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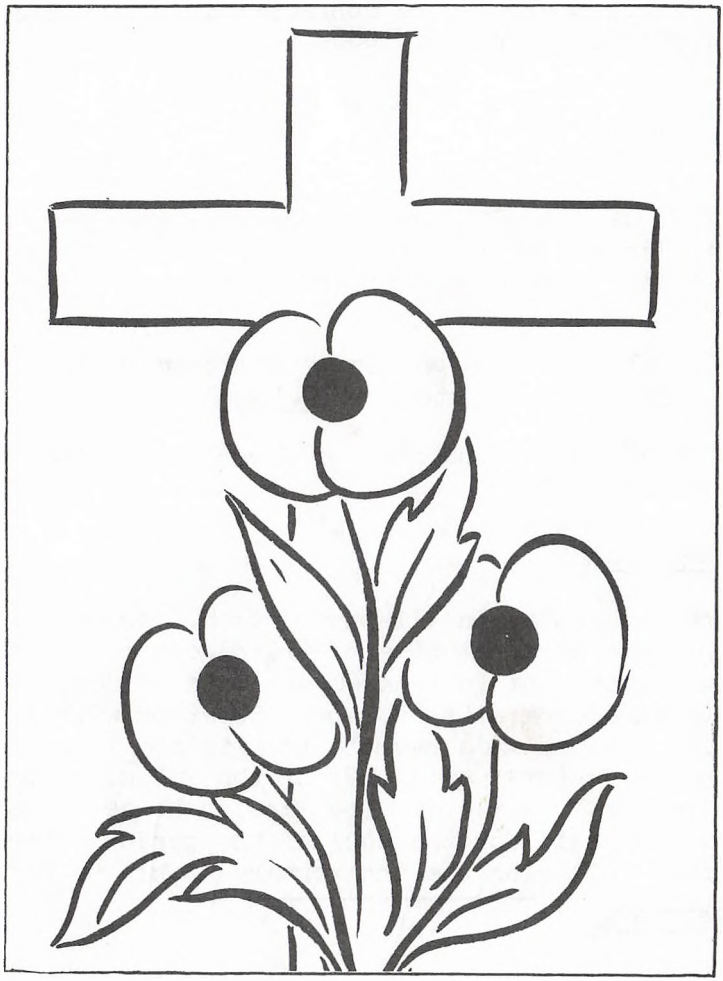
BLISLAND with TEMPLE and ST. BREWARD



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BLISLAND & ST. BREWARD PARISH CHURCH

The parishes of Blisland with Temple and St. Breward extend a warm welcome to the Reverend David Reed who will be licensed to the joint benefice by Bishop Graham, the Suffragan Bishop of St. Germans on Thursday, 31st October at Blisland Parish Church. Until permanent accommodation can be found Father David can be contacted at Dick Cottage, Lavethan, Blisland. Tel: 850869.

BLISLAND CHURCH

COMMEMORATION OF ALL SOULS on Saturday November 2nd. The service at Blisland will be at 7.00p.m. This will be the first service at Blisland of the new incumbent the Reverend David Reed.

REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE - on Sunday November 10th. The service at Blisland will start at 9.15am.

The Sunday Services for the rest of November will be at the usual time of 9.30a.m.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

This is now on display in Blisland Church. Anyone wishing to have the name of a relative or friend entered in the book, please write the full names and date of death of the person concerned on a slip of paper, together with a cheque/cash for £5. cheques made payable to Blisland P.C.C. and give it to the Rector, any member of the P.C.C. or post to the Treasurer Mr M. Ward-Lee. The Mansion House, Blisland. Prayers will be said for the soul of the person concerned on the Sunday following the anniversary of his or her death.

Parish Registers

Holy Baptism

Thomas Michael Woolf was baptised at St. Breward Parish Church on Sunday, 29th September.

Daniel Wayne Malcolm Barfoot was baptised at St. Breward Parish Church on Sunday, 6th October.

ST. BREWARD CHURCH

Services for November - Celebrant the Reverend David Reed

November 1st Friday - All Saints Day
November 2nd Saturday - Commemoration of All Souls
Both Services to commence at 11.00a.m.

November 3rd Sunday - Eucharist at 11.10a.m.

November 10th REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY - Service at 11.00a.m. to be followed by Holy Eucharist.

The remainder of the services in November will be at the usual time of 11.10a.m.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Following a successful sale of gifts on Monday, 7th October, the sum of £70.00 has been sent to the St. Petroc's Society. Thank you to all who came and kept Noel busy and provided produce and plenty of goodies to eat at the Supper. Thank you also to the children of the Sunday Club who brought their gifts into church on Sunday 6th October and to those who helped at the Sale on Monday evening and entertained us with their singing after the supper.

ST. BREWARD CHURCH TOWER ROOF APPEAL

On Saturday, 16th November in the Band Room, a CHRISTMAS FAYRE will be held from 10.00a.m. to 11.30a.m.
There will be various stalls including Cake, Chance, White Elephant and a special stall run by the Sunday Club.
Tea and coffee will be served.
WHITE ELEPHANT STALL - there will be many items for sale on this stall so come along and find a bargain.
GRAND DRAW - This will take place during the morning when the winner of the Christmas fare will be decided.

The Coffee Morning held on 21st September raised £99 for St. Breward Church funds. Many thanks to all who helped in any way.

Blisland Methodist Church Services for November

Sunday 3rd November at 2.30 pm PreacherRev LV Barnes
Sunday 17th November at 2.30 pm PreacherRev.B Parkman

St Breward Methodist Church

Preachers for November

3rd	9.30am	Brian Parkman Family & Sac
6th	10am to 11.30am	Coffee Morning
10th	11am	Parish Church United Service
17th	11am	Mr Mabson
24th	11am	Fellowship

Sunday School during Morning Service

Clothes for Romania

Thankyou to everyone who brought clothes for the appeal

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* **COFFEE MORNING** *
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Isobel and Tony Willcocks invite you to

OAK RIDGE, TREGENNA, BLISLAND

on Tuesday 10th.December

for coffee and mince pies in aid of

BLISLAND METHODIST CHURCH.

From 10am to 12 noon.

Cake stall. Bring & Buy. Raffle etc.

Minister's letter

November is a dark month. We expect the weather to be dreary as we enter the season of winter. It is also the time of Remembrance, when the nation is reminded of the dark times of war and suffering. It is also a time of looking forward to Christmas with family celebrations of joy. An old saying is 'Every cloud has a silver lining'. Broadly speaking that is true. It reminds us of the need to be always looking forward with anticipation. The christian faith should encourage us to look up and go forward. Remembrance Sunday and the Poppy Appeal will of course remind us of those who gave their lives for our freedom. Although; praise God, we are not presently at war in one sense, yet we must continually be giving ourselves to the cause of peace. We live in times of strife and tension. This is evidenced in our government, work, place, homes and within ourselves.

How then can we know 'peace' in our time? Surely we must look forward. Christmas is the traditional time of Peace and Goodwill to all people. It provides an opportunity to bridge those gaps of strife through love, forgiveness and goodwill.

Christ Jesus came into the world to bring the peace of God to all mankind. So many of us fail to experience the joy of that peace because we fail to look up and look forward to the Saviour of the world who said, "I have come that they may have life and have it to the full".

During this dark month of November, join me in looking to Jesus; the Light of the world, and may we know His light and peace in our lives that will radiate to others in our community.

God's blessing be on you.

BRIAN.

BLISLAND WITH TEMPLE 1996 POPPY FUND

The collection on behalf of the Royal British Legion Poppy Fund will take place during the week 4th to 10th November. The collectors will be Mr and Mrs Pierce, Wainhouse Meadow, Carwen Nr Blisland.

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Dear readers,

I am pleased to announce that from next month (December) you will have a new editor for the magazine - Mr Denis Lusby.

Mr Lusby and his wife Christine moved to St. Breward two years ago to run the village shop. They have three children, two of which attend Sir James Smith's School while the older boy is working locally. Mr Lusby takes a great interest in village affairs and is a member of The Old Cornwall Society.

I am grateful to Mr Lusby for taking on the job as editor and I am sure you will all support him by continuing to send in your articles, reports and anything you feel would be of interest or note. With 400 copies sold in the two parishes any notices etc, reach a wide audience.

Please send any copy in future to Mr Denis Lusby, St. Breward Stores, Row, St. Breward. Tel: Bodmin 850260.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has helped me over the last nine years as editor, Mrs Walford, treasurer, the distributors, Mr F. Hodge who printed out the covers for me each month, Mr M. Smith from Wadebridge Printers who has always been so helpful and of course all the people who contributed to the magazine and finally to all readers without which there would be no magazine. I wish Denis Lusby all success as your new editor.

Catherine McShee

J. V Hemming , Leatherworker
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BLISLAND CHURCH FLOWER FESTIVAL.

In a lone village off the moor
Folk are daily gath'ring,
So many things are here to see
And luscious food for samp'ling !

It is the festival of flowers
within our ancient church,
The work of many loyal hands
That we enjoy so much.

Showing past and present childhood
Mem'ries of days gone by, -
With the present always with us -
Attractive things to buy.

This scene of floral lovliness,
encourage all to stray
nearby, to posied tables, where
There's cups of tea all day !

It is a very social place
For meeting all our friends,
Below the shelt'ring village green:
Too soon our visit ends.

To stand within our gracious church, -
To breathe its atmosphere, -
Makes every visit so worthwhile,
I'm glad that I am here !

Gwen Masters 1996

TEMPLE CHURCH

The following is an article which appeared in the Western Morning News in September.....

One of Cornwall's historic gems and the site on which it stands is St. Catherine's Church, Temple, on Bodmin Moor.

The original church dates from about 1120 and the Knights Templar possessed the land.

They were a military and religious order and their main purpose was to defend pilgrims on the road between Jaffa and Jerusalem during the Crusades.

The order was suppressed in 1314 and the Knights Hospitaller took over their property. These were the Knights of the Order of St. John, founded in 1048. Their symbol was a white Maltese cross on a black background, the badge of the St. John's Ambulance Brigade today.

In 1340 the community at Temple, who provided hospitality for pilgrims crossing Bodmin Moor, consisted of a receptor, a brother and two men-servants.

During the reformation Henry VIII suppressed the order and confiscated their lands.

In 1744 Temple was given Glebe from Queen Anne's Bounty and it became a parish from the time of the Reformation. It had become a kind of Gretna Green and John Norden, who visited in 1584, referred to it as "a lawless church where manie badd marriages are consumated and where are woat to be buried such a wrouwht violent death on themselves."

In 1753 the Marriage Act put an end to clandestine marriages solemnised without a licence, requiring banns of marriage to published in the parish church for three successive Sundays. This caused the church to fall into disuse through the loss of income.

No services were held for over a century and during this time the roof fell in, killing a tramp who was sheltering inside.

In 1850 the Rev Edward Steele, vicar of St. Neot, held a service in the ruins and started a fund for rebuilding it. Cornish architect Sylvanus Trevail drew up plans free of charge, and the church was rebuilt in 1883.

The base of the tower, the tower arch, the bowl of the front, and pieces of masonry set in the wall of the adjacent

outhouse, are all that remain of the original church.

There are stained glass windows to St. Catherine, St. Luke and St. Francis. The north tower window is of a Knight Templar on horseback.

The new church was opened and consecrated on May 30th, 1883 by the Bishop of Truro, Dr. Benson, and over 2,000 people attended the service. Dr. Benson later became Archbishop of Canterbury and the centenary of his death at the home of W.E. Gladstone in Hawarden falls on October 3rd this year.

The motto of the Order of the Temple of Jerusalem is taken from Psalm 115 'Non nobis, Domine, non nobis; sed Nomine Tuo da gloriam.' (Not unto us, O Lord, Not unto us; but to your name be the glory). There are Templars as far afield as Australia and Brazil, the USA and most European countries.

A short while ago Dame Stella Bernardi, the Templars' Chancellor and Registrar, visited Temple Church and wrote in the visitors' book: "It was sad to see a part of our Templar heritage so sadly neglected. It could be a beautiful gem".

It is still a place for prayer and meditation despite that air of neglect. Did Dame Stella write those few lines as a sigh of regret or as a challenge to the people of Cornwall?....

It is a challenge, it does have an air of neglect, and is in need of some T.L.C. Offers of help please to John Holman.

THE CHRISTIAN YEAR

November of course is a time of remembrance. All Saints on November 1st, also called All Hallow's Day (liturgical colour white) is the time when the church celebrates all Christian saints, known and unknown, whilst All Souls' Day (colour, black) on November 2nd, commemorates the souls of the faithful departed. The observance of the two is often combined in sone churches and, in the medieval church, All Hallows' Eve (31st October) gave the opportunity for preparation for the period through vigil and fasting.

ST. BREWARD PARISH CHURCH

St. Breward P.C.C. has recently started an appeal to raise money for the tower roof. Several events will take place over the next few months and it is hoped that local people will support these as much as they can. A Grand Draw is taking place with many lovely prizes. Tickets can be bought from the Post Office or any P.C.C. member. The Draw will take place on Saturday 16th November during the CHRISTMAS FAYRE in the Bandroom when many stalls will be selling a variety of gifts. There will be an extensive WHITE ELEPHANT stall so please come along and buy your Christmas presents early.
Back by popular demand following their successful concert earlier in the year will be Bodmin Male Voice Choir, with a CONCERT to be held in the Church on Saturday November 30th at 7.30p.m. Tickets £2 each from St. Breward Post Office, Mr Charles Hawken 850294, Mr Paddy McShee 850435 or any P.C.C. member. Please come along for a wonderful evenings entertainment.

CONCERT

By BODMIN MALE VOICE CHOIR

on Saturday November 30th
at 7.30p.m.

in aid of the Tower Roof Appeal

Tickets £2. Available from St. Breward Post Office, Charles Hawken 850294 or Paddy McShee 850435. Everybody welcome.

REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICES - ST. BREWARD

10.00a.m. a Short Service will be held at the Institute and War Memorial Hall followed at 10.55a.m. by a Combined Service at the Parish Church.

Whistdrives held in St. Breward Memorial Hall during September raised the following amounts: Kidney Unit £63; Special Baby Care Unit £60; Mermaid Appeal £36; Institute £44.

A letter from Blisland Parish Council

Housing in Blisland

Following the recent local inquiry into the Local Plan for the North Cornwall District, the Parish Council was informed that the area of land at Pentor is now able to be connected to local services, including water and sewerage. As this land is owned by the North Cornwall District Council it can be released to a Housing Association or similar, to meet the local housing need.

At present there are no names on the Local Housing List requesting housing in Blisland. This in turn presents its own problems. If there are no requests for houses in the village, then no houses will be built.

This has a knock-on effect on the numbers of young people in the parish. The Parish is still going through a difficult stage, still not knowing if the school will be reprieved or closed. Positive evidence that there is land available in the village for development, coupled with a list of persons committed to seeking housing within the parish would ensure that houses are built to meet the local need. This in turn will secure the future of the parish, school and its people.

Only your positive action can ensure the future for Blisland. Please act now and turn your thoughts and words into positive deeds. The Parish Council cannot achieve this on its own. It needs your full support NOW

SO DON'T DELAY - WRITE NOW.

Yours sincerely,

Edgar Rowe (Clerk)

Gillian Walsh would like to say a big Thank You to everyone for their kind condolences on the death of her dearest husband, Dick, on the 20th August, 1996.

Thank you also for the beautiful flowers and donations for the British Heart Foundation. They are still coming in so the total is not known yet.

St. Breward AFC

Forthcoming Entertainment

2nd November	**Bonfire Night**
	Judging of Guy Competition 5.45 pm in the clubhouse Bonfire and pyrotechnics begin at 6pm. Hot dogs and burgers will be on sale
9th November	**Martin James** (Vocalist)
16th November	**Tosh & Dave** (Excellent Duo: Very popular on their last visit to Brake Parc)
23rd November	**Disco**
30th November	The ever-popular **Rachel**

News

On October 2nd, 50 members of Wadebridge Gateway Club enjoyed an evening of skittles and pool, followed by refreshments which were provided by the football club.

On October 11th, St. Tudy Youth Club Juniors visited St. Breward AFC for the first time and thoroughly enjoyed an evening of skittles and pool.

Membership News

Annual subscriptions were due on September 1st. Adults £2 Juniors £1 **Please** pay now.
Honorary and senior Citizen members still need to renew their membership (No charge). This is necessary for insurance purposes. Please contact Chris on 851008 or Joe on 850030

JAM-JARS FOR GARDEN DAY

Thank you so much, everyone who responded to my appeal in the parish magazine for empty jam-jars, flower pots and seed boxes. I now have plenty for the next twelve months but may ask again next year.

Paddy Powell

St. Breward WI

A record number of members arrived for the September meeting after the summer break to hear about the events for the autumn which included a visit to Cotehele on September 18th, stopping at Kernow Mills on the way.

Our resolution for the Autumn council Meeting at Hendra on October 22nd has been accepted by the CFWI, and our president, Mrs C Woolf, will give the required three minute speech supporting this resolution. As usual we voted for the CFWI executive committee, heard about the the poster competition advertising the WI and also the NFWI design award for designing a patio garden either by hand or by computer. Mention was also made about the special centenary medal which will be struck by the Royal mint for the WI in gold, silver and bright bronze. (This last one will cost £9.50 of which £1 will go to the WI - orders to the secretary please.)

The commemorative plate for winning in the Royal Cornwall Show will be hung in the Memorial Hall after being framed on a black velvet mount. A letter of thanks was read from Mrs N Teague for our help at the Methodist Church's Flower Festival recently, and our own thanks must go to Mrs H Cragg who gives so much of her time and talent to represent our institute with lovely flower displays. the bad news of the evening is that once again the annual subscription has risen, albeit only slightly, to £13. there were many mixed comments about this yearly increase.

Our speaker was Mr Bernard Hawken who gave us many tips about pot plants and their care from his own long experience, and showed us many proprietary brands of fertilizers etc. He kept us all; interested due to his humour coming through the time and very generously donated many plants and packets of plant additives for our raffle. More generosity followed as we partook of Yorkshire tea donated to WI's as a sample - the general consensus was that it "wer reit champion"! Mrs R Lowe won both the flower pot decorating and the flower of the month prizes; Mrs P Metters gained a third in the decorated pot and a second with her flower; Mrs M Shelley and Mrs P Bousfield took the other two placings.

By the time you read this our October meeting will have come and gone with the talk about "Foot Care". November 12th's meeting should be interesting about "Cornwall's Historic Gardens" of which we are fortunate to have so many within our reach. See you on the moor collecting sheep manure for our fuchsias, beans and tomatoes.

Anne Holmes

Blisland WI

Forthcoming Events

November	**Christmas Shopping Trip** to Exeter by coach. Ask committee for details.
20th November	**"Flowers for Christmas"** A demonstration and talk by Miss Fiona Russell in the Village Hall at 2.15 pm.
7th December	**Service of Nine Lessons & Carols** will be held at St. Mary Clement Methodist Church, Truro at 7.30 pm.

News

The July Produce Show made a pleasing profit of £92.31

After our summer break, we met again on the 18th September in the village hall. Mrs Walford was in the chair. Guest Speaker, Mr Adrian Langdon spoke about "Canyons, Craters and Critters".

We followed his family's 2,500 mile journey from San Fransisco, through Nevada, Utah, Grand Canyon and Arizona. They travelled in a 29ft long camper van, covering 2,600 miles in 3 weeks. With fabulous slides of the National Parks they visited, we saw quite exceptional photographs of birds and animals, a meteor crater, a petrified forest and the Grand Canyon.

The pictures of a wind farm near San Fransisco made the windmills in Cornwall look very modest affairs.

At the recent Denman Conference "Saving the Earth begins at home", the following suggestions were made:-

Do you: 1. Have good insulation in your home?
2. Use energy saving bulbs?
3. Use sun and wind to dry your clothes?
4. Have a compost heap?
5. Dispose of waste oil safely?
6. Recycle as much as possible?
7. Avoid the use of peat products?

Wendy Barwood

Blisland WRVS Club

On Tuesday 1 October, members met at The Royal Oak, Blisland for an enjoyable lunch together with invited guests who had been host for meetings during the year.

Club meetings will not take place during the winter months. but will recommence on the First Tuesday in April 97. Anyone contemplating joining the club for next year's activities contact Tony Ham on 850691.

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WANTED - a new distributor for Blisland. If anyone can help please contact Sandra Matthews on Bodmin 850134.

HOME FARM TRUST

Isobel and Tony Willcocks would like to thank all those who supported their recent event.

The sum of £439 was raised and has been passed to the local committee of The Cornish Friends of The Home Farm Trust. They have asked us to thank you for your generous support, which is very much appreciated.

A special thank-you to our band of loyal helpers.

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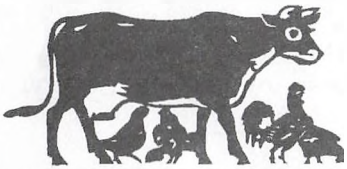

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