

# FIVE ALIVE



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## Rector's notes – APRIL 2023

This month I wanted to introduce our newly adopted vision statement. It's the one that emerged in our Deanery *On the Way* process last year, but now our own team council has decided to adopt it for our

benefice churches too. There's a great deal to unpack in these few words, and we'll be doing that over the next months, but here's some introductory thoughts.



### 1 - Living God's Abundant Life

At the heart of our faith is the new life that God gives us in Jesus Christ. It's connected to Jesus's resurrection life that we celebrate particularly on Easter Day. Jesus famously says of his followers in John's gospel (ch 10:10) '*I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.*' This is about allowing God by his Holy Spirit to fill us with his power, and enable us to know the wonderful fullness of God's love, joy, wholeness and deep peace – even when our life's circumstances are hard. I don't think it automatically happens just because we come to church. God waits for us to truly open our hearts to his transforming love, and brings about this change in us. Please chat about this with someone you trust, if you feel like you need more of this in your life!

### 2 - Sharing the good news of Jesus

If we've received this amazing life and love of God, surely it's the most natural thing in the world for us to want to share it around! It's also true that Jesus tells us we *should* do this, not least in the Great Commission in Matthew's gospel, to go into all the world and make disciples.

In a way, every time we act with kindness and generosity to anyone, but especially those outside our normal circle of friends and family, we are sharing the love of God. But there's also a vital importance that we find ways of explaining clearly to people how the abundant life of God is available to all. As we pray and become more confident about our faith, so our confidence to explain it to other people will grow. One of our tasks together in the coming months will be to imagine realistic ways to help each other share our faith with friends and family.

As we prepare to mark the extraordinary events of Jesus' passion in Holy Week, and anticipate his glorious resurrection, may God give us a renewed longing for more of his power in our lives, so that his purposes for us all may be fulfilled, and his Church would grow, and be able to better serve our communities.

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

## Curate's Notes

This week I was away on 'vicar training' where we discussed the hard subject of trauma. During our teaching, we had to listen to a woman's story of domestic abuse which was really hard to listen to especially as a man who can represent the perpetrator in the story. It was rather traumatic. In our evening prayer, we reflected on what we had heard that day and sat in silence after reading psalm 88. A psalm of deep lament and loss.

To process and recover from this hard, traumatic story (especially after a couple of weeks where Jesus shows us how he celebrates and empowers women) I have been thinking about why it was so hard and deeply affected me, and I realised that it was because, in part, I was angry, hurt, I needed to vent the spectrum of fierce emotions, that had easily transformed from sorrow to anger. I was full of vengeful songs, songs that call for retribution and justice.

The feelings I was experiencing were of loss, aloneness. Where was God in this situation? In the women's story? In how I felt? And over the few days to follow, it felt that I was in a state of lament like the psalms of old. We learn that the lament psalms teach us that it's never wrong to cry out to God. God hears us in our pain and welcomes us close.

Part of the Lent story is lament. It is a time when we can reflect on Israel's time in exile. A time of anguish and alienation for the Jewish people. Lament is vital because it helps us while we are in the pit of our pain and difficulty. It's a cry to God, begging or petitioning God to rescue us from our agony. We see this in psalm 88, the Sons of Korah (Samuel's bloodline) talk about being overwhelmed with troubles and that they are in the pit, without strength like those who have died, however, they recognise that they needed God and that it is he that saves. But at the end of the psalm, we are left without a conclusion or resolve, 'darkness is my closest friend'.

As we approach passion week, we are to remember that we are not to stay at the cross, no more than we are to rush on to Easter Sunday's resurrection. Sometimes we are to sit in the lament, to hold Easter Saturday, not understand, not know what to do, but feel lost and maybe defeated as the disciples may have felt. As psalm 23 tells us, 'Even though I walk through the darkest valley', we walk through it, not stay there. However, sometimes, just sometimes, we need the darkness, it can be our friend, just so we can learn that we need the light and the hope that is Jesus Christ and his resurrection.

Amen

*Revd Chris Harrigan*

## FIRST SUNDAY EVENTS

These events which began on April 1 2012 with the theme of HUMAN RIGHTS and a Shelterbox in the Pencoys Church have continued for the past ELEVEN years. Their purpose is to 'shine a light' on a cause, a nation or a situation that needs funds. Through hymns, prayers, talks and questions the events have raised thousands of pounds. **THANKYOU so much for your support month by month.** The events now circulate between: *Christchurch, Lanner/ Four Lanes Chapel/and St Andrew, Pencoys*. The venue is advertised in all of the various weekly sheets. **HERE IS THE MONEY RAISED IN YEAR ELEVEN:**

April 3 2022	£300.00	Disasters Emergency Committee for Ukraine
May 1	£300.00	Action Against Hunger
June 5	No collection Jubilee Sing-a-Long and tree planting	
July 3	£100.00	UNICEF earthquake appeal in Afghanistan
August 7	£125.00	RNLI
September 4	£150.00	Disasters Emergency Committee for Pakistan
October 2	£350.00	SHELTERBOX
November 6	£200.00	Nepal Youth Foundation
December 4	£100.00	National AIDS Trust
January 1 2023	£500.00	TOYBOX
February 5	£140.00	The Childrens Society
March 5	£200.00	Maketon & Cornwall Deaf Children's Society

**TOTAL FOR THE YEAR: £2,465.00**

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## ST ANDREW REDRUTH

### The Summer of '55

My memories of 1955 were of hot, sticky days where the tar on the roadside melted into glistening, black puddles. It was during one of these blistering days that my dear Auntie Muriel died.

It seemed to me that I had always known about death. I had watched my mother skin rabbits for stew or gut mackerel for our dinner. I had even watched our neighbour, Mr. Peters slaughter chickens in the pen that ran alongside our back garden. I was certainly not squeamish or faint hearted. Death was just something that happened, it was a reality.

I had been used to my Mother talking about death as she would devour the 'births, deaths and marriages column' of the West Briton every Thursday. I always knew when it was a death because she would make appropriate sounds. 'Oh no! But I only saw her last week in the queue at Bartles, waiting for her Hogs Pudding! .' If it was a birth there would be joy with an 'Oooh, how wonderful, twins. That'll keep Mother busy!' And so I took my Auntie Muriel's death in my childlike stride, later treasuring the time I had spent with her and remembering happy, happy times.

The one thing, however, that did devastate me was the loss of my darling dog, Fritz. The day had begun, as many seem to in my memory, bright, sunny and warm. Fritz had been under the weather for a while and had taken to sleeping most of the time. My Father and I often just sat beside him, watching his little belly rise and fall as he struggled more and more for breath. He had contracted Hardpad, a disease that usually kills most dogs but Fritz, with his ever feisty nature fought it with everything he had. Eventually, he could fight no more and just quietly and gently drifted off. Of course, like all children I made a great show of burying him under the laurels which he loved so much. My Mother and I struggled to drive a nail through two pieces of wood to make a cross. Eventually we managed to cobble something and accompanied by fresh flowers, we said prayers.

We, as a family, mourned this little bundle of trouble, my Mother declaring, "No more dogs!" it was just all too sad.

About a week later my Father arrived home from work with a large cardboard box which he placed on the hall floor in front of my Mother, Sister and myself. I remember my Mother tutting and turning her back. "I hope it's not what I think it is." she declared. My Father said nothing but gave an encouraging glance in my direction and smiled. Gingerly, I remember opening the box. There, inside amongst scrunched up newspaper was the fattest, fluffiest puppy I had ever seen. He just sat there, like a Toby Jug, fat, round and with tiny, black, glistening eyes. He was every child's dream. It transpired that my Father's Secretary, Dorothy had come to work that day with three puppies in the box looking for loving, caring homes. Well, who could resist? My Father certainly couldn't. We called this beauty Toby and he slotted into the family like a hand in a glove. What a happy ending to what had been a very sad time.

***Pie Louis-Smith***

# CHRISTCHURCH LANNER



**With love and best wishes to all 'Five Alivers'!!**

Christchurch remains open 10.00am – 4.00pm and Holy Communion is celebrated each Sunday at 9.30am, except on the second Sunday when an informal all age event (CHAMP) is held and Holy Communion 11.00am and follows the Prayer Book rite. The third Sunday is a Communion with new music.

## **EASTER AT CHRISTCHURCH**

***Palm Sunday / April 2 / Meet at 9.00am in Lanner Square for the procession of palms and on to the 9.30am service of Holy Communion***

***Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday in Holy Week / April 3, 4, 5 / 11.00am Holy Communion followed by the Stations of the Cross in three groups***

***Maundy Thursday / April 6 / Meet at 7.00pm in THE FOUR LANES CHAPEL to join with FLAPJACK for a Maundy Thursday supper, followed by a Gethsemane vigil in the PENCOYS CHURCH, 9.00pm – 10.00pm***

***Good Friday / April 7 / 10.00am, meditation at the cross***

***Holy Saturday / April 8 / 7.00pm The lighting of the New fire***

***EASTER SUNDAY / April 9 / 9.30am Holy Communion***

***CHRISTCHURCH WISHES ALL READERS A HAPPY AND PEACEFUL EASTER***

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**TOASTY TUESDAYS:** In response to the church and government initiatives both locally, and nationally Christchurch Hall plans to be open every Tuesday afternoon from 1.00pm – 4.00pm. Soup (which is AMAZING!!) bread, tea and coffee etc. will be available as well as games and chat!! This links in with the **OPEN PANTRY** which has been available since the covid lockdowns.

**WARM WEDNESDAYS:** A similar response has been put in place by the FLAPJACK community who will open the Methodist Chapel in Four Lanes every Wednesday afternoon from 2.00pm – 5.00pm. This again links with the **OPEN PANTRY** at St Andrew's, Pencoy's.



**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 optional Covid-safe precautions in place***

The members of Flapjack thank our friends in the Methodist Church for their kind hospitality in allowing us to share their facilities for services during the cold months from January to March. We return to St. Andrew's Pencoys for two events on Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April, please see below. From Easter Day our former patterns of worship will resume. The said Holy Communion services on Wednesday evenings and the third-Sunday evening continue at 6 p.m. at St. Andrew's Pencoys. The last "Warm Wednesday" afternoon at the Methodist Church will be 29<sup>th</sup> March. The First Sunday Evening Event on 5<sup>th</sup> March supported the Cornwall Deaf Children's Society and the Makaton Charity, and we thank all who came to learn about those with hearing challenges and ways to help them, and for their generous donations. The next Event will be held on **Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April** at St. Andrew's Pencoys at 6 p.m. and will support Parkinson's UK (with Sheila), with donations to the West Cornwall & Isles of Scilly branch. Everyone will be very welcome to this Event.

Flapjack services and events during **April** will be:

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April** Quiz, Pencoys Hall, 7 p.m.

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April** PALM SUNDAY 10.45am Blessing of Palms at St. Andrew's lych gate, then procession to the Methodist Church (possibly + donkey) for Flapjack

Holy Communion at 11.15 am **Lighthouse** young people's event 3 - 5pm Methodist Church.

First Sunday Evening Event 6pm at St. Andrew's Church.

**Monday, Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>, 6 p.m.** at St. Andrew's

**Wednesday** Said Holy Communion + Stations of the Cross

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April** Maundy Thursday Seder Supper at the Methodist Church **7pm** with Holy Communion & footwashing, then procession to St. Andrew's Chapel of Repose + Vigil until 10.30 p.m.

**Good Friday 7<sup>th</sup>** Meditations at Methodist Church, 12 noon; St. Andrew's at 2pm

**Holy Saturday 8<sup>th</sup>** New Fire of EASTER : Methodist Church Car Park 9pm

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April** **EASTER DAY** Flapjack Family Holy Communion 11.15am at St. Andrew's Pencoys

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> April** Games (Bingo) Evening, 6 – 8pm Pencoys Hall

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April** Methodist Morning Service, 11.15am H.C. at St. Andrew's 6pm

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April** Bangers & Mash Methodist Church from 11am

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April** Flapjack Holy Communion St. Andrew's 11.15am

Evensong 6pm St. Euny Church followed by Redruth APCM 7pm

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April** Breakfast Service 9 .30am Methodist Church

Benefice H.C. Service, 10,30 a.m., St. Andrew's Pencoys

Teatime Celebration, Pencoys Hall, 4 – 5pm

The members of Flapjack wish everyone a happy and blessed Easter, full of new life and hope.

***Jill Tolputt***

## ST EUNY

The Service held at St Euny for World Day of Prayer was a beautiful and deeply reflective experience which was attended by several people from different denominations in the town. The cream tea which followed was very warm and friendly, giving us an excellent opportunity to meet and exchange ideas with others churches.

We are planning several services for the Easter period and hope that many of our fellow Christians in the Benefice will join us for the very special dawn service on Easter Day. It is such a deeply spiritual moment, watching the sunrise on Easter morning and hearing the dawn chorus as we sing and pray around the fire. No need to have breakfast before you come – you can warm up with teas and hot cross buns afterwards.

On Good Friday morning there will be a Holy Communion at 10.00am in St Euny, followed by a prayer walk and reflection which is being led by Jason. This is an initiative being planned by Jason and will allow us to contemplate more deeply on the meaning of The Crucifixion.

Following the enjoyment of developing our wreath-making skills at Christmas, we are holding an Easter wreath and Easter Garden –making event at St Euny on Easter Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> April. This promises to be as wild and green as last time, and the Open Cafe regulars have been preparing by making willow wreaths for use on the day. The event will be from 12.00noon to 3.00pm and there will be soup lunches and refreshments on sale. If you are interested, or you know of someone else who might enjoy this, please feel free to just come along on the day, or to be sure of a place email [lindabeskeen@gmail.com](mailto:lindabeskeen@gmail.com)

Canon Pat Robson is working on a project to celebrate our Celtic churches, called 'Cornish Celtic Quiet Places'. She explains this in detail on a page on the Diocese of Truro website at: [https://trurodiocese.org.uk/2022/11/time-to-shout-about-our-cornish-celtic-quiet-places/?utm\\_source=rss&utm\\_medium=rss&utm\\_campaign=time-to-shout-about-our-cornish-celtic-quiet-places](https://trurodiocese.org.uk/2022/11/time-to-shout-about-our-cornish-celtic-quiet-places/?utm_source=rss&utm_medium=rss&utm_campaign=time-to-shout-about-our-cornish-celtic-quiet-places). Several churches have agreed to participate in advertising our special Celtic religious spiritual heritage, encouraging visitors to find out more and explore the spaces. A new website is being created to inform and explain to any prospective visitors the location, opening times and special character and history of the churches. St Euny is looking at becoming a part of this, hoping to open up and encourage people to visit our special place from this summer. Cornwall's Celtic heritage and our saints are nowhere near as well known or visited as the early church sites in other parts of the British Isles, so this is a wonderful opportunity to work together and draw people to experience their soothing balm and quiet presence, born of hundreds of years of being steeped in prayer and love.

St Euny is still working on setting up a 'social events' team, anyone who has anything to offer is most welcome to join us. Please contact Lucie, our churchwarden, if you are interested.

***Linda Beskeen***

## ST STEPHEN'S TRELEIGH



On Ash Wednesday the 7pm service of Holy Communion with Ashing was presided over by Caspar with the two hymns being sung to recorded music.

We were especially pleased, recently, to receive a Monogrammed Card from HM King Charles with thanks for the Hand-made Condolence card, bearing a photo of Treleigh Church, that we had sent him on the death of his Mother, Queen Elizabeth II. His card portrayed a beautiful colour photo of him as a very young boy with his Mother, our late Queen.

On Palm Sunday, 2nd April, we will have our 1st Sunday in the month Informal Service of Holy Communion but, as is our tradition at Treleigh, it will commence in the Hall, (unless wet) where the Palms will be blessed and we will process to the Church singing 'All Glory Laud and Honour'. For those unable to process, someone will remain in the Church and the blessed Palms will be distributed to them.

On Maundy Thursday, 6th April at 6pm, there will be a Sung Eucharist, with Foot washing. Following the service the Altar and Sanctuary will be 'stripped' and there will be a 'Watch' for as ever long people wish to stay in quiet contemplation, usually about an hour.

On Good Friday at 10am, there will be Stations of the Cross in the Hawthorn Garden, (if wet it will take place in church) This is a beautiful and thought provoking journey around the Pictorial Stations, accompanied by readings and a hymn verse at each station. Chairs will be available for those people who are unable to stand for long. This earlier time enables those people who wish to attend The Walk of Witness in Redruth Town Centre to get there in time.

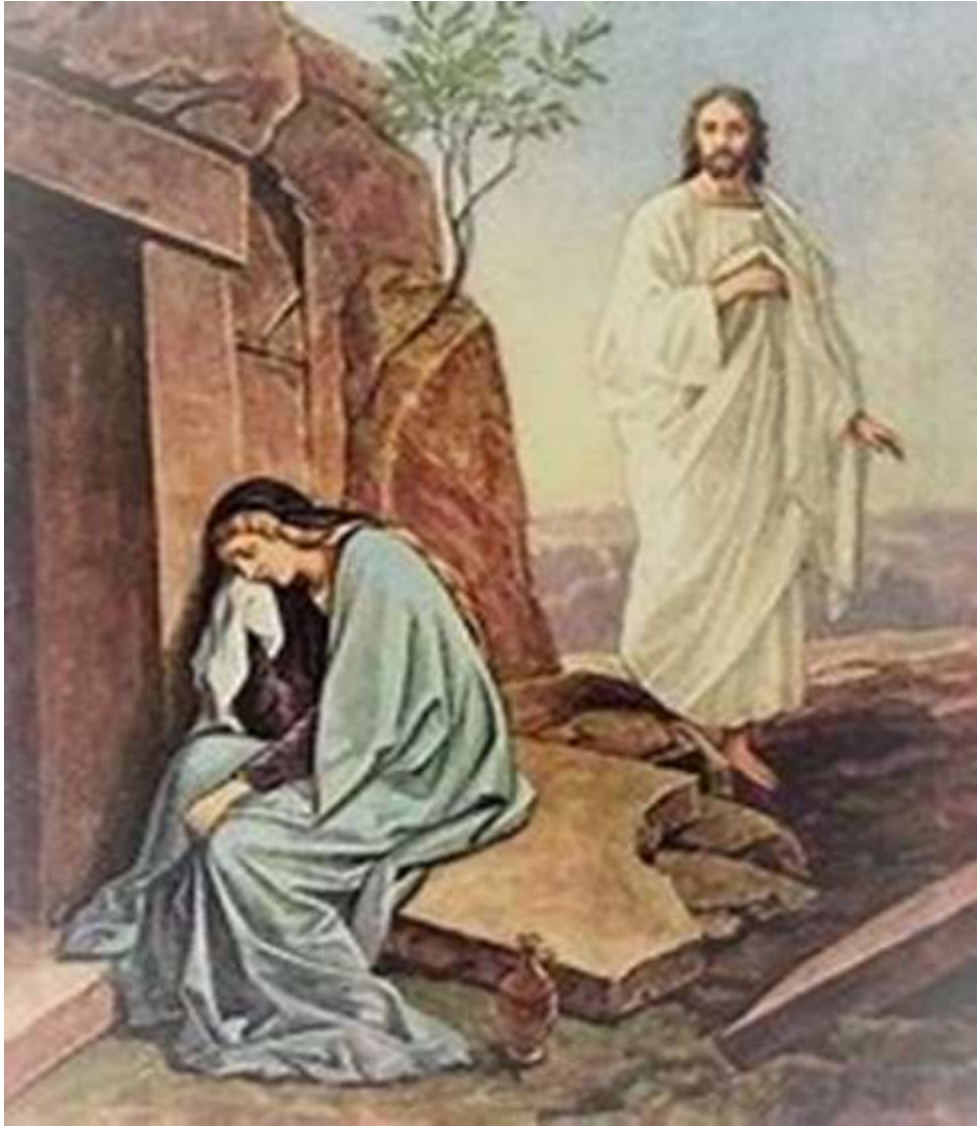
On Easter Sunday at 11.15am, we commence our Sung Eucharist Service with the lighting of the new Paschal Candle outside of the church in, we hope, glorious sunshine and with the sweet sound of birdsong. After the service the usual Easter chicks will be distributed.

On Thursday, 20th April, we will be holding our APCM at 10.45am following the Holy Communion service. There are forms for the Electoral Roll, PCC and Churchwarden nominations at the back of the church or please phone either of the Churchwardens if you are unable to attend church in person.

On Saturday, 22nd April we will be holding a churchyard tidy, mainly the paths and perimeters as there will still be an abundance of the beautiful spring flowers carpeting the graves. It's worth coming just to witness God's wonderful gifts of creation and of course, there will be the usual light refreshments over friendly chatter.

The people of St. Stephen's Church, Treleigh, wish all who read this magazine, a Happy and Blessed Easter.

***Christine Cunningham***



Mary at the empty tomb

## ***Book Club*** – open to anyone who likes reading and having a chat ( you don't have to be a member of any of our churches)

There was a mixed reception to *The Long Road from Kandahar*, several people thought the story was too 'neat and tidy' and thought more could have been made of the relationship between mother in law and daughter in law and the similarities of their experience that were only hinted at. As always, though, it was good to read of places in Cornwall that we could all relate to.

Further discussion about our next book means we have dropped *Hungry Ghosts* for the time being as most people wanted something different, so after throwing a few ideas around we settled on a collection of 11 short stories. They are all set in modern day Israel written by Omer Friedlander. The title story, *The Man Who Sold Air in the Holy Land* is about a con man who tries to sell empty bottles of 'holy' air to tourists. A school show and tell is about the kidnap of a holocaust survivor whilst another shares the story of a volunteer at a West Bank checkpoint of a mother mourning her son killed in Gaza.

We are given descriptions of the lush orange groves in Jaffa, the Negev desert and the narrow alley ways of Jerusalem and of course some insight into the Arab/Israeli conflict. The stories have been described as 'fairy tales turned on their head by the stakes of real life'.

Don't forget the previous books are available in church for you to read and pass on. Enjoy!! If you want to know more then contact me on 219059 - there's always room for one or two more in my conservatory!

***Margaret Saville***

## **Pastoral Group**

Just a reminder to everyone in our churches to look out for one another. If you have concerns about someone who is not well amid would like a visit or holy communion at home please tell your church warden or your pastoral co-ordinator ( listed below). You may also have noticed someone missing from church over a number of weeks and don't know why. Please do let us know, it's better to hear from two or three people than not to hear at all.

Your co-ordinator is:-

St Andrew Pencoys	Fr Peter
St Andrew Redruth	Pie Louis-Smith and Lavinia Green
St Euny	Jason Hoole-Jackson
St Stephen Treleigh	Ann Youlton
Christchurch Lanner	Linda James

The co-ordinators try to meet once a month to pray for those in need and support one another

***Revd Margaret and Fr Peter***

## FROM THE REGISTERS

### FUNERALS

17 February	2023	Richard Claude Johnson	St Euny
13 March	2023	Elaine Annette Wills	St Euny
14 March	2023	Alan William Jenkin	St Euny
18 March	2023	Anna Pidwell	St Andrew Redruth

### BURIAL

21 February	2023	Poppy Pascoe	Carmenellis
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## EASTER BLESSINGS

Wishing everyone a very  
happy and peaceful Easter



NEEDLECRAFT EXHIBITION  
FRIDAY/SATURDAY  
14 and 15 APRIL  
ST ANDREW'S  
REDRUTH



10.00am—3pm

# TURKEY/SYRIA EARTHQUAKE APPEAL

Thankyou to all our churches who held collections to support those affected by this natural disaster.

We were able to raise £1,550 in total and this has been sent to the Disasters Emergency Committee.

An acknowledgement of this donation has been sent to each church.

## QR CODES

The three Redruth PCC churches have needed to change their QR codes to the 'Give a Little' website. The new codes are:-



ST EUNY



ST ANDREW PENCOYS



ST ANDREW REDRUTH



# *An Outstanding Redruth Mine Captain*

*Michael Tangye*

Much of Cornwall's long history of mining is recorded in weekly reports of such in Cornish newspapers from as early as 1810. A wealth of information has for long been kept in some local libraries in either original form or on microfilm—there must be thousands of indigenous Cornish folk whose families had at some time been involved in mining, either in Cornwall or following emigration to mineralised areas overseas.

The mines were run by Mine Captains most greatly admired and respected for their knowledge and consideration having commenced work underground as boys in the care of a family member or a trusted friend—such a man was Captain 'Thomas Teague Esquire' of Redruth who died aged 68 yrs in March 1834. His obituary in the West Briton tells of an exceptional person.

'Captain Teague was for many years one of the most eminent, enterprising and successful of Cornish miners. Sprung from the labouring classes he attained great wealth in the possession of which (note: a millionaire probably by investing in rich mining ventures) he distinguished himself by a munificent encouragement of mining labour and was noted as a friend of the poor'.

His funeral was exceptional:- 'Every shop in the town was closed during the funeral, and a vast concourse of people assembled in Redruth. Several gentlemen came from London to join other local gentlemen in the procession from all over Cornwall'. The thousands of persons who crowded the way to the parish church 'prevented all professional effect. Some minor accidents occurred there due to the sheer pressure of the crowd—some rushed to attempt to enter the church, causing noise and confusion. The service was conducted by the Rev W J Hawksley and the combined choirs of the church and Wesleyan Chapel.' It was probably the largest funeral ever conducted at St Euny church.

Thomas Teague is remembered by a plaque erected at St Euny church in September 1841 and reported in the West Briton:- 'A splendid mural tablet executed by Messrs Pearce and Sons, Truro, has been erected in this church, to the memory of the late Thomas Teague Esq. It is in the Grecian style, with a correct likeness of the great speculator and the miner in the centre.'

Amongst numerous other reports of the church was one of a visit by the Bishop of Exeter at a time when Cornwall had no Cathedral or Bishop. In July 1845 'he confirmed about 300 children of the parishes of Redruth, Gwennap, Illogan and Camborne. Afterwards he consecrated a piece of ground which was lately added to the burial ground.'

The sermon by the Bishop that followed was not a great attraction, 'the attendance of clergy and gentry was unusually thin, and there were very few others to hear the address'!

## *My way to Compostella, Day 2*

*Len Cunningham*

We have arrived at the town of Roncesvalles (valley of thorns) or Orreaga in Basque, an ancient and historical starting point for Spanish pilgrims arriving from Pamplona. The monastery is still in use today and is run by the order of St Augustin. It provides accommodation for 187 pilgrims throughout the year. Andrew and I decided to treat ourselves to a last night of comfort and stayed in the Hostal La Posada. It featured in the film "The Way" as Michael Sheens first stop, but only the front outside façade. The hostel sits beside the 12<sup>th</sup> century Romanesque chapel of the Holy Spirt, "Capilla de Sanctus Spiritus" and sometimes referred to as the "Silo de Carlomagno" reputed to be the burial place of the slaughtered rearguard of Charlemagne's army and a medieval burial place from Pilgrims. Close by is another monument commemorating the battle of Roncesvalles and the death of Roland in 778. Having booked in and had a refreshing shower, the weather was warmer and sunnier than on the mountain so we joined some of other fellow pilgrims outside for a relaxing beer and some interesting conversation before the evening meal which we will come to recognise as the standard pilgrim menu! We chatted to the two Canadian girls we had met at the beginning of the day. They were waiting for a coach to take them to Irun on the north coast of Spain the starting point of the Norte Camino Route and a charming American couple from Carolina, he was a carpenter and she a nurse. He had spent some time in the UK and had played rugby, like us it was their first Camino. The pilgrim's menu turned out to be either fish or chicken with mixed salad and chips followed by, either a tarte or yogurt but always wine and water. There is no ceremony where one sits you just pick a likely look table and sit down.

We joined a table for six, there were already four people on it. A young married couple from America who were devout Roman Catholics who we never saw again. Can't blame them having had us two on the same table!! and two Australian ladies in their late forties. The main topic of conversation was? You guessed it why are you doing it, followed by the Camino in general, preparations, what to take and how much to carry. The Australian ladies said that just before they left Aus. it was a toss-up between taking sleeping bags or hair dryers. The hair dryers win. More about that particular item later. After supper we went to bed in anticipation of the day ahead.

# ThurstanHoskin

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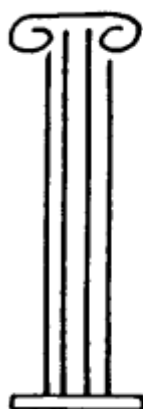


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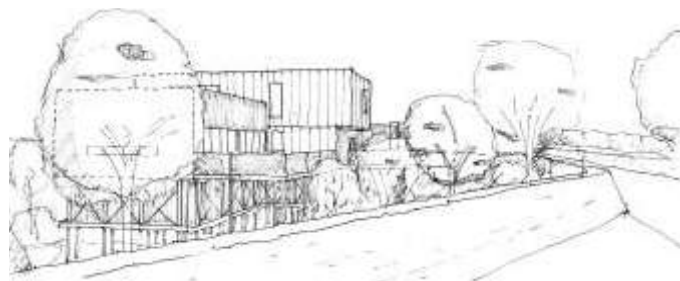
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