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BLISLAND with TEMPLE and ST. BREWARD

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BLISLAND with TEMPLE & ST. BREWARD CHURCH

Sunday Services for January

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

Sunday School

The Sunday School meets at the Village Hall at St. Breward at 11.00am. every Sunday. New children are always welcome to come along.

Weekday Services

Please see Church notice boards for weekday services.

Important Holy Days in January

January 1st - Naming of Jesus - Eucharist at Blisland at 10.00am. (Please note change of time).

January 25th - Conversion of St. Paul - Eucharist at Blisland at 9.30am.

RESIGNATION OF THE PARISH PRIEST

The Reverend Frank Harris. Rector of Blisland and Vicar of St. Breward has announced the resignation of his benefice and will be leaving the Parish at the end of February 1996.

Parish Registers

Holy Baptism

Daniel Couch was baptised at St. Breward Parish Church on Sunday, 12th November.

Philip William Harper was baptised at St. Breward Parish Church on Sunday, 26th November.

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

Letter from the Parish Priest

Dear Parishioners,

The incarnation is very much in our minds at this time of year and the feast of the Epiphany which we celebrate on January 6th reminds us that God has manifested himself in his Son, Jesus Christ. Thus as the first part of the Church's year unfolds for us in the Liturgy, we are confronted with the earthly life of Our Lord. The significance of this life for us is that it offers us a purpose in our lives and so we are able to interpretate them in a meaningful manner. How best then can we respond to the God who has revealed himself to us in the person of Jesus Christ? The answer lies in Worship; the response which the Magi made when they came to pay homage to the infant Christ. For Worship is at the very heart of the Christian Faith; for if there is no worship then there is certainly no religion.

The character and quality of our worship then can best be interpreted still by the offerings of those three wise men who worshipped the Lord Christ nearly two thousand years ago. For Gold reminds us that the church lives in a material world and that every Christian needs to support the Christian community with money, time and talents. Frankincense tells us that we are under an obligation to come to church every Sunday so that we can offer to God the Church's prayer of sacrifice and thanksgiving in the Eucharist. Finally Myrrh reminds us that suffering and death were part of Our Lord's sacrifice; hence, we who have been baptised into Christ's suffering and death need also to die to sin and self if we are to attain eternal salvation.

The season of the incarnation then is an exciting one. For it tells us that God has revealed Himself in Christ in love towards us. Like the Magi then, let us show gratitude to God in worship and in commitment and so in the coming year grow in his grace and truth.

My prayer then for this year is that you will make every effort to enrich your lives in his service.

With seasonal greetings.
Yours sincerely,
Father Harris

BLISLAND METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES FOR JANUARY

Sunday January 7th	at 2.30pm.	Preacher Rev'd R. Barlow Covenant Service
Sunday January 21st	at 2.30pm.	Preacher Mr G Bennallick

ST. BREWARD METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES FOR JANUARY

Sunday January 7th	at 9.30am	Preacher Rev'd Barlow Family Service
" " "	6.00pm	Mr G. Bennallick
Sunday January 14th	at 11.00am	Mrs Garbett
" " "	6.00pm	Mr Penna
Sunday January 21st	at 11.00am	Mr Toms
" " "	6.00pm	Rev'd Barlow S. Covenant Service
Sunday January 28th	at 11.00am	Mr Mabson
" " "	6.00pm	Fellowship

Sunday School during Morning Services

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 3rd January - Coffee Morning 10 - 11.30am.

Friday 1st March at 2.30pm. - Women's World Day of Prayer

Sunday 28th April at 7.30pm - Concert by Porth Pyra Singers

Wednesday 26th June at 7.15pm - Sankey Hymn Singing Evening

Sunday 7th July - Sunday School Anniversary

September 6th, 7th & 8th - Flower Festival

September 7th - Concert by Millpool Ladies at 7.30pm

October 13th & 14th - Harvest Festival

Minister's Letter

Dear Friends,

As we enter 1996 I wish you all a very happy New Year. As we enter 1996, three words come to mind.

(1) HOPE - Hope for the growth and improvement of our churches and the circuits. These hopes should be reflected in our prayers. I hope that the marked denominational divisions which separate our area churches will begin to fade. We have hope for our families and community especially in instances of significant need.

(2) RESOLVE - We are often in the habit of making New Year 'resolutions'. Christian people all need to continuously expand their prayer life. Let us resolve to engage in daily private prayer and to seriously exercise faith in our daily lives. "Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen" (Hebrews 11:1) Let us also resolve to expand our knowledge, let us spend time in the study of the Old Testament, intertestamental writings, New Testament and church history. John Wesley firmly believed that the writings of the Ante-Nicene (pre-Nicene) Church Fathers were especially important.

(3) FORWARD - Let us not long for the past, instead let us press forward into 1996. We are in the "progress to eternity", God calls us ever nearer to himself as we place our faith in him.

Sincerely,
Randall Barlow

URGENT - To all readers,
As you may have noticed my typewriter is wearing out and causing the lines of type to slip. If anyone had a new word processor for Christmas and has an old one they wish to get rid of please contact me on 850435.
May I also take this opportunity to wish all readers a Peaceful New Year and to thank all the people who help me with the magazine, the Treasurer, distributors and of course all the people who contribute items and articles to be published. I would also like to thank Mr F. Hodges who makes up the front and back covers for me each month on his computer.

Catherine McShee

Memorials in Churchyards

The erection of Memorial stones in the churchyards of Blisland and St. Breward are subject to the regulations determined by the Chancellor of the Diocese of Truro.

The authority for supervising the erection of memorials has been delegated to the Incumbent of the parish.

In proceeding with the erection of a memorial the standard application form approved by the Chancellor should be sought from the Incumbent or the Churchwardens of the parishes concerned.

The application should then be made to the Incumbent providing a full description of what is proposed including design of monument measurements materials, inscriptions and other relevant particulars.

On condition that the application submitted, conforms to the Chancellor's regulations, the Incumbent will readily grant permission for the memorial to be erected.

The appropiate fee for the erection of a memorial is set out in the Table of Parochial Fees and such fees are made payable to the Incumbent of the Parish.

BLISLAND & ST. BREWARD SUNDAY CLUB

The Sunday Club Christmas Video

Don't forget that the video made by the Sunday Club will be shown to the general public on Sunday, 31st December! It will be previewed in the Village Hall at St. Breward after the Carol Service in the church which starts at 3.30pm Although the video was made in the heat of the summer it tells a moving story set at Christmas time. As many local people took part in the production we feel sure that they will wish to come along and see themselves and laugh at their friends! A cup of tea and a mince pie will be provided. Donations will be accepted for The Save the Children Fund. Everybody is welcome to come along.

Remembering John Betjeman

The Muse doffing the natty hat
master of rhythm and rhyme;
journeyed far by railway car
way beyond Metroland.

Familiar face in Cornish air
best loved the county's views,
in ancient churches roundabout
his spirit was renewed.

Salt laden air of Daymer Bay
swings over the golfing green;
flies on to St. Enodoc
where unknown sailors dream.

Among celandines and daises,
in sight of the leaning spire
lies the learned poet
whose words will never die.

J.M. Hodges

Thank you to Mrs Hodges for sending in this poem to share with our readers and congratulations on having one of her poems published in a recent anthology called 'Voices From Devon and Cornwall' which is published by 'Anchor Books' in both hard and soft-back and is available from bookshops.

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The History of Christmas

Winter festivals have existed since pagan times. They were a celebration that winter had ended and spring was approaching. Many of our customs and traditions date back to pagan times. Christmas was officially established in the 4th century. The church did not abolish the pagan traditions but adapted the old rituals by given them different meanings.

In times gone by Christmas was an opportunity to be hospitable towards the poor. Boxing Day was for collecting boxes which were usually filled with money. This occurred throughout the 16th century. Leisure activities on Boxing Day were usually base on hunting. Wren hunting was very popular. as it was believed that a wren caught on Boxing Day would keep the hunter safe from shipwreck.

In the Tudor period games were frequently played throughout the Christmas period as they are today. In the homes of the noble a 'Lord of Misrule' was chosen to lead the entertainment and to ensure that everyone enjoyed themselves. Many of todays games such as 'Hide and Seek' and 'Blind Man's Buff' originate from this time.

The Christian Year

White, Cream and Gold are the Church's colours for the joyful festivals, White or Gold being designated in the A.S.B. for the period from Christmas Day to the Sunday after Epiphany. Whilst the traditional 'Twelve Days of Christmas' begin with the feast of Christmas on 25th December and end with the feast of the Epiphany on 6th January (the twelve nights beginning on Christmas Eve and ending on Epiphany Eve), in the Church calendar Christmastide is concluded on 5th January and 'The Epiphany' on 6th January begins an Epiphany season which varies in length according to the date of Easter. The name Epiphany comes from the Greek word 'epiphaneia', which means 'appearance', and at this time western churches commemorate the appearance or revelation of Christ to the Gentiles as portrayed by the Wise Men from the East.

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

So we decided to leave Mount Villa the same year as I was made redundant from the post. It was a sad time for me leaving the post round and Mount Villa at the same time, especially Mount Villa; I loved it there and spent the happiest days of my manhood there. It was quiet away from everyone and a lovely view and I knew I would miss the animals. But so be it, my wife was boss and spent over 50 years there, but as I have already said she wanted to live down the village and also to live nearer her friends.

We sold Mount Villa by auction in the village hall and soon after we moved down to the village in Rose Cottage, where I still live now on my own.

Going back to my childhood days for a moment, little did I think then when I used to come over from the church with the late Rev. Clarabut to give an old lady who was bed-ridden, holy communion, that one day I would be living here with my wife.

Anyway we settled in, and as I was just made redundant I had to find work of some kind as I was several years away from retirement. I heard that the owner of South Penquite which was an elderly lady, needed a man to help her out on her farm. So I went out to see her and she was pleased to take me on seeing I had been a farmer.

I still had my little Honda motor bike which was just right for going to and fro out there. I even used to come home for my mid-day meal.

It was a lovely place to work out there on the moors. especially during spring and summer, as we would hear the cuckoo all day long and evenings and see it flying from one place to another. I miss that now as we very rarely hear the cuckoo in the village.

Anyway, after two years I had to leave Penquite as the lady wasn't doing very well and was moving away. So I had to look around for work elsewhere. Before that though, Lillian and I decided to have a holiday as we had never really had a holiday together owing to farming. So we went on a bus trip through North Wales and the Wye valley which was very enjoyable, we also took a trip up Snowdon in the train. When we got back I decided to put an advert in the paper for part time gardener and handy-man. It came out on a Thursday, my phone went at 9a.m., by 1p.m. I had plenty

of garden work to last me a life time. So I started the following week in different gardens each day.

Our son Ivor was still in the army and had travelled to many places such as Canada, America, South Africa, Cyprus, Iceland and Germany. During this time he also got married and he and his wife lived in married quarters and started to raise a family. He eventually reached the rank of Sergeant.

Just after leaving Mount Villa I had bad luck and sadness from my family. I lost two of my brothers quite young, still in their fifties, also mother and father who reached their golden wedding anniversary. My wife had lost her sister and sister's husband and one of their sons who was only 29 years old. So we went through a very sad time. But I suppose that is life.

..... to be continued

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

Entertainment

Saturday 6th January	Double Vision - Back by popular demand
Saturday 13th January	Jumbo - Disco - In aid of school for new football kit.
Saturday 20th January	?
Saturday 27th January	?

Wishing everyone a Happy New Year and a big thank you for all your support.

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ST. BREWARD NEWS

The weekly Whist Drives held in the Memorial Hall during November raised the following amounts:
McMillan Nursing £75; W.I. £53; C.P.School £80; Mermaid Appeal £84; and Liberal Association £70.

House to House collections for the National Childrens Home in St. Breward raised £116.76.

Gladys Champion

Poppy Appeal

The amount collected for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal in St. Breward was £300. of which £41 came from the Parish Church collection.

An Open Day at Joy's Pantry, St. Breward in aid of Cornwall Air Ambulance raised a grand sum of £182 thanks to Joy and Clifford Cheeseman; also to Joan Dennis and Claire Teague for raising £140 of this event by way of a large Christmas raffle.

Owing to the uncertainty of the 1995 Carnival caused by the new safety laws, the Carnival Committee were still able to report a bank balance of £395.19 at their A.G.M. Donations to local village organisations amounted to £405 this year.

BLISLAND WITH TEMPLE 1995 POPPY FUND

The collection on behalf of the Royal British Legion for 1995 in the Blisland and Temple area amounted to £170.52. This comprised - House to House £134.61, Royal Oak £11.44, Church/Chapel Joint Service collection £13.22, Wreath and Altar Poppies £11.25.
The estimated district total is £4500. I thank the contributors on behalf of the Royal British Legion.

A.K.P.

ST. BREWARD PLAYGROUP

The children enjoyed the Christmas festivities with a magic show on 4th December with Chloe Clown and a visit from Santa Claus on 15th December. Many thanks to all who helped and donated party food. especially John Taylor for being this year's Santa.

Playgroup returns from the Christmas break on Monday. 8th January 1996.

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 either Beverley McNary (secretary) on Bodmin 850069, Dawn Sleep (treasurer) on Bodmin 850447, or Tina Walsh (playgroup leader) on Bodmin 850682.

Many thanks to all family and friends for their kindness, cards and gifts following my recent accident. I am pleased to say that progress is being made and if everything goes well the plaster should be removed on the 28th December.

Vera Colman

Denise Hill would like to thank all family and friends for their support and sympathy following the recent loss of her husband Mike. The donations in lieu of flowers was for the St. Breward Surgery of Drs. Richardson and Garrod and a total of £550 was collected which will be used for new equipment. Special thanks to Mr Peter Nottle for kindly organising the collection.

AVALON THEATRICS will be presenting the pantomime "PINOCCHIO" by David Swan at Wadebridge Town Hall from Tuesday 6th - 10th February 1996 at 7.30pm.
Saturday Matinee at 2.00pm.
Tickets £5. Concessions £3. Family (2+2) £12.
Booking Office: Krazy Kards, Polmorla Road, Wadebridge.
Tel. 815363.

BLISLAND W.I.

At the meeting on the 15th November, our president Mrs Walford took the chair. A welcome was given to three visitors who had come along to spend the meeting with the members.

Our president reminds the members about the Service of Carols and Readings, to be held at the Church of St. Germans at 2.30pm. on Tuesday December 12th with the W.I. choir. St. Germans W.I. will provide refreshments afterwards in the village hall. The Order of Service will cost £1.

Congratulations - in the Programme Competition for 1995 Blisland W.I. came third.

Our next meeting will be on the second Wednesday of December, the 13th and it will be a 'Christmas Social'. Mrs Gurr will be showing her skill at Christmas Decorations, showing the members how to make lovely decorations and encouraging all the ladies to have a go.

Our speaker for the month was Mr G. Allen. He gave a very interesting talk to us on the subject, 'Bookbinding through the Ages'. Paradoxically, the history of bookbinding begins many hundreds of years after the appearance of the first book one of the earliest examples of which is an Egyptian papyrus roll composed of eighteen columns of hieratic writing, dating I think from the twenty-fifth century BC. Mr Allen demonstrated the technique of bookbinding with a sewing frame, holding the tapes taut in the correct position and with a platform on which to hold the leaflets to be sewn and leaving both hands free for the job of sewing and for attacking the mull, to consolidate the sewing and to reinforce the backbone of the book; there are so many procedures to this hand binding of a book. Time passed so quickly as we watched Mr Allen do his intricate work. A vote of thanks was given and we hope to have Mr Allen back in the future.

Refreshments were then taken. Our next meeting is at 2.15pm on the 13th December.

J. George.

ST. BREWARD W.I.

By the time this report appears in the Parish Magazine the W.I. will have been very busy raising money! On November 23rd we provided the refreshments, prizes and items for the raffle for the weekly Whist Drive in the Memorial Hall - this raised a total of £84 for the Mermaid Appeal thanks to the generosity of all those concerned. Previously to this we had provided the same supplies for the Whist Drive and made £54 for W.I. funds. We are proud of our record of fundraising this year which includes £1,000 (yes - £1,000!) for Arthritis and Rheumatism Research at the Garden Day at Mrs P. Powell's, a coffee morning etc. for the Mermaid Appeal organised by Mrs G. Champion, raising another £243. We have knitted jackets for premature babies, mittens for Romanian children, collected metal foil for Dogs for the Disabled and used cards for St. Lawrences to make tags etc.

The Autumn Council Meeting at Hendra was attended by Mrs Woolf and Mrs G Daws who relayed the feeling that many W.I.s were not having enough speakers for their yearly Subscriptions but having too many social events therefore we have agreed that in future our Christmas tea at Lanhydrock and our New Year luncheon at Trelawney will be "optional extras". It was decided by voting that our institute would pay for the Lanhydrock tea this December up to a maximum of £3.10 but members pay for the bus fare. Our 1995 programme was given the comments "compact and informative, the literary monthly competition unusual". Ideas were asked for next year's speakers so if you have anyone in mind please let the committee know, it is not easy to find 10 interesting speakers that we can afford every year.

The Annual Meeting will be at 2pm. on February 6th, and the January 9th meeting will be at Trelawney, this is to be a purely social meeting in future.

The problems regarding the Group Meetings arose again; Mrs A Holmes the St. Petroc's Group Convenor, suggested that St. Breward might use the Memorial Hall set with small tables for a more relaxed and friendly evening for the speaker and refreshments. then use the lower room for the entertainment. This was approved by all and Mrs A Hole then suggested that rather than ask each of the three remaining institutes to do part of the evening's items as

BLISLAND W.R.V.S. CLUB

The club was delighted to accept an invitation from Blisland School to see the childrens first public performance of the 'Christmas Story' on Thursday 7th December. It was truly delightful to witness the dedication of each child to give their very best when singing or acting. Congratulations to the acting head Mrs Young and helpers for producing such a high standard in a short period of time.

It will be a sad loss to the village if through lack of support the school will have to close.

At the end of the show I was presented with two boxes of crackers and a signed christmas card from all the pupils. The crackers will be pulled when we have our christmas lunch in the village hall. Many thanks to the school association.

Tony Ham

St. Breward W.I. cont.

put forward earlier that St. Breward present the complete evening. As Group Convenor I was delighted with this response which was totally approved by all those present. This will be put forward to the other institutes concerned.

We then relaxed to be shown how to make Christmas decorations by Mrs A Hole who supplied all the necessary bits and pieces for us to use this was followed by refreshments. with a quiet musical background.

The unusual competition for a dressed dolly peg was won by Mrs J Greenaway, and Mrs R Cousens produced the flower of the month. The October literary competition was won by Mrs R Cousens also. May we wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a healthy and happy 1996. Do feel free to join us as a guest for a "trial run" and see for yourself how friendly and enjoyable our meetings can be.

Anne Holmes

Harry and Doreen Bessell wish to thank family and friends for lifts to hospital, cards, gifts and phone calls received during Harry's stay in St. Michael's Hospital where he received first class attention. Harry is now at home making good progress.

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