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BLISLAND with TEMPLE and ST. BREWARD

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Sunday Services for October

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

Family Service at Blisland at 11.00a.m. on the first Sunday in the month.

Weekday Services

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

Important Holy Days in October

St. Luke, Evangelist - Friday 18th - Eucharist at 9.30a.m.
S.S. Simon and Jude, Apostles - Monday 28th - Eucharist at Blisland at 9.30a.m.

Harvest Festival

St. Breward: Parish Eucharist at 11.00a.m. on 6th October.
Guest Preacher: Rear Admiral A. Weir, R.N. (Rtd.)

Blisland: Parish Eucharist at 9.30a.m. on 13th October.
Guest Preacher: Mrs. E. Waldron-Yeo.

Additional Celebrations
St. Breward: Concert at St. Breward Parish Church at 7.30p.m. on Friday, 4th October. Harvest Supper at the Village Hall on Monday, 7th October at 7.30p.m.

Blisland: Harvest Auction at the School Institute at 7.00p.m. on Monday, 14th October.

Dedication Festivals at Blisland and St. Breward will be celebrated at the Parish Eucharists on Sunday 27th October.

Arrangements for Baptisms, Banns of Marriage, Holy Matrimony, Churchings, Confessions, Communion of the Sick and Funerals should be made with the Parish Priest.

Letter from the Parish Priest.

Dear Parishioners,
During the month of October, the church provides for a celebration of the dedication of the church when the original date of its foundation is unknown. In common then with other ancient parish churches up and down the country we shall be celebrating this important event on the last Sunday in October. In doing so we shall be keeping a tradition going back over many thousands of years which dates back to the time of King Solomon, who built the famous Jewish temple in Jerusalem. (See I Kings, Ch.6).
In celebrating the feast of the dedication, we shall thus be celebrating the fact that there has been a building set apart for Christian worship in our two parishes for well nigh a thousand years. However St. Peter reminds us in his first letter, chapter 2, verses 1-10 that the church is not just a stone building but a community of faith, made up of living stones with Jesus Christ as the foundation stone. As those baptised into Christ then we are summoned into a spiritual temple as a people set apart by God to offer worship to him. Without such worship, no-one has the right to call themselves a christian.
Those then who profess the christian faith are called upon to become builders not only of physical edifices but spiritual communities. This faith thus means believing, worshipping and practising within the context of the whole christian experience.
It is my hope then that the christian communities both at Blisland and St. Breward will become strong and forceful as they seek to present the christian faith to an unbelieving world around them. For it is only through conviction, commitment and discipline that we can throw off the lethargy which so easily besets the church in a rural setting. If this is done we shall not only be celebrating the dedication of an ancient building but a living spiritual community dedicated to God and to the establishment of his kingdom.

May God bless you in his service.

Yours sincerely,

Frank Harris

Important Holy Days in November

Feast of AllSaints - November 1st.
Blisland: Eucharist at 9.30a.m. and 7.00p.m.
St. Breward: Eucharist at 11.00a.m.

Commemoration of All Souls - November 2nd.
Blisland: Eucharist at 9.30a.m.
St. Breward: Eucharist at 11.00a.m.

Visitation of the Bishop of St. Germans

Tuesday, 22nd October. Eucharist at St. Breward Parish Church at 6.30p.m. followed by a joint meeting of parishes. Further additions to the programme will be announced later.

Parish Registers

Holy Baptism

Fiona Clare Carthew was baptised on the 18th August at St. Breward Parish Church. "Made a member of Christ, a child of God and an inheritor of the Kingdom of Heaven."

Funeral

The funeral service for the late Margaret Frances Bennett took place at St. Breward Parish Church on Monday 2nd September. Internment followed in the churchyard. "Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord and let light perpetual shine upon her."

Married recently at St. Breward Chapel were Sheila Paul of St. Breward and Richard Burnard from Camelford.

Jack and Olive Bickle of St. Breward would like to thank everybody who sent cards and gave presents on their recent Ruby Wedding Anniversary, especially the people at the Methodist Church.

BLISLAND METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES FOR OCTOBER

Sunday October 6th at 2.30p.m. Harvest Festival.
Preacher Mrs. Troy

Tuesday October 8th at 7.30p.m. Service followed by Sale of Produce. Preacher Rev Barlow.

Sunday October 20th at 2.30p.m. Preacher Mr. Tredrea.

ST. BREWARD CHURCH SERVICES FOR OCTOBER

Sunday October 6th at 11.00a.m. L.A.
" " 6.00p.m. Preacher Rev'd Broad SAC

Sunday October 13th - Harvest Festival. Preacher at 11.00a.m. & 6.00p.m. Mr. Bryan Teague.

Monday October 14th - Harvest Supper at 7.00p.m.

Sunday October 20th at 11.00a.m. L.A.
" " 6.00p.m. Preacher Rev'd Broad

Sunday October 27th at 11.00a.m. Preacher Mr. Mabson
" " 6.00p.m. Preacher Rev'd Bickle.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING AT ST. BREWARD PARISH CHURCH

Friday, 4th October. CONCERT in Church at 7.30p.m. THE ST. MABYN CONCERT SINGERS and JOHN & ROSEMARY HEARD (violin and piano). Admission by programme £1.50 obtainable from Mrs. Metters (Bodmin 850156) and Mr. Hawken (Bodmin 850294) or at the door. Light refreshments on sale afterwards.

The church will be decorated on Friday. All contributions of flowers and produce gratefully received. Please take to Church by 2.00p.m.

Monday, 7th October. - PASTY SUPPER in the village hall at 7.30p.m. Admission £1.50. Followed by auction of harvest produce.

Sponsored Bicycle Ride

This year's sponsored bicycle ride in aid of the Historic Churches Trust took place on Saturday September 14th. It was an ideal day for cycling, being fine but not too hot and with no wind. Our family - plus a friend who had come to stay - left home at 10.30a.m. and cycled up to St. Breward Chapel and on to the Church. From there we cycled across the moor, past Delphy Bridge and down to the church at Blisland. More downhill, this time to the railway line at Tresarret, which we cycled along to Dunmere, stopping at Dunmere Dam for our picnic lunch. From there we took the trail back up to Scarletts Well where the track ends at Bodmin Gaol. We then rode to St. Petroc's Church, just missing a wedding but we had our photo taken by one of the guests! We cycled up the busy main street of Bodmin calling at the Methodist and Baptist Churches and on to the Abbey and St. Lawrence's Church. From there we rode back down the hill joining the railway line again at Dunmere and then it was homeward bound. We arrived back at 3.30p.m. having cycled 25 miles tired but with a sense of achievement. I would like to thank the people who sponsored us and to those who helped out in the churches.

Catherine McShee

BLISLAND VILLAGE HALL

Monday October 14th - A Bingo Session - a fun evening for all. Doors open at 7.00p.m. Eyes down at 7.30p.m.

Friday November 1st. - Candlelit Supper.

LOGS FOR SALE

Small load £20
Unsplit large load £45
Split large load £50
All hardwood. Contact Brian Runnalls on Bodmin 850376

GILLIAN WALSH - Diary for October

Friday 4th October - St. Mabyn Singers. Concert in St. Breward Church at 7.30p.m.
Saturday 5th October - St. Mabyn Singers. At Launceston Methodist Church at 7.30p.m. (with Cornish Federation of Male Voice Choirs)
Sunday 6th October - Gillian Walsh & Bill Wareham with John & Rosemary Heard at Luxulyan Church at 7.30pm
Sunday 13th October - Sticker Village Hall at 7.30p.m.
Friday 18th October - Serenade Co. St. Austell - Old Tyme Music Hall. Tywardreath Village Hall at 7.30p.m.
Saturday 19th October - Serenade Co. St. Austell - as above.
Sunday 20th October - Gillian Walsh with Bill Wareham and St. Breward Silver Band at Wadebridge Methodist Church at 7.30p.m.
Saturday 26th October - Duchy Opera with Ben Luxon - Last Night Of the Proms at Cornwall Coliseum at 7.30p.m.
Friday 1st November (change of date) - Gillian Walsh, Bill Wareham, John & Rosemary Heard, Caroline Harris and Ray Trethewy at St. Mabyn Church at 7.30p.m.

ST. BREWARD VILLAGE HALL

Garden Safari and Barbeque - The committee of the Village Hall would like to thank everyone who opened their gardens and gave their time to give people information about them.
The barbeque was a great success and a big thank you to everyone who helped with it.

A total of £329 was made and this will be used towards the cost of replacing the windows in the hall. As this event was such a success we will be repeating it next year. If you would like your garden to be included please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. M. Metters on 850156.

ST. BREWARD GARDENING CLUB

The meeting arranged for Friday 4th October has been cancelled as it clashes with the Church Concert.

D. Bennett

This photograph shows Mr. Ben Welch on the left (father of Arthur and Christine) and Mr. Lewis Greenaway (father of Cyril who before his death was churchwarden of St. Breward Church). It was taken in c. 1942 and shows the two men leaving St. Pratts Fair at Blisland. Both gentlemen were farmers. Mr. Welch came from Advent to St. Breward when his daughter was twelve and he was both a bell-ringer and a sidesman at St. Breward Church. As well as farming he also did the moorland post round on horseback along with his dog Rover who can be seen in the forefront of the picture.

When her father died Christine took over the post round from her father and delivered mail to the outlying moorland areas including Leaze, Candra, Case Hill and Bedrawle, but this time on a motorbike. She can remember one year having to tramp through snow at Hantergantick so high that it even covered a car, a fact she discovered when she fell into snow off the top of the car.

This photograph shows Mr. Sam Cole standing outside Row shop at St. Breward in 1950. Mr. Cole farmed at Glebe Farm until he retired and became the postman around St. Breward village, where he lodged with Mrs. Gregory at Rylands Terrace. The dog is Rover who used to accompany Mr. Welch on his round until he became too old to keep up with the motorbike so he then accompanied Mr. Cole who walked.

Dear Readers,

I have had many queries as to whether a photograph would copy out well enough in the magazine. (Although it was done in the past we now use a different system of printing to keep costs down). I do not know whether it will work but the only way is to try it out so I have experimented with two photos in this month's issue and hope they come out well enough to be distinguishable. Thank you to Christine Crowle who provided the photos and information.

I would also like to say a big thank you to Mr. Hodges of Blisland who has re-designed the front and back covers of the magazine. I'm sure you will agree that he has done a good job. Thank you also to Pam Hasling who drew the picture for this month's cover.

Catherine McShee

BLISLAND

The following is a copy of Blisland W.I.'s entry into the Village Book competition and was written by Mrs. Barbara Makin.

Sheltering under the western edge of granite-bound Bodmin Moor, less than three miles from the busy east west A30 artery, the village of Blisland retains, almost untouched, its' age old character.

Known in ancient times as Bluston and Bliston-juxta-Montem the village is referred to in the Domesday Book as Glustone. It is the only village in Cornwall to have a village green with trees, around which cluster granite houses and cottages, some of them of considerable antiquity.

The rocky outcrops and Tors of the Moor, where buzzards and skylarks soar and badgers and foxes are frequently seen contrast with the softer valleys of the De Lank and Camel rivers which form two of the Parish boundaries and are the natural habitat for kingfisher, salmon and otter.

The beautiful Parish Church is dedicated to St. Protus and St. Hyacinth, brothers of servile origin, who were martyred in 260 A.D. Although these two Saints are well known in Italy, this is the only Church in England with such a dedication. The remains of St. Hyacinth were discovered as recently as 1848 in the catacombs although the body of Protus, which had originally been buried here, had long since been removed. Referred to as "dazzling and amazing" by Sir John Betjeman, this, his favourite Church has retained much of its' pre-reformation colour and grandeur.

Partly Norman but mainly perpendicular in construction with a foot out of vertical, the chief glory of the Church, fondly known as St. Pratts, must surely be the carved and painted rood screen, thought to be one of the finest in Britain. Executed in the baroque style it is the work of F.C. Eden and was installed in 1894 by Vernon Collins the squire parson at that time to replace an earlier 15th century screen. The Collins family have been in continous residence in the Parish since the middle of the eighteenth century.

St. Pratts feast is celebrated on the first Sunday after September 22nd. In years gone by, a large gathering headed by a silver band would process from the Church down to St. Pratt's Cross where flowers were laid. The following day the Blisland

sheep fair was held in a field next to the Church. Farmers drove their sheep down from outlying farms on the moor and this would be a great opportunity to renew old friendships and criticise the quality of a neighbours sheep! The next day a marquee was erected on the green where tea was served and a sports day held. All in all, this was one of the most memorable weeks in the Blisland year. The children of the village still take flowers to St. Pratt's Cross on his Holy Day but this is all that is left of the three days of festivity.

A short walk from the centre of the village lie the ruins of a Chapel where John Wesley preached on one of his many visits to the County.

Due East is Jubilee Rock, a curiosity well known in this corner of Cornwall. In 1809 this large granite boulder was used by lieutenant John Rogers of Pendrift to celebrate the 50th anniversary of George III. The Royal Coat of Arms together with the figure of Britannia and various other inscriptions were carved on its' face and painted in appropiate colours. Almost 200 years later faint lines can still be traced on the rock, witnessing this man's loyalty to his King.

In ancient times panning for tin was carried out in the many streams which criss-cross the moor. This, combined with tenant farming, gave a living to some of the inhabitants whilst many men trudged across the moor to nearby slate and granite quarries. The whole community was dependent on the vagaries of the climate and geology of the moor for its wellbeing. In the late 19th century deposits of china clay were discovered at Carwen and Durfold and a water wheel, said to be the largest in the land, was constructed at Durfold to drive the necessary machinery. The clay deposits were worked out soon after the end of the first world war and the wheel fell into disrepair. It was finally removed in the 1970s and is awaiting reconstruction for exhibition in Wales.

Present day Blisland is fortunate in having a village school, Post Office and shop, village pub and blacksmith which, with the Church and Chapel, cater for most of the spiritual and temporal needs of the inhabitants.

Many non-Cornish people have been attracted by the attributes of this village and have settled within its' boundaries. The community of Blisland seems to have the happy knack of assimilating these changes without losing its character or robust Celtic individuality.

Verses from a poem by a resident of Blisland, whose family has lived in the village for at least eight generations, sum up our feelings about Blisland:

From ancient days our forebears rise,
Nine hundred years our children's cries
Have sounded from the green!

Well stocked meadows, valleys green,
And fishing in the tumbling stream;
Feast of St. Pratt, and old Sheep Fair,
Weave history in a pattern rare!

Now clay and granite, rail and coach,
Shows how changing face of time encroach!

AN ANCIENT PRAYER

Give me a good digestion, Lord,
And also something to digest
Give me a healthy body, Lord,
With sense to keep it at its best.
Give me a healthy mind O Lord,
To keep the good and pure in sight,
Which seeing wrong is not appalled,
But finds a way to set it right.

Give me a mind that is not bored,
That does not whimper, whine or sigh.
Don't let me worry overmuch
About that fussy thing called "I".
Give me a sense of humour, Lord,
Give me the grace to see a joke,
To get some happiness from life,
And pass it on to other folk.

This prayer is on display at Lanhydrock. Mrs. Wendy Barwood sent in the above two articles.

ST. BREWARD CARNIVAL

St. Breward Carnival, which took place on July 20th was a great success with the number of entries exceeding last year's figures. Despite previous bad weather it managed to stay dry and the procession was enjoyed by the many people who lined the route.

About 30 tableaux took part in the Carnival along with an increase in the walking entries.

The procession was led by Mr. Boyce Keating of the North Cornwall Hunt followed by St. Breward Silver Band under the musical directorship of Micky Hunt.

ST. BREWARD SILVER BAND

Engagement for October - On Sunday 20th, the band will play at Egloshayle Methodist Church at 7.30p.m. Guest artistes will be Gillian Walsh and Bill Wareham.

The chairman of the Band Mr. Dennis Champion, welcomed every who attended the viewing of the refurbished Band Room recently when a very successful coffee evening raised £97 for band funds.

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

Entertainment

Friday	4th October	Disco
Saturday	5th "	Red Raiders
Wednesday	9th "	Skittles Match Conservative Club, Camelford
Friday	11th "	Nightflight
Saturday	12th "	Arthur and Paul (Duo)
Friday	18th "	A.R. Roadshow
Saturday	19th "	Live Group
Friday	25th "	Nightflight
Saturday	26th "	Back to the Future

ST. BREWARD W.I.

Mrs. Mavis Metters presided at the September meeting, which was well attended after the summer break.

The speaker was Mr. Smeeth of the Old Cornwall Society, who felt that he could not presume to talk on the history of St. Breward, in view of the local book already published on the subject. Instead he dwelt on the ancient stones which are in such abundance around the parish, showing many excellent slides of quoits, stone circles, cairns, round houses, burial mounds etc., on sites such as Stannon, Louden, Roughtor, Brown Willy, Garrow and Alex Tors. In her vote of thanks to Mr. Smeeth Mrs. Pamela Bousfield spoke of his extensive and detailed knowledge of "old" Cornwall, and that he was shortly to be made a Bard, so we were able to congratulate him.

Mrs. Gladys Champion will attend the Autumn Council meeting as delegate and will purchase a copy of the newly-published Cornwall Village Book for the Institute.

The Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund Committee are holding special coffee mornings throughout the county on Friday 4th October. Mrs. Joan Sainsbury has kindly offered her house as the venue for our Institute's contribution to the Fund, so a Coffee Morning will be held at Bartons Brook, Limehead, on Monday 30th September from 10.00a.m. to 12 noon.

The competition for the oldest coin was won by Mrs. Sainsbury with a Coventry halfpenny dated 1792; Mrs. Joey Greenaway's gladiola was judged the best flower.

Pamela Bridge.

ST. BREWARD VILLAGE HALL SNOOKER CLUB

The final of the Doreen Bennett Cup was played on 7th September at St. Breward Snooker Club between Mr. David Masters and Mr. John Pearce. Mr. Dick Walsh presented the cup to Mr. David Masters who won the match 52-29, 60-22.
Mr. R. Bennett was the referee.

BLISLAND W.R.V.S. CLUB

To picnic or not to picnic? That was the question. For the meeting on 20th August Coliford Lake was the suggested venue but as the weather was still unsettled it was proposed to picnic at Bradford to be nearer home. Plan C was then put into operation and we took our picnic to 'Polpry' at the kind invitation of Mrs. Rosa Billing. As it was quite sunny but a little breezy, the hardier members sat in the garden while the others took advantage of indoor shelter. 'Bingo' was played and much enjoyed. Rosa presented a competition - a tray of various items revealed for 30 seconds. A good test of observation - then to record what one thought was on the tray - not as easy as it appears! Miss Maud Parnell was the winner.

On the 3rd September it was games afternoon. A new game on the dartboard was played, members making two teams to play 'cricket'. While one team had to get wickets scored by hitting the bull (2 wickets) or 25 ring (1 wicket), the others had to score runs by throwing and keeping the darts outside of the treble ring, any going inside the treble being deducted from the runs scored. There was much barracking and various groans when the darts went astray. We all had a good laugh and as I was the umpire who got runs and wickets mixed up I was forced to call it a draw!!

Tony Ham

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