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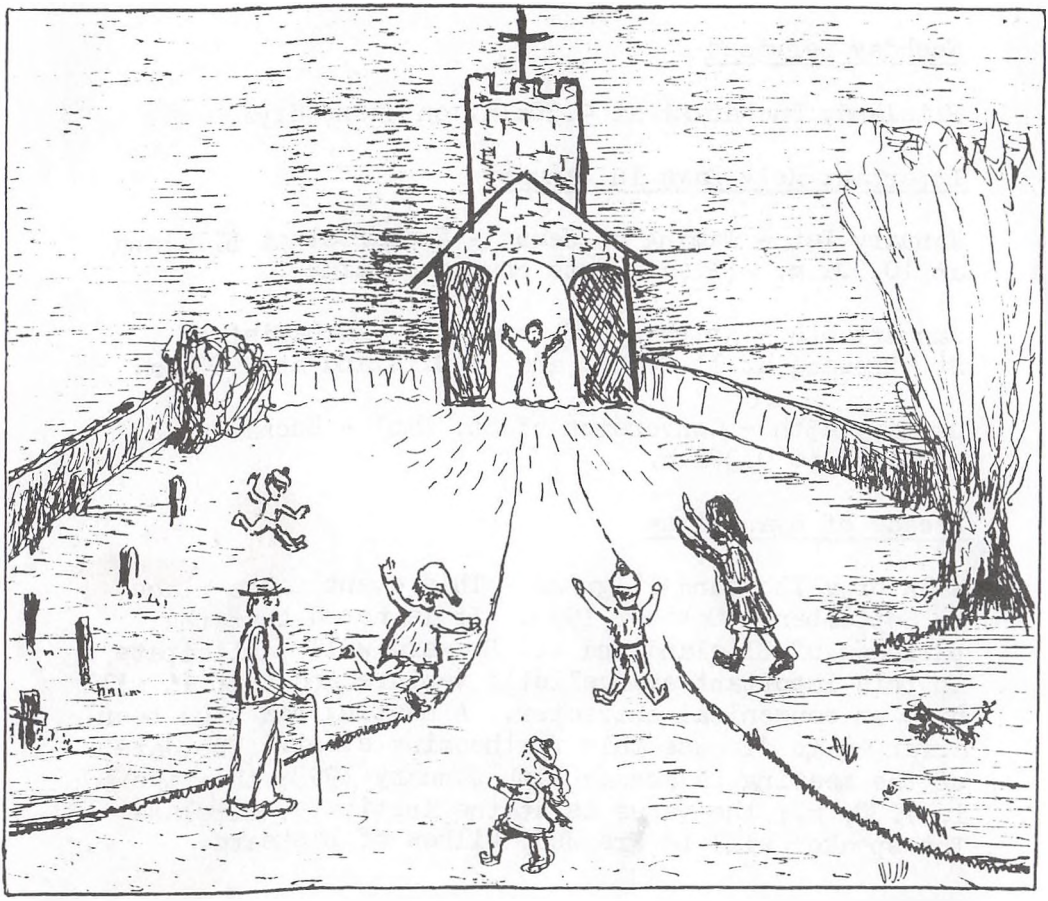

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Sunday Services for January

The Parish Eucharist will be celebrated at Blisland at 9.30a.m. and at 11.10a.m. at St Breward.

Sunday School meets at the Village Hall at St. Breward at 11.00a.m.

Weekday Services

Blisland; Eucharist at 9.30a.m. on Wednesdays.

Important Holy Days in January

January 1st - Naming of Jesus - Eucharist at Blisland at 10.00a.m. (Please note change of time).

January 6th - Epiphany of Our Lord - Eucharist at St. Breward at 11.00a.m. and at Blisland at 7.00p.m.

January 25th - Conversion of St. Paul - Eucharist at Blisland at 9.30a.m.

Decade of Evangelism

Walk of a Thousand Pilgrims - This event takes place in September - October 1993. It is hoped that the parishes of Blisland and St. Breward will participate in this important evangelistic venture and that it will have an ecumenical character. A meeting has thus been arranged to discuss this forthcoming event. The date of the meeting is Monday 11th January 1993; the time is 7.30p.m.; the venue is at the Institute, Blisland. The speaker will be Mrs Judy Wilkes of Liskeard.

Marriage

Please note that no celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony can take place between Palm Sunday, 4th April and Easter Day, 11th April. This is because the Church is celebrating the passion, death and resurrection of Our Lord, thus making such a celebration incompatible with Christian sentiments.

Letter from the Parish Priest

Dear Parishioners,

The incarnation is very much in our minds at this time of the year and the feast of the Epiphany which we celebrate on January 6th reminds us that God has manifested himself in his Son, Jesus Christ. Thus as the first part of the Church's year unfolds for us in the Liturgy, we are confronted with the earthly life of Our Lord. The significance of this life for us is that it offers us a purpose in our lives and so we are able to interpretate them in a meaningful manner. How best then can we respond to the God who has revealed himself to us in the person of Jesus Christ? The answer lies in Worship, the response which the Magi made when they came to pay homage to the infant Christ. For Worship is at the very heart of the Christian Faith; for if there is no worship then there is certainly no religion.

The character and quality of our worship can best be interpreted still by the offerings of those three wise men who worshipped the Lord Christ nearly two thousand years ago. For Gold reminds us that the church lives in a material world and that every Christian needs to support the Christian community with money, time and talents. Frankincense tells us that we are under an obligation to come to church every Sunday so that we can offer to God the Church's prayer of sacrifice and thanksgiving in the Eucharist. Finally Myrrh reminds us that suffering and death were part of Our Lord's sacrifice; hence we who have been baptised into Christ's suffering and death need also to die to sin and self if we are to attain eternal salvation.

The season of the incarnation then is an exciting one. For it tells us that God has revealed Himself in Christ in love towards us. Like the Magi then, let us show gratitude to God in worship and in commitment and so in the coming year grow in his grace and truth.

My prayer then for this year is that you will make every effort to enrich your lives in his service.

With seasonal greetings,
Yours sincerely,
Father Harris.

## Parish Registers

### Holy Baptism

Gary Stewart and Claire Louise Kay were baptised at the parish church at St. Breward on Sunday, 29th November 1992.
'Made members of Christ, Children of God and inheritors of the Kingdom of God'.

### Funerals

The funeral service for the late Yolande Crowle took place at the parish church at St. Breward on Friday 4th December 1992. Cremation followed at Glyn Valley. Her ashes were later interred in the churchyard at St. Breward.
Yolande contributed much to village and church. She will be both mourned and missed. She was a christian, 'faithful true and bold'. May she rest in peace and rise in glory in the sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life made possible through the saving work of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

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The St. Breward Royal British Legion Standard was laid up in the Parish Church at St. Breward on Sunday 15th November. The Service was led by Rev'd F. Harris. Organist was Mrs. Greenaway. The Standard Bearer was Mr. Peter Nottle escorted by Mrs. Denise Prout and Mrs. Nesta Teague, representing their father Mr. Fernley Parsons who was standard bearer for 25 years. Last post and reveille was played by Nicholas Teague, Mr. Parson's grandson. Representing the Cornwall Branch of the R.B.L. was Wing Commander Hilary Trant M.B.E. After the service the congregation were entertained to tea in the Methodist Church Coffee Rooms where Long Service awards and certificates were presented by Wing Commander Trant to: Mr & Mrs Parsons; Mrs Lewis; Mrs Willetts, Mrs Methven; Mrs Prout; Mrs Teague. The ladies received Poppy brooches and Mr Parsons a tie pin.

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## BLISLAND METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES FOR JANUARY

Sunday January 10th at 2.30p.m. Preacher Mr R Hoskin
Sunday January 24th at 2.30p.m. Preacher Mrs. M Wilkins.

By the kind invitation of Mr & Mrs Willcocks a Coffee Morning was held at 'Oakridge' on Tuesday 24th November. It was well attended and many thanks are due to Isobel and all her helpers (the mince pies were delectable). A total of £215 was raised for Blisland Methodist Church funds.

Tony Ham
Church Steward

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## ST. BREWARD METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES FOR JANUARY

January 6th - New Year's Effort in the Chapel.

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| Sunday January | 3rd at | 11am | Preacher Rev'd Barlow |
| | | | Covenant Service |
| " " | 3rd at | 6pm | Fellowship |
| " " | 10th at | 11am | Mr Provis |
| " " | " " | 6pm | Rev'd Barlow |
| " " | 17th " | 11am | Rev'd Barlow |
| " " | " " | 6pm | Mr Cooper |
| " " | 24th " | 11am | Fellowship |
| " " | " " | 6pm | Rev'd Bickle |
| " " | 31st " | 11am | Mr Brown |
| " " | " " | 6pm | Mr P. Brown |

No Coffee Mornings during January. We thank all those who have joined us on Wednesday Mornings during 1992 and wish you all a happy and peaceful 1993. We look forward to meeting again on Wednesday 3rd February.

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The St. Breward branch of the Liberal Democrats held an enjoyable evening in the Village Hall, attended by their local M.P. Mr. Paul Tyler and his wife. They were welcomed by the chairman Mr. Noel Hill. This effort raised £80 for branch funds.

ST. BREWARD & BLISLAND SUNDAY CLUB

At the Table Sale on November 28th our stall made £62 - a wonderful amount. Thank you to everyone who contributed and helped.

The Save the Children Fund have benefitted by £15 with the sale of bookmarks and Christmas cards made by the children and sold at the back of the church.

The children are now looking forward to their Christmas Party in the Village Hall on January 2nd.

If any child would like to join the Sunday Club just come along to the Village Hall at St. Breward at 11am on a Sunday. You will be most welcome

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## 1st ST BREWARD SCOUT GROUP

Activities include the investiture of Tim Cornelius as a Cub Scout. The Scout Troop have visited St. Breward Avaries and Dairy Crest, Davidstow. They also travelled down to Redruth to see Cornwall's triumphant win against Middlesex in the ATC Rugby County Championship. Beacon Europe was the highlight of our seasonal activities on 31st December, coupled with our Christmas Party. Representatives of all sections attended Christmas Carol Services in the village and local area.

The Venture section of the group would like to thank anyone who helped with the recent bingo. Special thanks go th St. Breward Football Club, Mrs. Babb, Mrs. Hill, Mrs. Marshall, Mr. Winn and everyone who donated prizes. The amount raised was very much more than expected, a preliminary figure of £140 has been given. The exact total will be given in our next supplement. A trip to Germany is being planned for this summer and the money will be going towards this.

Four of our members - John Hoskin, Donna Arthur, Peter Jones and Katherine Prior - are planning a four day hike for Easter of this year. This will mean them completing their Queen Scout Award, the highest award available in any section of scouting. Congratulations to Donna who has recently received her Leaders Warrant.

Also being planned is a Twisterthon, a whistdrive and a treasure hunt. Watch this space for details of these and other forthcoming events.

N.B. The next parents committee is on January 12th at 7.30p.m. at Brookside Coffee Shop.

Roger Winn GSL
Mark Marshall VSU secretary

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MEMORIES OF A CHRISTMAS MASS - by R.A. Dowrick

A few days before Christmas 1944 I was stationed at Bulford being in the 6th Airborne Division who were all stationed around there. We came back from the war zone to get ready for when we were needed again. We were all set to go on Christmas leave and were looking forward to it very much. Just a few days before Christmas an enemy general made a big push through an American Division which was known as the Battle of the Bulge.

Our leave was cancelled at once; next morning we were rushed over to help to push the enemy back again. We arrived at our destination in the early hours of Christmas Eve in a snow storm. It was bitterly cold with temperatures well below. We were in a large village so our battalion was all settled in houses.

It was dark when we arrived, so we settled down after a meal for the night. In the morning when we looked around the village we saw that it had a church with a spire. During the day our army priest came around to ask if anyone would like to come to mass on Christmas night for a service and take communion. Myself and others said we would seeing we were going into battle the next day at dawn and we arrived at the church in the evening at 7pm.

Just as we were about to start, the enemy started to bomb and shell the village. We carried on with the service and very soon shells and mortars were dropping all around the church. I shall never forget that priest for as long as I live. I am sure he was the same as we were very much afraid and wondering what was going to happen during that service. He never stopped once, even gave a sermon and finished up giving us bread and wine. We sang two carols, While Shepherds Watch to begin with and Silent Night to finish the service.

I must say it wasn't very silent around us though. The Padre was very brave, I am very glad he came through the war.

I am convinced as he was that God was with us all through the service and kept us and the church unharmed until the mass was over and we had left during a low in the bombing.

That is my memory of a Christmas Mass, a very unusual one which I will never forget.

I will finish off on the bright side to say that we never went without our Christmas dinner which we would have had if we had stayed in England. It was all sent out when we were back behind the lines having a brief rest. Full Christmas fare- turkey, pudding and cake, cigarettes, sweets, beer the lot. Even crackers. We were all sat around in the snow with paper hats singing carols.

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ST. BREWARD PLAYGROUP

The Playgroup would like to thank everyone who helped with the Craft Fayre on the 21st November 1992, especially Chris Sawle and Jean Lewis for their generous donations of goods. The event raised £126.46 for Playgroup funds.

The Table Sale on the 28th November raised £29.30 for Playgroup funds and we would like to thank everyone who gave their time and items for the sale in any way.

Unfortunately, due to domestic pressure, Mike Sherry has resigned as Playleader. We will all miss him and wish him well. We would like to take this opportunity to thank him for all the hard work he has put into the Playgroup. Hopefully by the time this is printed a new Playleader will be found. Anyone interested in becoming the new Playleader should contact the Playgroup on a Wednesday or Friday morning at the Village Hall, St. Breward.

All children aged between 2½ and 5 years who are tiolet trained will be welcome to attend playgroup. For more information contact either Vanessa Morrish on Bodmin 850417, Denise Yeo on Bodmin 850936 or Dawn Sleep on Bodmin 850447.

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## BLISLAND PARISH COUNCIL

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For further information please contact the Clerk, Mr. E. Rowe, at the above address.

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Save a trip to town - did you know that Blisland Village School has a photocopier you can use? 10p per A4 sheet - call in between 10.30a.m. and 3.00pm. Fax facilities available there shortly too.

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## ST. BREWARD CARNIVAL

At the Annual General Meeting of the St. Breward Carnival (1992) the treasurer Lindsay Judd gave her report. Donations were awarded to: Scouts & Cubs £75; Guides & Brownies £75; Playgroup £75; Village Hall £50; Silver Band £50; School £50; Rainbows £25; St. John's Ambulance £25; Methodist Church £10.

Officers elected for the 1993 Carnival were - President Rodney Hall, Chairman Jeffery Hollister, Vice Chairman Noel Hill, Secretary Jackie Smith, Treasurer Lindsey Judd.

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Two events held recently in memory of the late Robert Dingle raised the grand total of £665 in aid of the Cornwall Kidney Appeal. The Dingle family and Shirley Cotton are grateful to the Old Inn, St. Breward for the darts tournament and the Clease Hall, Camelford for holding the prize bingo session.

## ST. BREWARD SNOOKER CLUB

Approaching half way through the season the A team are still on top of the first Division with 30 points with Camelford Conservative A in second place with 27 points.

The B team having a bad run in November losing three matches have slipped from second to seventh in the second Division but the captain Noel Smith and helper Dick Walsh are hoping for better things in the second half of the season.

Fixtures for January - St. Breward A

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| January | 4th | Away to Camelford W.M.B. |
| " | 11th | Home to Tintagel Country Club |
| " | 18th | Away to Camelford W.M.D. |
| " | 25th | Home to St. Teath A. |
| February | 1st | Away to Wadebridge B. |

St. Breward B

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|---|---|---|
| January | 4th | Home to Camelford W.M.C. |
| " | 11th | Away to Camelford Cons C. |
| " | 18th | Home to Rock. |
| " | 25th | Away to Wharncliff Tintagel |
| February | 1st | Home to Camelford Cons B. |

A quick reminder to all Juniors. Snooker practise nights are on the first Thursday of every month from 6.30 until 8.30p.m. Please come along and have a go, you could be the next Jimmy White!

## ST. BREWARD SILVER BAND

On December 5th band members and friends attended the opening of the new extension to the band room. After a pasty lunch Mr Fernley Parsons, the President of the Band Committee unlocked the new door to the extension and invited Mrs. D. Mitchell, Chairman of the Cornwall Sport and Leisure Committee to enter and unveil the granite plaque by pulling a ribbon. Mrs Mitchell then presented a cheque for £1.000, the final instalment on a grant towards the cost of the extension.

Mr. Dennis Champion, chairman of the band committee thanked everyone who had supported the building of the extension in any way.

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Of the many entries submitted, first was won by Mrs. Mildred Rowe, second awarded to Mrs. Jo Exelby and I won the third.

It was Bingo time on 1st December at the request of the majority of members. I was the caller and we had several tense exciting moments waiting for that final number.

Competition 'A paperweight' was Miss Mildred Rowe's suggestion and it was won by Mrs. Audrey Pierce who submitted an attractive perspex encapsulating a model of a Nimrod airplane.

Happy New Year to all readers.

Tony Ham

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ST. BREWARD FOOTBALL CLUB - Entertainment

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## ST. BREWARD W.I.

Instead of the normal December meeting our Institute invited Bude W.I. to join us in the afternoon for a pre-Christmas celebration. As we completed setting out the small tables about twenty members from Bude arrived by bus and settled down to listen to a shortened form of just the essential business items which included an invitation to join the Nine Lessons and Carols in the Methodist Church at 6.00p.m. on December 20th, arrangements to go to the Trelawney Garden Centre by the Community bus at 11.30a.m. on Tuesday, January 5th for our New Year lunch, and a reminder to make the 8" knitted squares at the latest by mid April. The chairman, Mrs. Sainsbury, said that she would provide a box by her back door for any items for Slovenia as listed in the December newsletter (warm clothing, food, and sundries such as plasters, aspirins, wool, toiletries etc).

The Table Sale on November 28th was a great success, and after all expenses were paid, raised £188 for the W.I. funds; it is hoped that all those organisations which participated were also successful in raising funds for their chosen charity. We thank you all for helping to make the day memorable and hope that the next Table Sale Day on the May Bank Holiday Saturday will be equally well supported - several have already booked ahead for then!

After the Bude members and ourselves had looked around the Bring and Buy tables, we divided into our respective institutes for a quiz presented by Mrs. A. Holmes of about 90 questions to test our memories; Bude won by a narrow margin of 68 to 63 points. Then it was time for a buffet tea provided by St. Breward members and the conversation became more animated as the cups of tea flowed. The afternoon ended with a seasonal sing-song accompanied by Mrs. G. Champion on the keyboard.

A Happy Christmas to everyone and a peaceful New Year also from all the St. Breward members to all of you.

Anne Holmes

## BLISLAND W.I.

The meeting on 18th November was held in the Village Hall and Mrs. Aspinall took the chair.

There was not a great response to the N.F.W.I.'s request for a sentence summing up what the W.I. means to us but Mrs. Patsy Brewer's suggestion has been sent.

On the 15th January, 1993 there is to be a Cornish Evening at County House and one member from each Institute has been invited to attend. To celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the first Institute in Cornwall four paintings representing 'Aspects of Cornwall' are to be hung at County House and we are hoping to have several entries - the closing date is 31st March, 1993.

Mrs. Makin and Mrs. Donnelly will be our representatives at the Resolutions Selection Conference on the 16th January at Launceston.

You are reminded that subscriptions of £10.50 will be due when we meet on 20th January. The speaker at that meeting will be Mr. A. Langdon. New members would be welcomed.

Mr. and Mrs. Parslew from the Bookshop in Honey Street gave a most interesting and informative talk on the pleasures, trials and tribulations of running a business of this sort. They brought a lovely selection of books for us to look at and told us that they stock one of the best selections of children's books in the West Country. They also have a comprehensive selection of general reference books and much of their turnover comes through orders. Books are obtained through Warehouse Wholesalers who give a very efficient service with deliveries usually within 24 hours. Publishers are a little more difficult to deal with and it can take up to three weeks to obtain books from this source.

It is not an easy life as deliveries have to be sorted, telephone orders taken, customers in the shop attended to and books catalogued. It was interesting to be told that about one third of the money made in this business was taken during December.

Mrs. Barwood gave the vote of thanks and Mrs. King and Mrs. Donnelly provided the delicious refreshments.

W. Barwood.

BLISLAND W.R.V.S. CLUB

A much sought after speaker was our guest for the meeting held on November 17th. Mr. Jeff Thomas, well known personality of Blisland, described his recent trip to India, China and Bali. It was a fascinating description of the way of life in other parts of the world so different to what we experience at home. The abject poverty of the people in many parts of India was graphically described. Many sleep in the open in little hollows alongside the railway tracks. Begging was widespread, any tourist was subject to much harassment. The beggars, often badly mutilated or grossly malformed were organised and under control of a minder who took all their donations but ensured they were provided with food and shelter. English people were welcome and treated with respect. The cow was a sacred animal and was allowed to wander freely. If it wanted to eat of some vegetables off the stall no one protested. Often in the towns traffic was brought to halt as the cows walked about the streets. (It must give rise to that English expression 'Holy Cow').

The Taj Mahal seen by moonlight was a beautiful sight to behold. On into China with its different culture what proved very surprising was the Chinese habit of spitting in the street. One had to be careful where stepping and to be very alert on hearing someone preparing to spit as it could land on you!! Some of the Chinese cities were very much on western style of skyscraper blocks, impressive but not attractive. On a flight across the sea, the pilot informed passengers of a tropical storm ahead. As there was insufficient amount of fuel to fly around it was intended to fly above it. Looking down from the aircraft Mr. Thomas described the swirling mass of storm and then looking down through the eye where all was calm.

The tropical isle of Bali was luxurious, catering for the upmarket jet set. Being not far from the equator it was very hot and humid. Food was in abundance, lots of barbecues on offer. Many thanks Jeff for a talk which held us all enthralled.

Competition, 'A piece of verse', suggested by Mrs. Doreen Millar who also donated the prizes was judged by our guest speaker.

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