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BLISLAND with TEMPLE and ST. BREWARD

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BLISLAND with TEMPLE and ST. BREWARD CHURCH

Sunday Services for October

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

The Sunday Club is held every Sunday at 11.00am at St. Breward Village Hall. All children are welcome from either parish.

Weekday Services - Please consult Church Notice Boards.

Important Holy Days in October

Wednesday, October 18th - St. Luke, Evangelist

Friday October 27th - St. Simon & St. Jude

Harvest Festival: St. Breward - October 1st.
Blisland - October 8th

Feast of the Dedication of the Church at Blisland and St. Breward will be celebrated on Sunday, 29th October.

November 1st - Feast of All Saints

November 2nd - Commemoration of All Souls

Harvest Festivals

St. Breward - Sunday, October 1st - Eucharist at 11.10am
Monday October 2nd - Short Service in the church at 6.30pm followed by a Harvest Supper and Auction of Produce in the Village Hall.

Blisland - Sunday, October 8th - Eucharist at 9.30am.
Monday October 9th - Auction of Harvest Produce in the Institute at 7.00p.m.

Dear Parishioners,

During the month of October, the church provides for the celebration of the dedication of the church when the original date of it's 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 Jewish temple in Jerusalem. (See 1 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 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 worship 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 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 of a living spiritual community dedicated to God and to the establishment of his kingdom.

May God bless you in his service.

Yours sincerely,
Father Harris

BLISLAND METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES FOR OCTOBER

Sunday October 1st at 2.30pm.	Harvest Thanksgiving Festival. Preacher Rev'd Barlow
Tuesday October 3rd at 7.00pm.	Harvest Festival followed by sale of donated produce and refreshments.
Sunday October 15th at 2.30pm.	Preacher Mr Penna B.A.
Sunday October 29th at 2.30pm.	Preacher Mrs Wilkins (Holy Communion).

ST. BREWARD METHODIST CHURCH PREACHERS FOR OCTOBER

Sunday October 1st at 9.30am.	Preacher Rev'd Barlow F/S
" " 6.00pm	Fellowship
Sunday October 8th at 11.00am	Harvest Festival Mr Tregaskis
" " 6.00pm	Mr Tamblyn
Monday October 9th at 7.00pm	Mr Bryan Parkman Service followed by Harvest Supper and Sale
Sunday October 15th at 11.00am	Mr Bennallick
" " 6.00pm	Rev'd Barlow (SAC)
Sunday October 22nd at 11.00am	Mr Garner
" " 6.00pm	United Service at Wadebridge
Sunday October 29th at 11.00am	Mr Hooper
" " 6.00pm	Fellowship

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

Minister's Letter

Dear Friends,

As I write I have in mind the V.J. Anniversary which we have thought about over the past two months. I find the Kohima Epitaph particularly moving,

"When you go home, tell them of us and say:
For your tomorrow we gave our today."

For too long the 14th Army which waged war in Burma was "the Forgotten Army". The praises they have recently received are long overdue. They had the worst and longest fight of the war. As one Burma veteran said in November 1945: "I arrived in Southampton after fighting for three long years in the jungles and swamps of Burma, but there were no bands playing or cheering crowds, it was a virtually empty dockside. It was as if three long years of fighting counted for nothing".

Let us hope the balance has been righted ever so slightly with our V.J. Commemorations. Let us also remember that alongside our British soldiers in the 14th, that two-thirds of the army were Indians to whom we also owe a great debt. We have several veterans from the war in the Far East who live among us. To each of these we say a heartfelt "Thank you" but our words are inadequate. So much suffering and hardship were endured on our behalf.

We praise God for those who have preserved our land.

Sincerely,

Randall Barlow

(This letter should have appeared last month to coincide with the V.J. commemorations but unfortunately it did not arrive in time. However the message it contains is just as relevant to any month of the year. C. McShee.)

Parish Registers

Holy Baptism

Deanna Marie Pengelly was baptised at Blisland Parish Church on Sunday, 20th August, 1995.

Kameron Dale Reid was baptised at St. Breward Parish Church on Sunday, 10th September, 1995.

"Made members of Christ, children of God and inheritors of the Kingdom of God".

The wedding of Miss Jean Oaten of Bodmin and Mr Graham Hill of Blisland took place at St. Lawrence's Church, Bodmin on Saturday, 29th July 1995.

Shaun Hunt of St. Breward and Helen Nita Gardener were married at St. Lawrence's Church, Northfield, Birmingham on Saturday, 19th August 1995.
We wish them well in their new life together.

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Peter Vercoe 1915 - 1995

It was with very great sadness that his many friends heard of Peter's death on the 12th August, just three days after his eightieth birthday. He will be remembered with great affection for his uncomplaining acceptance of a life beset by ill-health, and for his great gift as a raconteur and his anecdotes of life in St. Breward and elsewhere.

Peter was a pupil at Exeter Cathedral Choir School, and then after a short time working in Plymouth he joined the Royal Air Force on a short-service commission at the age of 21. When war broke out he was in Coastal Command and flew Anson and Hudson aircraft on anti-submarine and shipping patrols. It was during his Service career that he met and married Peggy.

Unfortunately during his time in the R.A.F. he contracted tuberculosis, and was eventually invalided out of the Service. In the years that followed he had a variety of jobs; Manager of The Whitsand Bay Hotel, Port Wrinkle was one; and then the Vercoes came to St. Breward - to Whiteheads Farm. on the Moor. For economic reasons Peter needed also another job, and he obtained a position with the Milk Marketing Board as it was then. He seems to have travelled widely around the country, leaving a lot of the work at Whiteheads in Peggy's hands. Variety is the spice of life so they say, and certainly these wide experiences provided a fund of stories and anecdotes which Peter recounted with such great humour.

Always dogged by ill-health Peter and Peg retired in 1976, moving to Higher Lank, which they purchased from Aubrey Rowe. They both loved this old house and the village, and while there Peter served on the committee of the St. Breward Conservative Association for a number of years. For several years also he gave a lot of pleasure to many people through his work for 'Talking Books' for the Blind Charity. As well as putting books on tape, he produced regular taped 'news chats' of local happenings.

By 1992 the health of both Peter and Peggy was failing and in May they moved to Marlborough to be near their daughter Kate and her family. They were both very sad at leaving St. Breward and they have been sadly missed by all their friends.

To Peggy and to his two daughters, Kate and Vicki and their families we send our deepest sympathy.

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

A few more years have gone by, Iris and Ivor have left school. Iris went to work in the shop at church gate, Ivor went to work at Tumrose Farm which was then owned by an ex army colonel and his family. After a while Ivor decided to get a little motor bike like myself. We both then took up fishing, mostly trout from the river at week-ends. Also many a night we would go down to Tresarrett and down the railway line and spend half the night down there when the peel started to come up the river. We used to flit our hats with fly killer to keep the gnats off us. Happy days they were, very often we would have trout for breakfast.

After a while Ivor left Tumrose Farm as it was sold to another ex army man. Ivor went over to De Lank to work where his grandad (my dad) used to work when I was a boy.

By this time our daughter Iris had got married and her and her husband moved in to one of the new houses that was then built at Pentor. I well remember I used to call in there on my way home after the postround mornings and evenings. By this time Lillian and I had reached our silver wedding anniversary. Iris gave us a party with some friends at Pentor. After a while we became Gran and Grandad. I was called Ramp and still am to this day by Iris' children. Iris had three children, two girls Julie and Marilyn and a boy named Trevor. Trevor is married at the present day and he and his wife had a son a short while ago. Which makes me a great grandad. My grandaughter is also expecting a baby soon - that is Marilyn.

Anyway back to my memories. By this time Ivor, our son, had decided to join the army and follow my footsteps when I was young. He joined the Light Infantry and was stationed and done his training at Shrewsbury in Shropshire. Not long after his training, his Battalion was sent to Northern Ireland. During the whole of his service in the forces he went over Northern Ireland six times.

Also by this time our eldest son George is married with two children. Steven and Robert and have set up their home in Cheltenham. So now my wife Lillian and myself are the only ones left at Mount Villa - in other words the birds have flown from the nest, Also by this time Iris and her family have moved down to Lanivet as it is much nearer her husband's work at the ECLP clayworks.

Shortly after Ivor joined the army the Post Office decided that they did not need the village postman anymore and decided to put the vans to do our round from Bodmin. It was a sad day for me as I have said earlier in my memories that I enjoyed the work. So shortly after we were made redundant and put on a pension. By this time my wife had a longing to sell Mount Villa and to move down to the village to be nearer the shop and church. As there was a cottage soon becoming vacant we were given the first offer to rent it and we decided to take it.

..... to be continued

BLISLAND SCHOOL

This month's contribution from Blisland School is a recipe from Jemma Bartlett for:

Banana Lollies

Ingredients

bananas
lolly sticks
knife
hundreds and thousands
chocolate chips

tip - wash your hands

First you cut the bananas in half and put them on lolly sticks. Then cover with hundreds and thousands and stick a few chocolate chips on. Then put it in the fridge. When it goes hard you can eat it.

A poem to go with the recipe!

Humpty Dumpty sat on the wall.
Eating blue bananas.
Where do you think he put the skin?
Down the King's pyjamas!

ST. BREWARD NEWS

Whist Drives held in the Memorial Hall during September raised the following amounts:
St. Aubyn Ward £90; Renal Unit, Treliske £45; Blantyre Centre £50; Liberal Association £41; Insitiute £45.

A prize bingo evening with raffle was held at the Football social club raising the grand sum of £210 for Arthritis Care. Thanks again to Basil for selling raffle tickets.

Mrs Hollister

The sum of £105 was raised for the Brookside Surgery equipment fund by way of a coffee morning with stalls and a large raffle. Thanks to all who supported our effort.

Blisland and St. Breward Sunday Club raised a total of £106.32 at the coffee morning held on 26th August. Many thanks to all those people who supported the event.

ST. BREWARD SILVER BAND

The band are holding a Concert in the Methodist Church on Sunday, 29th October at 7.30p.m. Mr Raymond Shaddick is the compere.

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Extract from the TRIGG MINOR MAGAZINE of October 1907 re St. Breward

The lighting of the church has been considerably improved by the provision of new lamps.

On Wednesday, Sept. 11th, the members of the Mothers' Union had a very pleasant reunion. A good number proceeded to Michaelstowe, where, at the invitation of Mrs Muir, they were entertained to tea, together with members of branches from neighbouring parishes.

On Thursday, August 29th, the children of the Sunday School, accompanied by their teachers, Church workers and other friends, numbering together about 90, had a most enjoyable outing to Polzeath, journeying thither by brakes. The usual service was first held in the church and the outward journey was commenced about 8.30. The weather was all that could be desired and the drive was thoroughly enjoyed. The afternoon was spent in various ways, including paddling, racing, cricket and football. A capital tea was provided by Mrs Lock. The time for leaving came all too soon and the homeward journey was safely accomplished about 9.30. Cheers, with additional ones for Mr and Mrs Lock, were given for all who had contributed to the success of the outing and before dispersing a few verses of the Evening Hymn were sung. Special thanks are due to the ringers, who again provided the nucleus of the outing fund by handing over the balance of their own fund. Other subscriptions were as usual readily forthcoming from other friends and after meeting all expenses there remains a balance in hand.

Thank you to Mrs P. Bousfield who sent in this interesting article about St. Breward earlier this century.

HAPPY 40th BIRTHDAY - Love and best wishes on your special day on 7th October to Madeleine Hill from all your friends.

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

Entertainment

Saturday 7th	October	Jailhouse
" 14th	"	Live Music
" 21st	"	Wild Country
" 28th	"	Tosh & Co

A Bingo evening held on 30th August at the social club raised £210 for Arthritis Care.

The Hippie Walk on June 28th raised £230 also for Arthritis Care. A big thank you to everybody who was involved in either event and who helped in any way.

On July 29th an 'Extravaganza' was held at the Football and Social club. It has been decided that all the money raised will be donated to St. Breward Scouts to enable them to re-build and decorate the scout hut.

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ST. BREWARD PLAYGROUP

The children have returned from their summer break and Tina Walsh is now the new Playgroup Leader. We would like to wish her every success.

We would like to welcome Marie Ralph, Nathan Philp and Kiyas Pease to playgroup and hope they enjoy their time spent with us.

Playgroup is open to all toilet trained children between 2½ and 5 years old. It is held at St. Breward Village Hall on Monday and Friday mornings between 9.15am and 12 noon. The cost is £1.75 per session. For further information please contact Beverley McNary (Sec) on Bodmin 850069, Dawn Sleep (Sec) on Bodmin 850447 or Tina Walsh (Playgroup Leader) on Bodmin 850682.

Are you female? Can you spare £1 per week? Are you free every Tuesday evening from 7 - 8.30? Do you feel as if you would like to let your hair down and sing? If the answer to these five questions is YES, then what are you waiting for? THE ALLEN VALLEY SINGERS are waiting to hear from you NOW! We are keen to welcome new members to our ladies choir and with a junior section open to younger singers, we are pleased to see mothers and daughters join together. Our repertoire of songs is growing steadily; we plan to enter local music festivals and stage our own Annual Concert beginning September 1996. We are a friendly group, all ages and sizes, and you can be assured of a warm and enthusiastic welcome.
Rehearsals: Every Tuesday 7 - 8.30p.m. St. Tudy Methodist Chapel. Subs £1.
For more information please contact: Jennifer Tarring, Longview Cottage, Longstone, St. Mabyn, Bodmin PL30 3BZ. (01208) 841329 or, better still, come along on Tuesday. Which Tuesday? Any Tuesday! Why not make a date for THIS Tuesday. See you there. Jennifer

BLISLAND W.I.

With no meeting in August, we had our Lunch on the 16th to replace the usual get together. Held at the Trelawney Garden Centre Squires Restaurant, our president Mrs E. Walford was in the chair. The members arrived at 12.30 and we found our seats around a lovely prepared table, but some of us were not happy with the seat our vice president, Mrs Gwen Masters chose, so after playing musical chairs (without the music, I might add) she was seated in a more suitable position at the table and able to see everyone. What a game 'eh Gwen? After all that the meeting came to order.

We heard from Mrs Wendy Gurr about the letter she had received from Whareroa CWI, Hawera, New Zealand, our link with the CWI. Their president Jean Horvie wrote a very interesting letter about their institute. They have sixteen members. In January they have no meeting being in the middle of the summer break, no doubt eating Christmas lunch on the beach. At one of their meetings they have a Knit & Natter evening, a social evening. The members knit Peggy Squares, then sew them together to make knee rugs for the rest homes and hospitals or whoever is in need of them, a lovely idea. Also the meetings are held in the members homes - it is cosier than a cold hall. We are looking forward to the link up with the CWI in New Zealand, it will prove very interesting to read about their activities. Thanks must go to Mrs Gurr for bringing along the letter and photo and thank you also to Mrs Mary Aspinall for your part in organising the lunch - it was excellent.

Then we went on to other matters especially to discuss the meeting on September 20th when our speaker would be unable to attend owing to other commitments. However we have been invited to Wenfordbridge Pottery Centre to find out first hand how they are made.

So with the meeting arranged on September 20th we then made our way home after enjoying our get together over lunch.

A Knit and a Natter. I love it, do you Gwen?

J. George

BLISLAND W.R.V.S. CLUB

The last time we met in the village hall was for the AGM on 5th April. When we assembled on 5th September, it was noted the great improvements which had been carried out since, namely complete re-decoration in more pleasant pastel shades, the floor treated and sealed and probably the most important feature of all, the installation of quartz halogen wall heaters. These were tried out and had to be switched off after a short duration because of the warmth generated! Congratulations and thanks to the village hall chairman, Mr Trevor Murden and the committee for their efforts in raising the money and carrying out this project.

The main feature of our activities for the afternoon was a mini market to raise funds for the club. Items ranged from fruit and vegetables to household articles. I was kept very busy as auctioneer and in the end able to note a sizeable sum had been raised.

Tony Ham

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