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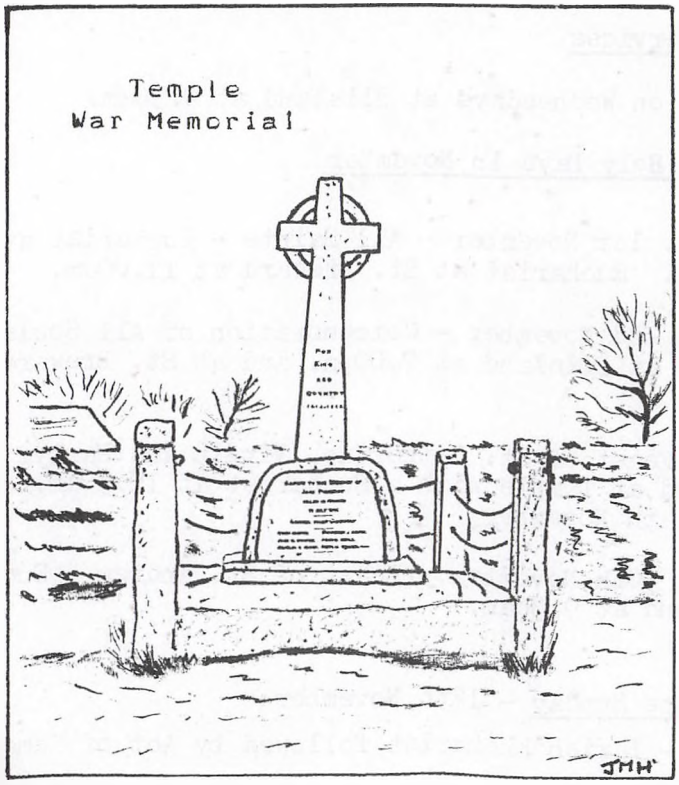

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BLISLAND with TEMPLE & ST BREWARD PARISH CHURCH

Sunday Services for November

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 on Wednesdays at Blisland at 9.30am.

Important Holy Days in November

Wednesday, 1st November - All Saints - Eucharist at Blisland at 7.00pm. Eucharist at St. Breward at 11.00am.

Thursday, 2nd November - Commemoration of All Souls - Eucharist at Blisland at 7.00pm. and at St. Breward at 11.00am.

Temple - Feast of St. Catherine, Virgin and Martyr will be celebrated at Temple with a Eucharist at 10.30am. on Friday, 24th November.

Thursday, 30th November - Feast of St. Andrew - Eucharist at Blisland at 9.30am.

Remembrance Sunday - 12th November:

Blisland - Parish Eucharist followed by Act of Remembrance at 9.15am.
St. Breward - Short Service of Remembrance at 11.00am followed by the Parish Eucharist.

Advent Carol Service at Blisland Parish Church on Sunday, 10th December at 6.30pm.

Letter from the Parish Priest

Dear Parishioners,

The month of November is very much a time of remembrance. On November 1st we celebrate the feast of All Saints, on November 2nd, the Commemoration of All Souls and on the 11th, the fallen of two world wars. These events remind us of the end of life and remind us that the christian life is ultimately concerned here with the last things. (1 Peter 4:7).

Hence all christian activity must be directed towards that final end when we stand in the presence of God to receive his sentence of Judgement. Consequently, christians all through their lives must aim at spiritual growth if they are to obtain salvation.

Holiness then is the object of all christian belief, worship and practice. Whilst on our pilgrimage here on earth, we should endeavour then to ask ourselves, how best we can develop in holiness. For example, do we understand our religion as much as we should? Do we worship God regularly every Sunday? Do we examine our conscience thoroughly, confess our sins and make adequate penitence? Do we seriously attempt to practise the christian life in our daily lives? These then are the sort of questions we need to ask and answer, if we truly desire to grow in holiness.

If we have conviction then about such things, we shall be concerned to spread the truth about God. This can best be done by demonstrating to others a truly christian character in our own lives.

As christians then let us begin to take holiness seriously. Let us understand our faith, worship God regularly and discipline our lives under a rule of life. If we do this the church becomes meaningful to us and at the same time we shall influence others in their search for God.

Pray then that during this month of November, we may truly keep a christian remembrance in belief, worship and practice and so develop holiness in our own lives and at the same time advance God's sovereignty in the world.

Yours sincerely,

Father Frank Harris

BLISLAND METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER

Sunday November 5th at 2.30pm. Preacher Mr. R. Cole

Sunday November 19th at 2.30pm. Preacher Rev'd R. Barlow (Holy Communion)

ST. BREWARD METHODIST CHURCH - PREACHERS FOR NOVEMBER

Sunday November 5th	at	9.30am	Rev'd Barlow Family Service
" " "		6.00pm	Mr Wickett
Sunday November 12th	at	11.00am	U.S. Parish Church
" " "		6.00pm	Rev'd Barlow S.
Sunday November 19th	at	11.00am	Mr Sleep
" " "		6.00pm	Fellowship
Sunday November 26th	at	11.00am	Mr Brown
" " "		6.00pm	Mr Garner R/S

HARVEST FESTIVAL

The services were held on 8th October at St. Breward Methodist Church. The preacher at 11.00am was Mr Tregaskis of Roche. Mr Tregaskis used to teach at Sir James Smith's School at Camelford so it was good to renew old friendships. The Sunday School children brought their gifts to the morning service.

The evening preacher was Mr Tamblyn of St. Pinnock who brought some friends with him to help with the singing and they too renewed friendships with folks they went to school with.

On Monday 9th October Andrew Martin led a short service which was followed by a Harvest Supper and Sale of Harvest Gifts. The auctioneer was Raymond Hoskin assisted by Susan, Calvin and Johnny. Thanks to you all for helping out. Approximately £255 was raised for chapel funds.

COFFEE MORNINGS - During the winter months - November, December, January, February & March the Coffee Mornings will be held on the FIRST Wednesday of the month from 10.00am to 11.30am. All are welcome.

Minister's Letter

Dear Friends,

As I was shovelling farmyard fertilizer onto the back garden recently I began to think about agricultural matters. As we draw near to the Harvest Festival and Harvest Thanksgiving season please consider the following facts:

In ancient Israel there were three great pilgrim festivals in which all Israelites were expected to make a pilgrimage to Jerusalem to the temple. Today the Jews still observe these festivals. All three reflect an agricultural theme. (1) The first is Passover (Hebrew name: Pesah) which is held on the first Sabbath after the first full moon after 21st March. Passover determines the date for our Christian celebration of Easter each year. In Israel Passover marked the early harvesting of the barley and included a barley offering made before God (see Leviticus 23: 4-14). God was thanked for the very earliest grain harvest. The Passover festival also recalled the occasion when the tenth plague (when the first born in each household died) passed over the Israelite homes in Egypt and did not harm them (Exodus chapters 11 and 12). In each home the blood of the Passover lamb on the doorpost was the sign which God looked for. This is the root of the Christian understanding of Jesus as the Passover lamb who was slain for us. Each year all Jews were supposed to make a pilgrimage to Jerusalem at Passover time, thus in Luke2: 41, 42 we read "And his (Jesus') parents used to go to Jeruslaem every year at the Feast of the Passover. Ans when he became twelve, they went up there according to the custom of the Feast".

(2) The second pilgrim festival is Pentecost (Hebrew name: Shavuot), also known as the Feast of Weeks. Christians of course think of the gift of the Holy Spirit in Acts Chapter 2. The Jews today celebrate it as the time when God gave the law to Moses on Mount Sinai. However from the very earliest days it also was the time when in late spring or early summer seven weeks after Passover/Easter, when the wheat harvest was finished and an offering of grain was made before God with thanksgiving (Exodus 23: 16; Leviticus 23: 15-21). The seven weeks from the beginning of barley harvest until the completion of wheat harvest were considered especially sacred in Israel, a time when they honoured the LORD as the true source of rain and fertility (Jeremiah 5: 24).

(3) The third great pilgrim festival of Israel is Tabernacles (Hebrew name: Sukkot or Sukkoth) which is usually celebrated in September. At Tabernacles the Jewish people build huts covered with branches from trees and all sorts of greenery fruit etc. and they move into these huts for the duration of the festival. This is to remind them of the forty years in the wilderness when Moses and the Israelites travelled under God's protective cloud. This reminds them of the agricultural nomadic past when they were a poor nation with no permanent homes. Tabernacles coincides with the final harvest of the year in September after all the grain has been safely stored away and all the fruits harvested, it is a 'harvest festival' held before the winter months set in.

Thus we see that in the Old Testament all of the great festivals were scheduled around the agricultural cycle: (1) Passover - the first barley sheaves were presented to God; (2) Pentecost - the completion of the wheat harvest is celebrated; (3) Tabernacles - the completion of all harvesting is celebrated. It is in Tabernacles that I see the biblical basis for our Christian Harvest Festival which we also celebrate shortly before winter begins.

Of course our farmers are thankful for the harvest, but it is important that all of us have an appreciation of harvest and the yearly cycle of the land. In the Old Testament one can sense that the downfall of Israel began when they tried to sophisticate their nation and to forget their agricultural nomadic past. We see this in the demand for a king (First Samuel Chapter 8) and in King David's desire to move the house of God from a tent into a permanent temple (Second Samuel 7: 1-17). As the nation built cities and sophisticated itself it moved away from its roots and it began to forget God.

God gives us the harvest each year. He provides us with all the things we need for living. At this Harvest Festival season let us give thanks to God.

Sincerely,
Randall Barlow

Don't Forget:

CAMELFORD CARNIVAL
On Wednesday, 8th November at 7.00pm.

ST. BREWARD CHURCH HARVEST FESTIVAL

The Harvest Festival Service took place on Sunday, 1st October when all the children from the Sunday Club brought their gifts into the church.

On Monday, 2nd October there was a short service in the church followed by a Harvest Supper and Auction in the village hall. The sum of £143 was raised of which £70 is being sent to the Orphanages for Romanian Children and the rest is for church funds. Thank you to everyone who came along, donated harvest gifts, helped with refreshments and spent their money at the auction. Also a big thank you to Noel Hill the auctioneer and the children of the Sunday Club who sang in the choir at both services and helped at the auction.

Archdeacon's Visitation

The Venerable Rodney Whiteman will make a pastoral visitation to the parishes of Blisland and St. Breward on Sunday, 19th November. He will preach at both Parish Eucharists.

Investing in the Future

A meeting, open to both parishes, will be held at the Institute on Monday, 20th November at 7.30p.m. to discuss a spiritual strategy for the church as it seeks to celebrate completition of the second millennium of the Christian era. Its purpose is to try to implement a programme for Christian spiritual growth based upon the diocesan strategy programme- Investing in the Future. Spiritual objectives will be offered for consideration and it is hoped that all who value a Christian presence in our villages will make themselves present and be prepared to make a positive contribution.

Parish Registers

The funeral service for the late Denham Philip Lush took place at St. Breward Parish Church on Friday, 29th September. Interment followed in the churchyard.

The funeral service for the late Walter Alfred Gilham took place on Friday, 6th October at Glyn Valley Crematorium. His ashes are to be interred in St. Breward Churchyard.

BLISLAND SCHOOL - HARVEST PRAYERS

Dear God,
Thank you for the blackberries so sweet,
That I love to eat.
Thank you for apples that swing on the trees
Side by side for me to eat.
Put them together, crispy and hot,
In to your mouth with a POP!
Amen

Georgia

Dear God
thank you for the vegetables so crisp.
Thank you for happiness.
Thank you for the fields so fresh and green.
Thank you for the world I've seen.
Amen

Hannah

Dear God,
thank you for the food,
thank you for the drinks,
thank you for the plants,
thank you for the fruit,
thank you, Lord,
for everything.
Amen

Tara

Dear God
Thank you for strawberries,
thank you for fruit,
thank you for everything sweet.
Thank you for chicken,
thank you for ducks,
thank you for any meat.
Thank you for roast,
thank you for curry,
and thank you for every meal.
Thank you for trout,
thank you for lovely, squirming, electric eels!
Amen

Jemma

BLISLAND C.P. SCHOOL

The following report is a record of a Governor's visit to Blisland School on 15th September. This and other reports are freely available at the school for anyone to look at but it was felt at the last Governors meeting that it would be a good idea to circulate the reports to a wider audience as it was felt to be of interest to the community as a whole.

I visited the school in the early morning and was welcomed by Mrs Orme at the beginning of a new school day. The children were eager to start and had their handwriting books out almost before Mrs Orme had a chance to tell them. The tasks for the day were clearly written on the blackboard (or whiteboard, actually!) and they included some individual projects to be completed in the childrens' own time. This impressed me, as even the smallest among them were expected to begin to organise their own time.

The ongoing project of the moment is 'Egypt' - the classroom is liberally adorned with pyramids, mummies and lots and lots of books on Egyptology. What a pity Mr Mills is no longer associated with the school!

The fall in numbers is worrying; indeed a couple of parents have approached me and are very concerned. The general consensus appears to be that while the children are definitely having a wonderful education and are progressing in leaps and bounds, some of the social aspects of going to school are obviously not being fulfilled. The older generation of the village are very cross that the school numbers are dwindling - they believe that children who live in a village should have to go to the village school, as they did in their day - if only it were so simple!

I was pleased to have spent a little time in the classroom at Blisland; it served to emphasise to me what I already knew - that the children are happy, well-adjusted and gaining a degree of knowledge and skills which I'm sure would be hard to match in any other school.

Speaking as a parent, I am very happy with Lisanne's education and I think this far outweighs any possible lack of social interaction.

Mrs S. Corney (Parent Governor)

BLISLAND NEWS

Blisland Church Harvest Festival Produce Sale

We were rather thin on the ground for the annual Harvest Produce Sale but those who attended were 'good spenders' and £156.90 was raised. There was an excellent selection of fruit flowers, vegetables, preserves and other products all produced with a lot of T.L.C. and generously donated. Our grateful thanks to all who came along and those who contributed in any way.

CONCERT - to be held in BLISLAND CHURCH

Once again we shall have the pleasure of listening to the wonderful Youth Orchestras we heard earlier this year. The County Clarinet Choir, Flute Choir and the Saxophone Ensemble under the very able di rection of Janet Elston and Stephen Smith. The date - Friday, 1st December at 7.30pm in the church. Tickets £3.00 & £2.00 concessions to include light refreshments. Available from Blisland Village Stores, Honor O'Donnell, 850001 and Ray Lee, 850993. The proceeds are to be shared between The Childrens Society and Performing Arts Cornwall.

BLISLAND CHRISTMAS BAZAAR - to be held on Saturday, 25th November in aid of the Parish Church. Many stalls and raffle and refreshments. Please come along everybody is welcome. To be held in the Village Hall at 2.00pm.

BLISLAND COUNTY PRIMARY SCHOOL

We shall again be inviting our Senior Citizens to a Christmas Party at Blisland School canteen on THURSDAY, 14th DECEMBER from 1.00 to 2.30pm. We need to know names by early in December. Please contact Mrs Orme at Blisland School.

We would like to extend a welcome to all pre-schoolers in and around Blisland to our Childrens' Christmas party on FRIDAY, 15th DECEMBER at 1.00 o'clock. We need their names by early in December however, so that Father Christmas knows just who to expect. Please contact Mrs Orme at Blisland School if you would like to bring your little one along.

ST. BREWARD NEWS

Whist Drives held in the Memorial Hall during September raised the following amounts: Buffs £48, Church £47, S.B.C.U. £48, Institute £46.

A coffee Morning raised the sum of £128.50 towards the restoration of the Scout Hut. Thanks to Betty, Ann, Kerry and also to the scouts, cubs and their parents.

Betty Hoskin

Congratulations to Percy and Madge Dingle along with their families and friends who each year raise funds for the Renal Unit of Treliske Hospital in memory of their son Robert. Their final total this year was presented by Mr David Methven to the consultant, Mr Barnes. The cheque was for £2,010.

Percy & Madge Dingle

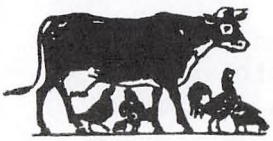
House to house collections in aid of the Cornwall Air Ambulance in St. Breward amounted to £147.96. Many thanks to all the collectors and to the people of St. Breward for giving so generously.

Remembrance Day Services

A short service will be held in the War Memorial Hall at 10.00am. on Sunday, 12th November followed by 1 minute silence at the Parish Church at 11.00am. The roll of honour will then be read followed by the laying of the wreath. Then there will be the Parish Eucharist at 11.05.

Poppies will be on sale in early November.

THOMAS'S DAIRY



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Entertainment

Saturday November 4th	- BONFIRE NIGHT! Start 6.30pm Followed by a Disco. Admission Adults £1 Children 50p. Hot Dogs & Burgers will be on sale. Best Guy competition. Judging 6.15pm in the clubhouse.
Saturday November 11th	Pageant
" " 18th	Double Vision
" " 25th	Disco

On Sunday September 24th Mr Ray Worden came to the club to receive a cheque for The Air Ambulance for £672, this being the money raised by four very brave people who did a sponsored parachute jump in the summer. They were Mandy Greenaway (Blisland), Jenny Nicholls, Marie Kay and Shaun Dodd. Mr Worden expressed his thanks to them all and congratulated them on their bravery.

ST. BREWARD PLAYGROUP

A Whist Drive held at the War Memorial Hall on 5th October raised £59.10 for playgroup funds. We would like to thank everyone who attended, donated the prizes and helped out on the night.

We would like to welcome Andrew Prout and Toni-Annabel Walby to playgroup and hope they enjoy their time spent with us.

Playgroup is open to all toilet trained children between $2\frac{1}{2}$ and 5 years old and is held in the village hall on Monday and Friday mornings between 9.15am and 12 noon. Foe further information please contact either Beverley McNary 850069, Dawn Sleep 850447 or Tina Walsh 850682.

BLISLAND with TEMPLE POPPY FUND

Remembrance Sunday is on 12th November and the house to house collection will commence on 30th October. The collector for Blisland parish will be Mrs A. Pierce.

BLISLAND W.I.

Our meeting of the 20th September took a surprise turn about, instead of our speaker coming to us at the Village Hall, we, the W.I. from Blisland descended on the Wenford Potteries and heard at first hand how these lovely pots are made. Mr Cardew's talk was on the 'Language of Shapes' and we were told how from the beginning of the process, the clay is prepared, then we were shown how they make the pots, and given the opportunity to turn our hands in having a go, but we declined. After our walk around the working area of the pottery, it was on to see the beautiful results, the designs and patterns of colours, which with the finished result was very pleasant to the eye. The members came away after a very enjoyable few hours.

The County Newsletter is again asking for help to recruit new members and of course to retain the members we have already got.

Courses on hand include a Computing Course to be held at Truro College.

There is to be a Christmas Design Day School at Tresillian Village Hall on Wednesday, November 15th from 10.30am to 3.30pm.

Sport and Leisure:- Autumn Walks, Archery and dare I say it 'Hot Air Ballooning; these and other opportunities may interest someone out there to come and join us.

Our meetings are held in the Blisland Village Hall every third Wednesday in the month and as from October the meetings begin at 2.15pm for the winter months, until March. Then from April until September the meetings begin in the evenings at 7.15pm.

Our next meeting is on October 18th in the Village Hall. The speaker will be Mrs M.E. Julyan on Royal Occasions.

J. George

In last month's issue of the magazine it was stated that money was raised in St. Breward for Arthritis Care. I have been asked to point out that the money was in fact raised for Arthritis and Rheumatism Council -ARC-which raises funds for research. Arthritis Care is the name of a separate organisation which gives support and help to people with arthritis. There is a local branch of Arthritis Care at Bodmin and for any further information please contact the regional organiser Enid Dickinson on 851465.

ST. BREWARD W.I. - September Meeting

Fourteen members were present in the Memorial Hall for the first of the autumn meetings and heard that the coffee morning and stalls had raised £243 for the Mermaid Appeal (not the least of this was from the sale of raffle tickets by Basil Sleep who is a master of persuasion with his smiling face). Those present voted to let the matter drop regarding the judging of our Royal Cornwall entry although feeling that the rules had been applied rather rigourously regarding the bulldog as a toy. Our usual cheque for £5 for Pennies for Friendship will be taken to the Autumn Council Meeting, also any gloves etc for the Romania Appeal.

Recipes are asked for snacks, lunches etc for a carer and the 'cared for' to be put into a new recipe book - small prizes will be given if accepted. Following Promotion Fortnight September 11th to 24th when the target set for an increase of a mere 2% in membership (how do you find 2% of 18? and would an arm or a leg be better for our institute?) our St. Petroc's Group is fast disappearing. This is due to the cessation of St. Lawrence and the possible closure of Nanstallon although they are trying to remain active, and Blisland Institute are unable to cope with the Spring Group Meeting - this will all be resolved in the near future even if it results in having a Spring Group Meeting only each year in future. Only two members volunteered to go to the Autumn Group Meeting, a far cry from the jolly busloads of only a couple of years ago - WHY? At least Mrs Paddy Powell volunteered to survey our new recycling point at Rylands on the appropiate day regarding numbers using, rubbish left around etc.

The speaker was Mr David Attwell, assistant Countryside Officer for the North Cornwall Coast, who explained that now the inland areas have been included with the coastal strip. It is the tenth anniversary of the formation of the N.C. Heritage Coast which has done so much to make access and knowledge of this area readily available to all of us, not only to the visitors. He showed some more unusual slides mainly taken from the air and especially commented about the ancient sites now visible because of the drought. St. Breward Holy Well restoration featured well in the selection especially the schoolchildren learning about its history. Did you know that there are stick insects at Port Gaverne and that the prehistoric forest at Dizzards

BLISLAND W.R.V.S. CLUB

At the meeting held on 3rd October we discussed and agreed the arrangements for our Harvest Supper on Friday, 17th November, when matters from supply of food to invited guests was completed. We then had tea and a bit of a chat.

Tony Ham

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St Breward W.I. cont.

Point rivals that of Wistmans Wood on Dartmoor, and that former vicars of Altarnun used to sweep the floor of King Arthur's Hall on the moor? He was a fund of interesting information.

The next meeting is on October 10th, not the 3rd, to hear Mrs C. Woolf speak about "Useful and Beautiful" (I wonder how many of us qualify for this?)

Anne Holmes

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