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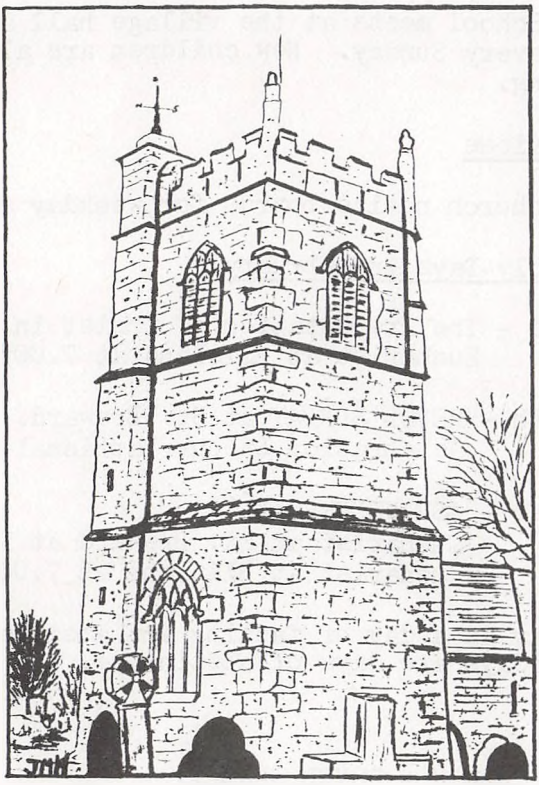

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BLISLAND with TEMPLE & ST. BREWARD CHURCH

Sunday Services for February

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

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 February

February 2nd - The Presentation of Christ in the Temple.
Eucharist at Blisland at 7.00p.m.

February 11th - REVEL SUNDAY at St. Breward.
Celebration of our baptismal faith at 3.00pm.

February 21st - ASH WEDNESDAY
Eucharist at St. Breward at 11.00a.m.
Eucharist at Blisland at 7.00p.m.

Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstinence. During Lent all Fridays are days of abstinence.

ST. BREWARD CHURCH - REVEL SUNDAY

This year Revel Sunday is on February 11th. There will be a Eucharist in the morning at 11.10a.m. In the afternoon there will be a special service in the church at 3.00p.m. when St. Breward Silver Band will be in attendance. Afterwards there will be tea and refreshments in the Village Hall.

Letter from the Parish Priest

Dear Parishioners,

The Season of Lent arrives earlier this year and this means that already we should be giving some real and positive thought on how we can better be disciples of Our Blessed Lord. Discipleship of course involves discipline and we all know that without it, nothing worthwhile is ever achieved. For if people in everyday life spend much time and energy in the pursuit of some transitory ambition, how much more should we as Christians seek to embrace a discipline whose object is to prepare us for eternity.

Such a discipline could well take the form of a 'Rule of Life'. For such a rule can both clarify the purpose of human life, a fact sadly lacking in most people's lives and provide us with a disciplined life style within the context of our Christian belief, worship and practice. The outcome should mean that we shall develop a more informed, committed and loving relationship with God and our neighbour.

It is then on this sombre note that I write to you for the last time. For come the end of the month I shall be relinquishing my position as the parish priest of the united benefice of Blisland and St. Breward. Six years have passed very quickly and there are many pleasant memories that I shall take with me as I enter into the next stage of my life. During my time here I have tried to place before people the christian vision and I hope and pray that I may have been some assistance to those who have sought to develop their spiritual lives within the sacramental life of the church. My thanks then to all who assisted me in this great endeavour and to all who have offered hospitality and kindness to me during my sojourn in this beautiful part of Cornwall.

May God bless you all.

Yours sincerely,

Father Frank Harris

BLISLAND METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES FOR FEBRUARY

Sunday February 4th at 2.30pm. Preacher Rev'd Glynn Lister (Superintendent Minister)

Sunday February 18th at 2.30pm. Preacher Rev'd Randall Barlow (Holy Communion)

ST. BREWARD METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES FOR FEBRUARY

Please note: Morning only services are being planned for the moment. Evening fellowships will be announced from the pulpit.

Sunday February 4th at 11.00am Preacher Mr Toms
Family Service

Sunday February 11th at 11.00am Preacher Mr Huntley

Sunday February 18th at 11.00am Preacher Mr Lake

Sunday February 25th at 11.00am Preacher Mrs Flint

Sunday School during Morning Service.

WOMAN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

This year the Woman's World Day of Prayer Service is to be held on Friday March 1st at 2.30pm. at St. Breward Methodist Church. The speaker will be Rev'd Kirby. Everyone is welcome to come along. A collection will be taken for Woman's World Day of Prayer funds.

Letter from the Minister

Dear Friends

The month of January has thus far been a return to typical Cornish winter weather (rain and more rain), which we can be thankful for. Hopefully the reservoirs will soon show the benefits of this experience.

As I write my arm is in plaster up to my elbow. At the Camelford Sports Centre I recently broke my wrist. I do not write seeking merely to elicit sympathy but in order to find a lesson or two.

The first lesson I am learning is how little I know about myself. I write left handed and do most things left handed, and it is the right hand wrist which has been broken. So, of course, I thought, "Oh, I can do most things without any difficulty". How wrong I was! How quickly I was humbled with regard to that notion! I always knew that I was slightly ambidextrous, but I had never before realised that I wielded both my razor and my tooth-brush with my right hand! This is truly astonishing. So I have had to learn to shave and brush my teeth all over again.

Also (at the moment) I am not allowed to drive. That one fact alone means that I am far more dependent on others: last night a church council at Helland, today a doctor's appointment in Bodmin, tonight a meeting of ministers in Wadebridge, all require lifts. Mind you, people have been extremely helpful in stepping forward to assist.

The lesson which I, and all other drivers, need to learn from this is to be much more aware of the needs of the many friends and neighbours who do not drive. We should be quicker to offer a lift to the shops or the doctor or simply onto the moor for a breath of fresh air. After all Jesus taught us that we should love our neighbour. To love our neighbour means waking up and being aware of his or her real and practical needs.

These are two lessons which I have learned after only a few days with my arm out of commission. I wait to see what else I learn in the weeks ahead.

Sincerely,
Randall Barlow

CHRISTMAS AT ST. BREWARD CHURCH

Our first Mass of Christmas was held at an earlier time this year to enable some children of the Sunday Club to take part in the service.

The Eucharist was led by Father Harris and commenced by candlelight. The choir together with some of our children processed to their pews singing the first carol. Margaret Distin sang a solo during the offetory, this was much appreciated and added a peaceful dimension to a lovely service. The church interior was very tastefully decorated, thanks to Sue and Pip. Thanks to Rupert for his help with the tree, also Clifford, and to Julie, June and Darren who did the finishing touches. Not forgetting Bill, who maintained our Beacon of light from the tower, visible for miles.

On the following Sunday 31st December, St. Breward held a service of Nine Lessons and Carols and again the choir and some of the children of the Sunday Club led the congrgation in the singing of the first carol. Later on the children also sang a special Christmas song they had learnt and several children read the lessons.

The service was followed, in the village hall, by a showing of two videos made by all the Sunday Club children. One was of a Puppet show using puppets made by the children and acting out the Christmas story. The second video was of a play called 'The Lost and Crying Child', depicting a story of a lonely child who was eventually welcomed by all the other children of the village - a play very relevant at Christmas time when we think of people and especially children who are unhappy and in need. A big thank you must go to all the children of the Sunday Club who came to the services and helped in the making of the videos and to anyone else who gave their time to assist them. A special thank you must go to Pat and Brenda Bennett who work so hard with the children and get such wonderful results and without whom there would be no Sunday Club.

The collection taken at the Carol Service amounted to £34.05.

Extract from the TRIGG MINOR DEANERY MAGAZINE for February 1904

Customary brightness marked the Christmas services, which were well attended.

Mrs Nehemiah Hoskin has been elected representative to the Ruri-deaconal Conference.

The recipients of Sir William and Lady Onslow's Xmas gifts are grateful for continued tokens of their kind generosity.

The annual Sunday School gathering took place on Wednesday, January 13th, and it was thoroughly successful. The Vicar and Mrs Lock provided a substantial tea, which the children fully enjoyed. A number of parents and other friends also sat down. The following kindly rendered assistance: Mrs and the Misses Lock, Mrs F.E. Brook, Mrs Richard Nankivell, Miss Best, Miss Pendray, Miss Alice Broad, Miss Amy Parnell, Mrs Parsons, Mrs Johns and Mrs Lean. After tea the children indulged in various games. At intervals musical selections were given by the Misses Lock; songs by the Vicar, Mr F.E. Brook and Mr Johns; and songs, recitations and hymns by the children. Some of the little ones (Maud Moore, Frena Crowle and Elsie and Winnie Giles) deserve a special word of praise for their recitation. The prizes, kindly given by the Vicar, were afterwards distributed. Special prizes, given by Miss Lock to the girls who made the highest number of marks, were won by Annie Johns. Lily Johns and Edna Lock. The foremost had not missed an attendance or a lesson during the whole year, and the last was absent only once. The special prize given by Mr F.E. Brook was won by Alfred Andrews, who missed only one attendance. In expressing gratitude to the teachers for their valuable assistance the Vicar referred to the mutual affection that existed between them and the children, and said that the School had never been so successful as it was at present. He also referred in appropriate words to the marriage of Mr Brook (schoolmaster). On behalf of all present he extended to Mrs Brook a hearty welcome, and trusted both would spend many happy years at St. Breward. Mr W. Miller also gave a short address to the children, and promised a special prize to the girl who should gain the highest number of marks in the ensuing year. The Vicar announced that a Church Band of Hope would shortly be started, Miss Best having undertaken to superintend it, with the assistance of others.

THE LAST OF MY MEMORIES by R.A. Dowrick

Well time has gone on and my memories are coming to an end.

My daughter, her husband and children have left Cornwall and moved up country to Northampton. From there they moved on to Telford in Shropshire.

From then on we used to visit them once a year, killing two birds with one stone, we would call in Cheltenham where George and his family still were, stay there a few days, then go on to our daughter and family. Also we would visit Ivor and his family where-ever he was stationed in the Army.

We would also spend a couple of holidays by the sea during the summers.

Before I bring my memories to an end I would just like to say that out of the ten of us in my family when I left Blisland as a boy only three of us are left, two brothers and myself.

Ivor is now out of the Army after serving his full time twenty two years and on army pension and living with his four young children who are still going to school at Gateshead. Iris and her husband are living only a few miles away from me; I also have two grand children living not far away.

Julie stayed at Telford when the rest of her family moved back to Cornwall as she had a good job, which she wouldn't get down this way.

At the time of writing this I have seven grand children, one great grand child and another great grand child expected shortly. So I will finish off my memories now as I have reached the time in them when my wife passed away. Since then my life hasn't been the same, and not worth writing about. That is why I am bringing my memories to an end. Still I haven't done too bad as I have written several. I hope I haven't bored too many of you. I have enjoyed writing it as it has brought back many pleasant and happy memories and it is the way I lived my life.

My oldest grand daughter is having the Parish Magazine sent to her each month and is going to put my memories into a book. Only for members of my family for them to keep and pass on to their grand children and so on so that my memories will still linger on as the years pass by. I will finish off my memories with a verse in memory of the happy life we shared together during our 42 years of marriage.

YOUNG AND FOOLISH

Why is it wrong to be young and foolish
For I haven't long to be
Dreaming of the carefree
And sunlit days gone by
And of the bluebirds flying high
One day we fell in love
Now I wonder what we were dreaming of
Smiling in the sunlight
Laughing in the rain
I wish we were young and foolish again.

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THE CHRISTIAN YEAR

The Epiphany season is used to provide a new start after Christmas reminding us that

Jesus called disciples to help him and asked them to be 'fishers of men'.
Jesus healed the sick in body and in mind.
Jesus was transfigured on the mountain.

It invites us to think about the consequence of Christ's coming among us and to reflect upon our Lord's ministry and ours, for the Church's mission to the whole world. There are two to six Sundays after Epiphany, depending upon the date of Easter, then

Septuagesima - the third Sunday before Lent, in round numbers, 70 (in fact 64) days before Easter.

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Vote of thanks to the St. Breward Football & Social Club

All those who attended the wonderful Christmas dinner, given by the St. Breward Football & Social Club for the senior citizens on December 14th would like to thank Mr and Mrs Joe Kay and all their helpers for the marvellous meal and entertainment and the generous hampers. It was a splendid party enjoyed by all.

BLISLAND PLAYGROUP

Firstly, we would like to wish you all (a belated!) but prosperous New Year. The children here at the Playgroup had a wonderful surprise with a visit from Santa at our Christmas party. Thank you to Mr Ham for this.

We had an extremely successful Christmas Fayre raising £157.40 towards Playgroup funds. We would like to thank Father Christmas with his wonderful grotto, and everybody who donated raffle and tombola prizes. A special thank you to Shirley Nottle for all her scrumptious cakes. Finally a big thank you to all who came to our Fayre and supported the Playgroup.

We had an active start to our Playgroup on the 15th January 1996 and look forward to arranging our spring duck race in Waterloo and our Easter Fayre.

Please do not hesitate to come and visit us if you are considering an under 5's Playgroup for your child/children. It is held on Monday and Thursday mornings, 9.30 - 11.45am and costs £1.75 per session. Your child's first visit is FREE and of course, if you wish to stay at any time (and help out!), please do.

For more information please contact either Karen Moerel (Playgroup leader) on 01208 851244 or Yvonne Matthews (Treasurer) on 01208 850091. Please note that Yvonne is also a Registered Child Minder and has vacancies if you wish to discuss this with her.

ST. BREWARD NEWS

Whistdrives held in the Memorial Hall during December raised the following amounts: Hunt £65.50; Institute £85.50; Treliske SCBU £64;

St. Breward Carnival

The A.G. Meeting of the Carnival Committee will take place in the Village Hall at 8.00p.m. on Wednesday, 7th February. Unless new committee members can be found this could see the end of our carnival at St. Breward - so please give us your support to enable us to continue.
Urgently required, Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer plus more committee members.

On Saturday, 10th February 1996 we all wish Mrs Ethel Hawken well and send her best wishes on her birthday when she will be 103.

ST. BREWARD FOOTBALL CLUB

Entertainment

Saturday 3rd	February	Tim's Disco
Saturday 10th	"	The ever popular Peter Flukes
" 17th	"	Jailhouse - 4 piece group
" 24th	"	Live Music

Don't forget on 2nd March we have Rachel

The Old Folks Dinner at the Football Club house on 14th December was very successful and was thoroughly enjoyed by all who came.

A disco held at the football club on 13th January raised a total of £150 towards football kit for the school.

ST. BREWARD W.I. December 1995

After an eventful ride in the community bus around the lanes following the dustbin lorry and meeting a lorry which had shed its load of fertiliser in the middle of the road, twelve members arrived at Lanhydrock House. We were met by a blazing log fire which was most welcome on a sharp winter's day and had our meeting in the beautifully decorated Servants' Hall. Our President, Mrs C. Woolf, read a copy of the letter which the Group Convenor had sent to the other institutes in St. Petroc's Group with the ideas which may succeed in ensuring the future of the group. This was followed by a letter from Lady Galsworthy thanking St. Breward for their help in raising money for the Mermaid Appeal in several ways. Mrs P. Powell spoke about her impressions of the recycling day at Rylands which is such a useful innovative method of collection of many varied items. Our library has now a copy of 'Extra Ordinary Women' bought at the Autumn Council Meeting by Mrs Woolf, and members were able to collect their W.I. calendars (I couldn't manage without mine with its useful spaces to make a note about events and commitments during the year - although my husband suggests that a his and hers space would be an improvement!) On this theme, looking ahead to 1996 - Mrs P. Powell has suggested Sunday, May 12th, for another Garden Day, following last year's fundraising of £1,000 for ARC: this year the Cornwall Macmillan Nursing Care would benefit. I know that many of you have felt the benefit of this service and would ask you to start thinking ahead to provide items for stalls, as plants don't grow overnight, or to help with the refreshments. Before that it is our turn to provide tea and an entertainment for the Camelford Disabled on Wednesday, March 6th. We also heard about the competitions for the Royal Cornwall Show on June 6th to 8th, and the Barbara Reed Trophy for July 9th at St. Germans.

After this we all enjoyed either a cream tea or a country tea and a lot of chatter, followed by a spending spree in the National Trust shop with its own special type of present.

Our next meeting will be held at Trelawney, catching the bus at noon on January 9th, followed by our annual luncheon.

Anne Holmes

BLISLAND W.I. DECEMBER 1995

Our W.I. meeting began at 2.15pm on 13th December with Mrs E Walford in the chair.

With Christmas in mind, this meeting would be a social evening, but before the jollifications could begin there was the business and correspondence etc. to be dealt with.

When one listens to all the news from our 'County News Sheet' you are aware of all the varied activities of the local institutes and the County Federation there are. It caters for all tastes with a large choice of interests.

A letter was read out to the members from the Group Secretary advising on various ways to make sure that the St. Petroc's Group remains successful. Others in the group have also been notified.

Several of our members attended the Service of Carols and Readings at the Parish Church of St. Germans in December. St. Germans W.I. provided the refreshments afterwards in the village hall.

Our speaker and demonstrator for the month was a member of Blisland W.I. our one and only Wendy Gurr. Her talk was on 'Making Christmas Decorations' and she brought along many lovely decorations she has made over the years for her family to enjoy. She showed us how to prepare and make many of the decorations on display and after she had showed us what to do it was the turn of the members to have a go at making their own decorations.

Mrs Gurr went round each work table giving encouragement as the ladies showed their skills with busy fingers and interesting designs as Mrs Gurr gave her judgement. A vote of thanks was given to her for 'ringing the changes'.

After all that hard work the ladies were ready for the refreshments, the members providing the very fine food for the evening. The meeting ended round about 5.30pm.

Our next meeting will be on 21st January 1996 when Mr J. Thomas will speak on 'My Career with the Forestry Commission'.

J. George

BLISLAND W.R.V.S. CLUB

Our Harvest Supper on Friday, November 17th was a great success and justified the time spent in planning such an event. Over forty members and guests attended. The cold buffet prepared and presented by many members of the club was excellent. After the meal we were entertained to first class singing and story telling by a newly formed group of singers who were very professional in their presentation. I am indebted to Mr Terry Burden of St. Tudy who made all the arrangements and to Mr Glenton Brown of Tintagel who compered the show.

The last meeting for the year was held on Tuesday, 19th December in the village hall which was decorated throughout for the festive season. A three course Christmas lunch was prepared and served to the members. Many thanks to my wife and Mr & Mrs Pierce for the work they put in to ensure everyone had an enjoyable time. Jokes from the crackers were read after lunch causing much merriment. (The quality of the jokes are getting better).

Tony Ham

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