to his cottage home at Lower Hamatethy.

Herbert served under 6 vicars from the Rev. Jennings to the Rev. Browning and often took morning and evening services in the absence of a resident priest.

Always connected with the local hunt, he recently served the stirrup cup and drinks to the riders and followers at the opening meet at Hamatethy now in the ownership of Mr. and Mrs. Alford. That was Herbert's 61st opening meet.

Mr. Hawken, now a widower, lives with his son David and daughter-in-law Margaret at Delabole, but he will be singing again as usual at St. Breward on Sunday.

G.M.M.

Dear Friends,

I am grateful for this opportunity to write in our Parish Magazine. I would like to thank all the people of St. Breward for their support and their prayers during my loss. Thank you all for being there when we needed you. The support you gave Bill and the great encouragement to keep fighting kept his faith and determination and allowed him time in his garden. He gave his eldest daughter, Barbara, away at her wedding, which was to him a time of great joy and happiness. My special thanks go to Dr. Bartlett and Sally our McMillan nurse, who cared for Bill day and night; my neighbours Alan and Peggy Charlesworth who were wonderful at my time of greatest need; Mr. Cox, Tonto and Mike Scott who helped me so much and to all at the Old Inn and the Ladies Darts team. Without my faith I could not have endured my loss. Bill and I had a week less than 35 years together and I shall miss him very much. My children, grandchildren and friends give me the joy in life to keep going. We raised £300 for Mount Edgecumbe Hospice and McMillan nurses.

God bless you all and thank you,

Betty Bate and family.

House to house collections for the National Childrens Home in St. Breward amounted to £141-44p.
Mrs. Parsons says a big thank you to the following collectors:- Mrs. Dora Pearce, Mrs. Sylvia Rowe, Mrs. Betty Hoskin, Mrs. Jaqueline Lewis, Mrs. Denise Prout, Mrs. Nesta Teague.

House to house collections for the St. John's Ambulance in St. Breward raised the grand sum of £80-59p. Thanks to everyone who gave.

Cornwall Historic Churches Trust.

Cycle ride - 1988. The following amounts were raised in the parish - Blisland £15, Temple £102. 90, St. Breward £28. Well done Temple! The total raised throughout the county was £16,194.58 of which apart from a few expenses over £7000 went to the Trust and over £8000 was issued to the various churches which took part.

FROM ST. BREWARD PARISH MAGAZINE. DECEMBER. 1888

"The Parish Magazine for 1889"

We have only been able to keep our magazine going throughout the past year at a very serious loss, the money received for the number circulated being less than two-thirds of the cost of printing &c. Still the Vicar was so anxious to keep the Magazine going just as it was when he came into the Parish at least for one year, that he thought the advantage of this worth the expense.... But all the time he has felt very strongly that the Magazine ought to be at least very nearly self-supporting - that if possible it should not cost more than I/- per year, i.e. one penny per number, so that it might be within the reach of the very poorest household in the parish. We are glad to be able to announce that an arrangement has been made for the coming year by which these objects will be obtained, and the Magazine almost exactly in its present form will be sold for one shilling per year. We hope that this announcement will induce every householder in the parish and all outside who are interested in its welfare to give an order to one of the persons mentioned below for a number of the Magazine to be sent to them each month in the coming year, 1889. Price for year, I/-. With Postage, I/6. Can be obtained from Mr. Miller, Mr. Parsons and Mr. Davy. Address, S. Breward, Bodmin.

Pamela Bousfield

Society for the Preservation of Blisland with Temple Church

A Christmas Coffee Party by kind permission of Mrs. Ward-Lee will be held at the Mansion House, Blisland on Wednesday December 14th, 10.30 - 12.30. Admission 50p.
Bring and Buy, Raffle and Grand Draw of watercolour donated by Mr. Derek Watson. (Please note change of venue and date from that stated on draw ticket).

St. Breward Toddlers & Playgroup

The annual Bonfire Night and Fireworks was held at Mine Hill on 5th November and was much enjoyed by all who came. The playgroup is very grateful to all those who helped, with special thanks to the Carnival Committee and to Derek Judd of the Old Inn. The final sum raised isn't yet known but it seems as if we made a good profit to tide us over the winter. At the time of writing, the prizes for the ticket numbers 21 and 61 are still unclaimed.

Reminder - playgroup is on Monday and Tuesday, 9.30 - 11.30 am in the Village Hall at only 80p a session. All children from 3 to 5 years are welcome.

Jane Hanscomb

ST. BREWARD PARISH CHURCH

We have always been pleased to welcome visitors to our Parish Church which has remained open during daylight hours thanks to the faithful band of helpers responsible for the locking and unlocking daily.

However in recent months certain articles have been taken from the Church including a valuable pair of ornate candlesticks, giving cause for concern. It has been decided that it would be best if the Church be kept locked on weekdays during the long winter months ahead.

This was a decision taken by the Church Warden following much thought and consideration and discussion with the P.C.C.

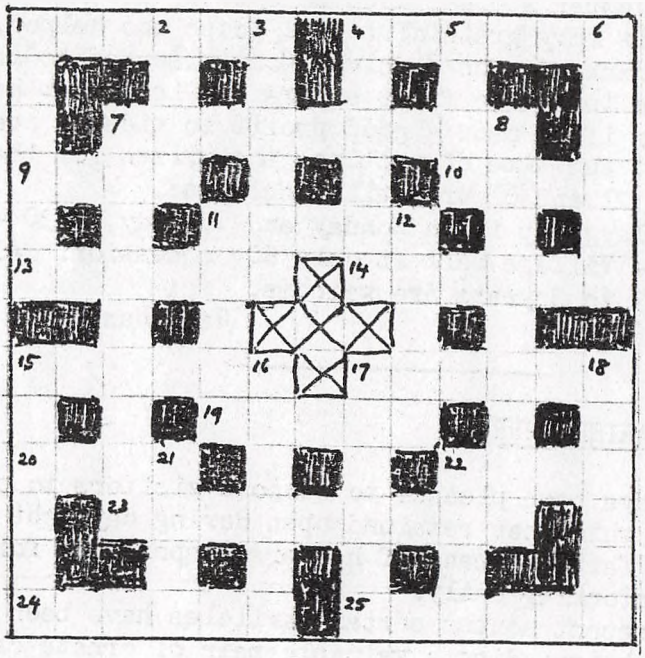
It is not our intention tp prevent persons from visiting the Church and necessary arrangements can be made with the Church Wardens to have the doors unlocked. The situation will be reviewed in the New Year.

Charles Hawken

WOOD FOR SALE

Contact B. Runnalls on Bodmin 850376.
Large Load - Split £45, Unsplit £40
Pick-up Load £18

CHRISTMAS CROSSWORD



Many thanks to Mr. D. Bousfield for providing this crossword to give us all something to think about over the festive season. He has kindly offered a £5 prize to the first correct entry he opens. Send your finished entry to Mr. D.G. Bousfield, Hantergantick, St. Breward, by 5th January 1989, so he can let me know the name of the winner in time for the February magazine. Solution will be given in the February issue also.

St. Breward Parish Council

Mr. Terry Ellery has filled the vacant post on the council created by the resignation of Mr. M. Hamilton.

CROSSWORD CLUES

N.B. The Symbol + after a clue indicates "At Christmas".

Across

1. Blessed men in Southampton? (6)
4. "Spit and ——" (6)
7. Children hang them up + (9)
9. "Ring out the false, ring in the ——" (Tennyson) (4)
10. Sometimes we have a cold one + (4)
11. He was born! + (5)
13. Done to 25 across for dinner + (6)
14. We can have one indoors, or outdoors (6)
15. Old Fuzz (6)
17. Cardinal or staff officer (3-3)
19. Too much punch is bad for it! (5)
20. Old fashioned party, perhaps + (4)
22. Something for a horse-collar? (4)
23. Hang it up hopefully + (9)
24. One involved in 15 down (6)
25. Dinner food + (6)

Down

1. It could be cold without one on! (6)
2. An item in the music of 15 down (4)
3. Holy (6)
4. The first sort of heater in ancient Rome? (6)
5. Warming records + (4)
6. Assistant (6)
7. Sweet ——— musical fairy? (5-4)
8. Pure girl, with seven little 6 downs (4-5)
11. Your wife! Or what you give her? + (5)
12. 7 across can be so thin (5)
15. Songs + (6)
16. Reveller, but not, we hope + (6)
17. Object to a beheaded gift (6)
18. Punch-drunk? + (6)
21. A small sound of bells + (4)
22. Not like 7 down (4)

Seasons Greetings from the Blisland Parish Council.

The items discussed on the council meeting agendas are many and varied but one which comes up regularly is the street lighting. S.W.E.B. have now stated that 18 lights will be upgraded in the 1989/90 budget.

Our thanks to Mr. Norman Rowe who has tidied up the War Memorial at Temple.

Parishioners are welcome to attend the Council meetings at the Village Institute on the second thursday of each month.

Barbara Sharp

December Diary for St. Breward Methodist Church.

December 18th - 9 Lessons and Carols at 6p.m.

December 19th - Carols by Candlelight at 7p.m.

December 25th - Christmas Day Service at 10.30 a.m.

January 4th - New Year's Effort.

Coffee Morning

To be held in aid of World Missions at St. Breward Methodist Church on Wednesday December 7th, 10am - 11.30am Bring and Buy Stall. Everyone welcome.

Fondest Farewell

Dearest Father Edwin and Sister Mary,

Brian, Josie, Mark and Matthew would like to say how sad we are to hear you are retiring through ill health, but we hope and pray that you and Sister Mary will have many more enjoyable years together in happy retirement.

We will never forget you as you are our very special friends. With much love to you both as always and dear Sister, have a happy 92nd birthday.

May God Bless you both, from your everloving friends,

The Harding Family.

POPPY APPEAL

Blisland - This year's Poppy Appeal for Blisland and Temple raised the welcome total of £162.14, including £7.87 from Temple and £11.14 from the Royal Oak Inn.

This is slightly up on last year's £159.45 and is again a record.

R.B.N.H.

St. Breward - This year's Poppy Appeal for St. Breward raised the sum of £216.78, with £153.01 from the village collection and £63.77 from the Church service collection.

Holly at Christmas

The custom of having holly in the house at Christmas probably comes from the old Germanic races of Europe who used to hang evergreen plants indoors during the winter as a refuge for the spirits of the forest.

Also, holly was considered to be a symbol of survival by the pre-Christian Romans and was much used as a decoration during their Saturnalia festival which was held at the end of December.

The Germanic Yuletide celebrations took place at the same time of the year. So when people began to celebrate Christmas, the feast of the Nativity of Christ, many of the older customs were preserved.

Popular superstitions about holly still survive. Some people consider it extremely unlucky to bring holly into the house before Christmas Eve. Another idea depended on the belief that prickly and non-prickly kinds of holly were respectively male and female. So the kind of holly used for decoration decided whether husband or wife would be master of the household over Christmas.

Why do people kiss under the mistletoe?

From earliest times mistletoe was regarded as a bestower of life and fertility. The mistletoe of the sacred oak was especially venerated by the ancient Celtic Druids. The Druid rite of plucking the mistletoe, described by Julius Caesar, adds an aura of mysteryto the magical folklore surrounding the plant.

Decorating the house with mistletoe may be a survival of the old Druid oak cult. The custom is also associated with certain primitive marriage rites.

BLISLAND W.I.

If there seems to be ladies with easels and stools popping up all over the moor - don't worry - it is probably some of our members who were encouraged 'to make a start' at landscape painting by our speaker for October! Mr. Derek Watson gave us a tremendous insight into the 'basics', from preparing the paper for water-colour painting, to choosing the subject and mixing the colours. There were colour-charts, simple to complex 'wash' paintings, shown step by step, and first sketches through to finished pictures, all around the hall for us to look at. Thank you Mr. Watson, we all appreciated the trouble you had gone to - it was a delightful evening. I am sure I speak for many readers of this magazine, when I say thank you too, for the pleasure you have given us with your drawings on the covers of the last few issues.

The business side of the meeting was mainly taken up sorting out the final arrangements for the Group Meeting on October 27th. We also discussed and agreed to alter our Institute by-laws relating to the time of starting our meetings. So, from November, our meetings begin at 7.15 pm instead of 7.30pm.

The Parish Council have given us permission to put daffodil bulbs, under the big trees on the Village Green. Hopefully, by the time you read this, a quantity of bulbs will be safely planted. The money for the bulbs will come from some of the profit we made during the summer on teas and suppers for visiting Institutes.

The Village Hall is due for its 'facelift' any time at all so do watch the notice board, by the Village Store, to check where our December meeting will be held. Miss Fiona Russell, from Cardinham, will be giving us some ideas for flower arrangements for Christmas. Fiona is known to many of you and she is a most talented young lady. I know we are in for an entertaining evening, putting us in the mood for the 'festive season'. Do come and join us, at 7.15 pm. on December 14th (the second Wednesday, just for this month only). You will be sure of a warm welcome.

Wendy Gurr.

ST. BREWARD W.I.

Twenty-two members attended the October meeting, including new member Mrs. Jane Harris, who was warmly welcomed by President Mrs. M. Metters.

Divisional Sgt. Paul Munns came from Divisional Police Headquarters at Launceston to tell us about community police work, and showed a splendid film about the training that is done for the numerous branches of police work. It was good to hear that they do their best to keep young offenders out of the courts, giving a warning for a first offence and a caution for a second. If there is no further trouble from the young person by the age of 17 the slate is wiped clean. The police themselves consider that the 'Bobby on the beat' is a valuable and effective method of protecting the community though, alas, they are few and far between. Sgt. Munns suggested we should write to our M.P. in an effort to secure such a service locally.

This was the day of the Autumn Council meeting held at Hendra Tourist Park, Newquay, which had been attended by Mrs. Bridge as delegate, accompanied by Mrs. Willetts. Mrs. Bridge gave an impromptu report saying how enjoyable it had been and marvelling at the organisation needed to make it run like clockwork. County Chairman, Mrs. Slee and members of all the sub-committees had done a great job, and everyone was glad to hear that Mrs. Slee has been re-elected to serve for another year. The highlight was a splendid talk, with slides, given by Mr. and Mrs. Robin Hanbury-Tenison, about their incredible journey on horseback along the Great Wall of China. It dates from 221 B.C., was built to keep out marauding Mongol hordes and stretches for 2,000 miles over mountains and through difficult country. The travellers took four months to complete the journey, riding 8 or 9 hours each day, which says much for their stamina - a truly wonderful achievement.

Arrangements were made for our Christmas Fair to be held at the Red Cross Hall on Thursday 17th November, and transport was booked for Blisland's Group meeting on 27th October.

The competition - 'Anitem for personal safety' was won by Mrs. Joey Greenaway for her whistle and Mrs. Gladys Champion won the flower of the month.

Pamela Bridge.

W.R.V.S. MONDAY CLUB.

October 17th was a social afternoon when the usual games were enjoyed; the winners being Miss Rowe and Mrs. Hambley. The competition, 'Biscuit Container' was won by Mrs. Collins.

October 24th was our Annual Harvest Supper, when members invited friends and the special guests, those who had helped the Club over the year. We enjoyed a lovely meal with the tables decorated with floral arrangements provided by Wendy Gurr; these were later presented to our most senior members. After the meal the room was cleared and set up for the first performance of Patsy Brewer's prize winning play, 'Old Wives Tales', being the meeting of the 6 wives of Henry 8th in the records office in Heaven, performed by the W.I. drama group, directed by Wendy Gurr. This well deserved the great applause it received. Wendy was presented with a bouquet in appreciation of her hard work. There was also a great surprise for me when I was also presented with a bouquet of carnations on behalf of the Club in a most delightful way! The evening was a great success with a general feeling of happiness and good will pervading throughout. I would like to thank the many helpers who made it all possible.

On November 7th we again enjoyed a travel talk by a favourite speaker, Mr. Thomas. This time it was a sombre topic, his visit to Poland and Czechoslovakia, taking in the places where the Jews had been persecuted and put to death. It was a harrowing experience to see the evidence of their horrendous treatment. Memorials mark these places where a real sense of total sadness prevails. Mr. Thomas told it in a way that brought back memories so vividly; it is to be hoped that such evil could never happen again. Mr. Thomas was warmly thanked and answered many questions.

The competition, 'arrangement in an unusual container' was won by Miss Rowe and Mrs. Vause. The meeting was brought to a close by our welcome tea served by the ever ready band of helpers.

Wishing you all a Happy and Healthy Christmas,

Gwen Masters.

Dear readers,

On behalf of my family and myself I would like to wish you all a happy and peaceful Christmas and to thank all the people who have contributed to the magazine in any way over the last year. A special thank you must go to Mr. Derek Watson who draws the lovely pictures that grace the front of the magazine. They are appreciated by us all. Please keep the articles coming in - it is after all your magazine and only keeps going as long as I receive material to print; so if you feel like writing something long or short, put pen to paper and send it to me, especially any article regarding the life in the area in times gone by as I know that is what people enjoy reading.

The magazine is read far and wide. I recently had a letter from Mrs. Smith who lives at Truro who wrote to me saying how much she and her husband look forward to their copy each month.

Finally I must say farewell to our vicar and thank him for the letters he sent in regularly each month and wish him and Sister Mary a happy and peaceful retirement.

Don't forget to send in your contributions early for next month's copy so it can be printed before the Christmas Holiday.

Catherine McShee

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