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## Rector's notes – APRIL 2022

April this year, as it often does, spans a series of holy days and feasts that encompass the full range of human emotions. This magazine issue is due out on Mothering Sunday, which itself can be a source of real joy but also painful memories too. Soon after we encounter Holy Week, and as ever this year our services will include various guided Stations of the Cross opportunities, along with the depths of recalling and our re-enacting the Last Supper on Maundy Thursday, and Jesus' anguish and betrayal in Gethsemane; the cruelty, suffering, agony and raw grief of Good Friday; and the bleakness of Holy Saturday, before the sheer exhilaration and deep joy of celebrating Jesus's resurrection on Easter morning.

There's something about the roller-coaster of emotions that we experience as we live through Holy Week each year that reflects (albeit in a much more extreme way) the big ups and downs, joys and sorrows, hopes and disappointments that our own lives are made up of. Though how wonderful that the end point is always Easter: new life, new hope, death defeated, resurrection having the last word, even when it seemed that all hope was lost, and God surprising his people once again.

This year two of our local schools have asked to come into church for us to give a special presentation to their KS1 classes called '*Salvation – why does Easter matter to Christians?*' It's such a wonderful thing that the school curriculum should lead schools to contact the church to ask us to explain what we believe about salvation and Easter. And it's a really interesting exercise to try to set this out in a way that makes sense to 6- and 7-year-olds, and holds their attention!

### On the Way

A brief update: if you missed the chance to meet in person on 21<sup>st</sup> March, then Deanery Synod at 7pm on Wed 30<sup>th</sup> March at St Mary's Portreath is open to everyone who is interested for a similar presentation. The leadership team has spent a good deal of time trying to discern from God what our priorities for mission in our deanery should be, and we can now say we believe they are these:

The Poor; Schools, Children and Youth; Community Life; New Faith; Growing Faith – and we now need to flesh out exactly how the extra resources we have to help Lower Income Communities can help in those areas. But we've also felt really led to give a new priority to simply *sharing the good news of Jesus Christ*, so expect to hear much more about ways we can encourage each other to do that in a more effective way. There's lots of details still to work out, but it feels like we're making progress!

***With my prayers and best wishes***  
***Caspar Bush (Team Rector)***

## **THE TRIDUUM**

When you read this, the Easter Triduum will still be a little time away. The word simply mean 'the three days prior to a major festival'. The three days begin on the evening of Maundy Thursday and finishes on the morning of Easter Day. This follows the Jewish tradition that the next day begins after sunset. Perhaps you have never experienced the Easter Triduum in its completeness. Maybe this year that will be possible for you.

### **MAUNDY THURSDAY – GOOD FRIDAY**

The washing of the disciples feet, the institution of the Eucharist, the betrayal in Gethsemane, the trial before Ciaiphas and Pilate and the appeal to the mob

### **GOOD FRIDAY – HOLY SATURDAY**

The procession to the cross, the appeal to John and Mary, the death of Jesus, the hurried burial and the sealing of the tomb

### **HOLY SATURDAY – EASTER DAY**

day of preparation to return to the tomb at dawn, the discovery that the stone has been rolled away, the appearance to Mary Magdalene and the other disciples

**Each of the Benefice churches will keep the Easter Triduum in their own way, watch out for details in the various news letters and walk the way of the cross whenever you can.**

**Remember always that the stone rolled away. You might like to carry a stone with you through the Triduum to remind you that the darkness in your life and in the world WILL be transformed into light.**

*God bless you this Easter FP*

*Easter Triduum*



# ST ANDREW REDRUTH

## The importance of good manners

As I fondly look back to my preschool years of the early 1950s I am reminded of the importance my Mother placed on good manners. I can see her now bending gently to whisper into my brother's ear, "Remember your manners!" Those were the days when boys raised their caps and got off the pavement for adults. My Mother would beam as she reaped the rewards of her constant teaching and reminding. However the culture of "good manners" did not extend to my darling little dachshund, Fritz. He had so blotted his copy book with his unsocial behaviour that he was now mostly confined to walks on a lead. This activity also presented its own problems.

Three doors from our house lived Mr. and Mrs. Temby and their Doberman, Helga. Helga spent much of her day prancing and bouncing behind the large, wooden gates to her garden. Helga never walked, she just bounced as if on springs, her head high, her ears up and alert. Fritz being a particularly small dachshund and somewhat low on the ground was however never phased by Helga's enormity. He would purposely idle past her gate, almost nonchalantly as he glanced in her direction. If he had been human I imagine he would have been whistling! Helga would get very excited and leap up and down like a bucking donkey giving off a high pitched wine. My Mother would gently jerk the lead and Fritz would be persuaded to move on.

The next house belonged to three elderly spinster's whose pride and joy was their garden and their two equally elderly pekingese dogs. My brother and I named them Ping and Pong. Ping unfortunately was blind and would spend most of his day under the bushes near the gate lifting his old head and sniffing the air at anything that might be passing. For Fritz, this was indeed "easy meat". He would at first appear to approach Ping and Pong's gate in a friendly manner; long, whip like tail wagging. Suddenly, almost from nowhere, he would give a deep, loud bark. This would send poor Ping into a frenzy of yelps and cries. He would tear around the garden crashing into bushes and plants as he went. Pong would join in, barking and snapping at the gate. This in turn would bring out the three anxious old ladies, rushing to scoop up their darling pets and survey the devastation of broken headed blooms.

My Mother would raise her hand and wave calling out some platitude about their beautiful garden and briskly move on before anyone realised what had happened. Fritz would inflict the final indignity by cocking his leg on their granite gate post. My Mother would briefly frown at him and mutter something about manners as we would continue on down the road towards the lane where he could roam and sniff to his delight in complete safety and out of harm's way, until the next time.

*Pie Louis-Smith*

# CHRISTCHURCH LANNER

Although it is a little time away, Christchurch ae planning for their Jubilee celebrations. So far the following events are in the diary:-



**MONDAY MAY 30**

**Margaret's Jubilee Tea-Party in the hall, 2.00pm – 4.00pm**

**TUESDAY MAY 31**

**Skyliner Jubilee Concert, 7.00pm, Church**



**WEDNESDAY JUNE 1**

**A film of the coronation, 7.00pm**

**THURSDAY JUNE 2**

**A civic service to celebrate the platinum jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II**



Thank you also for your continued support for all our events

**FP**

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

Worshipping, praying and working together as 'One in Christ'

St. Andrew's Church remains open daily from about 10am—4pm with Covid-safe precautions in place. Please wear a face covering when visiting the church, use the hand-santiser and observe social distancing.

After the horrendous storms in February, it's wonderful to see tiny primroses bravely pushing their delicate blooms into view in our churchyards, and the glorious golden glow of daffodils appearing all around, a sure sign that Spring is on its way.

**The First Sunday Evening Event** on 6<sup>th</sup> March featured St. Piran, the great Cornish Saint, and supported Water Aid, to which £200 was donated; a big thank you to all who came and gave so generously. The next Event will be held on **Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> April** (Passion Sunday) at St. Andrew's Pencoys at 6pm and will celebrate the tenth Anniversary of these Events, during which time thousands of pounds have been raised for many charities, for which we thank everyone who has supported them. Your kindness is really appreciated.

The weekly Benefice Holy Communion Service remains on Zoom from a live church service at 9.30am or 11.15am details of which are in the weekly sheet or on line from [www.redruthchurch.org.uk](http://www.redruthchurch.org.uk)

Flapjack services during April, including Holy Week and Easter, will be:

**Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> April:** Flapjack Holy Communion at Four Lanes Methodist Church, 11.15am. Lighthouse (Young people's project, parents and carers welcome) from 3-5pm.

**Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> April (Palm Sunday)** Blessing and distribution of Palms, 10.45am, Methodist Church, then procession to St. Andrew's Pencoys for Flapjack Family Event at 11.15am. Said Holy Communion at 12.30pm.

**Holy Week: Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday (11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>)** Said Holy Communion at 6pm at St. Andrew's, followed by Stations of the Cross; **Maundy Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>** Seder Supper and Holy Communion, 8pm, followed by short vigil at Four Lanes Methodist Church. **Good Friday, 15<sup>th</sup>**, Meditation at 12 noon, Methodist Church and 2pm at St. Andrew's.

**Holy Saturday (Easter Eve, 16<sup>th</sup>)** Holy Fire of Easter, Methodist Church car park, **9pm**.

**Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup>, Easter Day,** Flapjack Holy Communion, 11.15am, Methodist Church, followed by lunch. **Taizé** service 6pm at St. Andrew's. **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup>** Flapjack Holy Communion, St. Andrew's 11.15am, Teatime Celebration, Pencoys Hall, 4-5pm. Last Tuesday Tea Party, 2-4pm in church, 26<sup>th</sup> April.

**The FIRST SATURDAY QUIZ** will continue online in April (2<sup>nd</sup>) and hopefully re-start in the Hall on **7<sup>th</sup> May**, but please check the weekly pew sheet for updated details. If you would like to compete, please contact Fr. Peter, email: [baptism66@gmail.com](mailto:baptism66@gmail.com) or on 07903 807946.

A new social event "Fun Prize Bingo" or "**Fungo**" will begin on **17<sup>th</sup> May** in Pencoys Hall and then on each third Saturday evening monthly in the Hall, possibly including a cake raffle, from 6pm - 8pm with light refreshments, at £3 per person. The Community Pantry in the church porch continues to thrive, and we thank those who contribute. We continue to pray for the people of Ukraine, those offering their refugees hospitality and the people of Russia who have been misled and deceived; that the promise of new life at Easter will bring them, and everyone, a future full of hope, peace and happiness.

**Jill Tolputt**



## ST EUNY

Lucie, has been re-elected as our churchwarden on the Redruth PCC (pew!). Thank you Lucie.

Lucie is running a Lent Course based on Godly Play. Few of us had heard of this until recently, so we might be forgiven for asking "What is Godly Play?" It is a way of teaching bible stories in a person centred fashion, using constructive 'play' as a stimulus to draw us closer to God. Each session starts with a demonstration, accompanied by some 'wondering' time. This is followed by response time, which is about 20 minutes, to either sit and think, pray, write down some thoughts or draw. Response time is private to each person, with no pressure to share one's individual thoughts.

The evening ends with tea and coffee, with time to chat and prepare to return home, a blessing and close.

The aim is to re awaken within us the ability to wonder at the stories of the bible, which sometimes gets lost as we go through life.

The ideas and structures that are used today began in the late 1990s and developed into a more planned pattern during the early decade of this century. Although it began as a way of opening out the spirituality observed in children's play, the strategies used for Godly Play today have been developed to apply to adult exploration of the scriptures and their meaning. Training is given for church leaders, which Lucie attended and found deeply meaningful, and advice and resources can be sought from the central organisation. The principle aim to provide:

- a) Space - a safe environment where participants can be thoughtful.
- b) Process – an open session to explore the bible story, valuing questions, discovering truth, offering freedom to face difficulties and to develop the language of spirituality.
- c) Imagination – building on the earlier storytelling and sharing, following a playful exploration, using craft or other activity as a stimulus, to open channels for deepening spirituality.

The first session at St Euny followed the theme of 'The Good Shepherd' at Caspar's request. The following weeks will then be looking at 'the mystery of Easter' followed by 'The Faces of Easter'.

This gives us an opportunity to enjoy shared time and shared insights in a creative and thought provoking way. Anyone is welcome. Sessions are meaningful as stand-alone events as well as a whole course. If you are interested in coming to experience this, the sessions are on Thursday evening at St Euny from 7.00pm.

The Redruth Walking Festival took place from Sat 5<sup>th</sup>-Sat 12<sup>th</sup> March. Two walks included a visit to St Euny, one on Thursday being an open air sketch walk, coming in to St Euny for tea and warm-up. Although this was not a church event it was a popular activity and one which we might explore for a more regular event. Is anyone interested to participate or run this? If so, please contact Lucie on [lucierogers153@outlook.com](mailto:lucierogers153@outlook.com)

**Linda Beskeen**

## ST STEPHEN'S TRELEIGH



On Saturday the 12th March we held our second graveyard day here at Treleigh. The weather looked kindly on us this time as about 25+ adults and children came together to tidy the graves of overgrown ivy etc, filling in potholes in the path and generally tidying around. The children from Treleigh school were extremely busy picking up the twigs and small branches blown down over recent weeks. What a good job they did too. A welcome hot drink and biscuits were waiting for us in the church with Fr Peter entertaining the children with the story of how an eagle came to be on the Lectern.

On Friday 18th February the church played host for the funeral of (Edith) Mary Willis. The windows were filled with flowers as Mary particularly loved spring flowers. These were provided by her best friend Zoe who has written about the life of Mary later in the magazine. Carol Stewart arranged the flowers on behalf of Zoe.

At the beginning of the month we had the second of our Informal services this time taken by Margaret Saville. Margaret along with Fr Peter again were in church for the Healing service on the Friday.

Our Easter services begin with Holy Communion with foot-washing and watch following the stripping of the Altar and Sanctuary on Maundy Thursday at 6pm. On Good Friday we have Stations of the Cross in the Hawthorn Gardens weather permitting at 10am. We will hold the service in church should the weather not be good. On Easter day we have our usual service at 11.15.



***Mary Harris (see tribute to Mary Willis by Zoe Simmons on page 12)***

## Funding for Ukraine

Once again churches in the Redruth team have been very generous and I have been able to send £900 to the Red Cross Ukraine Appeal.

According to the United Nations Refugee Agency, **more than 3** million people have left Ukraine in recent days and a further **6 million** are internally displaced. **18 million** are likely to need humanitarian help.

The situation is incredibly tense, dangerous, and distressing. Freezing **temperatures of minus 20 degrees** have been forecast over the coming days.

This is how the donations are being spent:

- *Helping to get people to safety. To date, the Ukrainian Red Cross has evacuated more than 57,000 people. This week, they helped thousands of civilians leave the city of Mariupol. However, many more people need to be able to move to safety, and receive humanitarian assistance.*
- *Distributing 400 tonnes of aid, including food, bedding, blankets, tents, water, and hygiene items across the country. Another 350 tonnes of aid has arrived in Ukraine in the past few days.*
- *Providing psychosocial support to several thousand traumatised people.*
- *Providing first aid training for 1,000 people in metro stations and bomb shelters and supporting fire fighters, medical and civil protection units.*
- *Taking people to hospital, transporting medical supplies and helping at blood donation points.*
- *Supporting hospitals and primary healthcare facilities with medicines and medical equipment.*

**Richard Robinson**

## FROM THE REGISTERS

### FUNERALS

24 February	2022	Bernard Cecil Dunstan	St Euny
25 February	2022	Clifton Roberts	St Euny
11 March	2022	David John Forsyth	St Stephen Treleigh

## ST ANDREW'S RANDOMS

Some of you will recognise that I have taken the liberty of changing the words to Irving Berlin's song "Alexander's Ragtime Band" because, yes, on April 22nd and 23rd St Andrew's Randoms are putting on their top hats, duding up their shirt fronts and dancing in their tails to bring you their latest musical offering:-

### *"An Evening with Irving and Cole"*

You'll hear how none of us want to be a millionaire but do want to misbehave, how we have the sun in the morning and the moon at night, and how we're doin' what comes nat'rally.


We'll have our love to keep us warm while we dance cheek to cheek, and when they being the Beguine.....well, anything could - and probably will - happen! So come on, let yourself go, step out with your baby and get yourself down to the crypt for a some great music, a tasty supper, a drink or two from the bar and a whole lot of fun.

After all, there's no business like show business is there!

***See poster on next page***

***Lez***





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## *Book Club*

I have to report that not everyone enjoyed reading Jack by Marilynne Robinson BUT we did have a good chat about discrimination and prejudice arising from the story.

Our book to discuss on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April is The Whale at the End of the World by John Ironmonger. It is set in Cornwall, being the End of the World, where a young man is washed up, naked, on the beach thrown there by a whale. His stay in the village of St Piran during an impending crisis has an immense impact on this small community. It is 'intimate, funny and heart-warming. John Ironmonger tells a compelling story about the important things that hold us together, and how hope can be found, even at the end of the world.

Our book to read during April is Light Between Oceans by M L Stedman.

Australia 1926. After four harrowing years fighting on the Western Front Tom Sherbourne returns home to take a job as a lighthouse keeper on Janus Rock, nearly half a day's journey from the coast. To this isolated island where the supply boats come once a season and shore leaves are granted every other year at best, Tom brings a young, bold and loving wife Isabel. Years later after two miscarriages and one stillbirth the grieving Isabel hears a baby's cry on the wind . . .

We shall meet on May 6<sup>th</sup> to discuss this book.

Venue for April 1<sup>st</sup> is to be confirmed but please contact me on 211775 if you want to know more about us. We look forward to seeing you.

*Margaret Saville*

## **Jigsaw Library**

I now have 30 jigsaws for people to borrow with varying degrees of difficulty and most of them are being stored in St Andrews crypt in the quiet room, so if you would like to borrow one please come down on a Monday afternoon between 2.00pm and 3.30pm to have a look and see what suits you. There is no time limit for borrowing any of the jigsaws just a small fee of 50 pence and £1.00 to register your contact details. If you are not able to come to the crypt I can come to you with a selection to choose from. People do not have to be a member of our churches to borrow a jigsaw so if you know someone who might benefit from the library then please do get in touch – telephone 211775 or catch me at church.

*Margaret Saville*

Mary and I became good friends over 25 years ago, although we had met several years before whilst attending Treleigh Church. Mary was a very reserved, kind and gentle person with a wicked sense of dry humour, often coming out with some unexpected remarks!

On most Saturdays, weather permitting we would visit various coastal towns and villages. Mary's favourite was Porthleven and on one occasion I parked my car near Roskilly's ice cream shop. Having purchased our ice creams we returned to the car, and whilst I was unlocking it, a seagull took my cornet from my hand and flew off with it! Mary just stood in the road and roared with laughter, then went back into the shop again to buy another for me. We would often then spend the afternoon watching the world go by.

Over the years we visited the Hall for Cornwall on several occasions. Mary loved the Musicals and especially the Ice Shows. She always marvelled at the speed and skill of the skaters on such a small stage. During the springtime we visited as many gardens as possible to see the vast array of camellias and magnolias in all their glory, particularly Caerhays as we both loved the spring flowers. We usually managed to find a cafe which served cream teas before we returned home. Mary had a severe eye condition and I think we visited every hospital from Treiske to Penzance to attend the specialist appointments. On these occasions when her name was called 'Edith Willis' she would get very annoyed because she disliked the name Edith but as it was her first name this was the norm at clinics.

Mary had lived with her brother Jack who she cared for and nursed until he died, but living on her own proved difficult for her. Her nieces, nephews and friends visited regularly which she found a great comfort. Eight years ago it became apparent that Mary was unable to cope on her own and she became a resident at Mount Pleasant Care Home, Camborne where I often visited her. Her health slowly deteriorated and she finally became bedridden and unable to recognise her family or friends. It was there that Mary passed peacefully away on February 6th 2022.

It is hard to imagine that she is no longer with us, but she is now out of all suffering and at peace. I can console myself in remembering all the happy times I spent with such a dear friend who now rests in peace in Treleigh Churchyard in her family grave."

Mary was baptised and confirmed at St. Stephen's Church, Treleigh, was in the choir and taught at the Sunday School for many years. In her teens she acted in plays which were staged in the Church hall by Church members.

Mary worked in Timothy Whites, first in Redruth and then moving to the Truro branch which necessitated her catching the train at Scorrier railway station to travel daily to Truro.

For many years Mary was a member of Treleigh PCC and was a faithful worshipper, pushing her friend Nora Thomas in her wheelchair to church every Sunday. When Fr. Eddie was officiating at the Sunday Eucharist and was reading out the notices, he would often choose Mary and myself as his 'stooges' eg asking Mary if she would partner him at a barn dance or something similar being held in one of the other Benefice churches, much to the enjoyment of both Mary and myself and the rest of the congregation! Mary was also a member of the Treleigh church Ladies Club and Floral Art Club where she enjoyed watching the demonstrators create their arrangements. She didn't feel confident enough to attempt these works of art but would happily get the broom and clear up at the end of the evening. She was always willing to assist at the coffee mornings, fetes, brass cleaning and at any time when the Church was being decorated for special occasions.

**Zoe Simmons**



# EXCERPTS FROM A DAILY JOURNAL

by Michael Tangye

**Jan 6th 1983** I met an 85yrs old man from Penryn who told me of his experiences in World War 1. he had served in the Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry as a Sergeant, spending two years in France! "I was lucky to survive on the Somme. The Germans killed 20,000 men in one afternoon. The battlefield was so bad that you couldn't put a walking stick down between the shell-craters. Dead and wounded littered the ground—and all to take one hill! When we were back from the Front we ate well of egg, chips and other food—it was a rude awakening at the Front surviving on bully-beef and hard biscuits. Our horses which pulled the supplies were also fat and full behind the lines—after a short time it was sad to see them—all skin and bone, with hardly the strength to stand. I was awarded the MM (Military Medal) and when many platoons were 'wiped out' leaving no officers, for a long period I was in charge of a large number of troops, survivors from such tragedies" I thought of my late father who had also fought at the Battle of the Somme in the D.C.L.I—he too was lucky to survive its horrors.

**March 11th 1983** ("almost 30 Hell's Angels came on motor bikes from the St Austell area and wrecked the Oxford Inn opposite the Town Clock. Furniture was broken, along with numerous glasses. People were attacked with bike-chains and clubs. The wife of the licensee was hit over the head with a billiard cue when ushering ladies to the safety of a side room. Where were the Police?")

**April 17th 1983** (took an old farmer aged 87 years, to Treliske with abdominal pain. (Note –Ambulance Service). His story was so different to that of January 6th!)

"I was called up for military service in the 1914-18 war, but to prevent myself going to the Front Line in France I shot myself in the foot with a rifle I kept on the farm. When I was in hospital, and no one was looking, I would take off the bandage and re-open the healing wound with my penknife. I'd rather shoot myself through the foot than go out to France and be shot in the head, just to please somebody—it was all cussedness on my part."

**Jan 23rd 1984** The Druids Hall, alias Gem Cinema but now the Zodiac Bingo Club, was gutted by fire last night. It occurred after the hall was closed; only a short time before, 150 people were inside. Dr Fred Harris phoned me voicing concern about the safety of Murdoch House with its natural history records and genealogical material. I rushed to view it at 9.00am. Only a shell of the main hall is left—the roof has been destroyed leaving only bare walls. Fire doors prevented the flames from spreading to the main staircase area which is entered from Penryn Street. Several fire engines from surrounding areas, prevented the fire from spreading to the adjoining Berucraire Hotel. Fortunately, whilst a few firemen remained, it was found that Murdoch House was unaffected.

**Jan 24 1984** At Druid Hall I obtained permission to go inside to photograph the gutted building—now roofless with charred timbers outlined against the sky, and in the Bingo Hall only a mass of twisted metal left of the metal chairs, with ashes about 1 foot deep. I entered the former balcony area at the north end where we once had sat to watch films. It was still standing – but is now a mass of ashes. A group of detectives roamed around discussing the fire whilst above them demolition workers have commenced to dismantle the roof timbers. All of this whilst I photographed the various remaining bare features. Fortunately the tall attractive tower on Cross Street, at its south end, has escaped damage.' (**Note: Later, sadly dismantled to its present short height!**)



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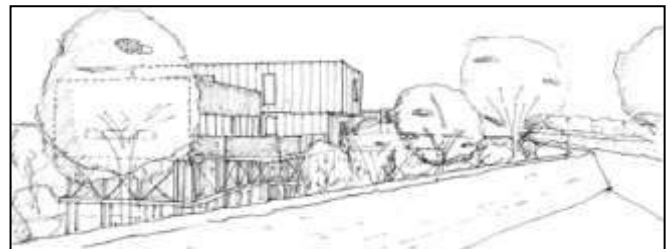
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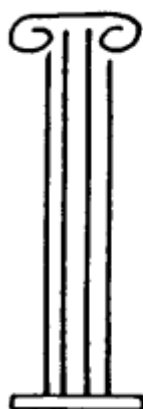


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