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BLISLAND with TEMPLE and ST. BREWARD

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Sunday Services for August

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

The Sunday School has finished for the summer holidays. It will resume again in September, the date will be announced next month.

Weekday Services

The Eucharist is celebrated at Blisland, every Wednesday, at 9.30am.

Evensong at Temple - at 3.30pm on Sunday, 6th August.

Important Holy Days in August

August 10th - St. Lawrence Martyr
August 15th - Assumption of the B.V.M.
August 24th - St. Bartholomew Apostle

BLISLAND CHURCH

Blisland Church Fete took place on a lovely sunny afternoon on Saturday, 24th June on the Rectory lawn. The sum of £480 was raised. Grateful thanks go to all the people who gave their time to help on the day and of course to everyone who came along and supported us.

ST. BREWARD CHURCH

At the recent Coffee Morning held on 17th June the sum of £72 was made. Many thanks to all who helped and supported the event.

The Church Fete was held on a lovely sunny afternoon on Saturday, July 8th. Many people attended and supported all the various stalls and games, and they were entertained by St. Breward Band whose playing was greatly appreciated. The wonderful sum of £1.194.20p was made. Thank you again to everyone who helped in any way and to those who came along on the day, or gave donations.

Dear Parishioners,
Here are ten reasons why someone might say why they never wash.
1. I was made to wash as a child.
2. People who wash are hypocrites - they reckon that they are cleaner than other people.
3. There are so many different kinds of soap, I could never decide which one was right.
4. I used to wash but it got boring so I stopped.
5. I still wash on special occasions like Christmas and Easter.
6. None of my friends wash.
7. I am still young. When I am older and have got a bit dirtier I might start washing.
8. I don't really have time.
9. The bathroom is never warm enough.
10. The people who make soap are only after your money.

Silly reasons you might say and quite rightly so. Yet people give reasons in a similar vein when it comes to the question of religion.

Whether we wash then or practise religion depends on how we view it's relevance in our daily lives. Washing ourselves makes sense if we want to remain physically healthy. The practise of the christian religion makes sense if we want to develop the spiritual and moral sides of our nature. For this purpose then we were washed in the waters of baptism, made members of the church, offered nourishment in Word and Sacrament, and commanded to celebrate Our Lord's redeeming work in the Lord's own service of the Holy Eucharist. The outcome of all this religious activity is that we grow in the Grace of God, find purpose in this life and begin to experience a foretaste of eternity.

Failure then to wash our bodies could result in physical death. Failure, however to cleanse our souls in the blood of Christ could result in spiritual death.

Remember then that:

"The Glory of God is the living man;
And the life of man is the Vision of God"
St. Irenaeus, Early Greek Father.

For wholeness of body and soul, think then on these things. Failure to do so could damage your health both in this life and the next.

Yours sincerely,
Frank Harris

Parish Registers

Holy Baptism

Alice Beatrice Fairman was baptised at Blisland Parish Church on Sunday, 11th June.

Thomas John Bligh was baptised at Blisland Parish Church on Sunday, 11th June.

Charlotte Louise Bligh was baptised at Blisland Parish Church on Sunday, 11th June.

Jason Robert Watkins was baptised at St. Breward Parish Church on Sunday, 11th June.

George Christopher Good was baptised at St. Breward Parish Church on Sunday, 11th June.

Katrina Susan Sturtridge was baptised at Blisland Church on Sunday, 1st July.

'Made members of Christ, children of the Heavenly Father and inheritors of the Kingdom of God'.

Deaths

The death occurred on June 5th of Mrs Vera Matthews formerly of St. Breward. A Memorial Service was held at St. Breward Parish Church on Tuesday, June 13th.
Vera and her late husband with their family farmed at Newton Farm near Stannon all their life and retired to a bungalow at 'Church Down'. After the death of her husband and with the family grown up she moved to Plymouth to a Nursing Home near her eldest son.

Mr R.C.L. Kennaway aged 85 of St. Breward died recently. His funeral service was held at Glyn Valley Crematorium on Monday, 3rd July and was led by the Rev'd A. Wainwright. An address was given by Bishop Cartwright.

BLISLAND METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES FOR AUGUST

Sunday August 6th at 2.30pm. Preacher Mr R. Hoskin

Sunday August 20th at 2.30pm. " Rev'd P. Whatton (Holy Communion)

ST. BREWARD METHODIST CHURCH - PREACHERS FOR AUGUST

Sunday 6th August	at 11.00am.	Mrs Garbett
" " "	6.00pm.	Mrs Wilkins
Sunday 13th August	at 11.00am.	Mr Hoskin
" " "	6.00pm.	Fellowship
Sunday 20th August	at 11.00am.	Mr Brown
" " "	6.00pm.	Rev'd Barlow (SAC)
Sunday 27th August	at 11.00am.	Mrs Garbett
" " "	6.00pm.	Fellowship

St. Breward Methodist Sunday School celebrated their Anniversary services recently. Preacher at 11.00am was Mr Charles Philp of Wadebridge. The children took part during the morning service with songs and recitations. Those taking part were Charlotte Goatman, Cheryl and Anthony Sleep, Rachel Bevan, Jonathan and Laura Harris. The Coleman Cup for attendance was won by Jonathan Harris and Rebecca and Zoe Teague. The evening preacher was Mr Bryan Parkman of Camelford. Collections were for Sunday School Funds.

BAPTISM

Laura Alexandra Teague was baptised on Sunday, 16th July at St. Breward Methodist Church.

ST. BREWARD METHODIST CHURCH COFFEE SHOP - open on Wednesdays from 10.00am to 11.30am.
Join us for coffee and a chat.

BLISLAND SCHOOL

Each week the children do a writing workshop where they are free to write any form of writing about anything they choose. Here is what Martin chose to create . He took the words BLISLAND SCHOOL and made a poem starting with these letters - an acrostic poem.

Bright and early in the morning,
Long walk to school.
Into the cloakroom,
Slippery water on the floor.
Loads of work to do.
And plenty of things to paint and colour.
Not one unkind person.
Dinner lady is nice.

School cook Mrs Pengelly cooks really good meals.
Chatting people in the yard.
Happy Mrs. Hamilton always willing to help.
Our games equipment is the best.
Our school is very nice.
Lovely, our little school is.

ADVANCE NOTICE

Learning Together at Blisland School.
You and your pre schooler are invited to come to Blisland school on Friday 8th September.
FROM 1PM - 3PM for our free TOY and BOOK LIBRARY.
Each month you may borrow a pack of mixed activities to share at home.
We plan a CAKE and BRING & BUY stall at each meeting.
Please come and join in the fun!

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking Major and Mrs Charles Edward-Collins for the party they gave on the evening of the 12th July at Trewardale at which the PCC and many parishioners were present and at which I was given, by them, on my retirement as Church Warden, as a present, a wonderful portrait by that well known animal artist David Parry of my Labrador "Stan". I am delighted with it, as I am with the generous book token and bottle of Scotch which accompanied it. I would also like to thank Michael, Bishop of Truro, who found time in his busy schedule to come to the party and make the presentation, and to Frank Harris for the kind words he spoke about me. It was a wonderful evening and I could not have been more surprised and pleased with the large number of parishioners who came and for the gifts I received. My term of office has been one during which I have always received the most generous and helpful support from within the parish whenever it has been necessary to ask for it and which has invariably been forthcoming from everyone regardless of their denomination; it has made the task of Church Warden an easy one and I am most grateful for everyones co-operation. Thank you all.

Thurstan Edward-Collins

THE CORNWALL HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST

This year the annual sponsored cycle ride takes place on Saturday, 9th September, 1995. All monies raised are divided equally between the church or chapel of your choice and the Cornwall Historic Churches Trust. The CHCT helps maintain our old churches and chapels many of which would otherwise fall into disrepair because of the high cost of maintenance.
You can be sponsored to cycle, horse ride or walk between churches or be sponsored just to be a sitter in the church. Sponsor forms and more details from Mrs. C. McShee, 01208 850435.

RETURN TO COPENHAGEN

In May 1945 I was commanding HMS Zest, a destroyer in a naval force which entered the Baltic on the 8th, on passage to Copenhagen, being led through the German minefields by a force of German minesweepers to ensure our safety. On the way we passed many German small-craft, whose crews gazed on us with loathing. But the Danes in Copenhagen greeted us rapturously after their 5 years of enemy occupation. One lady, English but married to a Dane, was so overcome that she went on her knees and kissed the deck, the best alternative to British soil.

In 1995 I returned to Copenhagen, but this time as an official guest of the Danish government, one of a party invited to celebrate the 50th anniversary of their Liberation on 5th May. This occurred when the British Army reached Lübeck on the Baltic coast, thus sealing off the Danish peninsula and ensuring not only the german surrender but also forestalling the arrival of the advancing Russian Troops.

Our party of about three dozen was very multi-national with members from all the Scandinavian countries, Poland, U.S.A., Canada and Great Britain. The British contingent included Field Marshall Lord Carver, who as a Brigadier had led his Armoured Brigade to Lübeck, and myself the senior surviving naval officer, but manily consisted of ex-R.A.F. and S.O.E. (Special Operations), who had played an important role as bomber crews and landing by parachute agents to assist the Danish Resistance. Fifty years on it was difficult to envisage them in their youth and bravery, but their array of medals hinted at the stories they could tell. The eldest S.O.E. member was aged 89 and the youngest a lady of nearly 70.

In addition to the official guests there was a large party of veterans from all 3 services, who had returned as guests of the Danish people and were given a busy time of sightseeing and entertainments. One of these was a Garden Party at the British Embassy, where I met half a dozen old shipmates from "Zest". It was difficult to visualise these staid citizens of 1995 as the young ratings of 1945 in their late teens or early twenties, but they still had their memories of those days and took pleasure in reminding me of little incidents not always to my credit.

In the case of the official party the entertainments were mainly formal lunches and dinners, but included a visit to the Theatre, where we were presented to the Queen of Denmark and her two sons. The most memorable event was a Memorial Service at the cemetery for Danish Resistance fighters, killed in action or executed by the germans. Adjacent to the cemetery in a hollow was the place of execution, three posts chipped by bullets from the firing parties. Peaceful now but full of memories for the relatives.

The principal event of the 5th, Liberation Day, was a service in the Cathedral followed by a big parade in the Town Hall Square for Resistance survivors and British Veterans, followed by a 2 minutes silence and address by the Queen. Of course this was in Danish, though she can speak perfect English, having been at school in England.

We flew back to England next day, full of admiration for the kindness and hospitality of the Danes, who had shown genuine pleasure at the presence of their Liberators.

R.B.N. Hicks

Thank you to Captain R.B.N. Hicks for this most interesting article. If anyone else has any memories of the war years both in this country or abroad that they would like to share with us I'm sure that all readers will be most interested to share them especially as this is the 50th anniversary of the end of the war.

BLISLAND CHURCHYARD GRASS CUTTING FUND

FUN DAY
BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY
28th August
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ST. BREWARD & BLISLAND SUNDAY CLUB

COFFEE MORNING
on Saturday 26th August
in The Bandroom, St. Breward
10.00a.m. to 11.30a.m.
Many stalls including Cakes, Bring & Buy, Toys & Books and a Raffle. Please come and support this effort.

ST. BREWARD CARNIVAL

This year's carnival held on July 15th was very successful despite the absence of floats. Led by the St. Breward Silver Band many walkers, riders and carnival and fairy queens processed from Limehead to the school where presentations refreshments and a barbeque followed.

The carnival committee would like to thank all the people who helped and especially those who took part. A lot of thought and hard work had obviously gone into all the costumes and the end result was a lovely display of imaginative entries which more than made up for the lack of floats. The raffle was won by Michelle Wellburn-Nixon of Penrose Burden.

Confirmation

Matthew Francis Richard Harding was confirmed by the Bishop of Truro on Monday, 1st May at St. Breock church.

Married recently at Boscastle were Miss Claire Louise Stokes of Boscastle and Mr Paul Keith Baird of Rylands, St. Breward.

ST. BREWARD SILVER BAND - ENGAGEMENTS FOR AUGUST

Thursday 3rd	August	Port Isaac 7.45pm.
Thursday 10th	"	Port Isaac 7.45pm.
Sunday 13th	"	Port Isaac - Lifeboat Larks
Tuesday 15th	"	Wadebridge Carnival
Thursday 17th	"	Port Isaac 7.45pm.
Thursday 24th	"	Port Isaac 7.45pm.
Thursday 31st	"	Port Isaac 7.45pm.

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

Entertainment for August

Friday 4th	August	Rachael
Saturday 12th	"	Disco with Jumbo
" 19th	"	Double Top
" 26th	"	Uncle Eric's Karaoke

Wednesday 9th August	Bingo for Derriford Renal Unit 7.30pm.
Thursday 17th "	Mrs Babb's Whist Drive at 7.30pm.
Wednesday 30th "	Bingo for Arthritis Care at 7.30pm.

A collection box at the clubhouse raised £21.30 for A.R.C.

I would like to thank all my friends and relatives who sent cards and gifts during my recent stay in hospital. I am now at home and recovered well.

Mrs. B.E. Sleep,
Limbhead.

THE SILVANUS TRUST

Caring for local woodlands

Have you ever thought about the history of the trees and woodlands in your parish? Many stand on the sites of much older woodlands that were managed for centuries, providing timber for building, fencing, tools and firewood. Even branches and bark were used by craftsmen like charcoal makers, basket weavers and leather tanners, while leaves were used as animal fodder.

In recent decades cheap imports and new materials have robbed woods of their role as a focal point for rural industry. Today our native woods are often left alone or cleared for development, though many parishes have appointed tree wardens to help ensurethat local trees are cared for and appreciated.

As their contribution to industry has dwindled, many woodlands have declined through neglect. Animals, birds and plants which thrive in coppiced woodland (in which trees such as hazel are cut back to a 'stool' every few years to grow clumps of thin poles) have suffered a severe drop in numbers this century. The dormouse, which scuttles among low-growing hazel, is a well known example. Many wild flowers appear when the sunlight reaches the ground after a wood has been coppiced, and they in turn attract butterflies.

The West Country's own woodland charity, The Silvanus Trust, is dedicated to ensuring a future for woodlands. The key to helping them survive is to understand the many different benefits they offer once they are managed sustainably. By providing beauty in the landscape and a home for wildlife, woodlands can increase the quality of life for local people, particularly when they are accessible to the public for walks, picnics and other activities. There are also opportunities for rural industries today. Good quality, locally crafted products ranging from walking sticks to furniture are becoming increasingly popular. Even poor quality wood can be converted to pulp or charcoal, which can pay for beneficial woodland management and create local employment.

Woods and forests hold moisture, stabilise climates and hold and even help create soil. They are of vital importance to the global environment, so by looking after and

making the most of our own few trees we can play our part in protecting the 'global forest'.

Everyone can help ensure a future for woodlands, even if you are not a woodland owner. Parishes and groups within towns and villages are beginning to lead the way by restoring and looking after woods and orchards or creating new areas of trees and shrubs in suitable places ranging from the edges of playing fields to industrial sites. To explain how this can be done and to support local initiatives to create and manage woodlands in the South West, Silvanus has appointed two Woodland Project Officers, Sue McFarlane and Sarah Young. Sue, who covers the Cornwall area, works with schools, businesses and community groups of all kinds by advising on woodland schemes (from tree planting and community woods to woodland businesses), giving talks, holding exhibitions and helping to bring organisations and fundholders together. Her aim is to provide Information, Demonstration, Education and Advice: or, spelling out the initials, the 'woodland IDEA' for short!

Sue says: 'My job as Woodland Project Officer is to meet as many people as possible who are active in their parishes, let them know what Silvanus does and start planning with them to revive their woods. There will be exciting woodland activities for all ages and interests'.

You can get in touch with Sue by phoning her on (01566) 772802 or writing to her at The Silvanus Trust, National School, Launceston, Cornwall PL15 8BL.

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BLISLAND W.I.

At the meeting held on 21st June our President, Mrs E. Walford introduced a new member to our W.I. We then settled down to business, apologies were given and the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

It was put to the members if they would like to have a link with a W.I. in New Zealand. It would involve a member to write and tell how we organise our W.I. events etc. with photos of the members and the village in which we live, not forgetting our lovely countryside. After a discussion, it was thought to take it in turns to write at different intervals with all the news rather than leave it all to one person. However no decision was made, it would be brought up again at the next meeting.

Education and Public Affairs - There is to be a Magistrate Court Day on July 19th. A member of the Blisland W.I. will attend and will give us a report of the days's events.

Looking ahead - Carols at St. Germans. Christmas may seem a long way off, but members were asked to keep in mind this event. On December 12th a Carol Service and Readings in the beautiful Church of St. Germans.

We then moved on to hear our representative Mrs Webb, who attended the Intermediate General Meeting in Blackpool. She gave us a run down of the discussions around the resolutions and their outcome. A delegate using these discretionally powers must of course report back to the members of her group.

Following this was our speaker for the evening, Mrs J. Hanscomb on 'The History and Folklore of Herbs and Spices in Medicine and Cookery'. Mrs Hanscomb gave a very interesting talk on the spices used for culinary purposes and there was a lovely aroma from samples of these spices. She also spoke on the medicinal use of herbs. The monks of the 12th and 13th centuries made up many of their own medicines using herbs. Those of you who have read Ellis Peter's Brother Cadfael novels will be aware of monks using herbs for healing. Mrs Hanscomb's talk was well received and she had to answer many questions put to her by our members. A vote of thanks was given by Mrs Walford thanking her for a delightful talk with many amusing stories.

After refreshments, the meeting came to a close at 10pm. Our next meeting is on July 19th at 7.15pm in the Village Hall.

J. George

BLISLAND W.R.V.S. CLUB

One of the highlights of the year for the club is to receive an invitation to tea at the home of Isobel and Tony Willcocks and Gwen Masters. On the 20th June we transported about 13 members to 'Oakridge'. As the weather was rather unpredictable we stayed indoors instead of a Treasure Hunt in the garden. An amusing hour soon passed playing our familiar club game with playing cards and together with a raffle it was ensured everyone came away with a little prize. Tea as always was most enjoyable catering both for the sweet and savoury tooth. Tony Willcocks in his new role as waiter must be commended for his excellent attention and service with a smile!

Tony Ham

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