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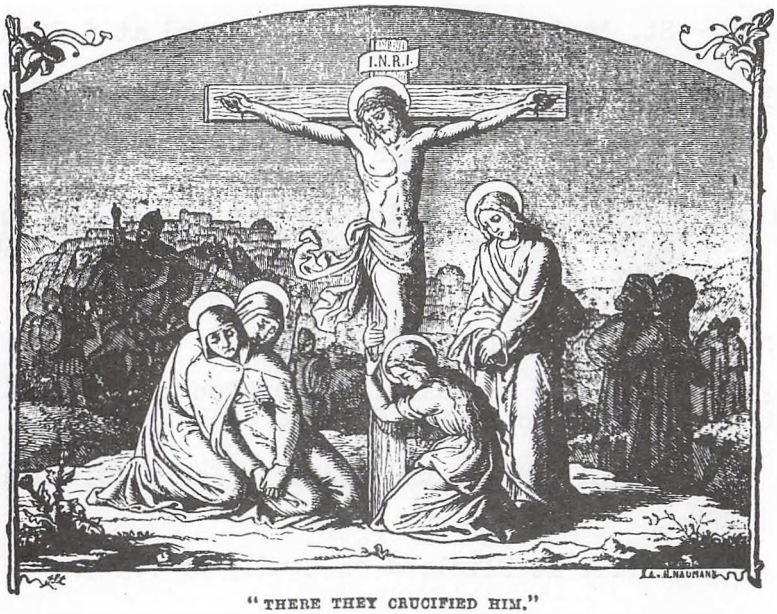

"THERE THEY CRUCIFIED HIM."

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Sunday Services for April

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 11.00am.

Weekday Services

Eucharist will be celebrated at Blisland every Wednesday and Friday at 9.30am.

Important Holy Days in April

April 25th - St. Mark - Eucharist at Blisland at 9.30am.

Services during Lent

Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 4.00pm.

Confessions:- Every Friday during Lent at 4.30pm. and on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday during Holy Week at 4.30pm. or by appointment.

Services for Holy Week and Easter

Palm Sunday: Blessing of Palms, Procession and Eucharist at Blisland at 9.30am. and at St. Breward at 11.10am.

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday: Eucharist at Blisland at 9.30am.

Penitential Service at Blisland on Monday at 7.30pm.

Maundy Thursday: Eucharist at St. Breward at 10.00am and at Blisland at 7.30pm. followed by the Watch before the Altar of Repose.

Good Friday: The Liturgy of the Day at Blisland at 12.00 noon and at St. Breward at 3.00pm.

Holy Saturday: Easter Vigil Service and first Eucharist of the Resurrection at Blisland at 8.00pm.

Easter Day: Eucharist at Blisland at 9.30am. and at St. Breward at 11.10am.

Evensong at Blisland at 6.00pm.

Letter from the Parish Priest

Dear Parishioners,

Easter Day is the most important day in the Church's year; for this is the day on which we celebrate the resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead.

Prior to this stupendous event, Our Lord's work had seemed deemed to failure. Deserted by his disciples, betrayed into the hands of his enemies and finally put to death on calvary, all seemed to have been lost. But now through his resurrection from the dead, his life, his work, his suffering and even his death took on a new meaning and significance not only for himself but for all mankind.

For the significance of this event for us is that Jesus is the resurrection and the new life. That means that as well as enjoying our natural lives we are offered eternal life if we are prepared to respond in faith and love to our Blessed Lord. This new life begins when we are baptised; for this means entering into the very life of God himself. What is more, our natural lives are consecrated within this eternal life. Thus our daily lives with all its problems, our sufferings and even death itself is given purpose and so we are able to go through life knowing that we have a destiny to fulfil.

At Easter time then, we celebrate the redeeming work of Jesus Christ and especially the wonderful experience of the resurrection. What is more, we celebrate our own experience of eternal life, both as individuals and as members of the body of Christ which is the Community of the resurrection. For every time we celebrate the Eucharist especially on every Sunday, we are in fact experiencing the resurrection of Christ himself. For we are the people of the resurrection who come together on the Lord's day which is the weekly commemoration of the resurrection to experience the creating, redeeming and life giving work of the risen Lord.

As christians then, like those first disciples, let us also make a positive response to the risen Christ and so make a reality that glorious Easter experience in our daily lives.

Yours sincerely,
Father Harris

ST. BREWARD METHODIST CHURCH - PREACHERS FOR APRIL

Sunday April 2nd -	9.30am	Rev'd Barlow - Family Service
" "	6.00pm	Mr Tredrea
Sunday April 9th at	11.00am	Fellowship
" "	6.00pm	U.S. Bodmin Methodist Church
Sunday April 16th	11.00am	Mr Mabson
" "	6.00pm	U.S. St. Teath Methodist Church
Sunday April 23rd	11.am	Fellowship
" "	6.00pm	Rev'd Barlow. SAC
Sunday April 30th	11.00am	Mrs Beare
" "	6.00pm	Mrs Wilkins

April 14th - Good Friday Service at 10.00am

Book this date - June 22nd at 7.15pm - Sankey Evening with Mr Charles Keast.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

A big thank you to the 19 ladies who turned out on such an awful evening to join together at the Parish Church for the Women's World Day of Prayer Service. Everything seemed to be against us. The weather to start with then the organ threw a wobbly, but Mrs Greenaway did a good job at the piano. Luckily a plug was found for the all important cup of tea at the close.

Mrs Jenny Matthews bravely drove up from Summercourt to speak to us. £31 has been sent to the W.W. D. of Prayer Funds.

Next year's service will be held in the Methodist Church, on the first Friday in March. How do you feel about an afternoon service? Let me know.

Nesta Teague

BLISLAND METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES FOR APRIL

Sunday April 9th at 2.30pm	Preacher Rev'd A. Williams
Sunday April 16th at 2.30pm (Easter Sunday)	Preacher Rev'd A. Williams (Holy Communion)

ST. BREWARD PARISH CHURCH

Dates for your diary

July 8th - Annual Church Fete at 2.30pm.
October 1st - Harvest Festival at 11.10am.
October 2nd - Evening Service at 6.30pm. followed by Harvest Supper and Sale in the Village Hall.

Deaths

Mr Lloyd Hoskin of St. Breward died on 21st February. The funeral service took place at Glynn Valley Crematorium on February 24th.

The family of the late Mr Lloyd Hoskin wish to thank everyone for cards, messages of sympathy received upon the death of their father. Thank you to everyone who came to the funeral service and to Rev'd R.J. Bickle for conducting the service.

Special thanks to Drs Richardson and Garrod, and staff at the surgery at St. Breward.

Thank you also for flowers and donations received in lieu of flowers which were for St. Breward Methodist Church.

BLISLAND CHURCH - COFFEE MORNING

There is to be a COFFEE MORNING in aid of Blisland Church on Thursday, 6th April, 10.30am - 12 noon at Durfold, Blisland. Bring & Buy and Raffle.
Please come and bring your friends.

ST. BREWARD NEWS

The weekly Whist Drives held in the Memorial Hall each week raised the following amounts during February:- Blantyre Day Centre £66; Treliske Renal Unit for two weeks £60 & £63; Institute £54.

Congratulations to Inez May Burrows who will be celebrating her 70th birthday on Friday, 21st April, (Whistdrivers!).

Donations in lieu of flowers for the late Mrs Ruth Hocking raised £144.65 for St. Breward Church funds. Many thanks from her family.

At the Xmas Fayre held in December in aid of the British Heart Foundation a total of £284 was raised. Thank you to all the people who came and who helped in anyway.

Josie and Charles Hawken would like to thank all their friends for messages, offers of help and kindness shown during Charles' recent spell in hospital.

Recent results from the 1995 Wadebridge Music Festival.
Piano solo under 12's, 2nd place Sara Green, Blisland.
Piano duet under 12's, 1st place Sara Green, Blisland and Laura Knightley, St. Minver.

Results also in the Festival of St. Breward Silver Band in the Brass Section.
Under 14's, Vanessa Juleff, 2nd place
Under 16's,,Jessie Scawn, 3rd place
10years and over 1st Mandy Nicholls (1930 Cup)
" 3rd Geoffery Swan
Under 16years duet, 3rd place Vanessa Juleff & Jessie Scawn
Senior duet, 2nd place Mandy Nicholls & Geoffery Swan
Senior Quartet 1st place St. Breward.

COFFEE MORNING - in aid of ST. BREWARD GUIDES & BROWNIES on Saturday 29th April in the Bandroom, 10.00 - 11.30am. Cake and other stalls, Raffles and Competitions.

MEMORIES OF MY LIFE IN BLISLAND - R. A. Dowrick

Last month's memories was all about the well at Mount Villa, so while I am about it I will tell you of another little escapade that happened concerning the well. By the way just a couple of yards from the well was the end of the house with a drain pipe coming down from the roof. At the bottom we had a 500 gallon tank to catch the rain water, which was very handy; it saved pulling water for the cattle, poultry and pigs. Just over the hedge from the well was a large trough for the cattle. So one day in the summer, when there was no rain water I was pulling water for the cattle. Previous to this I had put 13 duck eggs under a broody hen. All 13 hatched out and within a few days were running around the yard with the hen. Anyway as I was saying I was pulling water so unconcerned when all of a sudden I looked up and saw all 13 ducklands running towards the well with the hen running after them in some state. Before I could do anything about it they reached the well. The first one went over and down and all the others followed. The hen stopped and was kicking up some fuss. Anyway them ducklands must have fell about 40 feet as it was summer time and the water was down low. I could not see them as it was dark down there. So I went in the house and got a torch. I could see them all swimming around in the water delighted. I put the bucket down several times but it was no use they kept jumping out. So I thought to myself there is only one thing for it I will have to go down again and bring them up. My brother Frank had come down to visit us at the time so he worked the windlass. So down I went again with a basket and fetched all the ducklands up none the worse for their escapade. It never happened again thank goodness. I often wondered how many buckets of water I pulled from that well up to when we had the mains water put in the fields which was several years ahead. It was lovely water though untouched with anything else. During the hottest weather it was cold as ice. Coldest weather it was luke warm.

My brother Frank used to come down once a year for a week to visit us. He came down from Widecombe on his motor bike and would always bring his ferret and nets with him. We spent many an hour down the fields and caught rabbits which Lillian would make into rabbit pies, pasties and stew (handsome). Happy days they were.

..... to be continued

BLIGH OF THE BOUNTY - 1754-1817

William Bligh, admiral, was baptised at St. Andrews Church, Plymouth on 4th October 1754. He was the only son of Francis Bligh by his wife Jane Pearce. Francis Bligh resided at Tynten or Tinten (The seat of an ancient Cornish family of that name) in the parish of St. Tudy, Cornwall. It is clear that the Blighs were settled in the parish of St. Tudy in 1680-1 and that a John Bligh or Blygh of Bodmin was a commissioner for the suppression of monastries in the reign of Henry VIII. Moreover, four members of the family were mayors of Bodmin between the years 1505 and 1588. Indeed, the Cornish Blighs may be traced back as far as the reign of HenryIV. It is believed that Admiral Sir Richard Rodney Bligh and other naval officers named Bligh were relatives of William Bligh. 'Bread-fruit Bligh' as he was called, having entered the navy, accompanied Captain Cook on his second voyage round the world in 1772-4, as sailing master in the Resolution; and during this voyage the fruit associated with Bligh's name was discovered at Ataheite. He became a lieutenant in the royal navy, made several important hydrographic surveys, was present at the memorable battle of the Doggerbank on 5th August 1781, fought under Howe at Gibraltar in 1782, and having acquired a high reputation as a skilful navigator, was appointed to the Bounty of 250 tons, in December 1787, arriving at his destination, Ataheite, ten months afterwards. Here he remained for five or six months, during which period his crewbecame demoralised by the luxurious climate and their unrestricted intercourse with the natives. The object of the voyage, namely to obtain plants of the bread-fruit, with a view to its acclimatisation in the British West India islands, having been accomplished, Bligh set out on his voyage thither. But his irascible temper and overbearing conduct excited (under the leadership of Fletcher Christian) a mutiny on board the ship; and on 28th April 1789 he, with eighteen of his crew were overmastered and cast adrift in an open boat, only twenty three feet long and deeply laden; they had a small amount of provisions alloted to them, but no chart. In this frail craft they sailed, for nearly three months, a distance of 3,618 miles, touching at some small islands, where they got only a few shellfish and some fruit; but at length, thanks

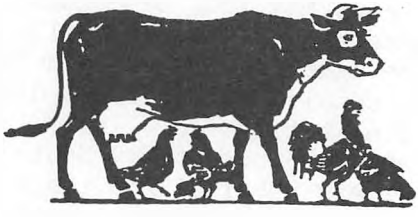
to Bligh 's skill, resource and courage, they reached Timor, an island off the east coast of Java, on the 14th June 1789. Here Bligh took passage in the Vlydte packet and reached England on 14th March 1790. Twelve of his companions, the survivors, followed in the Dutch fleet. The mutineers settled on Pitcairn Island, where their descendants still live, happy and prosperous; but some of the ringleaders were captured by the commanders of the Pandora, and brought back to Portsmouth, where three of them were executed. Byron's poem "The Island" is based upon the story of the relations which existed between the women of Ataheite and the mutineers. Bligh was forthwith promoted to the rank of commander, and shortly afterwards, on his return to England, to that of port-captain. In 1791 he was appointed to the Providence, and sailed on a similar, but more successful errand to his last, for the Society Islands, obtaining in recognition of his discoveries, the gold medal of the Society of Arts in 1794; but there was only a small practical result of his voyage, as the West Indians preferred the plantain to the bread-fruit.

In 1794 we find him captain of the 74 gun ship Warrior of Ushant, and in 1797 at Camperdown, commanding the 64 gun ship the Director. Bligh further distinguished himself in the same year by his intrepidity and address at the mutiny at the Nore. On 21st May 1801 he commanded the Glatton, of 54 guns at Copenhagen, and was personally thanked by Nelson. On 21st May in the same year he was elected a fellow of the Royal Society, in consideration of his distinguished services in navigation, botany etc. In 1805 he was appointed Captain-General and Governor of New South Wales; but from his temperament he was unsuited for the post, both his civil and military subordinates strongly resented his harsh excercise of authority. Nevertheless the main object which he had in view, seems to have been a good one, namely, the prevention of an unlimited importation of ardent spirits into the colony; and in this as well as in other respects he received the loyal support of Lord Castlereagh; but on 26th January 1808 Governor Bligh was forcibly deposed by Major George Johnston of the 102nd foot, and was imprisioned until March 1810. For this act Major Johnston was tried at Chelsea Hospital in 1811 and was cashiered. Bligh on his release returned to England, and in the following year, on the 31st July 1811 obtained his flag as rear-admiral of the blue,

proceeding to vice-admiral of the blue in June 1814. He resided towards the close of his life, at the Manor House, Farningham, Kent, and died in Bond Street, London on the 7th December 1817. He was buried in the Eastern part of Lambeth churchyard, by the side of his wife, Elizabeth Betham. Bligh left six daughters. Richard Bligh was a son-in-law and a distant relative.

I have to say thank you to Mr Alan Charlesworth for sending in this interesting article. I have had it on file for quite a while but have eventually found room to be able to print it in the magazine.

THOMAS'S DAIRY



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Millpool Methodist Church Flower Festival

On Saturday 15th April - Sunday 16th April and Monday 17th April (Easter Weekend). From 11am. to 7pm.
Coffee, Lunches and Teas will be served throughout the weekend.
On Saturday at 7pm. a Musical Evening with the Junior Church and Circuit Youth Band.
Services on Sunday at 11am. and 7pm. with Rev'd Peter Whatton and Junior Church and Ladies Choir of Millpool performing 'Jerusalem Joy'.
On Monday Concert at 7pm. with Millpool Trio and Friends.

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

Entertainment

Saturday 1st April	Disco with Tim
" 8th April	Mike Porterfield
" 15th April	Uncle Eric's Karaoke
Easter Monday 17th April	Disco with Jumbo
Saturday 22nd April	Jailhouse
" 29th April	More live music

The club played host to the Wadebridge Gateway Club on Wednesday, 8th March and to about 70 members of the Bodmin Gateway Club on Thursday, 16th March. On both occasions everyone had a wonderful time.

ST. BREWARD PANTOMIME

This year the pantomime was Jack and the Beanstalk and it played in the little theatre at St. Breward to full houses over 6 nights - one night more than last year due to public demand. Everything was done with great professionalism and all those involved must be congratulated for all their hard work which goes into making such a production especially Christine Woolf who both wrote and directed it. It would be unfair to mention any names as everyone performed so well from Jack and his girlfriend Polly, Mother Tregenza and her cow Mooriel to the Fairies and the Village Children and of course the Giant. Although the script kept to the well known story, topical and local humour also meant the audience was kept entertained throughout. Well done everybody, both players and all those backstage. We look forward to next year!

ST. BREWARD METHODIST CHURCH COFFEE SHOP - open every Wednesday 10.00 - 11.30a.m.
Join us for coffee and a chat.

ST. BREWARD W.I.

At the March meeting we had the pleasant experience of welcoming a new member, Mrs Guenever Daws, who immediately became the 1995 treasurer as she is well versed in W.I. procedure. There were also two visitors so it was a jolly bunch who assembled in the Village Hall in spite of the hail and sleet. The new president, Mrs C. Woolf, took her first meeting although battling with laringitis; problems had arisen since the decision by a small majority to return to the Memorial Hall for our meetings, so this decision was rescinded and we remain in the Village Hall this year. Two members are interested in the Cornish visit to Denman College when our Institute will give a £50 bursary (there is also a £5 voucher in the new book of vouchers plus one from a friend). Three volunteers offered to steward or make teas at the Royal Cornwall Show. Mention was made of the County Lunch Have a Go at the Bodmin Leisure Centre on July for £6 to include lunch, and a Craft Fair at Exeter on June 30th for £6 including travel. Nearer home there will be a four corner day at the Clease Hall in Camelford on Friday April 28th for £2.50, and a Craft Have a Go Day at the Parkhouse Centre, Bude on Monday, April 3rd. The police liason meeting at Camelford is on April 5th at 7.30pm, which is also the date fixed hopefully for a further day at Heligan. Mrs P. Powell would be pleased to receive any books or magazines (must be about gardening) for the Garden Day on May 14th, Sunday, not Saturday as originally planned.

After all this business we were a little late in welcoming our speakers who were Mrs Mavis Metters and her son Ryan, who talked about the events in the family business of chimney-sweeping - if I were to write about only half the tales they told, both serious and hilarious, it would take pages; sufficient to say that we had to be brought to a halt in our questions and comments so that members could get home in time to make their teas! Not a thrilling title, 'Chimney-sweeping' but what an interesting and entertaining afternoon it made.

As the 1995 programmes are not yet printed the next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 4th at the summertime of 7.30pm still in the Village Hall, when Davis Jasper will give a seasonal talk on Gardening, the competitions, 3 flowers and foliage in a small vase, a painted pebble and up to 200 words on "a walk down a garden path in windy weather". This month's winners were - flower, Mrs J. Sainsbury; a vegetable animal, Mrs R. Lowe who also won the first writing competition for a limerick.

 Anne Holmes

BLISLAND W.I.

The meeting of the W.I. on February 15th began at 2.15pm with Mrs E. Walford in the chair. There were a few apologies but most of our members were able to attend. The minutes were read and agreed. The business was dealt with first and there are a number of events in the pipe line for the months ahead. We have the W.I. Coffee Morning on 18th March in aid of the Meningitis Trust. The date of Mrs Walford's Coffee Morning has yet to be fixed.

Our annual W.I. dinner was again a success, with our guests helping to make it a happy evening. Mrs Walford surprised our Vice-President Mrs G. Masters with a floral presentation in recognition of her birthday the following day.

There is to be a trip to Totnes and Dartmouth on 20th June, family and friends to be included. The Cornwall Garden Society, County Spring Show is to take place at Lanhydrock on April 22nd and 23rd. There is to be a Craft Day at Bude on April 3rd, cost £2.50. At our March meeting nominations are requested for the committee as this is our Annual General Meeting.

Our Speaker for the evening gave the members a very interesting talk about pot plants and arrangements and dressing up of the plants in pots and how to arrange herbs in a pot for a gift or to put on your kitchen shelf. Mrs Strongman gave us a delightful demonstration which was enjoyed by all our ladies and a vote of thanks was given. Refreshments followed and the meeting came to a close at 5pm.

J. George

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There is no activity to report this month from the Blisland W.R.V.S. Club.

WHY DO WE EAT THAT?

Chocolate Easter eggs are the commercial version of the symbol of new life which Christianity took over from far more ancient cultures. The Greeks, Romans, Persians and Chinese all exchanged coloured eggs at their spring festivals.

But it was a German spring goddess, Eostre, who gave her name to Easter. Her sacred beast was the hare, which survived as the Easter rabbit that traditionally delivered the eggs. Christianity adopted the pagan spring festival rites to celebrate Christ's resurrection.

In early times, eggs were forbidden food during the Lenten fast before Easter. Hens' eggs were hoarded and carefully decorated or stained with bright vegetable dyes for the bonanza of exchanging tokens of renewed life on Easter Sunday. Chocolate versions are the commercial products of the 20th century.

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