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Parish Conversations and bubbles!

A lady had booked a holiday at a camp site and was keen to ensure it had all the facilities she needed. However she was a very reserved lady, who did not like to speak explicitly of delicate things. When it came to asking if there were toilet facilities, she found it difficult to find a way to phrase this. She could not bring herself to write “toilet”, or even “Bathroom Commode” and so she wrote asking “Does the campsite have a convenient BC?” The campsite owners were at a loss as to what the woman meant, but eventually arrived at the conclusion that the woman must mean “Baptist Church” and so wrote this reply:-

“Dear Madam: I regret very much the delay in answering your letter, but I now take pleasure of informing in that the “B.C.” is located nine miles north of the camp site and is capable of seating 250 people at one time. I admit it is quite a distance away if you are in the habit of going regularly but no doubt you will be pleased to know that a great number of people take their lunches along, and make a day of it..... They usually arrive early and stay late. The last time my wife and I went was six years ago, and it was so crowded we had to stand up the whole time we were there. It may interest you to know that right now, there is a supper planned to raise money to buy more seats.....They plan to hold the supper in the middle of the “B.C.” ,so everyone can watch and talk about this great event.....I would like to say it pains me very much, not to be able to go more regularly, but it is surely not for lack of desire on my part....As we grow older, it seems to be more and more of an effort, particularly in cold weather..... If you decide to come down to the campground, perhaps I could go with you the first time you go...sit with you...and introduce you to all the other folks..... This is really a very friendly community....”

I wonder what the woman made of the reply?!

Communication is one of the hardest things to get right in any organisation. It takes huge amounts of effort and energy, and skill. Miscommunication can lead to real problems, and even conflict. And how we choose to hear things can be especially disruptive as well!

This being said, there is a chance for us to meet as a parish and talk. We will be holding “parish conversations” on the 15th, 22nd and 29th of September at 7pm (venues to be confirmed). These will be a chance to reflect deeply on our priorities and our mission as a parish, expressed through our five congregations. There will be a chance to share what we love about our churches, aspire to what we hope for, and make some firm commitments to our priorities for the next few years.

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My hope is that as many people as possible will join us as we sit round tables and talk together and listen. We began this process before Easter with our prayer stations. And it was interesting to me how some churches engaged brilliantly, whilst others wrote very little on the prayer stations. The one thing that was repeated in every church to some extent was the desire to see younger people engage with church.

The reality is that Sunday morning worship is very unlikely to hit the spot for most families and young people. This is a large part of the reason for starting Bubble Church at St Andrews in September. Bubble Church is a Sunday church service especially for babies, toddlers, and young families. It includes action songs, a Bible story, puppets and a simple activity. It is run at around 70 different churches around the country, and has attracted large numbers of families to churches that run it. My hope is that it will enable us to build on the connection of Baptisms, and attract families to come and worship with us.

But the plan can't end there. Bubble church only works for a limited section of society (young families) and when they stop being young families, we need to offer a worshipping community that is still relevant for them. We are starting Cafe Church at St Euny in October. This will be a relaxed and informal service, around tables, that follows the familiar church liturgy, but in a very different way. If you have experienced cafe church before, there is a good chance this will be different to what you've known previously!

These two new services will give us worshipping communities to invite people into, and an expression of worship that is currently missing from our parish. meanwhile, we continue with the pattern of services that work so well for us.

I hope most of you reading this will come along to the parish conversations, and be part of shaping our priorities and vision for the next few years. And hopefully it will mean we don't end up with ridiculous conclusions like the campsite owners or the prospective holiday maker!!

Revd Becca Bell

***Christchurch Lanner and Lanner Methodist Chapel
will be holding an experimental joint service
on Sunday 3 August at 10.00am at Christchurch***

Diamonds are forever

This month, Redruth Parish will open its doors in an extraordinary way — hosting *Toast*, a Youth Evening designed for 50 children and young people aged 7–15. It promises a night full of energy, laughter, and connection — a Silent Disco in the main church space, games and food in the crypt, and a relaxed chill-out zone where conversations can unfold naturally. But *Toast* isn't just an event. It's a message.

Set on the last day of school before the summer holidays, *Toast* offers a space for young people to simply breathe — to let go of the stress, pressure, and expectations that so often weigh heavily on them. School life today can be overwhelming: exams, friendships, online pressures, identity questions, anxiety about the future. *Toast* is a counterpoint to that. It says, “You are welcome here. Just as you are — we see You!.”

But behind the lights, music, and snacks lies months of preparation. Countless hours of planning, meetings, safeguarding documentation, equipment sourcing, risk assessments, and rota-building have gone in — not to mention the publicity, persuasion, and moments of “Can we really pull this off?” “Is it worth it?” The pressure was very real. Stress, late nights, juggling logistics and prayer — all part of the journey.

But pressure, as we know, can do something remarkable. In the natural world, a diamond begins as nothing but carbon — ordinary, even overlooked. Yet under intense pressure and heat, transformation happens. A gem is formed: clear, strong, and precious.

But pressure, as we know, can lead to something beautiful. Just as diamonds are formed from carbon under intense heat and pressure, something precious can emerge from the weight we carry — if we allow God to shape it. In Malachi 3:17, God says: “*They shall be mine... my treasured possession.*” And in Matthew 13:44, Jesus reminds us that the Kingdom of Heaven is like “*treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.*”

That's how God sees us and each young person — not as a problem to solve, a diocesan strategy, but as treasure worth everything. That's why we do this. Because even one moment where a child feels noticed, heard, or loved — that is the diamond beginning to shine. Yes, we're exhausted. But every hour, every form, every email, every borrowed disco light was worth it. Because it means our young people get to hear that they matter, that the Church sees them, and that God sees them. Not just for who they are today, but for who they can become. Loved. Transformed. Treasured.

So join us in prayer that each child who walks through the doors at the *Toast* Event knows — deep down — they are God's treasure. As are you. **Amen**

Revd Chris Harrigan

ST ANDREW REDRUTH

All about change (a personal view)

Some people will say nothing changes at St Andrew's but others that there is too much. Actually quite a lot has happened but much of this has been gradual and perhaps has gone unnoticed.

From 1 January 2024 all five churches became a single parish and we became a charity. Thanks to the hard work of the wardens and Juliet, Linda, Geoff and Brian who are looking after the individual churches and their cash collections I suspect this change has largely gone unnoticed.

At St Andrew's we have at least two communion services each month with the traditional bells and smells and one change is the monthly service of the word with the first two services led by Luke Roberts and then Lez both of which were very well received. It is also good that the whole parish meets together once a month in one of our churches so we can spend valuable time with the other congregations.

Another change in recent years is the time now devoted to young people with Tiddlers led by Lez and Fran, Toast with Chris and Peter and recently the youth group and Angrouse reflective service on alternate Sundays introduced by Becca. The big end of term attraction for school age children was the Toast Youth Event on 18 July masterminded by Chris with support from across the parish, with sumo wrestling, disco, pizza and hot dogs and many other activities taking place upstairs and in the crypt; about fifty children took part and had a great time.

You can guarantee Lez will always come up with something different and the murder mystery tea party on 28 June was certainly that. The Randoms team was augmented by guest stars Roger and Lois Bush and of course Father Peter. It was great fun with a delicious tea.

Like the rest of the world the Church of England and even St Andrew's needs to accept change. That does not mean we discard all of our traditions but new things need to happen as well. Watch out for Bubble Church which is aimed at attracting families with young children which will be an addition to Sundays once a month.

This parish is blessed with our two hardworking retired priests Peter and Margaret and our younger and enthusiastic curate Chris but with only one stipendiary clergy we cannot rely on this situation carrying on forever as we all know that "time flies". It is for this reason that the parish has been recruiting and training worship leaders across our churches. Once trained they will be able to support our two readers and Becca.

All of our churches are busy as demonstrated by what is happening at St Andrew's Redruth but things that happen rely on someone coming up with an idea then others to help it to happen so new (and younger) volunteers are always welcome.

Richard Robinson

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

FLAPJACK: *Four Lanes And Pencoys Join and Cheer the King*

The ecumenical links which are at the heart of FLAPJACK have influenced their 'sister' church in Lanner. Christchurch have seen what is possible and have organised a joint ANGLICAN / METHODIST study group with the chapel in Lanner. There were five meetings:

The history of Methodism, The history of Anglicanism, Graven images, Planning a united act of worship, Worshipping together.

There is also a united act of worship on SUNDAY AUGUST 3, in Christchurch at 10.00am.

ECUMENISM: The word means 'coming from the whole world' and so for Four Lanes/ Pencoys and now starting for Lanner, the old barriers that were built between church and chapel are being thought about and perhaps taken down. Much is still to be done, but maybe with a new Pope and with new Methodist ministers coming to our area there will be greater co-operation between the denominations who all teach that God's love for all creation is seen through the action of Jesus on the cross and the miracle of the empty tomb.

THANKYOU for all your support to keep the 'Pencoys Pantry' open and well-stocked. The burden rests on the shoulders of Brian and Sheila and the community is so grateful to them for their faithfulness which keeps the pantry open. Recently there have been boxes of lettuces left in the pantry. Sadly, they are not popular and have rotted. Fresh produce is very difficult to store, but tins and packets are always needed.

ADVANCED FLAPJACK DATES

<i>Saturday August 2</i>	<i>Pencoys Hall</i>	<i>Monthly Quiz</i>	<i>7.00pm</i>
<i>Sunday August 3</i>	<i>Four Lanes Chapel</i>	<i>FLAPJACK meeting</i>	<i>12.30pm</i>
<i>Saturday August 15</i>	<i>Four Lanes Chapel</i>	<i>VJ Day Event</i>	<i>6.00pm</i>
<i>Sunday August 17</i>	<i>Four Lanes Chapel</i>	<i>Village Songs of Praise</i>	<i>2.30pm</i>
<i>Saturday August 23</i>	<i>Four Lanes Chapel</i>	<i>Sausage and Mash</i>	<i>11.30am</i>
<i>Sunday August 31</i>	<i>Pencoys Hall</i>	<i>Tea-Party</i>	<i>4.00pm</i>

ST EUNY

Our new visitor book is filling up well this summer, with many complimentary comments. The orbit of our comments is global, with many from the Cornish diaspora commenting on their family connections going back many generations. We are told to expect an average ratio of 1:10 signatures to visitors. I would suggest that this underestimates the number which enters the church as many more local residents do so on a regular basis for moments of quiet and reflection. So many people write that the church is 'beautiful', with which most of the St Euny congregation would agree, but this beauty has evolved over time with many well-considered additions and adornments. One aspect of these is our stained glass. Some might expect this to reflect the age of the church, but the earliest was installed in the late 1870s, prior to which a century of clear glass was in place.

In October 1950 a new Communion table was gifted to St Euny by Mrs Mundy and Miss C.H. Mundy in memory of Mr H Munday who was churchwarden for over a quarter of a century and was also a long term chorister.

John Arnold Trevenen lived in Redruth from the 1930s. He was a local solicitor and active in a variety of organisations in the town, including the Tennis Club and the St John's Ambulance. Churchwarden of St Euny for many years, John Trevenen, with much help from his wife, was an instrumental force in raising money for significant refurbishment that took place in 1956. The sum of £2,000 was sufficient then to pay for repairs to the roof and lych-gate, re-pointing the fabric and gravelling the entrance paths. Most of the funds were raised by local events and gifts from friends of the church – a challenge which we would find difficulty meeting today.

In that same year his daughter Ann Trevenen married Richard Garfield Jenkin at St Euny. Richard Jenkin became Grand Bard of the Gorsedh twice, from 1976-82 and 1985-88. Ann Trevenen-Jenkin became the first female Grand Bard, from 1994-1997. This link with the Gorsedh continues today with the current Grand Bard being Jenefer Lowe (of this parish), who will preside over the Gorsedh ceremony in Marazion on Saturday 6th September, to which everyone is welcome. There is also a Gorsedh Evensong service on Sunday 7th September at All Saints Marazion at 3.00pm. Jenefer will be supported in leading the Gorsedh by the Deputy Grand Bard, who is Dr. Loveday Jenkin, daughter of Ann Treven-Jenkin and Richard Jenkin who were married in St Euny on a beautiful August day in 1956.

Linda Beskeen

CHRISTCHURCH LANNER



Christchurch remains open 10.00am– 4.00pm and Holy Communion is celebrated each Sunday at 9.30am except where a Service of the Word is scheduled. The third Sunday is a Communion with new music and each Wednesday there is a Prayer Book Communion Service at 11.00am followed by a Bible Study. *The LAST Sunday of each month will continue to revolve through the six worship settings and starts at 10.30am.*

THE CHRISTCHURCH SUPPER CLUB: Christchurch enjoys a SUPPER CLUB every three months. There is always lots of food etc. brought by the guests and a good time, by candlelight is had by all. The next Supper Club date is on **SATURDAY AUGUST 30, 7.00pm with QUIZ!!**

OTHER EVENTS AT CHRISTCHURCH: *Margaret's Last Monday Tea Party 2.00pm – 4.00pm.* The **AUGUST** tea party is on AUGUST 25, 2.00pm

FUTURE EVENTS: The games afternoons and the film nights are advertised in the weekly pew sheet. **BUT** to avoid a clash with the Treleigh monthly tea-party the rotation for the games afternoon has been adjusted: **Tuesday August 5, 19, September 2 etc.**

FILM NIGHTS: Due to diary clashes, there are TWO film nights in AUGUST: Friday August 1 & Friday August 29. Keep watching the various weekly sheets for which film is showing when.

SUNDAY AUGUST 3: Following discussions and meetings, Lanner Chapel and Christchurch met for a 5 week study group on traditions and liturgy. The result of that is a joint Sunday Service on **Sunday August 3, 10.00am** in Christchurch. The theme will be Transfiguration with a special reference to Hiroshima. **EVERYONE is very welcome at the ground-breaking service. REMEMBER:**

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ADVANCE NOTICE: These dates may help us to avoid diary clashes:-

<i>Saturday</i>	<i>August 2</i>	<i>Summer Fete</i>	<i>2pm including Mary's Farm visits</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>October 4</i>	<i>Harvest Lunch</i>	<i>12noon – 2.00pm</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>November 29</i>	<i>Patronal Dinner</i>	<i>7.00pm Mary Anson's House</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>December 16</i>	<i>Skyliner Carol Service</i>	<i>7.00pm.</i>

May God's blessing continue to rest upon Rebecca our Rector and her family.

FP

ST STEPHEN TRELEIGH



July brought us the long, awaited sunshine, too hot for some of us but very welcome.

We are pleased to report that Mary came home from hospital a few weeks ago and her mobility is improving. No doubt some of you will have seen her on Morning Prayer. We pray for her continuing recovery.

On the 9th July we held our Tea Party for Treleigh School which was the last one in the school year. It was well attended with plenty to eat and much chat and laughter. We appreciate the help of many people Fr. Peter, Rev. Margaret and Linda James have been very supportive. A big thank you to all of you. On Tuesday 9th September we shall be raising money for Macmillan Nursing at this event.

On Sunday 6th July Jason and Wes led the Service of the Word. Wes is in training as a Worship Leader and despite saying that he was nervous, he spoke very movingly about families. Jason brought bunting and asked us to write a short prayer on a section. The bunting with the prayers, now hang in our Wayside Chapel.

Several of our congregation enjoyed the "Murder Mystery" in St Andrews Crypt. Rev. Roger Bush was a superb "Poirot" along with his elegant companion (Lois) and not forgetting "Miss Lemon" (FP). Afternoon tea was served. Congratulations to the whole cast for an entertaining afternoon.

An invitation to attend Treleigh School's production of "Oliver" was taken up by a few this week. What a treat to see so many children in a truly wonderful, musical and funny show. A great tribute to the hard working staff. It was a privilege to be there.

Our Garden Fete will have come and gone by the time this goes to print. We shall report on this next month.

Anne Youlton

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HERE IS AN OUTLINE OF THE EVENT

(which will include the animals on Mary's Farm)

The Annunciation:	Luke 1 vv26 – 28
The journey to Bethlehem:	Luke 2 vv1 – 7
The wilderness:	Luke 4 vv1 – 13
The Miracles and parables:	
<i>i. the parable of the sower:</i>	<i>Luke 8 vv1 – 8</i>
<i>ii. the feeding of the 5000:</i>	<i>Luke 9 vv12 – 17</i>
<i>iii. the good Samaritan:</i>	<i>Luke 10 vv30 – 37</i>
Arrest:	Luke 22 vv4 – 9
The Crucifixion:	Luke 23 vv44 – 49
The Resurrection:	John 20 vv10 – 18

THEN TEA & COFFEE!!

FROM THE REGISTERS

BAPTISM

13 July	2025	Isla Piekarz	St Stephen Treleigh
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WEDDINGS

12 July	2025	Keiron Mattew Lee Trenberth and Katie Elizabeth Valerie Broad	St Stephen Treleigh
19 July	2025	Ian Brian Pascoe and Chantelle Louise Luke	St Euny

FUNERALS

02 July	2025	Norman Webb	St Euny
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09 July	2025	David Roger Moores	St Stephen Treleigh
14 July	2025	Derek Theodore Coad	St Stephen Treleigh

My Way to Compostela
Day 19 Part 1
Terradillos de los Templarios to
Calzadilla de los Hermanillos 28.7Km

So here we are at the halfway point of our great adventure. The Albergue was very busy and we met a lot of old friends from previous encounters, but sad to say that we were to lose our constant walking companions, Bridget and Lucia are to leave our company tomorrow as they head off to Leòn for Lucia to fly home to Italy and Bridget to continue her pilgrimage. Little did we know that we would not see Bridget again on the Camino or in Santiago.

Catching up with old friends and making new ones over the obligatory pilgrim's menu is one of the pleasures of a shared meal, such as sharing stories of our experiences of the Camino. It turns out that up to that point Andrew and I held the record for the longest distance covered in one day 38.7km, a few challenges were made that evening to break our record!! The morning started slowly for Andrew and I as we both felt tired and jaded from the effects of the last two days of slog and maybe one too many glasses of wine from the previous evening!! So with a certain degree of reluctance we headed out onto the route which continues on the Via Romana sand and gravel track running beside the N-120. 3.4Km brought us to the hamlet of Moratinos with a population of 20 and an Albergue run by the Italian Confraternity of St. James. A further 2.3 km took us through the village of San Nicolàs de Real Camino, another pilgrim stop which was linked to the Knights Templar. Exiting the village we entered into the Provincia De Leòn which at the time of our camino was the largest Autonomous Region of Spain with a population of 2.5million. After a further 4.2km of the soulless track we cross the Rio Valderaduey, here we have the option of staying on the main approach road in the town of Sahagùn or taking a slight detour which brings us into the town by a more shaded tree lined route, no guessing which one we plumped for! Sahagùn is a large town with a population of 170,000, the influence of King Alfonso VI ensured that it became an important seat of Christian power in the war against the Moors, with the foundations of the town going back to Roman times. The town still offers shelter to the weary pilgrim by way of a number of albergues and local B&Bs. Andrew and I stopped here for lunch and for him to receive some physio from me for the tendonitis that he was experiencing in his right foot and leg. It was during this stop that we were joined at the café by two American ladies. They had started in Burgos several days back and intended staying in the town that night. Both were self employed Midwives running their own Midwifery clinic. We had the usual "why are you doing the Camino discussion?" With another 14.9Km to go for our night stop we made our polite goodbyes before the conversation regarding "why are we doing this" got too involved!!

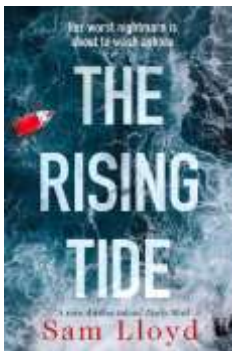
Len Cunningham

BOOK CLUB

Susan Perry writes:

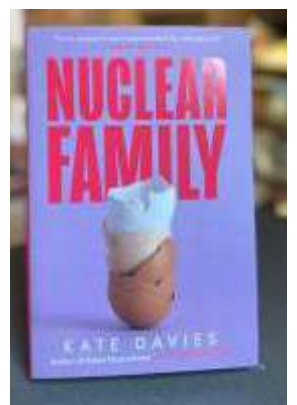
The Paris Apartment by Lucy Foley 28 year old Jess arrives in Paris from London, after persuading her half-brother Ben to put her up for a while in his flat. She has made a hasty escape from her previous job in a seedy nightclub following the unwanted advances from her boss. She has little money and her phone is in constant need of charging. But when she arrives at the address of the Paris Apartment that he has left her in a voicemail, Ben is nowhere to be seen. The 3rd floor flat where Ben lives, Jess manages to get access to, and one by one she encounters the other residents of the opulent home which now houses a luxury apartment on each floor; the elegant, but icy, Sophie who, with her husband Jacques, lives in the Penthouse; drunken Antoine; young flatmates Mimi and Camille and kind Nick. Then living in the tiny cramped lodge in the large garden is the frail and elderly concierge. Nobody takes much notice of her, but, ever watchful, she misses nothing. Will any of them help Jess to find Ben - and more to the point, can she trust them?

Some members haven't finished the book, but are intrigued by the plot twists which are unfolding. As a group we thought the concept of the story has the air of an Agatha Christie country house murder mystery to it, but set in Paris, and brought very much up to date



Our next book is The Rising Tide by Sam Lloyd. This is set in a small North Devon village which is bracing itself for the harsh wintry waters coming in from the Atlantic. Daniel, a villager goes missing at sea, but when his boat is found with no one on board, life for Lucy, his wife and their two children changes forever.

Something more light hearted comes after that with Nuclear Family by Kate Davies. After buying DNA testing kits for her father and twin sister, Lena has no idea that these gifts will blow their family apart.



We meet again on July 28th but this time in the evening to enjoy a glass of wine and as always, please contact me, Margaret on 07930 471837, if you would like to join us at any time.

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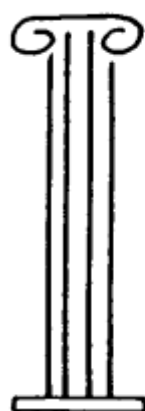


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