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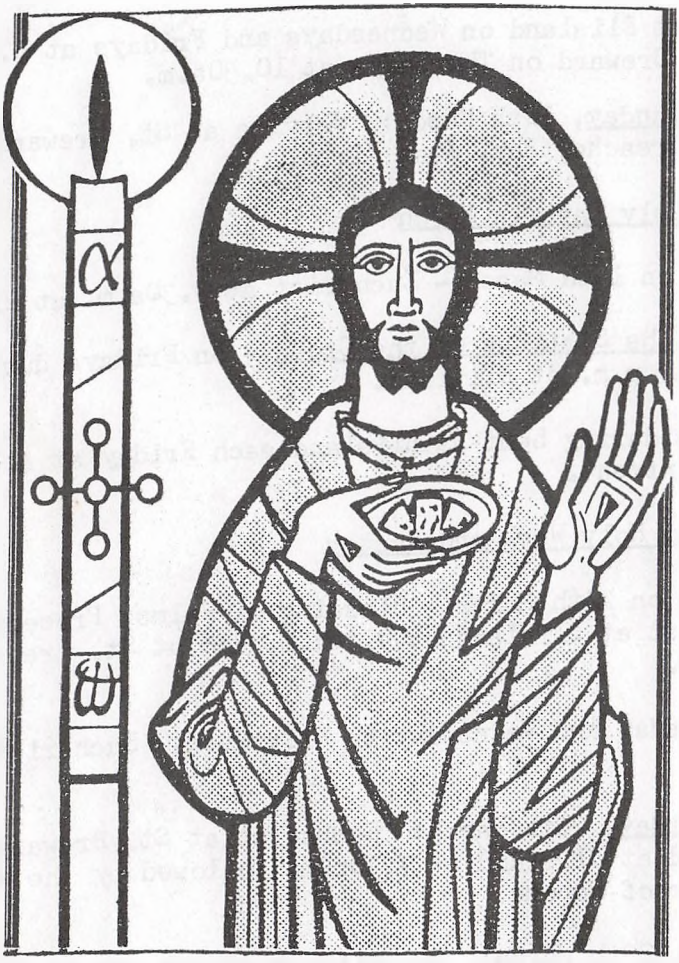

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Sunday Services for March

The Parish Eucharist will be celebrated at Blisland at 9.30a.m. and at St. Breward at 11.00.a.m.

Family Service at Blisland on Sunday 3rd March at 11.00a.m.

Weekday Services

Eucharist at Blisland on Wednesdays and Fridays at 9.30a.m. and at St. Breward on Thursdays at 10.30a.m.

Mothering Sunday, 10th March: Service at St. Breward at 3.00p.m. Preacher Rev. Joan Kirby.

Important Holy Days in March

St. Joseph on 19th March - Eucharist at 9.30a.m. at Blisland.

Service of the Stations of the Cross - on Fridays during Lent at 3.45 p.m. at Blisland.

Confessions during Lent at Blisland each Friday at 4.15p.m. or by appointment.

Services for Holy Week and Easter

Palm Sunday on 24th March: Blessing of Palms, Procession and Eucharist at Blisland at 9.30a.m. and at St. Breward at 11.00a.m.

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday in Holy Week: Eucharist at 9.30a.m.

Maundy Thursday, 28th March: Eucharist at St. Breward at 6.00p.m. and at Blisland at 7.30p.m. followed by the Watch at the Altar of Repose.

Good Friday, 29th March: The Liturgy of the Day at Blisland at 12.00 noon and at St. Breward at 3.00p.m.

Holy Saturday, 30th March: Vigil Service and first Eucharist of Easter at 8.00p.m.

Easter Day, 31st March: Eucharist at Blisland at 9.30a.m. and at St. Breward at 11.00a.m. Evensong at Blisland at 6.00pm.

Letter from the Parish Priest

Dear Parishioners,

I suppose that if we wanted to sum up the Christian faith in a simple statement, we should need to look no further than the sixteenth verse of the third chapter of Saint John's Gospel in which we are told "that God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son that all that believe in him would not perish but have eternal life".

For the Christian, that love is summed up in the reality of the cross and that cross constantly reminds us how much that love cost. For God was indeed generous and so we who have been baptised into Christ's death, must also be generous in our response.

The question then, which we should be asking ourselves during this Lent and Passiontide, is how we can respond to God's love. For this is what we are called to do as christians; to make a response in love to God and mankind.

The real christian then, will respond to God's love by taking him seriously. This means trying to understand what God has done for us in the person of his son, Jesus Christ. This means that we need to become familiar with the life and teaching of Our Blessed Lord. We need also to understand the role of the church in our lives. For the church is the body of Christ, thus within it we experience the full reality of God, especially within it's worship. We need also to respond in love by looking at our lives to see what really hinders us in growing in the grace of God. For all of us have a besetting sin. Consciousness of this together with the necessary act of confession and penitence is a must if we truly desire to fully mature in the things of God.

During this passiontide let us reflect upon God's generosity towards us made manifest in his son Jesus Christ. For a wonderful poetic description of that love, read Cardinal Newman's hymn, 'Praise to the Holiest in the height' No. 471 in the English Hymnal. It will provide you with wonderful material for prayer and meditation during this holy season.

Yours sincerely,
Father Harris.

BLISLAND METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES FOR MARCH

Sunday March 10th at 2.30p.m.
Preacher Rev. D. Easton.

Sunday March 24th at 2.30p.m.
Preacher Rev. R. Barlow.

ST. BREWARD METHODIST CHURCH

An Easter Concert by a local choir made up of voices from St. Tudy, St. Mabyn and district is to be held in the Methodist Church on Wednesday 10th April at 7.30p.m.

ST. BREWARD METHODIST CHURCH - PREACHERS FOR MARCH

Sunday March 3rd.	Mr. Hooper at 11.00a.m.	
	Rev. Barlow at 6.00p.m.	
Sunday March 10th.	Mr. Cole at 11.00a.m.	
	Rev. Williams at 6.00p.m.	
Sunday March 17th.	Mr. Tredre at 11.00a.m.	
	Rev. Barlow at 6.00p.m.	
Sunday March 24th.	Mrs. Beare at 11.00a.m.	
	Mr. Huntley at 6.00p.m.	
Sunday March 31st.	Mr. Hoskin at 11.00a.m.	
	Rev. Barlow at 6.00p.m.	Holy Communion.
Tuesday 26th March.	Circuit Holy Week Event at 7.30p.m.	

Sunday School during Morning Services - everyone welcome.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

To be held on Friday 1st March at St. Breward Parish Church at 7.30p.m.
Speaker Mrs. Audrey Beare.
Collection for W.W. Day of Prayer Funds.
Everyone is very welcome.

ST. BREWARD PARISH CHURCH

Study Group
The Liturgical Celebration of the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ will be discussed at meetings to be held at the Rectory on Mondays, 4th and 18th March at 7.30p.m.

Walsingham: Cornish Pilgrimage from the 8th-12th April. Total cost £110. For details contact Father Harris.

Coffee Morning - In aid of funds for St. Breward Church Flower Festival. To be held on Saturday 23rd March 10.30-12 noon by Mrs. H. Cragg at her home at Trevennen Farm, Trevenning, St. Tudy. Bring & Buy and Raffle.

ST. BREWARD CHURCH FLOWER FESTIVAL

St. Breward Church are holding a Flower Festival over the Whitsun weekend i.e. 25th - 27th May 1991. There will be a concert held on one or possibly two of the evenings. There will be a plant stall throughout the weekend - donations for this will be most welcome. Refreshments will also be on sale on all three days. More details next month.

The following "Feast for Lent" gives us all something to think about during this period:

Fast from criticism, and feast on praise.
Fast from self-pity, and feast on joy.
Fast from ill-temper, and feast on peace.
Fast from resentment, and feast on contentment.
Fast from jealousy, and feast on love.
Fast from pride, and feast on humility.
Fast from selfishness, and feast on service.
Fast from fear, and feast on faith.

ST. BREWARD COMMUNITY BUS

Do you want to lose your community bus?
Many people have worked very hard to provide this valuable service and money was provided from Telethon to help towards the costs of a new bus.

We need enthusiastic helpers or helpers to run the committee to adminster the running of the bus. (You do not have to drive the bus). If we cannot get this help the village will lose this service and the money will have to be returned.

The bus can be hired by anyone privately or for an organisation. It is not just a school bus as many people seem to think.

There is to be a meeting on Wednesday 6th March at 7.30pm. at St. Breward School to discuss the future of the bus. Please come along and support this very important village amenity. For more information contact Trevor Crawley on Bodmin 850191.

BLISLAND YOUTH DRAMA WORKSHOP

Blisland Youth Drama Workshop has commenced rehersals of a play called 'The Owl and the Pussycat went to See' which they hope to perform in Blisland Village Hall at Easter.

However, because of illness among members of the group since Christmas definite dates have yet to be decided. It is possible that the performances will be postponed until later in April. Please watch for posters for information or telephone 850119 after 16th March.

Wendy Gurr.

My apologies to Mrs. Gwen Masters - in her poem 'The Snowstorm' which appeared in last month's magazine the last line should read -:
Silently in rain retreat.

A BOY FROM THE MOORS by Roy Harper.

Further excerpts from the chapter entitled 'PENDRIFT'

"the road brought you up to Racecourse Downs, and here, beside the road leading down to Cardinham, the point to point races were held"..... "on one occasion we walked from Pendrift and remembered for weeks the hustle and bustle of the crowds and the tents and sideshows". "Early in the 1930's we went to a flying display in the big field opposite Racecourse Farm, and were thrilled by the sight of the crews with their goggles and helmets sitting in their open cockpits, flying was still in its early days". "Not many people had cars in Blisland then but a few men had motor bikes and motor bikes with sidecars were becoming popular. We never saw many trains, of course, except for the one that came up the branch line to Wenford, and a private spur ran from there to De Lank Quarry. They had their own locomotive, and we used to see it from Jubilee Rock"..... "a little siding at Tresarrett and we saw trucks unloaded there, coal for St. Breward Co-op and fertilisers and seeds for Tom Keat at Lavethan Mill. His son Rodney still runs the business from there"..... "opposite the Post Office was the water supply for much of the village before the main was brought in"..... "on a summer evening after a game on the green we used to stick our head under the 'shute' and drink our fill"..... " Tom Manaton was a well known character and lived in the village all his life"..... "worked for the Council as a roadman with his mates Tom Pearce from Pendrift and Wes Rowe from Churchgate"..... "He (Tom) was also the local barber, and for years we went to Tom's old fashioned kitchen in the evening to have our 'ears put back'. Price sixpence"..... "years afterwards, after we had grown up, we had many a song outside the Royal Oak, 'close harmony' with Tom as 'top tenor'..... "there were some very good singers in Blisland." "In the middle of the square outside the Post Office was a huge beech tree with a seat round it".

to be continued..... E.J.W.

CORNISH HERITAGE

The late Mr George Nottle formerly of Wenford was keenly interested in local history. Born in Blisland he lived mostly in St. Breward. He had a hobby of collecting press cuttings relevant to local history. The following item from The Cornish Heritage Series published in the Guardian in the fifties has been passed to me by his daughter Mrs Ivy Rowe.

In view of the fact that we have just celebrated the feast of St. Branwalader on February 8th and that many new families have come to reside in the village it will make interesting reading for everyone.

The Highest Parish

St. Breward Church has the distinction of being the most loftily situated church in the county, 700 feet above sea-level. It is in the heart of the granite country, and the quarries are famous. The dedication of the church is uncertain; commonly given as St. Breward, Henderson names it as St. Brueredus, while Canon Doble shows it as Celtic - St. Branwalader. The parish is also known as Simon Ward. Hals, the historian, states that the founder was William Bruere, Bishop of Exeter, 1224-42. Thomas Tonkin comments: "This parish of St. Breward is also called Simon Ward; and the popular legend has changed a pious and venerable bishop into one, Simon Ward, a domestic brewer to King Arthur". He makes the suggestion that on the division of parishes it was called Brewer, from "bruyere" the French word for heath or broom. Brown Willy and Roughtor, the two highest points in Cornwall, are in this parish, the former being 1,368 feet, and the latter, 1,296 feet high.

Good Craftsmen

The church underwent a severe "restoration" in 1864; Dr. Charles Cox (1912) says that "numerous bench-ends disappeared (some are still extant, worked up into a farmhouse settle); but several, including symbols of the Passion and arms of Bodmin Priory and family of Lower, were gaudily painted and worked up into a tasteless reredos." One of the chief interests in the church is the number of carved slate memorials. The earliest is the slab of a table-tomb

with the portraits of a man and wife - John Adams, vicar from 1570 to 1607. The inscription - "This worke was made at the cost of John Adams his sonne" - seems strange to modern ideas, but similar information is carved on the tombstone of Christopher Rogers, gentleman, who died in 1604 - "this worke was made to the cost of Reginald Rogers, gentleman, who died in 1609". The deaths of William Billing of Lanke, and Nicholas Burrough, who died in 1654, are commemorated by slate memorials. This may be taken as evidence of the age of the tradition of stone craftsmanship in St. Breward.

P.S. The fine granite altar that now stands in the Parish Church, given and executed by men in the local quarries bears testimony to the fine workmanship of twentieth century craftsmen.

Grace Masters.

Rally Round by Noel Smith

I am sorry to hear and sorry to see
That there is a lack of Carnival Committee.
Surely there must be concern about this
If we can't get more help a Carnival we shall miss.
After three years effort and a day to look forward to
Think to yourselves, will my help do?
So lets make an effort for the Carnival's sake
Because without our help it's make or break.
So come on St. Breward lets rally round
I'm sure there's enough helpers to be found.

ST. BREWARD A.F.C. & SOCIAL CLUB

Entertainment:-

Friday	1st March	Horse Racing
Saturday	2nd March	The Bum Cheeks
Friday	8th "	Niteflight
Saturday	9th "	Tres Hombres
Wednesday	13th "	BINGO 'Eyes down' 7.30p.m.
Friday	15th "	Mo-Jo
Saturday	16th "	Off Beats
Friday	22nd "	Niteflight
Saturday	23rd "	Roulette
Friday	29th "	Niteflight
Saturday	30th "	Martin Walker

ST. BREWARD VILLAGE HALL SNOOKER CLUB

League Fixtures for March

'A' Team

March 4th	Rock 'B' (Away)
" 11th	Wharncliffe 'A' (Home)
" 18th	Camelford Cons D (Away)

'B' Team

March 4th	Boscastle (Home)
" 11th	Carpenters Arms (Away)
" 18th	Wadebridge 'D' (Home)

Congratulations to Ron Bennett who has equalled the highest break in the league with a break of 35.

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WORDS OF WISDOM

A Smile

A smile costs nothing,
but gives much. It enriches those
who receive, without making poorer those
who give. It takes but a moment, but
the memory of it sometimes lasts forever.
None is so rich or mighty that he can
get along without it, and none is so poor
but that he can be made rich by it.
A smile creates happiness in the home,
fosters goodwill in business, and is the
countersign of friendship. It brings
rest to the weary, cheer to the discouraged,
sunshine to the sad, and it is natures'
best antidote for trouble. Yet it cannot
be bought, begged, borrowed or stolen,
for it is something that is of no value
to anyone until it is given away.
Some people are too tired to give you a
smile; give them one of yours, as none
needs a smile so much as he who has
no more to give.

Anon.

Weather Forecasting the Country Way

There are several sayings for this time of year which purport to be able to forecast the weather in the coming months:

If March comes in like a lion,
It goes out like a lamb.
If it comes in like a lamb,
It goes out like a lion.

With all the recent bad weather I wonder if this will be true this year.

St. Breward Methodist Church Coffee Mornings are held on Wednesdays from 10.00a.m. to 11.30a.m.
Come and join us for a coffee and a chat.

From St. Breward Parish Magazine. March 1885

"HAND-BELL RINGING

On Monday,February 16th, a Ringing Match on a set of eight musical Hand-bells took place in the Schoolroom kindly lent by the Vicar for the purpose. Nine sets competed for six prizes, viz: - Saint Mabyn, Blisland, Egloshayle Seniors, Egloshayle Juniors, Saint Breward Seniors, Saint Breward Juniors, Saint Breward Scientifics, Saint Breward Grandsire, and Saint Breward Independents. The ringing was so excellent and so even throughout that some of the sets had to ring over again before the judges could finally agree. The awards which were distributed by the Vicar at the close of the contest to the successful competitors are as follows:- Ist. Prize, S. Breward Seniors; 2nd.Prize, S. Breward Juniors; 3rd. Prize, Blisland; 4th. Prize, S. Breward Scientifics; 5th. Prize, S. Breward Grandsires; 6th. Prize, Egloshayle Seniors. The Judges were Rev. J.A. Kempe, Mr Hawken (S. Minver), and Mr P. Elford, the Timekeepers being Mr J.T. Hosken, and Mr R. Elford, with the Judges, and W.H. Collins Esq., and Mr H. Roberts with the ringers. All appeared much pleased with the day's proceedings and gave hearty thanks to the Committee for the trouble they had taken."

Pamela Bousfield
(Wouldn't it be splendid to have a team of hand-bell ringers again?)

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BLISLAND W.I.

Most of our members were present at the first meeting of 1991 on the 16th January. Apologies were received from Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Pearce and Miss Rowe. We all hope that Miss Rowe will soon be fit enough to join us again. Mrs. Gurr presided at the meeting and Mrs. Aspinall read the Minutes.

Plans were made for our birthday lunch at the Trelawney Garden Centre on Tuesday, 22nd January. Fourteen ladies attended this function and we had a really delicious lunch with sufficient choice to suit all tastes, plenty of fresh vegetables and an excellent selection of puddings. The cost was modest and the event was voted a great success.

We are still trying to collate information for the Cornwall Village Book so if any of you have any interesting books, newspaper cuttings or anecdotes Mrs. Makin would like to hear from you.

Mrs. Makin attended a meeting to discuss the Resolution for the Triennial General Meeting at Birmingham in June. I will not go into details here as this will be covered later in the year in more detail.

A proposal was made that we should have our winter meetings in the afternoon instead of the evening. No decision was taken but Mrs. Gurr would be grateful for the opinion of members.

Our speaker was Mr. Adrian Langdon, a member of the Cornwall Trust for Nature Conservation and of the Wadebridge Camera Club. His subject was 'Birds of the Camel Estuary' and he covered the area from the coast up to the wooded areas and the valleys. The slides which he showed were quite outstanding and we were most interested to learn of the great variety of birds to be seen in Cornwall. These ranged from the Oyster-Catchers, the Lesser Black Gull, Gannet, Puffins, Razor Bills, Great Black Gulls, Kittiwakes, Fulmars, Choughs, Great Northern Divers, Shovelers, Pochards, Scaup, Goosander, White Fronted Geese, Gadwalls, Shellducks, Waders, Dunlin, Curlews, Coots, Moorhens, Mute Swans, to the Lapwings, Herons, Barn Owls, Kestrels, Collar Doves, Chiff-Chaffs, Spotted Fly Catchers, Pied Flycatchers, Sedge Warblers, Blackbirds, Robins, Woodpeckers, Wrynecks and Kingfishers.

Mr. Langdon had a great enthusiasm for his subject and when someone asked him how long it took to take a particular photograph of a Kingfisher and he replied, "About three weeks", we realised the extent of his dedication.

Mrs. Aspinall and Mrs. Donnelly provided the refreshments and the competition was won by Mrs. Meeson.

The A.G.M. will be on the 20th March. We hope that all members will be able to attend.

W. Barwood.

ST. BREWARD W.I.

Most of the meeting in January was taken up enjoying an excellent lunch at the Old Inn. Afterwards we were well filled up and in a jovial mood and we departed to the Village Hall where we had a small business meeting. There were no competitions this month.

Josephine Hawken.

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W.R.V.S. CLUB

At the commencement of the first meeting for 1991 members held a silent tribute to the memory of Eileen Jefford who passed away on Christmas Day. The club was very pleased to welcome back for another talk, Mr. Jeff Thomas, who had recently visited South America.

Jeff gave a graphic description of the grand spectacle of seeing Rio De Janeiro from the air with the huge statue of Christ standing on the mountain peak overlooking the bay. His impression of Rio was a city of contrasts. There was the opulent side where the rich and famous enjoyed life around the beautiful beaches and the shanty towns where the poor had to exist.

Travelling in such a vast country was mainly by airplane and boat. Jeff's description of the primitive places that he visited, of viewing the huge rainforests, of seeing waterfalls from the air and looking down on the rainbows thrown up by the cascading water held all the members enthralled.

Mr. Thomas discussed various points arising from the trip and was thanked by the members.

The competition of a humo rous Christmas card was won by Miss Kathleen Tucker. It depicted a perplexed father stripping the christmas tree as he falls from erecting the fairy at the top. The watching children remark 'Wait till mum comes home'.

On the 5th February the club enjoyed a tour of the Lake District from slides prepared and projected by Stan Jefford. Stan, a most gifted photographer, captured the various scenes from mountains to the lakes. As it was Wordsworth country there were pictures of the poet's home and the Methodist Church where he worshipped. The narrative which Stan gave with each slide made a fascinating travelogue. It made one feel that the Lake District was a must to visit for its scenic beauty.

Miss Mildred Rowe won the competition for a spring flower with a large single primrose in a minature pot.

Tony Ham.

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