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BLISLAND with [illegible]LE & ST. BREWARD PARISH CHURCH

Sunday Services for December

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

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

Weekday Services - please see Church Notice Boards.

Important Holy Days in December

Friday, 8th December - Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Eucharist at Blisland at 9.30am.

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

Quiet Hour - at Blisland Parish Church between 3-4pm. on Saturday, 16th December in preparation for the celebration of Christmas.

Christmas Services

Christmas Eve - Blisland:- Childrens Service at 6.00pm.
Midnight Mass at 11.30pm.
St. Breward:- First Mass of Christmas at 8.30pm.

Christmas Day - Blisland - Parish Eucharist at 10.00am.
St. Breward - Parish Eucharist at 11.15am.

St. Stephen - First Martyr - 26th December - Eucharist at Blisland at 10.00am.

St. John the Evangelist - 27th December - Eucharist at Blisland at 10.00am.

Holy Innocents - 28th December - Eucharist at Blisland at 10.00am.

Sunday, 31st December - Carol Service at St. Breward Parish Church at 3.30pm.

January 1st - Circumcision of Our Lord - Eucharist at Blisland at 10.00am.

Letter from the Parish Priest

Dear Parishioners,

The seasons of Advent and Christmas are very much concerned with the coming of Jesus Christ. Christmas with his first coming and Advent with his second, when we believe that he will return in majesty and glory to pass judgement upon the world.

We need then to ponder and reflect upon these things and ask ourselves what relevance they have in our own lives. Perhaps if we read St. Matthew's Gospel, chapter 25, verse 31 to the end and from the letter of St. Paul to the Philippians, chapter 2, verses 5-11, we might begin to discern the true meaning and significance of these holy seasons. For Christmas which is the festival of the Incarnation, tells us that in Jesus Christ, God became man, so that man redeemed in Christ might partake of the Divine nature. We need then to empty ourselves of all the defects in our human nature if we wish to enter into the very life of God himself. Advent on the other hand reminds us that as well as being recreated in the image of God, we are also stewards of his creation and this means the proper ordering of our lives. It thus further reminds us that we are accountable for our thoughts words and actions and that there is a particular judgement to which all of us will be required to submit. Perhaps then this is a good time in the Church's year to give some real and sincere thought to the Sacrament of Confession. For there can be no worthy celebration of these two great seasons of the Church's year unless we heed the cry of St. John the Baptist to repent in the face of the imminent and awesome coming of the Lord.

These seasons stand then, for Love and Humility; Stewardship and Judgement. Let us reflect then upon these qualities and make them a reality in our own lives.

With seasonal blessings,

Yours sincerely,

Father Harris.

ST. BREWARD METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES FOR DECEMBER

Sunday 3rd December at	9.30am	Preacher Rev'd Barlow Family Service
" "	6.00pm	Rev'd Lister
Sunday 10th December at	11.00am	Mr Turner R/S
" "	2.30pm	North Cornwall Guides Carol Service
		No 6.00pm Service
Sunday 17th December at	11.00am	Fellowship
" "	6.00pm	9 Lessons & Carols Everyone welcome
Monday 18th December at	7.00pm	Carols by Candlelight Collection for Save the Children Fund. Come and join in singing your favourite Carols
Sunday 24th December at	11.00am	Carols No 6.00pm Service
Christmas Morning at	9.30am	Rev'd Barlow
Sunday 31st December at	11.00am	Mr Hoskin
" "	6.00pm	Mrs Hockley R/S

Sunday School during Morning Services

COFFEE MORNING - Wednesday 6th December - 10.00 - 11.30am.

Best wishes for Christmas, and Health and Happiness to you all in 1996 from St. Breward Methodist Church.

BLISLAND METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES FOR DECEMBER

Sunday December 3rd at 2.30pm	Preacher Mr J Tredrea
Sunday December 17th at 2.30pm	Preacher Rev'd R Barlow 9 Lessons & Carols
Sunday December 31st at 2.30pm	Church Fellowship

Minister's Letter

Dear Friends,

As you read this letter Christmas will be rapidly approaching. At the very heart of the meaning of Christmas is the deep belief that God enters our world. The ancient Gnostics (and the modern ones too) could not understand this. The Gnostics believe that the heaven is so perfect and the earth is so tainted with evil that the two can never meet.

Christmas is a rejection of that belief. At Christmas God enters the world, God and humanity are fused together, this is clearly seen in Jesus the Christ. He is Jesus. The name "Jesus" was a very common name given to thousands of male babies, very much like "John" or "Alan" or "Dave" today. He was as human as you and I, but at the same time he is "the Christ", "the anointed One" sent from God, who is one with God. He is the God-man.

God is with us, we say at Christmas. God's love is expressed in his Son, let us worship and serve him.

Special Christmas services and events are advertised elsewhere in the magazine.

Sincerely,
Randall Barlow
(01840 213321)

BLISLAND METHODIST CHURCH

Blisland methodist church harvest thanksgiving services were held on Sunday October 1st and Tuesday October 3rd. Our minister the Rev'd Randall Barlow conducted the Sunday service.

The window reveals were attractively decorated with flowers arranged by Mrs Wendy Gurr and around the pulpit and organ were stacked the gifts and produce so kindly donated by many people. It was indeed a time of rejoicing to have former residents returning for this special occasion and with support from many chapels in the circuit we were almost full.

Mr Len Mabson took the service on the Tuesday which was followed by the sale and refreshments. Thanks to the generosity of all concerned a total of £216.50 was contributed to our funds.

Tony Ham
Church Steward

Parish Registers

Funerals

The funeral service for the late Michael Hill took place at St. Breward Parish Church on Saturday, 28th October. Interment followed in the churchyard.

The funeral service for the late Colonel Douglas Farquarson-Roberts took place at Glyn Valley Crematorium on Friday, 3rd November.

"Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let light perpetual shine upon them".

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

The Parish Priest will be available for the celebration of this sacrament at Blisland Parish Church on the following dates at the following times:-

Saturday, 16th December between 4.30 - 5.00pm.
Tuesday, 19th December between 4.00 - 4.30pm.
Wednesday, 21st December between 10.15 - 10.45am.
Saturday, 23rd December between 6.00 - 6.30pm.
or by appointment.

Fr. Harris is always ready to explain the significance and use of this sacrament to anyone who wishes to mature in their understanding and practice of the spiritual life.

Arrangements for Baptisms, Banns of Marriage, Holy Matrimony, Churchings, Confessions, Communion of the Sick and Funerals should be made with the Parish Priest. Please note that no marriages can take place between the 30th March and 7th April, 1996 due to the Church's solemn celebration of the passion and death of Our Lord Jesus Christ. The Rector is available at all times and is always pleased to see people.

The late Lt. Col Douglas Farquarson-Roberts - An Appreciation

Douglas died at Fore Dores, Polzeath early Sunday morning, 29th October. His funeral took place at the Glyn Valley Crematorium on Friday, 3rd November at which the Rector of Blisland, The Reverend Frank Harris officiated.

He served the church well at Blisland in many practical ways, as treasurer of the P.C.C., assisting in the upkeep of the churchyard and even in helping to decorate some part of the interior of the church. He was also involved in various activities in the village and was always ready to hand when help was needed.
Douglas was a very private person, of a gentlemanly disposition, possessing a dry sense of humour, who displayed much kindness and thoughtfulness towards others. For those qualities he will be remembered much, amongst those who knew him well.
Towards the end of his life, he bore his suffering with patience and fortitude and we trust that he now finds rest and peace in the hope of the resurrection to eternal life made possible through the saving work of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

F.E.H.

Married at Bodmin Register Office recently were Rebecca Jane Elphick of Blisland and Graham John Hort of Bodmin.

Married at Millpool Methodist Church recently were Nathalie Wright of Blisland and Peter Harding of Bodmin.

Married recently at Bodmin Register Office were Samantha Jane Routley Prescott of Delabole and Christopher William Roy of St. Breward.

To my family and friends I would like to thank you all for messages, cards, flowers and goodies during my stay in Treliske Hospital. I am home now doing well. Thank you all once again.

Joan

Deaths

The death occurred on October 14th of Mrs Bessie Roote aged 94 years of Higher Treween, Altarnun, formerly of Higher Penquite, St. Breward.
A thanksgiving service took place at Altarnun Methodist Church.

The funeral service took place at Penmount Crematorium, of Mr Jabez Barnes aged 87 years of No. 12 Claylands, St. Breward. He died on 18th October.

The death occurred of Mr Jack Rowe on November 2nd aged 72 years. He was Blisland born and many will remember him at The Royal Oak. His funeral service took place at Glynn Valley Crematorium. Jack lived all his working life at Blisland and St. Breward before moving to Bodmin on his retirement.

Thanks - Gerda Gilham and her family wish to sincerely thank the people who sent her cards and messages of sympathy also to those who attended the funeral of her late husband Walter Alfred Gilham.

THE CHRISTIAN YEAR

Traditionally the Church Calendar began with Advent Sunday (the Sunday nearest 30th November), the four Sundays in Advent being a period of preparation for Christmas. The season takes its name from the Latin word which means 'coming' and refers to the coming of Christ - in history, as a baby at Bethlehem, in our lives today (through Word and Sacrament, especially in the Holy Eucharist) and at the end of time on the clouds of glory.

Purple which speaks of penitence and preparation is the liturgical colour featured on the Altar Frontal and Vestments during this period; it is also the purple of majesty which heralds the coming of the King of Kings.

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 COUNTY PRIMARY SCHOOL

NOTICE

Due to a recent spate of vandalism at St. Breward School, it has come to the notice of the Governing Body that the school is not adequately covered by insurance for the unofficial use of the premises and grounds out of school hours. Consequent to advice received from the Police and the Local Education Authority, the Governing Body cannot give permission at the present time for any child or adult to use the school's premises and grounds other than by official arrangement with the Headteacher.

The Governors intend liaising with the LEA and the Parish Council in order to be able to extend the use of the school facilities as soon as possible.

Ann Bevan
Chairman of Governors

The Whist Drive held in the Memorial Hall in aid of Athelstan House raised £120. This money will help with extra items for Christmas. Many thanks to everyone who supported in any way. A special thanks to Basil for selling raffle tickets.

ST. BREWARD SILVER BAND

The St. Breward Silver Band will be playing at the following engagements this month:-

Saturday 9th December	Wadebridge Lions Dinner
Saturday 16th December	Port Isaac. Playing carols for the switching on of the Christmas lights at 7.00pm.
Wednesday 20th December	Concert & Carols at St. Peter's Church, Port Isaac.

BLISLAND & ST. BREWARD SUNDAY CLUB

The Winter Fair held on October 27th in the Memorial Hall at St. Breward was a great success. The many stalls and raffle were well supported and the lovely refreshments were very popular. A total of over £120 was made which was divided between the Sunday Club and the Church. Thank you to everyone who helped in any way and especially to those who came along on the night and spent their money.

Sunday Club Video - Please note that after the Carol Service at St. Breward Church on Sunday, 31st December there will be a showing of the Sunday Club video in the Village Hall. As many local people appear in the video, which was made back in the summer, we are sure that lots of people will wish to come along and have a laugh at themselves or their friends! Everybody is welcome. Mince pies and a cup of tea provided.

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From The Hon Treasurer, The Blisland, Temple and St. Breward Parish Magazine.

Dear Readers,

It is with great regret that I have to announce an increase in the subscription for the above magazine to 20p per copy or £2.40p per year.

I have tried to keep the price down for as long as I could but I've had to draw on the reserves to pay for the increased printing costs over the last two years and the time came for a review of the situation.

I do hope you will continue to support the magazine for it still is good value for the money. It keeps us in touch with events and topical subjects throughout the parishes.

May I take this opportunity to thank all the kind people who distribute the magazine and also collect the subscriptions. Also my thanks to our Editor who does such a splendid job.

A very Happy Christmas and Prosperous New Year to everyone.

Sincerely,
Eileen Walford

BLISLAND PLAYGROUP

We now have a new playgroup leader Karen Morelle and a newly decorated hall but a lack of children. If anyone is interested in attending the playgroup we meet on Monday and Thursday mornings 9.30 to 11.45am. Any children up to 5 years old is welcome and the cost is £1.75 a session for 2½ to 5 years old and £1.00 a session for accompanied toddlers. For further information please contact Karen 851244 or Yvonne 850091.

Our next fundraising event is a Christmas Fayre on Saturday 9th December 2pm to 4.30pm where there will be Craft Stalls, Raffle Tombola, Father Christmas in his grotto and hot mince pies and cream. To be held in Blisland Village Hall.

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

Entertainment

Saturday	December 2nd	Mutley - new young band
"	" 9th	Fire and Ice - new group (Members party strictly for members only)
Thursday	December 14th	Senior Citizens Christmas Party - 12.30 for 1.00pm.
Friday	December 15th	Rachael - back by popular demand
Saturday	December 16th	Uncle Eric's Karaoke - everybody's favourite (Players Party)
Wednesday	December 20th	Bingo and the big draw
Friday	" 22nd	Xmas Draw
Saturday	" 23rd	Live Music
Sunday	" 24th	Tim's Disco - members free
Saturday	" 30th	Good Company - new duo
Sunday	" 31st	Tim's Disco - members free (fancy dress night)

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Don't forget, Sunday Lunches £3.75
Starter and Sweet optional
(please book early)

ST. BREWARD NEWS

Whistdrives held in the Memorial Hall during October raised the following amounts: Playgroup £59; Arthritis £73; Athelstan House £120; Memorial Hall £64.

Lorraine Kay with family and friends organised a Bingo evening at the Football Social Club, in aid of the Treliske Special Care Baby Unit which raised £253, this totalled with the previous efforts of £159. A cheque for £412 was presented to the Midwifery Sister Alison Masters at the Princess Alexandra Maternity Unit of Treliske Hospital.

ST. BREWARD W.I. - OCTOBER MEETING

A select group of only twelve members arrived for the October meeting to start off with a discussion about the future of St. Petroc's Group which is dwindling fast now that St. Lawrence W.I. and possibly Nanstallon W.I. will cease to exist. Only three members went to the Bodmin Group Meeting when Mrs Rosemary Slee presented Cooking with a Wok accompanied by a non-stop humorous patter. We won a first and a second in the flower competition, and several matinee coats were given to the premature baby unit and mittens for the Romania Day. Mrs R. Lowe and Mrs M. Willetts have entered for the short mat bowls competition and Mrs A. Hole and Mrs M. Metters will try the darts match. Mrs G. Champion the local co-ordinator, has sent a cheque for £75 for the Mermaid Appeal raffle, and hopes that a Safari Supper may be arranged in the spring. On November 9th our W.I. will have provided refreshments and the raffle for the weekly whist drive in the Memorial Hall. These evenings raise a substantial amount of money for various good causes and are obviously enjoyed by the participants judging by the laughter wafting across to my house! One item in the monthly newsletter which divided members opinions was the complaint by St. Mawes about the TV advertisements for sanitary products which they felt caused embarrassment when viewed in mixed company.

We were fortunate to have our own president, Mrs C. Woolf, to talk about William Morris - a master of design in wall-paper, furnishings and many other spheres. She produced many samples of designs and told us a great deal about his life and work.

The competition for an old piece of cloth was won by Mrs R. Cousens, and the autumn foliage arrangement was won by Mrs R. Lowe.

Our next meeting will be on November 14th at our winter time of 2pm when another of our members, Mrs A. Hole, will show us how to make Christmas decorations, and judge the dressed dolly peg competition.

Our Lanhydrock cream tea will be on December 12th - lets hope that it is as good as last year; there will not be any competitions then.

We at the W.I. wish you all a very Happy 1996 - why not come along to a meeting in the new year - you may find this is just what you have been waiting for!

Anne Holmes

BLISLAND W.I.

Our first afternoon meeting was held on the 18th October in the Village Hall. It was quite a small gathering as several members were otherwise engaged.

The Group meeting at Bodmin went well with Mrs Slee giving a most interesting talk and demonstration of Chinese cooking using a Wok. Mrs Slee is a great comedienne and we were well entertained by the commentary accompanying the cooking. Blisland won a first and third prize in the Floral Art Class and a third in the Cookery section.

Some W.I. members do not like the way in which Sanitary Products are advertised on Television and the C.F.W.I. Executive are in sympathy with this. They suggest that if you feel strongly about this you should write to the Broadcasting Complaints Commission.

On the 12th December there is to be a Service of Carols and Readings at the Parish Church of St. Germans. Mrs Walford is hoping that a group from Blisland will attend as the service last year was very much enjoyed.

Mrs Julyan, a former County Chairman, gave a talk on 'Royal Occasions'. During her service with the W.I. Mrs Julyan had the opportunity of meeting various members of the Royal family starting back in the 1940's when Queen Elizabeth attended the Royal Cornwall Show at Callington. She was County Chairman when the W.I. had their Jubilee and she was one of a party which travelled to Buckingham Palace by train for a Garden Party - the fare was £2.10s which included the coach from the station to the Palace.

Mrs Julyan's husband was a member of Restormel Council and this is the only Council in Cornwall to have a Mayor. In 1976 the Duchess of Kent visited the County and as Mayor Mr Julyan was presented and he was still serving in 1977 when the Queen had her Jubilee so both he and Mrs Julyan had the opportunity of speaking with the Queen and Prince Philip.

Will everyone please remember that the meeting in December will be on the 13th and a Christmas Social is planned.

Wendy Barwood

BLISLAND W.R.V.S. CLUB

Our meeting held on Tuesday 7th November was a social afternoon. We checked over the arrangements previously made for our Harvest Supper on Friday November 17th and hoped that those who were absent because of illness would by then, recovered, and able to attend.

Some played whist, while others put their skills to Scrabble. Judging by the laughter all enjoyed partaking of an activity.

The competition, 'An Animal Ornament' suggested and judged by my wife was won by Miss Pat Nelder.

Tony Ham

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