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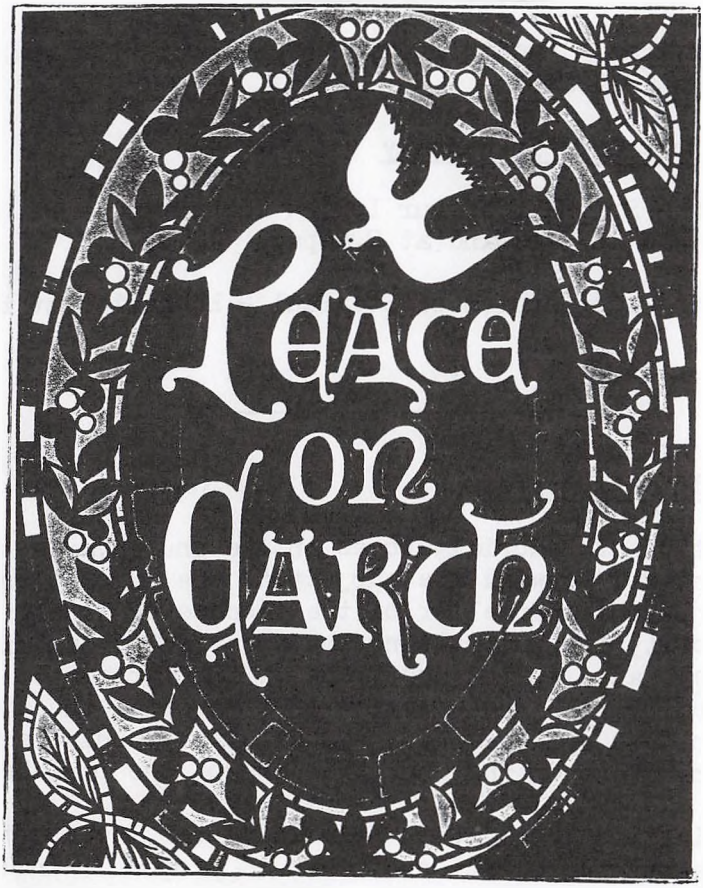

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Sunday Services for January

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

Sunday School meets at the Village Hall at St. Breward at 11.00am.

Weekday Services - Eucharist will be held at Blisland on Wednesdays at 9.30am.

Important Holy Days in January

January 6th - Epiphany of Our Lord - Eucharist at St. Breward at 11.00am and at Blisland at 7.00pm.

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

Memorials in Churchyards

The erection of Memorial stones in the churchyards of Blisland and St. Breward are subject to the regulations determined by the Chancellor of the Diocese of Truro.

The authority for supervising the erection of memorials has been delegated to the Incumbent of the parish.

In proceeding with the erection of a memorial the standard application form approved by the Chancellor should be sought from the Incumbent or the Churchwardens of the parishes concerned.

The application should then be made to the Incumbent providing a full description of what is proposed, including design of monument, measurements, materials, inscriptions and other relevant particulars.

On condition that the application submitted, conforms to the Chancellors regulations, the Incumbent will readily grant permission for the memorial to be erected.

The appropiate fee for the erection of a memorial is set out in the Table of Parochial Fees and such fees are made payable to the Incumbent of the Parish.

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 then 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.

FROM:- THE TREASURER, BLISLAND, TEMPLE & ST. BREWARD PARISH MAGAZINE

Dear Readers,

Over the past few years I have managed to keep the price of the Parish Magazine static. This has been due to many kind donations and a fund-raising coffee morning two years ago organised by Mr Peter Nottle. Unfortunately during that time the printing costs have gone up and I have had to use some of the nest egg to meet the financial increases. Our Printer, Mr Smith of Wadebridge already gives us a good deal which I greatly appreciate and he too has to face rising costs in paper etc. Anyway, after a chat with our editor and a chance meeting with Mr. Nottle we have decided that rather than put up the price of the magazine we would hold two Coffee Mornings, one at St. Breward and one at Blisland. We do hope you will all agree that this is the best idea and come along and give it your full support. We must keep the magazine going. Our editor does a wonderful job and works hard each month to put out an interesting magazine. Please support her by sending in articles of interest to everyone.

My grateful thanks go to all the distributors, their work is invaluable.

I wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and Prosperous New Year.

Eileen Walford

P.S. To Blisland subscribers - your subscription is due now. Promptpayment would be appreciated.

"FRANKENSTEIN THE PANTO"

A CAMHAYLE THEATRE Presentation will be at the Town Hall, Wadebridge on 31st January, 1st, 3rd & 4th February at 7.30pm with a 2.30pm presentation on the 4th.
Tickets available from 'The Record Select', Polmorla Road, Wadebridge (0208 812625) or on the door.
Adults £5; Concessionary £3; Children £2.50. Discounts for families and block bookings.
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BLISLAND METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES FOR JANUARY

Sunday January 1st at 2.30pm.	Covenant Service Preacher Rev'd Williams
Sunday January 15th at 2.30pm	Preacher Mrs Wilkins

On behalf of Blisland Methodist Church I wish to express a very big thank-you to Isobel and Tony Willcocks for opening their home for a coffee morning on 22nd November. It was well attended and all enjoyed the refreshments. the various stalls and prizes. Many worked in the background to make this a most successful enterprise and thanks are due to all who participated. A total of £197.00 was raised.

Tony Ham
Church Steward

ST. BREWARD METHODIST CHURCH - PREACHERS FOR JANUARY

Sunday January 1st at	11.00am	Preacher G. Brown
" " "	6.00pm	Fellowship
Sunday January 8th at	9.30am	Preacher Rev'd Barlow Family Service
" " "	6.00pm	Preacher Rev'd Williams SAC
Sunday January 15th at	11.00am	Preacher Mr Jukes
" " "	6.00pm	Preacher Mrs Thomas
Sunday January 22nd at	11.00am	Preacher Mr Turner R.S.
" " "	6.00pm	Preacher Mr Hoskin

Calling all young people in the St. Breward, Blisland and Temple area - on January 4th at 6.00pm. 'CHLOE THE CLOWN' will give a MAGIC SHOW, admission 20p in the Methodist Church during the New Year's Effort. Everyone welcome. Come and enjoy the fun.

Major and Mrs Charles Edward-Collins would like to thank all who helped or supported the very successful evening at Trewardale on November 23rd. A total of £751 was made and this will be split between PCC funds and The Society for the Preservation of Blisland with Temple Church.

Have you ever wanted to learn patchwork?
Now is your opportunity in Blisland. If you can sew then come and learn the basics at a day session and help to make a Friendship Quilt which will be raffled for church funds. Two, separate, one day sessions will be held at Trewardale on Wednesday 25th January and Thursday 26th January from 10.00am - 4.00pm. Cost is £15 per day session including lunch and tuition. Fabric provided. fifteen places only on each day so make your bookings early on 321226.

ST. BREWARD CHURCH - recently held two coffee mornings in aid of church funds. The one on November 12th made £95 and the one on December 3rd made a grand total of £217 a wonderful amount. Many thanks to everyone who helped and supported the events in any way.

Please note that no celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony can take place between Palm Sunday, 9th April and Easter Day, 16th April. This is because the Church is celebrating the passion, death and resurrection of Our Lord, thus making such celebration incompatible with Christian sentiments.

If you are planning for a year, sow rice.....
If you are planning for a decade plant trees.....
If you are planning for a lifetime educate a person.

Chinese proverb

"Send-a-Cow" Charity

This sensible, down-to-earth charity, started 6 years ago by some West Country farmers, was chosen to benefit from the St. Breward Parish Church Harvest Thanksgiving Supper in October. News has now come that the cow Tutti, given to a poor Ugandan family, has had her first calf amid great rejoicing.

It was a great act of faith for Betty Kiwanuku to spend a year preparing for the cow's arrival from England, - building a shed and planting a feed crop. Now, at last she and the eleven children for whom she cares will not only have a supply of milk to enrich their poor diet, but also some cash from the sale of the surplus; this will provide some education for the children and some paid help on the farm thus spreading the benefits even further.

It is a bull calf and will in due course be part of the "Village Bull" scheme, thus securing the continuing success of this excellent project. Had the calf been a heifer it would, when weaned, have been given to another needy family chosen by "Send-a-Cow".

(Donations can be addressed to : Send-a-Cow, Unit 4, Priston Mill, Bath BA2 9EQ).

COFFEE MORNING - in aid of Parish Magazine funds. To be held in the Band Room at St. Breward on Saturday 7th January from 10.00am to 11.30am. Bring & Buy and Cake stalls. Please come along and give your support. All monies raised will go towards keeping down the cost of the parish magazine.

COFFEE MORNING - in aid of Local District Nurses Funds. To be held in the Band Room at St. Breward on Saturday 21st January from 10.00am to 11.30am. Bring & Buy Stalls.

The house to house collection for the Earl Haig Poppy Appeal raised £211.21. The church collection was £43.30. A cheque for £254.51 has been sent to the British Legion Appeal. Thanks again to all helpers at St. Breward.

ST. BRANWALADER

The Parish of St. Breward takes its name from the Latinised form of its Celtic patron saint, Branwalader, who lived in the sixth century. Branwalader means "Raven Lord". From the Exeter Martyrology of the twelfth century, we learn in an entry for February 9th that St. Branwalader was a martyr and the son of Kenen, a Cornish king. Hence the celebration of St. Breward Revel at this time of year.

In the sixth century, when St. Branwalader was living, there was not a great deal of communication between Cornwall and England. The withdrawal of the Roman military power a hundred years earlier, slight though its influence had been in Cornwall, had left a vacuum. The Western region was soon cut off, so that the chief contacts by way of trade, culture and missionary work were between the people of Cornwall, Brittany, Wales and Ireland, who shared a related language. It was at this period that many of the settlements in Cornwall came to be known by the names of the men and women revered as saints because they had brought the Gospel message to the rural communities. Here we are surrounded by such place-names: St. Mabyn, St. Minver, St. Endellion, St. Kew and St. Tudy.

Indeed, the missionary work of St. Augustine, who brought Christianity to south-east England in 597AD, was entirely separate from its earlier introduction to Cornwall. It was not for several centuries that the Christian communities of England were reconciled to those of the Celtic West in matters of practice and custom. The Saxons of England were regarded as "alien" Christians by the Celts. Even after the conquest of Dumnonia by the Saxons, the Cornish language and customs survived. The clergy still wore the Celtic tonsure and kept the Celtic date of Easter, rather than the Roman one used by the Saxons. From the tenth century, Cornwall has been part of the English Church, but has retained certain differences. For instance, in England the churches are largely dedicated to national and international saints, whereas Cornwall has, as we have seen, large numbers of churches dedicated to local Celtic saints and has faithfully adhered to the traditional patronal festivals, known as Feast or Revel.

As far as Cornwall was concerned, we must not be thinking in terms of a Church organisation with formal parishes or diocese. It was not until the tenth century that Athelstan, King of Wessex, encouraged the ordering of parish

and diocese into definite geographical areas. He founded the first Cornish bishopric at St. Germans, where there was already a Celtic monastery.

The term "monastery" is a little ambiguous. The chief centres of religion were churches served by groups of clergy living communally, called either monasteries or minsters. Some were staffed by men who lived an austere life of chastity and sharing their goods in common, and were known as monks. Others were communities of married clergy, dwelling in separate houses and owning private property. These were known as clerks or priests. These monastic houses grew up in various parts of Cornwall as, for instance, those founded by St. Samson and St. Petroc.

St. Branwalader became a great friend and associate of St. Samson who came from a noble family in South Wales. Samson had studied at the Welsh monastic school of St. Illtud, famous for its learned teaching of the scriptures, philosophy, Latin, rhetoric, music, arithmetic and geometry. He was ordained deacon and priest and withdrew to a monastery on an island, probably Caldey Island. In time he became abbot of the monastery, travelled to Ireland, was consecrated bishop and set sail for Cornwall. Here he visited the monastery of Lan Docco at St. Kew. It seems likely that it was while he was in this neighbourhood that he met Branwalader who then became his companion in his evangelistic work in Cornwall and Brittany. Samson travelled through Cornwall with a large group of his family and followers. He set up a religious community in south Cornwall before crossing the Channel to Brittany. There he founded his most important monastery at Dol, where he was the bishop and was based for the rest of his life.

..... to be continued,

Thank you to Mrs Pamela Bousfield for this interesting article which will be continued next month. At the Revel Sunday Service last February Mrs Bousfield gave an interesting talk on St. Branwalader and many people asked her for a written version as they found it difficult to take in all the details in one hearing. So she has kindly given me this version to be printed in the magazine.

MEMORIES OF MY RETURN TO BLISLAND - By R.A. Dowrick

We crossed over the Rhine, our destination was six miles the other side. The gun fire that came up from the ground was cruel, but on we went through it all, wave after wave of planes and gliders; there was no turning back. Eventually we reached where we had to drop. We were then like sitting ducks until we reached the ground. Many never reached the ground alive. We knew that though before we left England, that many would never come home. As in all wars there is always casualties on both sides before a battle is won. When we reached the ground many of us had been hit by bullets. I myself got hit in the side. We had no time to think about wounds then, our one aim was to complete our task and to get it over with as quick as possible which we did successfully after about a three hour battle. when the enemy started to surrender by the thousands. For instance take my platoon, only eight of us left out of thirty when we left England. when all of a sudden about a thousand enemy surrended to us few with several of their high ranking officers. They told us they were beaten now we had crossed the Rhine.

It was a great relief to know that the worst was over, but we were sad though to think we had lost many of our friends who were so young. But that is war. Anyway we marched our prisoners to where they were all being taken. Then we went to look for a medical officer to have our wounds seen to. The ground forces linked up with us the next morning from the other side of the Rhine. From then on it was easy going and six weeks after, the war was over, early in 1945.

We were flown soon back to England and I was stationed at Bulford again for a while. In August myself and several others were sent to Spandau, Berlin where I was stationed until December. After which I was demobbed from the Army after twelve years service.

I then returned to my home, and wife and her son George, at Mount Villa, Blisland. It was good to relax in peace. I had four months paid leave due to me. During that time I had to make up my mind what I was going to do.

to be continued.....

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.

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ST. BREWARD PLAYGROUP

The Whist Drive held on Thursday 10th November raised a total of £45.25 for Playgroup funds. Thanks to everyone who donated prizes and helped in any way, especially Mrs Sherratt for her donation of refreshments.

We would like to welcome Lisa Millward, Peter Child and Sam Scott and hope they enjoy their stay with us.

Playgroup is open to all toilet trained children aged between 2½ and 5 years old. We meet at St. Breward Village Hall on Wednesday and Friday mornings between 9.15 and 12 noon. The cost is £1.75 per session. For more information please contact either Teresa Bunt 851292, Dawn Sleep 850447 or Shirley Crowle 850439.

ST. BREWARD SNOOKER CLUB

At the halfway stage of the snooker season our three teams have performed well, but not as consistently as previous seasons. The 'A' team is currently in the top half of the Camelford and District League winning most of their matches but only by the odd frame, 3 frames to 2, and if we want to get to the top we need to be winning by at least 4 frames to 1. Team captain T. Ellery is hoping for better results in the second half.

The 'B' team had a poor start to the season in the Camelford and District Second Division, but recent good results leading up to Christmas has catapaulted them up the league and captain M. Shoosmith hopes this form will continue in the second half; if so, could result in a promotion challenge.

The 'C' team in the St. Blazey Rees Memorial League have found things tough going in the first half of the season currently lying in the bottom half of the league, but, as the saying goes 'Things can only get better'. And I believe they will improve in the second half of the season. On behalf of the Snooker Club members may I wish everyone a very happy new year.

M. Yeo

BLISLAND W.I.

The meeting of the W.I. on the 16th November was chaired by the president, Mrs E. Walford. Mrs M. Aspinall took over as secretary for the meeting reading last month's minutes. Apologies were given out. Thanks was given from the president for the support given by members as host of this year's group meeting held at St. Breward.

The Tree Planting Award - The International Tree Foundation will award a special illuminated certificate to all W.Is who plant a minimum of five trees during 1994/5 winter, on industrial/urban sites or treeless villages - a worthwhile project.

There are many events that W.I members can take part in including the Land-Sea-Air Travel Darts Trophy.

Our speaker for the evening was unable to attend but at short notice Mr Thomas was able to come and speak to us. His talk was on his travels to Egypt - two trips in fact first his journey 50 years ago. It was war time then so it couldn't be called a holiday. He told of his displeasure of Cairo at that time. The city is on the east banks of the Nile 3 miles above the apex of the delta. Then 50 years on his journey via Cairo by boat down the Nile to Luxor and Karnak where ancient temple ruins survive near these villages. He also went to Thebes and the Valley of the Kings. With memories of his army career to the present day Mr Thomas gave a most interesting talk. A vote of thanks was given by Mrs G. Masters, thanking him for accepting our invitation at such short notice. The meeting finished around 5pm. The next meeting will be on December 14th and will be a Christmas Social Evening.

J. George

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ST. BREWARD W.I.

Thirteen members enjoyed their last meeting of the year in the lovely surroundings of Lanhydrock House; a log fire, glowing panelling and a long table set with blue and white pottery for our afternoon tea. The considerable amount of W.I. business was dealt with quickly and efficiently, including the arrangements for the January meeting at the Trelawney Garden Centre, going by the bus from the shop at 1pm on the 3rd for another meal there for our New Year celebration this time.

The programme of speakers for 1995/6 was discussed, our present programme having gained eight out of ten marks in the County competition. The idea of a fundraising event to take place on April 13th provisionally by providing the refreshments and also homebaking etc. for the whist drive in the Memorial Hall seemed to be agreed upon. There were also suggestions for a plant sale next May, more about this later on. Our Institute may book a bus to go to the Torvill and Dean farewell show in Plymouth next March. Mrs C. Woolf said that she would coach a volunteer for the County Council Festival in public speaking, and Mrs A. Hole will co-ordinate an entry for the Royal Cornwall Show entry. Mrs A. Holmes will read the lesson in the Chapel for the W.I. for the Nine Lessons and Carols. No-one appeared interested in the visit to the Clarks Village Factory this time, and so far there is no-one entering the table tennis competition. Mrs C. Woolf has donated a cup to be awarded annually along with the flower and competition cups for written work, which will be varied in its degree of competence in order to give all members a chance.

Mrs A. Hole then gave a report of the Carers' meeting which she attended in Westminster supported by a donation of £25 from our W.I. She felt that apart from the poor accoustics and the fact that the public address system broke down the speakers were not really aware of the particular type of care required in our area and that it was almost a waste of time and money having a meeting at national level.

The members of our institute would like to wish everyone a very happy Christmas, and for the New Year - good health and happiness all the way. You are welcome to come and join us in the village hall, usually the first Tuesday in the month - unless of course we are gadding off for an outing!

Anne Holmes

BLISLAND W.R.V.S. CLUB

Well, it all worked out right on the night. Having planned for the club's most important date in our calendar 58 members and invited guests enjoyed an excellent meal in the village hall on Saturday evening, November 12th. Feeling replete we then sat back and listened to the close harmony singing of the Mevagissey Six. This all male group I consider are one of the best in the county. Their rendering of old favourite songs, negro spirituals and religious items brought rapturous applause from all. In between the songs Alf Trethewy told some stories in a strong cornish accent which raised many a laugh. A very happy evening.

On 6th December we entertained ourselves. Sitting in a circle, holding three or four playing cards with Miss Mildred Rowe as caller on another pack, when called, members could choose from a selection of prizes placed in the centre. One can at times collect several items, but that does not ensure they will remain with you for as the game progresses these change hands many times especially the mystery parcel! It causes much merriment. The competition set by me was for any member to submit the oldest English coin. Mrs Audrey Pierce produced some interesting specimens and gave a potted history of their production but the winner was an Elizabeth I piece of silver dated 1575 which belonged to Mrs Yvonne Scott.

Tony Ham

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