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**by FRIDAY 16 APRIL**

## Rector's notes – April 2021

This copy of Five Alive is scheduled to come out on Palm Sunday, when we will enter Holy Week and recall the intensity and suffering of Christ's passion, with the focus of course being on Good Friday. We recall the immensity of Christ's suffering then, bearing the sins of the whole world, but also very significantly we remember his presence even today with all who suffer in any way. And then on Easter Day the mood is turned upside down, as we celebrate the truth that the grave could not hold him, and Jesus is risen! *'Christ has indeed been raised from the dead! Where O death is your victory? Thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.'* 1 Cor 15

Wonderfully we will be able to celebrate this great Easter Day back in our church buildings – and indeed some of the traditional Holy Week services will also be happening back in church. Though it will still feel different because of the remaining Covid restrictions. We will have connected Zoom services as well.

Yet, a time is coming when these last restrictions will be removed, when we will be able to sing together again, and even sit near each other – and share the peace, and share the common communion cup again. The temptation will be to slot back into our routines of worshipping together, and restarting the various ways in which we connect with the communities we serve. But is that what we should automatically do? We've discovered some things about our faith and its practice in the last year that are really important, and we need to work out which of those should be held onto and incorporated into the life of our churches once normal life returns, and, more trickily, which things we must be willing not to restart.

In the Lent Group I've been part of (looking at ecological justice) we had reason to look again at the Five Marks of Mission which the Church of England signed up to in 1996. In case you need a reminder, here they are:

1. To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom
2. To teach, baptise and nurture new believers
3. To respond to human need by loving service
4. To seek to transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and to pursue peace and reconciliation
5. To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth

Among us, we will feel differently about the priority we might attach to each of these – but they are all important. Over the next six months as life gradually returns to normal, as churches it will be worth us keeping these marks of mission in mind as we reassess what we put our resources into. Our crucified and risen Saviour Jesus calls us to seek first his Kingdom, and his righteousness, and now we must begin to do that again in the light of all that this pandemic is teaching us.

*With my prayers and best wishes*

**Caspar Bush (Team Rector)**

## THE 140<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE CONSECRATION OF SAINT ANDREW'S CHURCH, PENCOYS



The consecration took place on April 4 1881. So this year on Easter Sunday, the Pencoyd and Four Lanes community will celebrate the 140<sup>th</sup> anniversary of that consecration. The ceremony was conducted by the first Bishop of Truro, Bishop Benson. The establishment of the church was due to the energy and imagination of Mother Maria Charlotte.

Mother Maria had been the wife of the first vicar of Carnmenellis, William Broadley. Together, they had founded a church, vicarage and school. On William's death in 1844, Mother Maria had returned to London and entered the Community of the Holy Name, based at St Peter's Church, Vauxhall. In 1867 she was elected as the Mother Superior, a position she held for nine years.

Even when she lived in Carnmenellis, the lack of a suitable church building in Four Lanes had always troubled her. Services had been held in a carpenter's shop and it became her aim to build a church. It is reported that she told Bishop Benson that she could not live on less than £80.00 a year and so could not save more for the church building fund.

In 1880, the foundation stone of the church was laid and time was spent preparing altar cloths and frontals ready for the consecration. Mother Charlotte died in 1882. She had seen the consecration of the church and she is buried in what then was the chancel of the church at Carnmenellis.

***On Easter Sunday, April 4 at 6.00pm on zoom, we remember the 140 years of the life of Saint Andrew, Pencoyd and later, on April 7 at 6.00pm at a live event within the church.***

The community faces the future with great hope due to the link between the Methodist Chapel and the Anglican Church. The FLAPJACK (Four Lanes And Pencoyd Join And Cheer the King) initiative has enabled strong co-operation to be built and there is great hope for a continued worshipping and community based caring presence in both Four Lanes and Pencoyd.



***HAVE A VERY HAPPY EASTER  
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## ST STEPHEN'S TRELEIGH



**The funeral of Margaret Bray** took place on March 11th at Treleigh Church. Margaret a former Redruth hairdresser and long time member of Treleigh Church and member of the choir. She and her late husband Frank were a big part of Treleigh over many years and were married at Treleigh by Rev'd Hawthorne on July 1st 1950, celebrating their Diamond Wedding Anniversary in 2010. Margaret celebrated her 90th Birthday in 2019. Margaret was always the same, so pleased to see us when we called, always welcoming and always interested in everything around her. The thoughts and prayers from all at Treleigh are with Margaret's family.

**Our sincere thanks go to Carol Stewart** for collecting and making up 33 bunches of daffodils so that they could be delivered by hand by a few people to all the Ladies of St. Stephen's Church.

**Dave Rowe wishes to thank everyone** for their cards, messages and phone calls and for the 'goody bag' from Treleigh Church on the occasion of his hernia operation. All very much appreciated.

### Easter Services

March 25th.... (Thursday) Blessing of Palm Crosses at 11am in the Churchyard if dry weather.

April 1st....Maundy Thursday said Holy Communion at 10am, followed by stripping of the Altar.

April 2nd....Good Friday Stations of the Cross at 10.30am in The Hawthorn Garden.

April 4th....Easter Sunday Said Holy Communion at 11.15am with lighting of the Pascal Candle. All Covid guidelines i.e Masks, hand sanitizer and distancing. Please contact Churchwarden Mary Harris on 07805541362 if you intend to attend this service so as to keep within the Covid guidelines.

**It is then hoped to** revert to alternate Sunday Holy Communion services at 10.30am on the first and third Sundays.

**Treleigh hopes to resume regular Thursday morning** said Holy Communion Services starting on April 8th at 10am, with normal Sunday Holy Communion Services in the Benefice resuming on Trinity Sunday, May 30th.

**Over the Covid period** a number of the Treleigh congregation have had their 90th Birthdays. These include Betty Parnell, Mary Willis, Peter Robinson, Father Jim Vincent and Jean Reed. Many congratulations to them all.

*Take care & stay safe everyone*  
*Trish Rowe*

## ST EUNY

If there is one thing we have learnt during this past year at St Euny it is not to hold on to things, to let God be our guide and to embrace the unexpected. So it is that we have several new and exciting projects ahead of us. There will no doubt be challenges along the way, but Rev Deb and the DCC members at St Euny are excited at the opportunities which are opening up to us.

Last September, our former Treasurer, Carrie Glenister, together with Margaret Johnson, applied for HLF emergency funding and earlier this year we were delighted to be informed that we had been granted £5,000. One of the things uppermost in our minds was to open up the churchyard to the community with our focus being on a sensory garden with an accessible wheelchair/pushchair walkway. Having made several enquiries and getting quotes, Deb found a local landscaper and after discussion with the DCC we have decided to hire him. We have a long-term vision of a path around the church culminating with a labyrinth in the grass to the west of the churchyard (beside the current footpath). This will be a place for social gathering, or for silence and contemplation, with provision for seating in the form of benches with planters attached to either end to house fragrant plants and herbs. If you wish to be part of this by having a bench, cost in the region of £300, dedicated to yourself or a loved one, please do get in touch for us to arrange this for you. To begin with, six benches/planters are planned, but this idea could be extended. If you would like to remember a loved one in this way, with a plaque containing wording of your choice, please contact: Margaret Johnson – [Tel: 01209 211352/07920 579572](tel:01209211352) E: [margaretjohnson179@gmail.com](mailto:margaretjohnson179@gmail.com)

Rev Deb has worked hard to get an internet connection into church and on the back of this, with the funding we have received, has purchased laptops and tablets to enable us to open an internet cafe where tuition will be on a one-to-one basis for a period of 8 weeks. Hopefully this will commence at the end of April and more details will be forthcoming, but in the meantime, if there is anyone who would be willing to volunteer as a trainer (with tuition) to be trained up in readiness for teaching others, we would love to hear from you.

Since last November we have had the pleasure of a guest artist, Caroline Wilkins, who has made the focus of her time with us creating rubbings of headstones in the churchyard. Together with this she has met deliberately with people of the church community, those on the periphery of church life and those in the wider community, to hear their stories, as well as speaking to the casual walker in the grounds of the church. This has been a difficult year for us all, and sadly Caroline lost her dear father during the pandemic and this, combined with the narrative she is hearing, will be turned into written form. Caroline clearly recognises that this has been a momentous year for everyone - a year of change, loss, mourning and grief – and this sadness leaves its indelible mark, even reflecting on our own mortality. However, Caroline does not consider the graveyard or her remit morbid and as the year progresses is finding stimulation, contemplation and meditation in her work which will ultimately be rolled out to us all. We look forward to her findings immensely.

Whilst Caroline has been busy in the churchyard, her husband Paul, who not only got our churchyard back to a semblance of order last summer, has also created a web page to locate the details of those interred in our graveyard and churchyard. For those who are interested the link is: [www.visitsteuny.wixsite.com/website-1](http://www.visitsteuny.wixsite.com/website-1)

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Both he and the writer have now logged over 6,000 names and details on to the database. This will provide easier access to those undertaking their family genealogy .

We must say a big thank you to those who met in church, at a social distance, to assemble posies for Mothering Sunday, which were then distributed to St Euny Church members and friends. They were greatly appreciated.

Church is looking very colourful thanks to the bean bags Deb has purchased for our 'Mum and Toddlers' group which we hope will return soon. It has been identified by health workers that there is a great need for a support group such as this and we look forward to welcoming these little ones and their guardians back into church, together with Wednesday afternoon Open Cafe, which we hope will resume within the coming weeks.

We are delighted that all churches in our benefice will be celebrating Easter Day with a service of Holy Communion, ours being at **11.15am** preceded by the 'Fire of Easter'. Thereafter, we will meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month during April and May.

***WE WOULD LIKE TO WISH ALL OUR READERS A VERY HAPPY EASTER.***

***Margaret Johnson***

**FROM THE REGISTERS**

**FUNERALS**

11 March	2021	Margaret Bray	St Stephen Treleigh
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**INTERMENT OF ASHES**

09 March	2021	Bessie Rose Beckett	St Stephen Treleigh
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*Christ  
is  
Risen!*



## **St. Andrew's Pencoys with Four Lanes Methodist Church 'FLAPJACK'**

### **Working, praying and worshipping together as 'One in Christ'**

St. Andrew's Church celebrates the 140<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of its Consecration on Easter Day, 4<sup>th</sup> April, and remains open for private prayer on **Tuesday and Saturday** afternoons from **2pm—4 pm**; also for Covid19-safe services of Holy Communion at 6pm each Wednesday evening. The usual weekly Sunday benefice Service will continue to be held at 10.30am on Zoom. After Easter Day, the former temporary pattern of in-church worship will be resumed, the **first** Sunday monthly at 10.30am, Holy Communion at Four Lanes Methodist Church, and the **third** Sunday, a Service of the Word at 10.30am at the Methodist Church and Holy Communion at 6 pm at St. Andrew's Pencoys. For more information, please see the weekly prayer sheet, available online at [www.redruthchurch.org.uk](http://www.redruthchurch.org.uk) or contact Fr. Peter (07903 807946).

The Zoom links to join all services are available from Revd. Caspar Bush, at [casparbush@gmail.com](mailto:casparbush@gmail.com) (01209 216958). Fr. Peter also continues to publish his weekly informative and interesting 'Together' sheet, at [baptism66@gmail.com](mailto:baptism66@gmail.com)

The last **LAMP First Sunday Evening Event**, held via Zoom on 7<sup>th</sup> March, was led by Jane LePage, who spoke with moving eloquence about the plight of refugees and asylum seekers in these difficult times of the global pandemic. Our thanks go to all who have so far donated £100 to the National Refugee Agency and who zoomed into this event. If you would like to donate to this charity, please contact Revd. Caspar Bush (above) for online banking details. The next Event, to be held on **Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> April** at 6pm via Zoom, will feature the charities supported during the past year, mostly during lockdown, as well as celebrating St. Andrew's Pencoys' 140<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Details of the zoom link will be on the weekly sheet, or by telephone from Revd. Caspar or Fr. Peter (above).

#### **Holy Week and Easter services and events:**

**PALM SUNDAY, 28<sup>th</sup> March**, 10.30am: Zoom service as usual. Palm crosses will be available in church from **MONDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> MARCH** when the church is open for prayer, and at the Wednesday Holy Communion service at 6 pm.

**MONDAY, 29<sup>th</sup> March:** Last Monday Bible Study: 4.30pm on zoom and Holy Communion at Four Lanes Methodist Church, 6.00pm; **TUESDAY, 30<sup>th</sup> March:** St. Andrew's Pencoys: church open for prayer: 2pm – 4pm; Stations of the Cross, Four Lanes Methodist Church, at 6.00pm;

**WEDNESDAY 31<sup>st</sup> March:** Holy Communion, 6pm, St. Andrews Pencoys

**MAUNDY THURSDAY, 1<sup>st</sup> April:** at St. Andrews Pencoys: Stations of the cross: 6pm, Picnic supper at 7pm, Holy Communion, 8pm, Watch until 9pm.

**GOOD FRIDAY, 2<sup>nd</sup> April:** Meditation, 10.00am, St. Andrews Pencoys; Meditation: 12noon, Four Lanes Methodist Church. **HOLY SATURDAY/Easter Eve, 3<sup>rd</sup> April**, St. Andrews Pencoys Church open for prayer 2pm—4pm, at Christchurch Lanner LAMP new fire of Easter: 8.00pm; Remembering baptismal promises: 8.30pm, Liturgy of readings: 8.45pm

**EASTER SUNDAY, 4<sup>th</sup> April: Four Lanes Methodist Church, Holy Communion: 11.00am.**

"No one sheds a teardrop or suffers loss in vain, for God is always there to turn our losses into gain; and every burden borne today and every present sorrow are but God's loving harbingers of a joyful, bright tomorrow."

**The members of Flapjack wish everyone a very happy and blessed Eastertide.**

*Jill Tolputt*

## CHRISTCHURCH LANNER

The Christchurch and Lanner communities wish all of the readers of "5 Alive" a very happy and peaceful Easter. Now that the pandemic is passing from us, let's all look forward to meeting up again without masks, restrictions and being able to sing!!!



Until the restrictions are lifted, Christchurch will continue to be open for private prayer every MONDAY & FRIDAY, 2.00pm – 4.00pm. There is also a service of Holy Communion every Wednesday at 11.00am.

During Holy Week, you will be VERY welcome at any of the following events and services:

**SUNDAY MARCH 28: PALM SUNDAY**

The Benefice zoom service is at 10.30am., please check the Benefice web-site for the link

**MONDAY MARCH 29: Stations of the cross, 11.00am**

**TUESDAY MARCH 30: Holy Communion, 11.00am**

**WEDNESDAY MARCH 31: Funeral in church**

**MAUNDAY THURSDAY APRIL 1:**

Contact Fr Peter for details of services at St Andrew, Pencoys

**GOOD FRIDAY APRIL 2: Meditation, 2.00pm**

**HOLY SATURDAY APRIL 3: The Easter Fire, 8.00pm**

**EASTER DAY SUNDAY APRIL 4: CHURCH SERVICE at 9.30am**

A VERY special event was the outside service on Mothering Sunday. Flowers prepared by the Penventon Nursery and simnel cake from M&S were distributed to those present and into the community by Lydia, Savannah, Carris and Tobias. Hymns were sung behind the masks, and Perran (aged 3) learnt how to control the volume on the CD player!!



**AN EASTER THOUGHT**

*You can put truth into a grave – but it won't stay there!*

**HAPPY EASTER from CHRISTCHURCH xx**

**Julia Knight-Bennett**

## ST ANDREW REDRUTH

In 1961 I was a ponytailed 13 year old eagerly pushing the boundaries. I was noticing fashion, music, makeup and boys! I had begun listening to the likes of the Everly Brothers, Del Shannon, Ricky Nelson and Billy Fury. I had also started to break away from the influence of my older brother, excitedly making choices and decisions for myself.

I spent my Saturday mornings leafing through the Pop Magazines at W.H. Smith, under the town clock and in Woolworths with my friends looking at makeup and trying on very wide belts that cinched your waist in so tight you could hardly breathe! It was also the year I was confirmed.

One of my great love affairs in life had begun when I was seven years old. My mother had bought me a pair of black patent shoes with a buttoned fastening to help me recover from a very nasty bout of measles. I had adored these so much that I had kept them wrapped in their tissue paper, in their box, under my bed. Often, just before sleep, I would let my hand dangle over the side of my bed and touch the box, just to make sure my heart's desire was still there. And so it was, with great excitement, that I chose my shoes to go with my new Dress for Confirmation. I had taken my Mother to Stead and Simpsons in Fore Street where, in the window, was this beautiful pair of off white, kitten heeled shoes which I had long since coveted. My mother had felt they were just a little too pointed but common sense did not prevail and I got my way! Later that day we made our way to Anne's Gowns where I collected my white, pin tucked, cotton dress with a full skirt. I was thrilled to bits. I hung my dress outside my wardrobe where it could be easily admired. My shoes stayed in their box where I could lift the lid now and then and take in the heady smell of new leather.

Confirmation Day memories seem a blur of flapping cassocks, bright colours and noise. We had all gathered in the Crypt where lots of 'mature women' in neat, crimplene two-pieces with over large handbags, pinned veils into place on our heads. Clergy were laughing, milling about, some with fur draped over their shoulders, others with long, sweeping stoles. I recall an excitement mixed with fear. Someone ushered us into twos as we waited for the procession to get in line and then a big hush. The church had been full! My mother and my auntie, who was my God Mother, were somewhere in the congregation but I had no idea where.

I had been very worried that I would do something wrong as we moved in pairs towards the Bishop and then it was done! I don't remember much about the service, I think I was just relieved it was over and yet, through the coming weeks I knew something had changed. During Confirmation Classes we had been told that we needed to attend 8am Holy Communion and not take it at the 11am morning service. 11 o'clock was for those that could not manage 8am; the elderly and those not so fit and healthy.

The following Sundays saw me, many times, hurtling down Coach Lane into West End towards St. Andrews, as fast as I could run, accompanied by the sound of the solo bell being tolled. This meant I only had minutes before the service commenced! I often arrived to stern looks, out of breath and red faced!

What amazes me now, as I look back, is that I did it at all! I had no close friends, at that time, who went onto Confirmation so I had gone 'solo'. It seemed the right thing to do. I was aware that now it was up to me and I made the commitment and disciplined myself to attend 8am Mass. I felt very grown up. I realise now that it was just the beginning of my journey into faith. Happy Days!

***Pie Louis-Smith***

## REDRUTH TEAM MINISTRY SERVICES IN HOLY WEEK

Monday	29 March	11.00	Christchurch	Stations of the Cross
		18.00	Four Lanes Chapel	HC
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Tuesday	30 March	11.00	Christchurch	HC
		18.00	Four Lanes Chapel	Stations of the Cross
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Wednesday	31 March	10.00	St Andrew Redruth	HC
		13.30	St Euny	HC
		18.00	St Andrew Pencoy's	HC
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Maundy				
Thursday	01 April	10.00	St Stephen Treleigh	HC inc stripping the altar
		18.00	St Andrew Pencoy's	Stations of the Cross + picnic Supper
		20.00	St Andrew Pencoy's	HC inc stripping the altar + vigil
		19.30	St Andrew Redruth	HC inc stripping the altar + vigil
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Good Friday	02 April	10am-12	St Euny	Good Friday Prayer Stations
		10.00	St Andrew Pencoy's	Meditation
		10.00	St Stephen Treleigh	Stations of the Cross in Hawthorn Garden
		12.00	Four Lanes Chapel	Meditation
		14.00	Christchurch	Meditation
		14.00	St Andrew Redruth	Hour at the Cross
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Holy Saturday	03 April	20.00	Christchurch	Service with new Easter Fire
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Sunday				
Easter Day	04 April	tbc	ZOOM	HC from St Andrew Redruth or St Euny
		9.30	St Andrew Redruth	HC
		11.15	St Euny	HC
		11.15	St Stephen Treleigh	HC
		9.30	Christchurch	HC
		11.00	Four Lanes Chapel	HC
	18.00	St Andrew Pencoy's	First Sunday Event ( <i>on zoom</i> )	

Thereafter, for the months of April and May all Sunday services will be held at 10.30am. On 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month these will be at St Andrew's Redruth, St Stephen Treleigh and Pencoy's/Four Lanes

On 2nd and 4th Sundays services will be at St Euny and Christchurch

A Zoom service will also happen at 10.30am every Sunday.

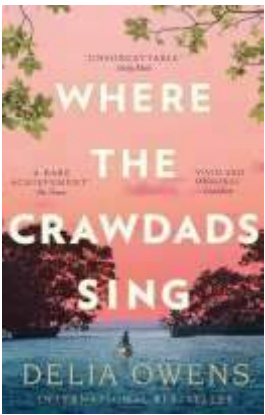
*All of our churches*  
*will be open for services*  
*On*  
***EASTER DAY***  
*At*  
*the normal times*

***HALLELUIA***

***BOOK CLUB***

Friday 07 May

'Where the Crawdads Sing' by Delia Owens



For years, rumors of the “Marsh Girl” haunted Barkley Cove, a quiet fishing village. Kya Clark is barefoot and wild; unfit for polite society. So in late 1969, when the popular Chase Andrews is found dead, locals immediately suspect her. But Kya is not what they say. A born naturalist with just one day of school, she takes life's lessons from the land, learning the real ways of the world from the dishonest signals of fireflies. But while she has the skills to live in solitude forever, the time comes when she yearns to be

touched and loved. Drawn to two young men from town, who are each intrigued by her wild beauty, Kya opens herself to a new and startling world—until the unthinkable happens.

Thought-provoking, wise, and deeply moving, Owens’s debut novel reminds us that we are forever shaped by the child within us, while also subject to the beautiful and violent secrets that nature keeps. The story asks how isolation influences the behaviour of a young woman, who like all of us, has the genetic propensity to belong to a group. The clues to the mystery are brushed into the lush habitat and natural histories of its wild creatures.

***Please contact Sue Pearce for venue details***

## THE LORD'S PRAYER Part 6 – GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD

The focus of the Lord's Prayer changes at this petition. It is only after we have prayed about our relationship with God that we can pray about our needs and necessities. The prayer has already focussed on God's glory, kingdom and will. It has established our relationship with Him. The terms under which we can ask have already been established as "Thy will be done". Now we are in a position to pray about the maintenance of life in the present "Give us this day our daily bread" Mt 6:11 RSV.

It would be easy to think that this one petition of the Lord's Prayer about the meaning of which there could be no possible doubt. It seems on the face of it to be the simplest of them all. However, a closer examination reveals levels of meaning which need researching.

To begin with, the Greek word "Epiousios" translated here as "daily" can be translated "for tomorrow". In which case the petition would read "Give us today our bread for tomorrow". This word is found nowhere else in the New Testament except in the Lord's Prayer. Until a short while ago, there was no other occurrence of this word in the whole of Greek literature of the ancient world. One early Christian leader, Origen, even stated that St Matthew had invented the word, but fortunately we now have another instance of it being used. It has turned up in the remains of a housekeeper's book in Egypt. It is used of a daily ration of food given to slaves, soldiers and labourers probably allotted a day beforehand.

The understanding this teaches in the prayer is an attitude of trust, which is the opposite to an attitude of worry. Several times, in the same chapter of St Matthews Gospel in which the Lord's Prayer occurs, there is the clear teaching of Jesus that we should live one day at a time in an attitude of trust. Worrying is the reverse of having faith. There is a tension which each Christian should work out for themselves, between sensible planning ahead and living peacefully a day at a time.

This petition, unlike the two that follow it, is about our bodies. Jesus spent much of his time healing diseases and satisfying human hunger. We should remember that God himself became incarnate – became human in body, mind, and spirit. The Christian faith is about all three – a comprehensive faith – seeking quality living. Christians are expected not to abuse their bodies as well as their minds and spirits. Each person should consider what the implications of this teaching is for them. God's love is directed at the whole person.

This petition says "Give us" not give me. The question remains who is "Us". Is "Us" limited to our family, our town, our country, or our nation? The Christian faith is about a worldwide attitude. It is not about nationalism. It is a conscious concern for the wellbeing of people everywhere; a support for famine relief agencies, for disaster aid, for peace-making worldwide, an awareness that the growth in prosperity for other nations is to our economic advantage. This is a worldwide prayer for people everywhere that all should share a good quality of life.

Finally, there has from the beginning been a response in worship to this petition. From the very beginning the Lord's Prayer has been prayed at the Eucharist. There have been many who think that the bread of Eucharist should be part of our understanding of this petition. In other Christian traditions, the Scriptures are seen as bread. True teaching and doctrine are food for our minds and lives. Maybe we should also be reminded that Jesus said of himself "I am the bread of life" Jn 6:35

***Revd Ray Webber retired priest***

# *A TREASURED FISHING COVE*

*by Michael Tangye*

The small fishing coves of the Lizard and the Land's End peninsulas, at the extreme south and west perimeters of Cornwall, have always fascinated this writer as the last strongholds of a way of life long gone. Their inhabitants in their isolation and remoteness had retained knowledge of their fishing industry and the Cornish language names of marine life etc. It was in 1972 that after noting and recording the details of other fishing coves shallowly, it was realised that what memories of the past surviving from the few remaining 'Covers' would be lost. It was decided then to record as much as was possible about each cove before their generation passed on. One such was Cadgwith. Always remote, with a once 'tightly knitted' community, shut away from the rest of the world which existed beyond the confines of its valley. It was there that elderly former fishermen would be found gathered on 'The Stick', a long plank outside the Old Cellars Restaurant.

There leaning on walking sticks, they enjoyed the sunshine and reminisced of days past. Such 'Covers' were noted for their reluctance to converse with 'outsiders', anyone from beyond their cove. On chatting to two of them, and on their realising that I was a Cornishman seeking information about details of the various fish cellars etc, were eager to help. A discussion on dialect brought forth, after two more sessions later over 100 dialect words related to their fishing occupation, many of them deriving from the Cornish language with I noting down their pronunciation, vowel sounds and soft or hard letter G etc.

Henry Jane, fisherman, once a former coxswain of the Lizard lifeboat, readily opened old fish cellars for me to photograph their features and old winches, along with their now lost names and local lore. His cousin, Richard 'Buller' Arthur, added other dialect words in a letter some time later. This was followed by subsequent visits to the cove, and to the Cornwall Record Office at Truro, to transcribe manuscripts of the 1700's describing the building and dates of various fish cellars and further details.

The study of Victorian Cornish newspapers provided a further source of information of the flourishing pilchard fishing industry and other aspects of life within Cadgwith. This also included a study of neighbouring Poltesco which once featured a thriving serpentine industry, remnants of which survive today.

A similar study, in detail, covered other Lizard and Penwith coves. They were enjoyable days, shared with my wife and three daughters who swam and relaxed whilst I made more discoveries—the files of which will eventually be deposited in a public archive. Only the account of Cadgwith was published—'Cadgwith and Poltesco Cove—Once Twas Serpentine and Fish' (2007),

It was pleasing for this writer to see that the Winch House of 1782, and another fish cellar at Cadgwith have both been recently saved from being sold for conversion into a second home or café, the former elderly Cadgwith men who occupied 'The Stick', but have now passed on, will look down from their slumbers with a sigh of relief! Their seat is now empty

## <<Talkabout>> — Wild Talking © by Trish Rowe

Wild walking is magic! Totally atmospheric! The sea whispering up the shingle, and our wonderful Cornish sunsets, some so vivid and colourful that if an artist had painted it you would think he had made it up. Our rugged and dramatic coastline and the patchwork of fields inland is enhanced by the villages we pass through and by the friendly residents who are always pleased to see us, and like the fact that we are enjoying their piece of the countryside. We have often come across people with connections with Redruth, miles from anywhere. One was in a small pub beside the Tamar on the Devon side. Another was on the Dorset coast just outside Weymouth where we met someone I used to work with. Small world!

Atmosphere abounds in our county, with its rugged north coast and softer south, its moors and beaches. Magical!

We don't do the vast number of miles or the wild walking we used to as time has caught up with us, but we still walk a few miles and enjoy the freedom of the paths. We have been watching Julia Bradbury and Kate Humble on the coastal path, both Cornish section and The South West Way and say to each other: "We've been there, done that...all 630 miles of path from Minehead in the north to Poole Harbour in the south. An adventure every step of the way!

We have met so many people on the path, mostly eager to chat. We find out where they've come from, where they are going, how far they've walked, even had a discussion about walking boots with one couple! Only on one occasion, passing through Combe Martin in Devon, where we were far too tired to make conversation....we had covered nearly sixteen miles and still had another three to go and it was 7pm and we hadn't yet booked a B&B in Ilfracombe. There was a couple admiring the view and a wonderful sky as we plodded passed, they looked eager to chat but we were so bushed we greeted them with a cheery "Hello, lovely view!" and continued on our way! Not like us at all as we like to extract every bit of information from fellow travellers! Not nosey, just interested!

Some walk the path at speed, to cover the miles just to knock it off their bucket list, but fail to take in the views and atmosphere all around them. Others, like us cover the miles leisurely, enjoying the sights and sounds, take in the views, take photographs (Dave), record the whole walk for posterity (me) and I'm sure we get more out of it. Looking back through my walking diaries is a travel back in time and I feel I am right there and absorbing the atmosphere of the place once again.

So, wild walking? Not these days! The wildest we get is Tehidy Country Park and The Portreath Tramway but we have wonderful memories of our wild walking which also includes our adventures walking The Rivers Tamar and Camel from their source to the sea, The Saints' Way and, of course The South West Way!



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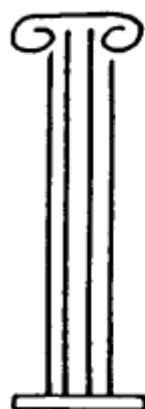


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