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How to make room...

Have you seen the Sainsbury Christmas advert this year? It's a sweet and wholesome story where the BFG helps Sainsbury's staff to replace the Christmas dinner items that keep being stolen by the naughty giant. Naught giant is eventually found tied up in a Sainsbury carpark, and the Sainsbury delivery people manage to replace all the stolen food, so that everyone can enjoy their Christmas.

Of course, the premise which enables Sainsbury to be a rescuer of Christmas, is that Christmas is entirely about the food and money spent. We'll ignore that bit, and focus on the rather lovely ending; As calm is restored (along with Christmas dinners), the employee who has been working with BFG invites him for Christmas dinner. "you won't have room for me!" "but it's Christmas!" she replies. And the ad cuts to BFG sitting at the first floor window of her house, where the table is laid so that the BFG sits at the head of it, just outside the window.

Making room for people can be inconvenient, messy, and uncomfortable. If we welcome new people to church, we have to go to the effort of getting to know them, and it takes time for them to fit into our usual social groups and to get to know "how we do things". New people might bring children who are noisy, or not behave as we think children should. New people might just not be people that we like. New people almost certainly cause things to change. They might even smell! Sometimes we can find new people who quickly become good friends; but often new people require effort, and disrupt our established patterns.

Of course, most of us would say we want to make room for new people at church, but most of us are also unlikely to admit that we don't want the change that newness brings. I want to name it here this month, because actually its important to be honest about what makes us uncomfortable, and how we might overcome it.

I love the run up to Christmas. For me, Christmas is a really key "shop window" opportunity for us to ramp up the invitation to church, and ensure the community knows what we are about. Our services are a wonderful opportunity to show off the welcome we offer, the experience of worshipping in our amazing buildings, and the story we join in with as we retell the Nativity accounts in carols, readings, reflections and prayers. When we open our churches up for school events, carol services, or events/fetes, we do so in the name of Jesus Christ, and we do so as his ambassadors.

I missed many of the key Christmas events last year as I was struck down by flu. This year I have paid to have a flu jab, in the hope I make it to the 25th! (Actually I want to make it to the 28th so that I can be part of the Parish service at Treleigh, and the Christingle at St Euny in the evening!) I love pulling together liturgies and orders for these special services that reflect the incredible story we retell, and which connect us with God, with each other, and with the wider world. Over the years I've seen services like crib services, carol services, and Midnight communion grow in popularity.

But it does mean making room for people, even if they don't sing (for some reason that really bugs me!!), or if they have only come for the cosy Christmas experience. We make room, we welcome, and we ensure they know that the church is as much theirs as it is ours.

A few years ago a friend of mine decided to wander into church for a midnight communion. She didn't go to church usually, and wasn't sure what drew her to church that 24th December, but she went. She was deeply moved by the service. She isn't sure why, other than a sense of God's presence seemed really tangible to her. After that she decided to look into having her children baptised. Her and her husband started attending more regularly. Fast forward quite a few years, and the gentle welcome of that church that kept saying "yes" to her, and she is an ordained priest in the Church of England.

We never know what God is doing in the life of the person who slips into the pew next to us. But whatever it is will be important for them. And we can join in with God in the gentle welcome, and the making room. We can join in with God when we choose to put our conversations with our friends on hold, and make new friends with the ones we moved over for. We can join in with God as we quietly pray, and join in wholeheartedly with the worship, so others may be drawn into it too.

Making room for new people can be inconvenient, messy, and uncomfortable. St Martin's, Liskeard, saw huge growth over the last few years. But none of the people who came had money, so the giving didn't increase by much, and several had drug habits, so the wardens had to keep wiping down the surfaces in the toilets. But many had lives transformed by God, through the ministry of a small group of men who do incredible mission work amongst drug dealers and takers in the town. I wonder how we would respond if God brought this ministry to any of our churches?!



I pray that this Christmas we would move over, and make room for the potential new ordinands, and the lost drug dealers of Redruth Parish (and acknowledge that they may be one and the same!). I pray that as we move beyond Christmas, and into the late winter, the space we've made will be filled with people who want to know more about the one we worship.

Revd Becca Bell

The Quiet Crackle

Do you have a fireplace in your home? At this time of year, our family loves settling in front of ours—letting the room fill with that gentle, embracing warmth, the soft glow painting the walls, and the quiet crackle reminding us to slow down. It's a simple gift, really. And yet, as I sit there, I'm mindful that not everyone has a warm place to rest, and that many face winter with challenges far greater than the cold. Still, the fire invites me to gratitude—and to reflection.

There's something about a fire that seems to hush the noise of the world. It draws us in. It relaxes our shoulders. It invites conversation where once the television might have taken centre stage. A good fire opens space for stillness, for storytelling, for honest words shared in the safety of its glow. My mind often wanders to Jesus and His disciples travelling across the rugged landscapes of Israel—walking through chill nights, dusty days, and the quiet stretches. Did they gather around small campfires to keep warm? Did the flames offer the same comfort and invitation to conversation?

And then I remember one of the most tender scenes in the Gospels:

“When they landed, they saw a fire of burning coals there with fish on it, and some bread...

Jesus said to them, *‘Come and have breakfast.’*” (John 21:9–12)

What a picture that is—Jesus waiting for His friends by the sea, tending a warm fire, preparing a simple meal. No sermon. No crowd. Just companionship. Just presence. Just the warmth of a fire that said, “You belong here.” I can't help but imagine the disciples sitting there, letting their hearts settle, letting the glow of the fire and the closeness of Jesus restore them. I wonder if that is what Jesus still longs for with us: these quiet, unhurried moments where we sit with Him—not in the busyness of our days, but in the stillness, togetherness, as though gathered around a fire.

Where might those moments be for you? Do you have a “fireplace moment” somewhere in your life—a place where you slow down enough to simply be with Jesus? Would you welcome that space if invited? What conversation would you have with Him if you were sitting across the fire right now? What questions would you ask? What stories might He want to tell you?

As winter settles in and our world feels a little harsher, colder, and sometimes lonelier, perhaps God is gently inviting us into community. Into warmth. Into shared life—with Jesus at the centre, and with one another gathered close. These darker months offer a chance to reflect on the year gone by, to notice God's quiet faithfulness, and to listen for what He may be whispering next.

Revd Chris Harrigan

ST ANDREW REDRUTH

As I write this, we are fast heading towards advent and the Christmas season. In the coming weeks up to the end of the year we will see a lot of people pass through the doors of St Andrews and indeed, of all the churches in the Parish. Each event will attract a different section of the wider community, and each event will have its share of vulnerable people. There's warm space and food bank, the Christmas market, School carol concerts, Carol service, Christmas Eve with the Children, TOAST, Tiddlers, Tiddlers Parents and Carers Party, Crafty People and the Crafty People's lunch, and more that I have missed! There will also be folks attending at least one funeral!

When I was teaching and organising school residential experiences, a parent helper who was also a child protection officer, revealed that one in seven children at the time had faced abuse in one way or another and I realised that out of the many hundreds of children I had taught I must have missed many children who were suffering at home. In the same way we will have missed troubles behind the myriads of faces who have passed by us in the events of the season.

Our Safeguarding lead in St Andrews is Wes to whom all concerns should be reported in the first instance, and he will be delighted to hear even the most seemingly trivial of concerns because we never know the part of the picture that is out of our view.

This season of the year is noted for "Good Will to All" and I would like to add my thanks to all those volunteers who have given of themselves in all those roles which if not done would mean events would not happen from greeters at the door to toilers in the kitchen and from supervisors of groups of children to those who converse with those in need. Thanks especially to those who have gone the extra mile and have done their safeguarding training, and kept it up to date, particularly those who have done so joyfully and positively! It is that culture at St Andrews and throughout the parish that will reflect positively in the wider community at a time when the national church is under so much scrutiny.

When thanking volunteers in an article about St Andrews it really is important to say that many of the activities mentioned also rely on the wider parish support of all the churches. Without volunteers from Lanner and Treleigh in particular we would be struggling to run some things! We need to help each other in all our venues within the parish if we are to grow and we need to grow in order to stay relevant and to stay open.

In the past weeks I have attended the Diocesan Safeguarding Scrutiny Panel, meetings on the code of practice for Spiritual Directors and co lead Leadership safeguarding groups. As much as I do, and as long as I have been doing it, every meeting and opportunity has been a chance to learn something or think about something that will keep our people safer. Hopefully everyone will engage in the safeguarding training and conversations offered with grace and with open minds.

Jim Seth



***BRIGHT BLESSINGS THIS CHRISTMAS FROM
Christchurch, Lanner & FLAPJACK***
YOU are very welcome at all of these services and events

PENCOYS HALL CHRISTMAS QUIZ

Saturday December 6

7.00pm

CAROL SERVICES

Sunday December 14

2.30pm

Four Lanes Chapel

Tuesday December 16

7.00pm

Christchurch

BAZAAR & SANTA'S GROTTO

Saturday December 13

Grotto and procession to the Chapel

1pm – 3pm Pencoys Church

Bazaar

2pm – 4pm Four Lanes Chapel

PENCOYS CHURCH HOLLY LIGHTS OF REMEMBRANCE

Thursday December 18

7.00pm

PENCOYS HALL CHRISTMAS BINGO

Saturday December 20

7pm

NATIVITY PLAYS

Saturday December 20

3.00pm

Christchurch (young people)

Sunday December 21

2.00pm

Christchurch in Mary's Barn

CHRISTMAS EVE CRIB SERVICES

Christchurch

3.00pm

Pencoys Church

5.00pm

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Christchurch

8.00pm

Pencoys Church

10.00pm

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICES

Christchurch

9.30am

Pencoys Church

10.30am

CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH

Four Lanes Chapel

12.30pm /1.00pm

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ST EUNY

What a lovely visit from Bishop David to bless and commemorate our Parish Remembrance Books. Bishop David was very approachable and spent time chatting to many after the service. This Remembrance Book will be held in St Euny and will be available to read every Wednesday afternoon during Open Café and on most other days, subject to confirmation and enquiry. We are endeavouring to open the church daily, but if anyone wishes to visit on a specific day it would be best to check first.

We have heard much about the importance of Remembrance and most of us will have participated in some aspect of Remembrance in the past few weeks. Two Redruthians buried in Belgium have again been commemorated by our contact, Veronique Semple-Andrews, who was born in Veux. She has kindly placed memorial crosses on the graves of Willie Tregoning (of Gew Terrace) in Veux, as her father did for many years before her, and on the grave of Jim Finucane (of Adelaide Road) in Pepinster, both of whom died in the influenza epidemic of February 1919 when kept back by the army in post-war clearing up activities. The plight of veterans has been in focus now, and it was also a difficulty after the end of The Great War. The Cornubian and Redruth Times of October 1925 reports of the *"tragedy of the men who served so gaily for four years in the theatre of war, undergoing the most terrible sufferings and privations, and yet who today were unable to find work to keep body and soul together was a tragedy that hardly bore thinking over. Thousands of their brothers were physically handicapped for life. Some had lost their sight, others had lost their limbs, while vast numbers were mental wrecks and would never again take assured place in this competitive world..."*. A salutary lesson on the long term impact of war. Thank you to all those who have led our services and prayers at this season.

Looking forward to the next month at St Euny, we will be celebrating the start of Advent on Sunday 30th November at 6.00pm with an Advent Carol service.

We will be holding two wreath-making events with Christmas stalls & soup lunches on Saturday 6th December and Saturday 13th December from 11.00am to 2.00pm. We still have availability and look forward to seeing you there. If you wish to be sure of a place for wreath-making please email lindabeskeen@gmail.com or contact one of the St Euny congregation. To celebrate the end of Advent and coming of Christmas, our Christmas Eve Community Service of Nine Lessons and Carols will be at 6.00pm on Wednesday 24th December, followed by mulled wine & mince pies in the church.

On Sunday 28th December at 6.00pm we will be holding a Christingle service, something for everyone to enjoy.

The Cornish Carol Service is booked again for St Euny for Sunday 4th January at 3.00pm. Service sheets will be bilingual and there will be a tea afterward. All are welcome.

Open Café will continue on Wednesday afternoons throughout December and January. Avril has been busy writing again and the 'Parish Panto' will be performed over the weekend of 13th – 14th February 2026, with evening performances on Friday and Saturday and a Saturday matinee. Please do reserve the dates.

Linda Beskeen

ST STEPHEN TRELEIGH



On 19th October we said goodbye and thanks to Simon Glanville who, for some time, has been playing the organ on two Sundays a month including occasional services. We had got to know Simon and his wife Caroline and wish them well as they move house. If anyone knows of an organist or pianist who could play for us even if only occasionally, please get in touch with our Churchwarden, Mary Harris on 07805 541362. We are thankful that we will continue to have the invaluable service of Charlie at the Communion Services, otherwise we will have music via a sound box.

Winter is definitely here after a fairly mild Autumn and it was a mild Wednesday, 5th November when Treleigh Ladies Group travelled to Trelawney Garden Centre for our annual outing to see the wonderful Christmas displays, decorations, clothing and plants. We enjoyed a tasty lunch before some retail therapy and then back to the restaurant for a cake and a cuppa before journeying home. Our grateful thanks were given to Mel who faithfully, some would say bravely, drives us each year.

On the previous Sunday, 2nd November we celebrated All Saints Day with Holy Communion led by Reverend Margaret and Charlie at the organ and he again kindly accompanied our Remembering Service for All Souls at 6pm that evening when Fr. Peter led us in a meaningful and moving service of prayer, music, hymns and reflection. We were invited to write the name of a loved one on a star to hang on our prayer tree which stood in front of the altar. Votive candles were also lit which would continue to burn after the service and each person was given a small glass dish with a votive candle to light which could be taken home and relit at a special time if they so wished.

On Remembrance Sunday the Service was led by Licensed Lay Minister Jim Seth who had set the words and music, including "The Last Post" and "Reveille" on the big screen so that we could all take part in the Act of Remembrance. The Church Bell was tolled 11 times prior to the Poppy Wreath being placed in front of the Altar. Jim gave a very moving account with photos on the screen of some of his family members who had in some way been involved in conflicts and his Intercessions reflected the sacrifice that had been made by so many and the fervent prayers for world peace.

The Tea Party for Treleigh School Children and their families on Tuesday 11th November was another great success and we seem to be going from strength to strength with more people getting to know what the bunting on the trees opposite the school mean. The children are a joy and it's been so reassuring to speak to the adults who say how much they enjoy it. A few people said that it would be great if we could hold it weekly but I'm not sure that we could manage that!

The next dates will be Tuesday 9th December and in 2026 January 13th and February 10th from 2.30pm.

Our Christmas Fayre is on Saturday, 6th December from 11-2pm in the Hall where soup lunches will be served and cake of course, see poster on separate page.

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Our Carol Service with Treleigh School is on Sunday 14th December at the earlier time of 4pm following this we will be inviting everyone into the hall for mince pies (alternative available) and hot drinks.

The Nativity Service on Christmas Eve will be at 3pm and we hope that this will be as well attended and enjoyed as it was last year when Reverend Christopher enthralled us all. As this is the only service on Christmas Eve at Treleigh we hope that more people will attend in the afternoon.

There will be no Patronal Service on Boxing Day to celebrate St. Stephen as has been the custom for many years as this will be incorporated into the Parish Service on the following Sunday 28th December at 10.30am. Hopefully we will still have "Cake and Fizz" following the service which has been the custom for many years when Fr. Peter has faithfully led our Service, other light refreshments will be available to enjoy (maybe not mince pies!) The congregations of St. Stephen's Church, Treleigh and St. Euny Church are once again alternating their "First Sunday" Services of Holy Communion each month, so on Sunday 7th December at 11.15am, Treleigh congregation will attend St. Euny Church to join with our friends there and on Sunday 4th January 2026, St Euny congregation will join Treleigh to celebrate Epiphany.

The people of St. Stephen's Church, Treleigh, wish everyone a Joyful and Peaceful Christmas and a Happy Healthy New Year.

Christine Cunningham

FROM THE REGISTERS

BAPTISMS

19 October	2025	Olive Mae Churcher	St Stephen Treleigh
16 November	2025	Megan Louise Fidock	St Stephen Treleigh
16 November	2025	Athena Rose Cook	St Stephen Treleigh

FUNERALS

28 October	2025	Andrew (Andy) Bilham	St Andrew Redruth
13 November	2025	Derek James Wheatley Gaunt	St Andrew Pencoyd

INTERMENT OF ASHES

01 November	2025	Michael Williams	St Euny
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“Good Grief”

There is the sound of cars pulling up and doors opening. Feet hurry to the open front door, dodging the rain drops. Hugs, deep hugs are exchanged and shared, no words are needed. Each person entering this house has a common bond, grief. The group of 6 meets for the second time. There is no format, no goal. Each just being there for the others to share in their grief.

Cake waits quietly on the coffee table and hot cups of tea. Knowing smiles are exchanged, hands touch. There is an overwhelming feeling of safety, all in the same boat together, no pressure, nothing but quiet understanding.

The group shares experiences, tears and even laughter. The time together is precious, full of caring and support for one another.

Soon the cake is eaten, the tea drunk and it's already dark outside. Time to enter the wide world again but for a moment, a special moment there has been a togetherness and a sense of not walking alone. Telephone numbers have been shared so that, when the dark times come, as they do, there is always someone there to listen, to support and to care, Until next time.

If you feel that “Good Grief” might be of help to you then please contact either Rev. Becca Bell or Father Peter Fellows for further details.



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- Christmas stalls
 - Cakes
 - Preserves
 - Craft



- Soup Lunch
- Tea and coffee
- Raffle
- Christmas music

Treleigh Church

Christmas Fayre

December 6th 2025

11.00am – 2.00pm

in the Church Hall

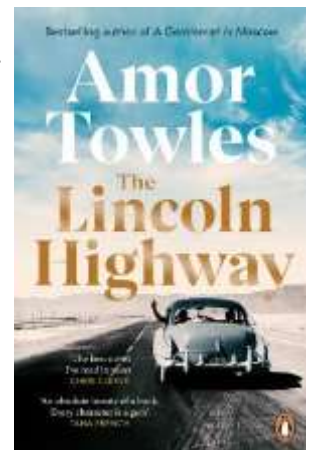


BOOK CLUB

We met at the beginning of November to have a good chat about *Snow* by John Banville. This was certainly an interesting read which led to a lively discussion. In 1957 Ireland Detective Inspector Strafford investigates the mysterious murder of a parish priest in the country manor of an aristocratic, secretive family. It is set in a world blanketed by deep snow, mirroring the deep silence around the murder. The book also focuses on the Catholic Church's grip on society at the time. We agreed it is not your standard detective novel, with Strafford often seeming to miss clues and go around in circles. He solves the murder by the end... or does he? The twist right at the end leaves things somewhat up in the air. We were divided on whether we want to read another of the author's many books.

The current book we are reading for our next get-together is *My Cousin Rachel* by Daphne Du Maurier. This is an atmospheric gothic novel set in Cornwall, described as a mystery-romance. Orphaned at an early age, Philip Ashley is raised by his older cousin Ambrose in his grand home. They create a cosy world together, with Philip as the intended heir of the family estate. Then Ambrose sets off on a trip to Florence, where he falls in love, marries.... and dies suddenly. Initially resolved to hate his cousin's widow, upon meeting her, Philip is drawn to this beautiful and sophisticated woman. But might she have had a hand in Ambrose's death?

You may want to get ahead of things and read February's book *The Lincoln Highway* by Amor Towles. We've chosen this as several members have enjoyed another of his books *A Gentleman in Moscow* (also an excellent TV program). 18 year old Emmett is driven home to Nebraska from juvenile detention with the intention of picking up his little brother to start a new life. However, it turns out two friends from detention have smuggled themselves out in the boot of the car and they force him to take them on a fateful journey in the opposite direction.



Our next meeting is at 10:00am on Monday 8 December at Margaret's house. To find out more, please ring Margaret Saville on 07930 471 837 or speak to her next time you see her. Do come along, there is always room for more.

Becca Harrigan

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Richard

CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS AROUND EUROPE

SWEDEN

The Yule Goat has been a Swedish Christmas symbol dating back to ancient pagan festivals. However, in 1966, the tradition got a whole new life after someone came up with the idea to make a giant straw goat, now referred to as the Gävle Goat.

The goat is more than 42 feet high and 23 feet wide. Each year, the massive goat is constructed in the same spot. Fans can even watch a live stream from the first Sunday of Advent until after the New Year when it's taken down.

ICELAND

Each night before Christmas, Icelandic children are visited by the 13 Yule Lads. After placing their shoes by the window, the little ones will head upstairs to bed. In the morning, they'll either have received candy (if they're good) or be greeted with shoes full of rotten potatoes if they're bad.

IRELAND

The Irish leave a tall red candle in a front window overnight, a welcoming symbol of warmth and shelter for the holiday season. Traditional Christmas fare in Ireland often includes home-made roast goose, vegetables, cranberries, and potatoes.

POLAND

On Christmas Eve in Poland, many families share opłatek (an unleavened religious wafer), each person breaking off a piece as they wish each other Merry Christmas. Dinner may not begin until the first star appears in the night sky and, traditionally, an extra setting is left at the table should someone show up uninvited.

UKRAINE

Orthodox Christians make up nearly 49 percent of Ukraine's population; they observe Christmas Day on January 7 by dressing in traditional garments and walking through town singing carols.

A dish called kutya, made of cooked wheat mixed with honey, ground poppy seeds, and sometimes nuts, is a popular Christmas Eve treat. Some families throw a spoonful of kutya at the ceiling: If it sticks, there will be a good harvest in the new year.

GERMANY

From the Christmas tree to Christmas markets, many of our much-loved festive traditions first originated in Germany.

A popular German Christmas tradition is that children receive their stockings on the 6th of December. Known as the Feast of Saint Nicholas, the tradition sees children clean their shoes before putting them outside. If they are clean, the shoes will be filled with small gifts like oranges and chocolates.

My Way to Compostela

Day 22

Villar De Mazarife to Villares de Òribigo

17.1Km (10.6 Miles)

Last night's dinner was a pleasant if predictable one, we were joined by a Dutch lady who was walking on her own. She was a travel agent and was walking the Camino so that she could give prospective customers her view of what it was like to experience the Camino. At the end of dinner Andrew and Cat suggested a shorter walk the next day, so out came the guide book to look for a suitable Albergue and how far we would walk, we plumped for one past the town of Hospital De Òrbigo. We left the Albergue 'Tio Pepe' at 07.30 joined by the Dutch lady Gilda. The day's path was to be one of relatively flat open countryside, so for the next 15.1Km's having left the town we crossed and re-crossed again a number of canals and if not to be left out the N-120!! One has to ponder the thought that the Spanish Government may have built this road to allow for a road trip to Santiago as it follows large stretches of the Camino pathway. (You won't however get a Compostela) You either have to walk, ride a horse or donkey, or bicycle to get your certificate. Having got to the Village of Villavante we stopped at the only bar to have the obligatory coffee and croissant. Leaving the village and after 0.9 of a kilometre we come to the Puente de Òrbigo. This ancient bridge dates back to Roman times and was rebuilt in the 13th century. It is one of the best preserved medieval bridges left in Spain and one of the most historical structures on the Camino. As we cross over we pass the Paso Honroso 'Passage of Honour'. The name comes from the historical jousting event that took place in the year 1434. Don Suero de Quinoes was a Noble knight from Leon, the story goes that he fell in love with a beautiful lady but she scorned his advances and doubted his honour. To defend his honour he decided to challenge to a joust any knight who wanted to pass across the bridge. It is believed that knights come from all over Spain and Europe to take up the challenge. He defended his honour for 1 month and defeated 300 knights. He then went to Santiago to offer thanks for his freedom from love and the restoration of his honour. "Honour has come back, as a King to earth. And paid his subjects with a royal wage: And Nobleness walks in our ways again: And we have come into our heritage" (Rupert Brooke). The bridge was also the scene of a battle in 452 with the slaughter of the Swabians by the Visigoths. We however crossed over without having to take lance or shield in hand. (Listen to the Martin Simpson rendition of "When A Knight Won His Spurs") At the far end of the bridge is a vast open space where they have re-enactments of Jousting through the year. Passing through the town we had a further 2km's to arrive at our intended stop for the night. Gilda left us here as she wanted to be further on, we were to meet her again much later. We arrived at the Albergue around 1pm and it was the right spot for us. A converted house, it offered 4 bedded rooms with en-suite and an evening meal, which was just as well as there was no other bar/café in the village. It had a large open courtyard with the rooms leading off. After a shower and leg rub downs for both Andrew and Cat we settled into a relaxed afternoon of clothes washing.

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It was during this period that Andrew noticed an old Guitar propped in the corner of the wash room. According to the owner of the Albergue it had been left by a previous pilgrim. It was in good condition but missing a couple of strings. So with the provision of some fishing line from our host, Andrew had it playing again. Our Hostess who was in the kitchen prepping for dinner, on hearing the playing came out and sat with us for some time as did a couple of other pilgrims. So a convivial afternoon was had. Dinner was not the usual, it consisted of fully vegetarian meals and made a very delicious alternative to the usual pilgrim menu, all 25 of us sitting at the same table, as pilgrim meals should be taken. A few more tunes from Andrew and it was time for bed, with thoughts of what the coming day would bring.

Len Cunningham

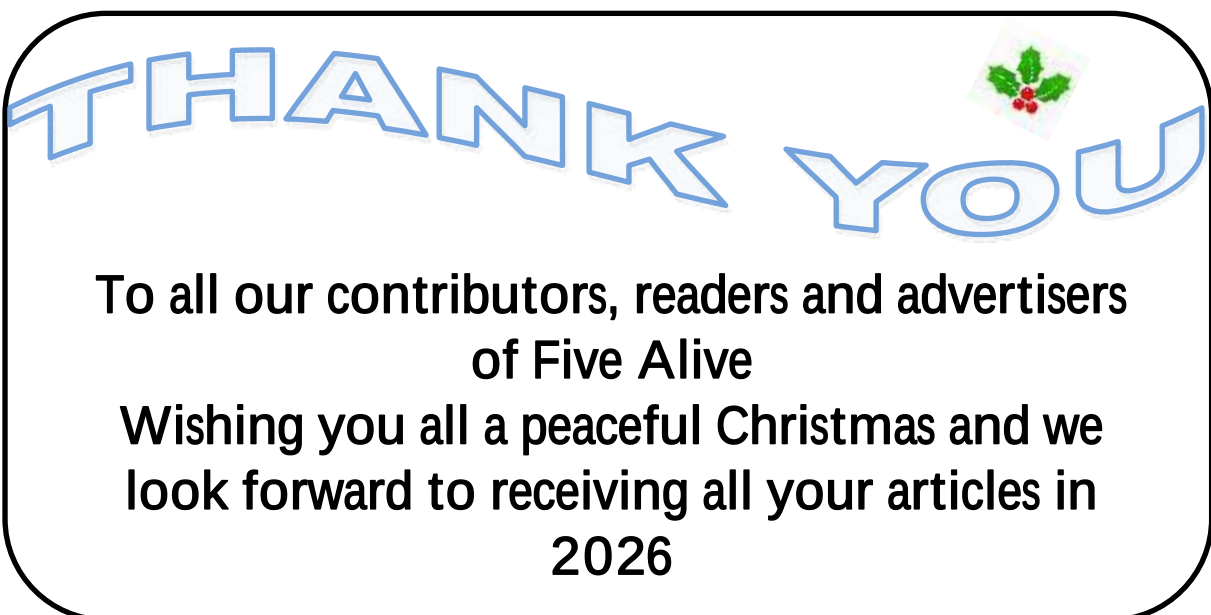
REEF DONATIONS

It was agreed at the last Redruth PCC meeting that the parish emergency fund would be used to support those affected by hurricane Melissa in Jamaica.

The British Red Cross currently have an appeal for their work in this area so I have sent them £350 which is the balance of the REEF account. The other REEF donation in the year was £320 to Shelterbox for their work in Myanmar and Thailand following the devastating earthquake.

Thank you to all those who contribute at every fifth Sunday service.

Richard Robinson



FAREWELL TO BISHOP HUGH

Bishop Hugh was consecrated in July 2020. He was consecrated within the pandemic and Hugh and the three consecrating bishops wore masks. The principal consecrating bishop was Sarah, Bishop of London and now Archbishop of Canterbury (designate). From that moment, Hugh was styled The Bishop of St Germans. That bishopric is a suffragan (assistant) bishop to the diocesan Bishop of Truro, then Bishop Philip, now Bishop David. Bishop Hugh is also Bishop to the Armed Forces.

On Saturday November 28 in St Mary le Bow, Stepney at 5.00PM, Bishop Hugh will be proclaimed the Diocesan Bishop of Worcester.



Bishop Hugh was quickly taken to the hearts of us all. His kindness, understanding and compassion became part of our lives, events and liturgies and led him to be the acting Bishop of Truro when Bishop Philip left to be Bishop of Winchester.

It will be possible to say farewell to Bishop Hugh on SUNDAY DECEMBER 7, Truro Cathedral, 4.00pm at Evensong

It is also possible to welcome Bishop Hugh at Worcester Cathedral on: SATURDAY JANUARY 17 2026, 2.00pm.

There is a small parish coach leaving at 7.00am on that special day, and Fr Peter has the timings and costs: 079 038 079 46

GOD BLESS BISHOP HUGH, HIS FAMILY AND THE PEOPLE OF WORCESTER

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THE LIVING NATIVITY

This follow-up to “The Living Life of Christ” has just one performance:

Sunday December 21 2.00pm, Mary Anson’s Barn

The development from the earlier production is that there is dialogue as well as choric speaking as well as the actors who react to the speeches.

The performance will raise funds for The RSPCA, and there will be animals within the barn and music supplied from violin, flute and guitar.

There is always room for more readers, actors and stage crew, so either contact FP 079 038 079 46 or come along to Christchurch, Lanner on a Thursday from 3.30pm – 4.45pm on:

November 27, December 4, 11, 18. **YOU WILL BE VERY WELCOME.**



THE 2026 PANTOMIME:

“Tales from the sea” or “Where’s the lamp?”

Avril who wrote the past two pantomimes has finished what she claims will be her last!!! A read-through and rehearsals are yet to be planned, so please keep checking all the newsletters if you hope to be involved.

The tentative performance dates are:

FRIDAY	FEBRUARY 13	7.00pm	St Euny
SATURDAY	FEBRUARY 14	2.00pm	St Euny
		7.00pm	St Euny

FOR OUR YOUNGER READERS

Christmas Carol Picture Puzzle

Each numbered box contains pictures that are clues to its title.
Write the number next to the carol it matches.

Merry Christmas

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| ___ Caroling of the Bells | ___ Little Drummer Boy | ___ Do You Hear What I Hear? |
| ___ Away in a Manger | ___ Silent Night | ___ I Saw Three Ships |
| ___ While Shepherds Watched | ___ Mary, Did You Know? | ___ Go Tell It on the Mountain |
| ___ Joy to the World | ___ What Child is This? | ___ Hark the Herald Angels Sing |
| ___ O Little Town of Bethlehem | ___ The Holly and the Ivy | ___ We Three Kings of Orient Are |

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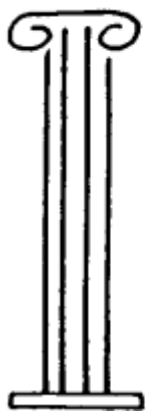


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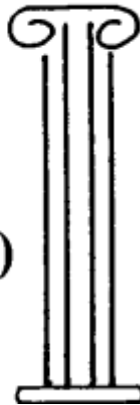
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