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Rector's notes – AUGUST 2021

Feeling our way into a new stage

This wretched pandemic continues to keep us on our toes. On the day this Five Alive is due out (25th July) we will have finally reached the Sunday when we're allowed to sing together again in church – a cause for thanksgiving indeed! But with the huge additional numbers of Covid cases we clearly need to be cautious about when we return to some of our other much-loved practices. Some of us will be anxious to get back to normal straight away, and others of us will be very nervous of anything changing at all. Your patience is really appreciated during this time, as are your prayers for wisdom as we try to steer the right way forward.

Communion by Extension

I mentioned last month that Bishop Philip has now made this provision available, but part of the requirements are that an explanation is given, so here goes:

The full name for this Church of England service is *Public Worship with Communion by Extension* – it's a provision that allows a congregation to be nourished with the consecrated bread and wine of Holy Communion, by that congregation effectively taking part in a celebration of the Eucharist which has already happened elsewhere. In this way they are joining together in spirit both with the members of that other congregation, and as part of the worldwide Church of God. The rest of the service will have hymns, a sermon and prayers and be very similar to the services we are used to.

The bread and wine will have been consecrated at a service in a different church, usually on the same day, though it's possible that sometimes the prior service might be in the same church but on an earlier day. The service is led by a lay minister who has the consent of the diocesan Bishop to do this. Initially Jim Seth is the one who will conduct this service – Jim has received the appropriate training, and a special service booklet has been prepared. The first time this will happen will be at Treleigh on 1st August - do come and be part of a new thing happening! While the provision allows for bread and wine to be brought, because of Covid initially Jim will just be bringing the consecrated bread. And it will be brought in a specially made wooden pyx which David Doble has made for this purpose from the wood of a redundant church pew – thank you David!

If you are part of this Holy Communion by Extension service do feedback about how it has been for you.

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

You will have heard that Fr Jim Vincent sadly died on 24th June, aged 91. At his specific request he was cremated without any funeral service, and a Requiem Mass has been organised for him for 11am on Saturday 31st July at St Stephen's, Treleigh, before his ashes are buried in Treleigh's Garden of Remembrance. Rest in peace, Father Jim, and rise in glory.

FIRST SUNDAY EVENTS

Now that the restrictions are being lifted, here's a reminder of just what you have achieved in the first four events of the tenth year!!

APRIL 2021 A ROCHA

£250.00 raised



An international charity that works with churches and community groups to support the planet in its fight against climate change and its effect upon both the natural and populated world.

MAY 2021 NURSES SUNDAY

£200.00 raised



On Nurses Sunday we remembered the outstanding work done by nurses in our community hospital. The money raised will be used to support these very special people.

JUNE 2021 CHRISTIAN AID

£150.00 raised



This year, Christian Aid are focusing on the effect of climate change on vulnerable communities

JULY 2021 GIVE THE WORLD A SHOT £725.00 raised



What an amazing result to support the attempt to vaccinate the world against COVID 19

Fr Peter

ST STEPHEN'S TRELEIGH



It is with great sadness that the Treleigh Congregation learned of the passing of Prebendary Jim Vincent, aged 91 and known to us as Father Jim. He has been a big part of our church for many years and held in great affection by us all. Prior to retirement he served in the parishes of Camborne, Shrewsbury, Kenwyn Truro, Birmingham, South Shields and Bude. We were extremely fortunate to have him with us at Treleigh in the last years of his ministry. The thoughts and prayers of all Treleigh Church are with his family.

Treleigh Church is back in business again after its renovation. Starting the previous weekend work began preparing the church for its reopening on Sunday July 4th. Work began with cleaning carpets and parquet flooring and progressed to pews, culminating on Saturday when everything was polished and shining and back in its place ready for the Sunday service. Reverend Margaret Saville took the service on Sunday with readings by Trish Knights. This is the first service held in church since May 2nd, and services will continue every Sunday at 11.15am in our beautifully decorated church.

Despite the wet weather 26 people attended worship at Treleigh on Sunday 11th July with the bell being rung in welcome by Michael Prance. The Service of Holy Communion was celebrated by the Reverend Caspar Bush and readings were by Churchwarden, Mary Harris, with the organ being played by Charles Bickford. Although the congregation are still not allowed to sing, a small choir of 4 from St. Euny and St. Andrew's Pencoys Churches, together with Reverend Caspar, lifted their voices in praise. There will continue to be a weekly Sunday Service of Holy Communion with music at 11.15am and on Thursdays at 10am a said Holy Communion Service. The church will remain open until 12 noon each Thursday. Treleigh Church fete will be held in the Hawthorn Garden, behind the Hall on Saturday 4th September at 2pm and will be opened by Reverend Graham Adamson.

The weekend of the 5th/6th September will be a celebration of the refurbishment of the church and the Rev Roger Bush former team rector of Redruth and now Dean of the Cathedral will be taking part.

Take care and stay safe everyone
Trish Rowe

ST EUNY

You will have heard that St Euny has been in a predicament because of a lack of any churchwardens. When we put up a Facebook post about this and advertised an open meeting, we really weren't expecting that well over 100 people would share the Facebook post, nor that the story would find itself onto the local evening news! Thanks to the various St Euny Open Café attenders who were brave enough to go on the TV!

On 6th July we held that open meeting, and had a good number of church people but also members of the wider community who came along. We heard about the possible model of a local trust being formed to run the church building, with the congregation becoming one of the users of the building – this is what happens at St German's Priory. But in the end there was very little support for this idea (all the people who did support this model were church people themselves!).

We're very happy to report that we've had a good number of offers of practical help from people in the community *not previously involved*. At the time of writing we are collating those offers, but the feeling is that we really have raised the understanding of the issue that the very small and loyal band of St Euny members who do the work of the running the church cannot continue without very significant extra help. And that with these additional offers of practical help, those key people seem willing to give it another go. Though we will need to be realistic about how many of the community activities which have started at St Euny in the last year can be sustained.

Rumours of the demise of St Euny, therefore, are not true! We would welcome your prayers as we work out the right way forward, and draw in these kind new people to do their new voluntary church roles.

Meantime, like our sister churches, we eagerly anticipate the return of congregational singing in our services, including at our many weddings. One new thing for the benefice is that on the fourth Sunday of each month we'll be holding a traditional Evensong service at 6pm – the first is Sunday 25th July, then Sunday 22nd August. Our Sunday services therefore are as follows:

1st Sunday of the month – 11.15am traditional Holy Communion

3rd Sunday of the month – 11.15am alternative Holy Communion

4th Sunday of the month – 6pm Evensong

(ie no service on the 2nd Sunday, for the time being)

Revd Caspar Bush

Please note that Richard Robinson took over as Treasurer of St Euny from 14 July 2021

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

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

St. Andrew's Church is now open daily from about 10 am until 4 pm, with Covid-safe precautions in place. Please wear a face covering when visiting the church, use the hand-santiser and observe social distancing. The pre-pandemic pattern of Holy Communion services has now resumed, including a weekly said service of Holy Communion at 6pm each **Wednesday**. **All Sunday morning services** will be at **11.15am**.(from 11th July): First Sunday: Flapjack morning service of Holy Communion at Four Lanes Methodist Church. Second Sunday: morning Flapjack Family Event at St. Andrew's, followed by said Holy Communion at **12.30 pm**. Third Sunday, morning Methodist Service (non-Eucharistic) at the Methodist Church, with a said service of Holy Communion at St. Andrew's at **6pm** Fourth Sunday: Flapjack Holy Communion at St. Andrew's, 11.15am. Fifth Sunday services, to be advised. The usual weekly Sunday benefice Service will continue to be held on **Zoom**, from a live service in church, at a time to be notified in the weekly sheet (either at **9.30am** or **11.15am**). Please continue to exercise extreme caution when visiting our churches, as it is now known that the Covid Delta variant, being airborne and lighter than the previous strain, is far more easily transmissible, despite the proposal for the national easing of restrictions. For more information on activities throughout the Redruth Benefice, please see the weekly prayer sheet available online at www.redruthchurch.org.uk or contact Fr. Peter (07903 807946), or Caspar (01209 216958). Fr. Peter also continues to publish his weekly informative and interesting 'Moving Forward Together' sheet at www.redruthchurch.org.uk.

The First Sunday Evening Event held at **Four Lanes Methodist Church on 4th July**, supported "**Give the World a Shot**", an initiative launched jointly in March by UNICEF and Archbishop Justin Welby, inviting donations for Covid vaccinations in nations which cannot afford to protect all their people. Fr. Peter writes: "Thank you so much for supporting the July Event. Before the event £225.00 had been donated; at the event another £225.00 was collected and since then the final total has risen to (DRUM ROLL!!) **£700.00**. WE DID IT, WE SMASHED THE TARGET!! THANK YOU SO MUCH. The **AUGUST** Event, to be held on Sunday, **1st August 6.00pm** at **St Andrew, Pencoys**, will support **LETJOG**. Nick Heath, father-in-law of Jemima (daughter of Caspar and Alice) is walking from Land's End to John O'Groats in support of three charities dear to him: PARKINSONS, MIND & THE HOSPICE OF SAINT FRANCIS. Nick's progress can be followed on www.letjog.co.uk.

The September First Sunday Evening Event will be back in CHRISTCHURCH, LANNER at 6.00pm on Sunday, 5th September and will focus on CLIMATE CHANGE and the Environment." Everyone will be very welcome at both events.

Update on the planting of **Oak** trees: Sincere apologies for the rather glib comment in last month's Five Alive that these (Quercus Patraea) can be planted "in any garden". This is generally true, providing the garden is large enough! Ideally, the final planting place should be at least 25 metres (81.25 ft or 27 yds) away from buildings, to allow for root spread. They can be container-grown until the final siting is established.

Jill Tolputt

CHRISTCHURCH LANNER

CHRISTCHURCH MEETING / Sunday July 11 2021 / 3.30pm

The above 'way forward' meeting discussed:

COMMUNITY SERVICES with a special emphasis on the wider community:

The Christmas Carol Service

An Easter Celebration

A Harvest Thanksgiving

The Patronal Festival

SUNDAY SERVICES with a special emphasis on the gathered community, lay leadership, the Sunday School and links with the Methodist community

To remain as they are, with the exception that the third Sunday family service will follow the usual Sunday liturgy but will have a special musical element; JKB to consider what would be appropriate. The first Sunday event could be shared with the Methodist Chapel, a joint Methodist / Anglican event on the last Sunday of each month and a joint Holy Communion on the third Sunday of each month in the afternoon

REGULAR EVENTS with an emphasis on the wider community

The last Friday monthly tea-party will have to be changed due to FP being at TOAST. It was provisionally changed to the last Monday tea-party

The last Friday monthly film club to continue

The proposed 'Tiddlers 2 group' to begin on Tuesday September 7, 1.00pm – 3.00pm

PRAYER & NATURE WALKS with an emphasis on the wider community

Whilst more information was needed concerning this proposal, one was set for Rogation Sunday 2022, Sunday May 22, in the afternoon

The next meeting, a PCC which is open to everyone, will be on SUNDAY AUGUST 8 at 3.30pm

Thank you to everyone in the Benefice for your care, support and concern, not only for Christchurch, but for everyone during our troubled times.

STAY SAFE and see you soon.

God bless, FP

ST ANDREW REDRUTH

Summer Hols 1953

It is already late June as I write this. The cornflowers are about to bloom in my garden as they dance and sway on the warm breeze. The roses throw their scent across the lawn, their pale, cream petals littering the earth around them. The sun is hot, pouring through the open window and the air very still. I remember summers, long ago, when I was a child just like this where the days seemed to last forever and everything was magical.

I was born just after the war and so was very used to seeing wartime equipment around our home. There were gas masks in the family chest along with a huge, yellow silk parachute and a pair of false teeth!

Ever resourceful, my Mother turned this parachute into the most amazing tent in our garden using the clothesline, the ironing board and tent pegs to secure it. This became my summer secret place where I spent endless days lying on an old rug, surrounded by my dolls and my teddy. Lying under the folds of this gentle curtain, the breeze lifting and dropping its roof I felt completely happy.

Saturdays, during the hot summer, were special. My Mother always made pasties on a Saturday morning, always! Sometimes I would help her dice the potatoes and turnip but not in the summer, instead I would lie in my golden tent and wait for the smell to drift towards me of the pasties cooking in the oven. Mouthwatering smells, smells that made my stomach grumble. Some Saturdays however were different with the afternoons spent at Porthtowan. Flasks of tea would be made and wrapped in crisp, white tea towels along with corners of cold pasty sealed in greaseproof paper. There seemed to be endless bags containing a blanket to sit on, towels, swimwear, a change of clothes, (just in case,) and a picnic basket. I was tasked with carrying my bucket and spade while my brother took his cricket bat, wicket, stumps and a ball!

Looking back now, I remember the beach never seemed to be over crowded though busy. We would meet up with my cousins, my aunts and uncles. Games of cricket and quoits would be played, (very seriously) on the wet sands. My older cousins, Judith and Liz would take me down to the sea and I felt very grown up. I would first have to change into my red stretchy bathing costume which was edged in white daisies and a present from my aunt in America. I hated the rubber cap that was pulled over my head with it's chin strap. All noises changed and it seemed like I was under a bucket! We jumped the waves and watched the surfers on their wooden boards coasting in on the breakers; the women in tight, brightly coloured swimming costumes and white rubber caps like mine. Afterwards, we would all run up the beach and flop on the rug before being encased in thick, warm towels and briskly rubbed dry by diligent, caring parents. Hot cups of tea were passed around to everyone and large corners of cold pasty ravenously eaten. Later we would all tumble into the car, tired, salty and ready for home.

Such simple pleasures and such happy, happy days to remember. How lucky was I?

Pie Louis-Smith

Rob and Debbie's wedding

Rob and Debbie would like to thank Father Peter and Margaret Saville for an uplifting and moving wedding ceremony on Sunday 27th June. Everyone enjoyed our "French style" service thanks to Peter's advice.

Alice, Mary and Sue for the fantastic flower arrangements... the church looked beautiful.

Malcolm for the uplifting and professional organ playing.

"The Dwarves" for wonderful singing as the congregation weren't allowed.

To Caspar for sorting the recorded music.

Debbie and Rob would like to extend their thanks to Marlene and Chantelle for their unending support, bouquet making, dress alterations and 64m of bunting! It was a truly magical and emotional day, we had fantastic feedback from everyone.

Thanks again and here's to married life ... Mr & Mrs Woosey



FROM THE REGISTERS

FUNERAL

16 June	2021	Richard 'Arris' Trenear <i>(Correction from July issue)</i>	St Stephen Treleigh
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WEDDINGS

26 June	2021	Kevin Robert Voller and Duane Elizabeth Vernall	St Euny
27 June	2021	Robert Charles Woosey and Deborah Michelle Richards	St Andrew Redruth
03 July	2021	Andrew Smith and Chloe Hurley-Gale	St Euny
10 July	2021	Oliver Ronald Lean and Kayleigh Jane Richards	St Euny
17 July	2021	Steven Robert Ryder and Suzanne Gaulden Catherine Jeffery	St Euny

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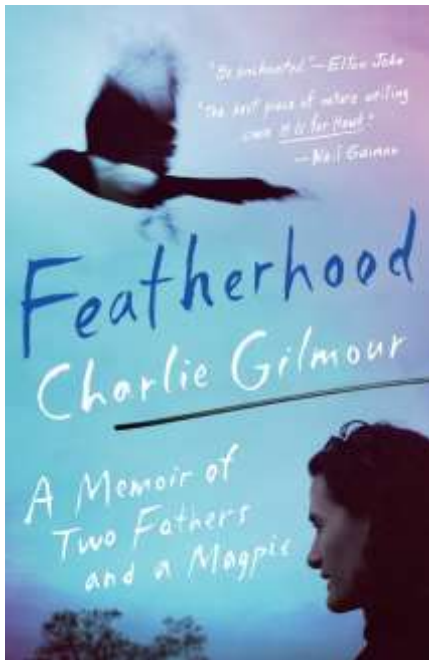
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'Featherhood' by Charlie Gilmour

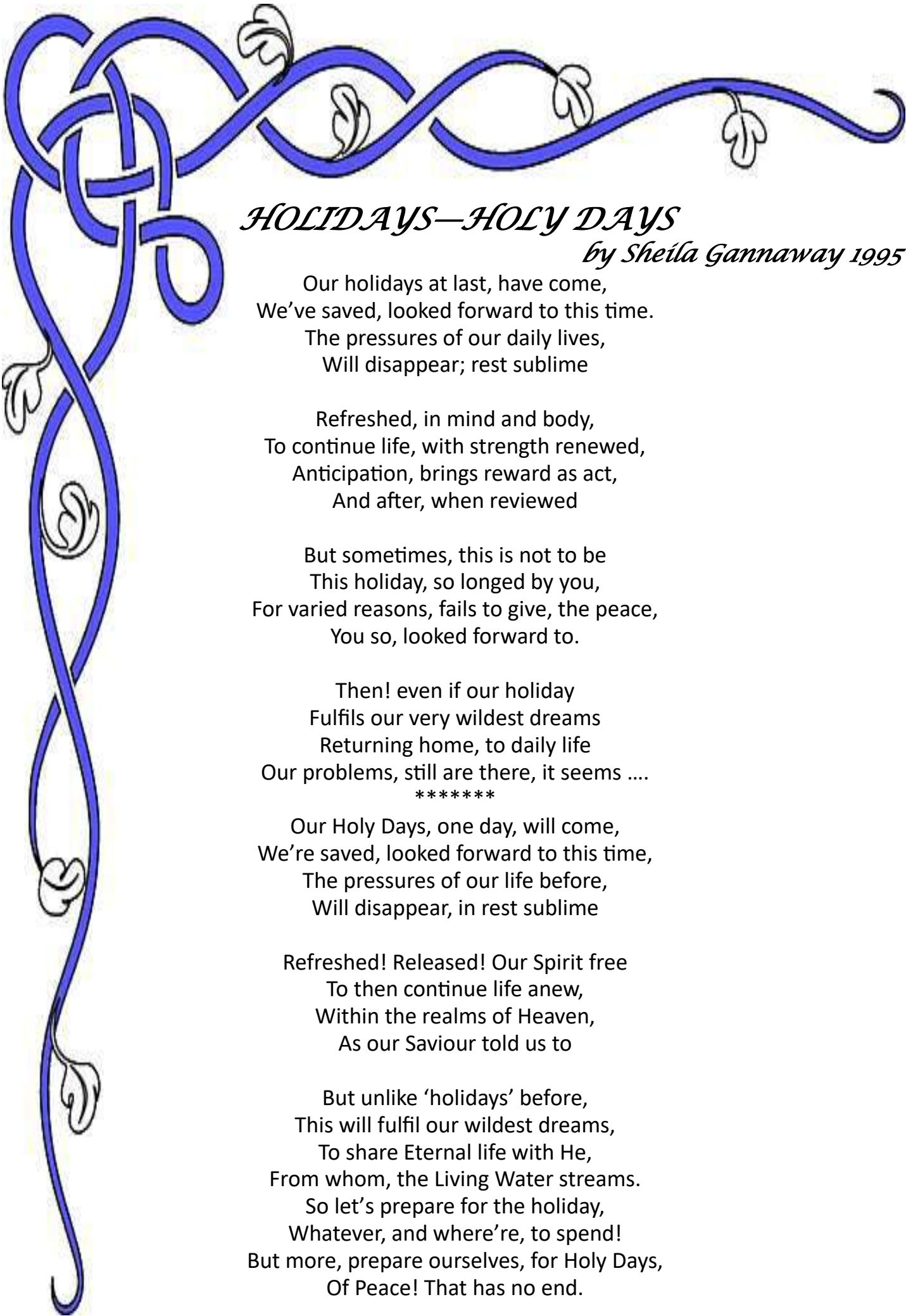


One spring day, a baby magpie falls out of its nest and into Charlie Gilmour's hands. Magpies, he soon discovers, are as clever and mischievous as monkeys. They are also notorious thieves, and this one quickly steals his heart. By the time the creature develops shiny black feathers that inspire the name Benzene, Charlie and the bird have forged an unbreakable bond.

While caring for Benzene, Charlie learns his biological father, an eccentric British poet named Heathcote Williams who vanished when Charlie was six months old, is ill. As he grapples with Heathcote's abandonment, Charlie comes across one of his poems, in which

Heathcote describes how an impish young jackdaw fell from its nest and captured his affection. Over time, Benzene helps Charlie unravel his fears about repeating the past—and embrace the role of father himself.

A bird falls, a father dies, a child is born. *Featherhood* is the unforgettable story of a love affair between a man and a bird. It is also a beautiful and affecting memoir about childhood and parenthood, captivity and freedom, grief and love.



HOLIDAYS—HOLY DAYS

by Sheila Gannaway 1995

Our holidays at last, have come,
We've saved, looked forward to this time.

The pressures of our daily lives,
Will disappear; rest sublime

Refreshed, in mind and body,
To continue life, with strength renewed,
Anticipation, brings reward as act,
And after, when reviewed

But sometimes, this is not to be
This holiday, so longed by you,
For varied reasons, fails to give, the peace,
You so, looked forward to.

Then! even if our holiday
Fulfils our very wildest dreams
Returning home, to daily life
Our problems, still are there, it seems

Our Holy Days, one day, will come,
We're saved, looked forward to this time,
The pressures of our life before,
Will disappear, in rest sublime

Refreshed! Released! Our Spirit free
To then continue life anew,
Within the realms of Heaven,
As our Saviour told us to

But unlike 'holidays' before,
This will fulfil our wildest dreams,
To share Eternal life with He,
From whom, the Living Water streams.
So let's prepare for the holiday,
Whatever, and where're, to spend!
But more, prepare ourselves, for Holy Days,
Of Peace! That has no end.

<<Talkabout>> Coincidences 2—© by Trish Rowe

We were finishing our walk of The South West Way in the mid nineties and walking from Abbotsbury to Weymouth and a couple passed us going our way. We had stopped for refreshments from our rucksacks and as is the rule of the path we said “Hello” and so did they. Half an hour later we passed them having refreshments and a breather so, “Hello” once again! Further on this happened again followed by an exclamation of “Trish”!! It turned out the couple had moved from Redruth to Weymouth and I used to work with her at The County Library Headquarters in Truro. We had a good catch up on the path and then went our separate ways....ours at great speed as we needed to catch a bus in Weymouth to get us back to the car in Abbotsbury!

Another coincidence was when my middle sister was shopping near her home in Southampton and she spied a Cornish badge on a man’s blazer. She couldn't let that go and when she approached him it seems he played bowls with Dave! For a while I wrote the words for greetings cards for a well known publisher, whose own artist did the artwork. They were humorous cards with a punchline. I was in W.H.Smith one day when the lady next to me laughed out loud, and when I looked, it was one of my cards she was laughing at! I could have said:” I wrote that!” but I didn’t....a missed opportunity! I continued writing for this firm until they decided to use their in-house writers but it was a most enjoyable time.

My Mother had two aunts who married two brothers. Having done my research on the aunts I wondered where the brothers came from. Imagine my surprise when I found they came from Basset Street, Redruth! The Hugo boys had obviously travelled to London looking for work and found it with my Great-Grandfather Ebenezer who owned several grocery shops in South East London....and married two of his daughters! We only found this out many years after we moved to Redruth! Coincidence or what!!

Coincidences abound! We were in the castle on St. Michael’s Mount with all the family and a host of holiday makers when a voice in the church called : “David” and it was the man who tunes Treleigh organ, tuning the St. Michael’s Mount organ! The family couldn’t believe it! They are always saying we know everyone, and that seemed to prove it!

An Unusual Funeral at St Euny Church

by Michael Tangye

Most of us will have knowledge of the former Pednandrea Mine, its site still marked by a surviving chimney of local Sparnon stone from a quarry at Trefusis Road. The chimney was reputed to be the highest in Cornwall at 145ft but it is now devoid of four of its former tiers. The once tin and copper mine had once provided work for generations of Redruth families, with many of the miners emigrating to foreign mining fields during periods when the mine ceased to work, along with its pumping engine which had devastated its depths

It was at one such period of closure on a Sunday morning in 1828 that John Stephens, alias nickname Jack Cobbler and his brother Thomas were engaged in stripping a shaft of its timber near the surface, immediately behind the Wesleyan Chapel, when both fell into it. Thomas, in his fall of 12 feet, grabbed one of the angles of the shaft and was rescued by rope. John fell into the depth of the shaft along with a mass of debris. Attempts were subsequently made for two months to retrieve his body, but with no success. The shaft was then sealed and re-named 'Cobbler's Shaft'.

It was not until 1851-52, when the mine was drained by a new 70inch engine, that the miners found 'Cousin Jackie Cobbler's' body at the 32 fathoms level. At the inquest it was stated that it was found 'on its left side. It had on a blue coat with metal buttons, a course woollen shirt and stockings and shoes'. It was stated that John 'Cobbler's' brother Thomas, had acted like a mad man on being hauled from the shaft after his remarkable escape from death, running wildly away to be eventually found cowering in a pig's house. In the meantime John's wife had re-married.

In 1895 Redruth surgeon, doctor Henry Harris, recalled that Jackie's body was found 'standing erect against a ledge of rock, and intact as on the day of death'. On the corpse being touched it crumbled, and Dr Harris was called to arrange the bones anatomically in a coffin.

Poor John Stephens' funeral at St Euny was attended by 4,000 folk, with miners bearing the coffin in relays and singing hymns en-route to the churchyard, led by John's widow and her husband. Many miners however, eager to have proof of the macabre tale they would later relate in future years, had pocketed bones and clothing at the time that his body was found; in 1899 a button from his blue coat was reported at Launceston, Tasmania, whilst one of his stockings was exhibited at Redruth!

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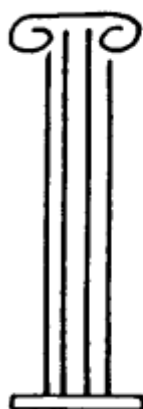


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