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<u> Rector's Notes – FEBRUARY 2019</u>



Sharing God's welcome; growing disciples

I thought I might give you a glimpse of what I've been up to in the last month or so:

Quite a bit of rural deaning, but I'm pleased to report that Camborne are expecting to appoint an interim priest-in-charge very soon to start around Easter, so that will ease my burden quite a bit.

A fair bit of wheeler-dealing with the archdeacon and other consultation about Jo's replacement. I can announce here that interviews for that role will happen on 12th February. Whereas Jo had a half time deanery role, her replacement will be working just in the Redruth Team area, which should make the job a bit more straightforward. Please pray that we'll make the right appointment.

Preparing the way for our annual stewardship review and new electoral rolls in all our churches. We're deeply grateful for all that you give in terms of time, talents and money. Without all of that, our churches (which of course are really people, more than places) would simply cease to exist. This year we have in all but one of churches the <u>Parish Giving Scheme</u>, a direct debit scheme which makes life much easier for our wonderful treasurers. It also makes it easier for occasional attendees of our churches to give regularly, so they can help us make sure the church is there when they need it. If you know of someone in that situation, do please ask for information from your treasurer.

Weddings! We've just held our annual marriage preparation morning to which we invited all the couples getting married in our churches in 2019, including my own daughter Jemima and her fiancé Chris who are marrying in September at Treleigh. We've also been taking quite a lot of bookings (we have to see each couple when they book) for 2020.

Liaising with the Town Council about our new Bishop Philip leading the St Piran's Day parade on 2nd March.

Besides that, our usual round of clergy and reader meetings where we think about the spiritual life of our churches; PCCs / DCCs; funerals; school assemblies, enjoying opportunities to meet old and new parishioners with all sorts of needs.

And lots more besides...it all makes for a very interesting job, most of which I continue to enjoy a lot!

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

ST EUNY

We at St Euny are truly sorry to be losing Revd Jo. She valiantly took on the pastoral responsibility of us souls at St Euny, together with chairing our DCC meetings. By the time this magazine comes out she will be with us for the very last time as she takes our St Euny Feast service which is to be combined with her

leaving service. Please do come along to say your farewells – **St Euny Feast Service**, **3pm Sunday**, **27 January**. It will then not be long until she and Cindy are ensconced in Bonnie Scotland and we will be all the sadder for losing her and her ministrations. Thank you Jo, it has been a pleasure.

Our Christmas Eve service, led by Revd Jo, was well attended, additional chairs having to be put out! Our thanks go to the Smith family who covered for Lucie and I being away on leave and to Neil and Rosanna for looking after the Christmas Day service.

Our Christmas charities made money for local good causes - £303.21 was raised for St Petroc's Society, Truro, at our Christmas Eve service, and our annual Christmas Card Tree from St Euny members made £57.86 for Cornwall Hospice Care. Thanks to all who contributed.

Prior to Christmas I was handed a bag full of gents toiletries, a bag full of men's socks and several home-made scarves, all of which were looking for a good home. Thanks to FP for taking these items to St Petroc's in Truro.

Due to Bridge Methodist Chapel now being closed, St Euny church was pleased to be asked to host the annual Cornish Language Christmas Carol Concert, which took place on 30 December. Thank you to them for their kind donation.

On Epiphany Evening, 6 January 2019, we hosted the most delightful Epiphany concert, featuring the Trengilly Singers and the St Agnes Singers, directed by Melanie Uren with accompanists Clive Ellison and Peter Smith. There was raffle and tea and cake was served after the performance. Thanks to Tom Pritchard for organising this.

COMING UP!! – You may have seen in this magazine and in other places that St Euny Church is currently fundraising for a Public Access Defibrillator to be sited in the grounds of St Euny Church, for the use of all – the community, those who attend St Euny Church in whatever capacity, walkers, cyclists etc. On THURSDAY,

28 FEBRUARY from 12 noon – 4pm we are holding a **pre-loved sale**. The items will comprise of clothes, shoes, bric-a-brac, plants and anything else anyone donates to us! Plus there will be tea/coffee and cake for sale. Our thanks go to one of the yoga ladies, Sue Vanhocht, for coming up with this idea. Please do come along to support this worthy cause.

ST EUNY FEAST 27 January 2019

Saint Euny or **Uny** (6th century) is the patron saint of the churches of Lelant and Redruth in west Cornwall.

William Worcester in his account of travels in Cornwall in 1478 records that St Uny, the brother of St Herygh, was buried at the parish church of St Uny near the town of Lelant, and that his feast day was 1 February. According to him Uny and Herygh (patron of St Erth) were the brothers of St Ia, patron of St Ives (St Ia was an Irish princess who evangelised part of Cornwall). This account is the first record of the spelling "Uny", no doubt because it was recorded as spoken rather than written. The correct spelling is "Euny" though the spelling "Uny" is used after the mid 16th century. As well as being the patron of Lelant and Redruth Euny is the joint patron of Crowan. In all three churches the feast day is the Sunday nearest to 1 February, the day mentioned by William Worcester. In some 18th-century documents there is evidence that the parish of Crowan was called Uni-Crowan and this may be connected to the fact that the parish was in two parts, one in Penwith and one in Kerrier Hundred. The Kerrier portion was once a separate chapelry and may have had St Euny as its patron saint.

Lelant was the centre of Euny's missionary work and the focus of the cult after his death; it was until the Middle Ages an important port at the north end of the short land crossing to St Michael's Mount. Redruth church stands below Carn Brea where there are remains of a prehistoric town. The town must have been the capital of the district 2000 years ago. This collocation suggests that St Euny was able to convert the chieftain of this land and was given a site for the church. In the parish of Wendron is a farm called Marooney. (It was recorded as Mertharuny in 1751 and Metheruny in 1756.) In a circular garden still known as "the churchyard" in which human bones have been dug up are the remains of a small chapel. Nearby is "a magnificent Celtic cross of an enriched and most original design". This chapel is on the site of a very ancient church in honour of St Euny. After the Reformation it was allowed to decay. In the parish of Sancreed there is a famous holy well called Chapel Euny. In Brittany are two parishes, Plevin and Plouyé; their names have been interpreted by Joseph Loth as containing the names of St Euny and St la.

(SOURCE—WIKIPEDIA)

Looking ahead at St Andrew, Redruth

February is a month full of promise: a time to look forward to Spring. So, opportunistically, here are some advance notices for some early-Spring events in St Andrew's, all on one special day.

It might be said that there are some dramatic types at St Andrew's. Maybe it's because our splendid church itself is built in grand, not to say flamboyant, style and on a scale that happily accommodates services and concerts for all. Maybe it's because we have a rather well-equipped crypt, from stage to stage-lighting, ready for shows and revues. Maybe - please read this *sotto voce*- it connects with the serious but striking, and uplifting, ceremonial of our traditional services? Whatever the prompt, this is surely something to celebrate. Have not our great churches, especially before the Reformation, when paintings and windows made them places of unrivalled beauty, available for all, celebrating God through all the arts and senses?

Whatever the reason, we have some keen performers and audiences as well as a faithful congregation. So we now look forward to two very different shows, initiated by SAR members, that will take place on Redruth's St Piran's Festival Day, Saturday 2 March.

First, *Piran's Round*, a new comic micro-drama, written by Tamsin Spargo (that'll be me) will be performed by theatre company Perthi Kov in the Buttermarket at 1 pm and 2.45 pm. What is St Piran doing in Redruth? What is he doing with a badger, a boar, and a fox? And is it really his round? Find out in these free performances amidst the stalls and fun of the festival.

Then Lez Seth leads her talented friends in the ever-popular St Andrew's annual show. This time it's *Rock Around the Clock*, celebrating twenty-four hours in song, dance, and fun. Sounds unmissable and, if it's anything like last year's riotous celebration of the animal kingdom, unforgettable! Tickets will be on sale soon, in aid of church funds.

If drama's not your thing, you'll still be welcome in St Andrew's on 2 March where St Piran's Festival activities will include a children's treasure hunt, centenary exhibition of our war memorial, open church consultation, and refreshments.

So there's much to look forward to one just one day in March but let's enjoy February too. There are tiny miracles growing in the earth all around us!

Tamsin Spargo

CHRISTCHURCH LANNER

Christmas at Christchurch

Following our Christmas Carol Service with Skyliner Big Band and the Lanner United Choir, we held our annual Christmas Bazaar. The cake stall continues to be a popular draw and there were many bargains on all of the other stalls. Fr Peter's stall featured the fantastic "Vicar's Surprize" with gift-wrapped items that you could only open until Christmas Day. Thank you to all those who supported the event and we raised £250 for church funds.

On Christmas Eve, many familiar and unfamiliar faces joined us for our afternoon Crib Service and Bethlehem Mass at 8pm. Our Christmas celebrations continued on Christmas Day with a family Eucharist. We were delighted to host the Benefice service on the last Sunday of December and it was a joy to hear so many young voices in our church.

Diary Dates

Jumble Sales - third Saturday of each month at 2pm.

Snack and Chat – last Friday of each month, 2-4pm. There will be additional Cake Sale on Friday 22nd February.

- **Film Club** last Friday of each month at 7pm. The Film Club resumes on Friday 22nd February. Members need to renew their CFylm membership at the start of every new year and new members are very welcome. The title of the February film will be released soon!
- Beetle Drives Saturday 9th March (Pancake Beetles) and Saturday 12th October (Harvest Beetles), 7pm.

These are just a few of the events and I am sure that many of you will be happy to hear that we are planning a second Jazz & Gin evening in June and a Curry Lunch in September.

Julia Knight-Bennett

ST ANDREW PENCOYS

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

Worshipping, praying and working together as One in Christ

We invite you to our joint events and services and to visit St. Andrew's Church,

open daily from 10 am to 5 pm

LAMP : Following our lovely Advent Sunday **First Sunday Evening Event**, the Village Carol Service and Nativity Tableau (which raised £125 for the Treliske Hospital Pillow Appeal) and the many seasonal events and Services attended and enjoyed by so many, our Christmastide culminated in a beautiful **Epiphany Carol Service** on 6th January, when a retiring collection raised £60 for 'Sense' the charity supporting Deaf/Blind People. We thank all who came to this, and look forward to welcoming everyone to our next **First Sunday Evening Event**, at Christ-church, Lanner, on 3rd February at 6 p.m., to celebrate Candlemass (the Presentation of Christ in the Temple).

The LAMP/Flapjack Epiphany Lunch at The Sportsman's Arms (Four Lanes) on Sunday 6th January was well attended by members of all three churches, and we thank Roger and his staff for their pleasant service and warm hospitality. It gave many of us the opportunity to renew old acquaintances and to chat, which we don't often have in the busyness of everyday and church life and we look forward to our next LAMP social occasion, which we hope will be in the Spring.

A weekend of Bishops! It was a joy and a privilege to be able to attend our new Bishop's Welcome and Enthronement Service at Truro Cathedral on Saturday 12th January. The chance to chat to old friends from Redruth and to catch up with a special long-term friend Russell

Pascoe, who composed two beautifully haunting musical items for the service ('Do not be afraid' (Isaiah 43) and a new arrangement of 'Ubi Caritas', both in Cornish & English), enabled me to join the end of the very long queue to have a few moments' conversation with Bishop Philip. Fr. Peter's brilliant initiative of celebrating his Consecration in St. Paul's Cathedral, at the same time and on the same day (30th November) at St. Andrew's Pencoys, visibly moved him and he was left with a copy of our Order of Service for the day, including the same hymns and prayers as those used during his Consecration, and he has since sent an email saying how touched he was.

The following day, Sunday, 13th January, our Deanery of Carnmarth North celebrated its annual Covenant Service at St. John the Evangelist Church, Treslothan, led by Bishop Chris and Sally Piper, now a licensed Lay Reader and former Deputy Lay Chair. The theme of this service was the act of giving ourselves totally to God for his use and in his service, about which the Bishop asked us to think very carefully before declaring in the Covenant prayer: "I am no longer my own but yours. Put me to what you will, rank me with whom you will; put me to doing, put me to suffering; let me be employed for you or laid aside for you, exalted for you or brought low for you; let me be full, let me be empty, let me have all things, let me have nothing; I freely and wholeheartedly yield all things to your pleasure and disposal. And now, glorious and blessed God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, you are mine and I am yours. And the covenant now made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven. Amen;" plenty of thought and prayer needed there, and a New Year resolution which we pray we may keep. Please continue to pray for both Bishop Philip and Bishop Chris as they start ministering to us together, in their individual roles.

The members of Flapjack are sad to say 'Goodbye' to Revd. Jo, and wish her and her mother, Cindy, every happiness in their new home, and Jo every blessing and success in her new

ministry in Scotland; we shall continue to pray for you both as we remember your lovely smiles!

Jill Tolputt

ST STEPHEN TRELEIGH



Treleigh Church was delighted to welcome, once again, the Treleigh School Choir, together with their families and friends, to its carol service on Sunday December 16th. The church was full to capacity and readings were by members of Treleigh congregation and Treleigh School, with solos by members of the choir. The clear, pure voices of the children were a wonderful start to the Christmas season. The congregation was welcomed to the beautifully decorated church by Reverend Graham Adamson. The Christmas message and final prayers were by Reverend Caspar Bush. After the service the children of the choir were each presented with a bag of Christmas sweets, organised by Carol Stewart. The service was arranged by Robin Knights and the organist was Michael Hichens. The service was followed by coffee and mince pies in the hall and the drawing of the Christmas raffle.

Treleigh Ladies Group had a very enjoyable Christmas lunch at Tehidy Golf Club on December 19th.

Mothering Day service will be on March 31st at 11.15am with the usual distribution of flowers and simnel cake.

Treleigh Church Sales

The History of St. Stephen's Church Treleigh	£3.50
Blank Greetings Cardsto suit all occasions	0.50
Bookmarks (Laminated)	0.50

Treleigh Church services

Regular services at Treleigh are on Sundays at 11.15am , Thursdays at 9.30am and a Healing Service on the first Friday of every month at 7pm.

Tricia Rowe (01209 218416)

February				
1st Fr	10.15am	12 Mount Carbis Gdns	Book Club	
	7pm	St Stephen Treleigh	Healing Service	
2nd Sa	4pm	Christchurch Lanner	DSBeenies*	
	7pm	Pencoys Hall	Quiz	
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3rd Su	Candlemas	Chuistahaan haaraa	Come Hale Communitien	
	9.30am	Christchurch Lanner	Sung Holy Communion	
	9.30am	St Andrew Redruth	Sung HC with Children's Sunday Club	
	11am	Four Lanes Chapel	FLAPJACK Holy Communion	
	11.15am	St Euny	Alternative Holy Communion	
	11.15am	St Stephen Treleigh	Sung Holy Communion	
	3pm-5pm	Four Lanes Chapel	Lighthouse	
	6pm	Christchurch Lanner	LAMP First Sunday Evening Event-Candlemas	
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4th Mo	1.30pm	Crypt	Crafty People	
	6pm	St Andrew Redruth	Healing Service in the Lady Chapel	
5th Tu	8.30am	St Andrew Pencoys	Morning Prayer	
	9.30am	St Euny	Holy Communion	
	11am	St Euny	Yoga*	
	2pm	Glencoe	Hymn singing	
6th We	8.30am	St Andrew Redruth	Morning Prayer in the Lady Chapel	
	10am	St Andrew Redruth	Holy Communion in the Lady Chapel	
	10.30am	St Stephen Treleigh	Treleigh School KS2 Assembly	
	11am	Christchurch Lanner	Holy Communion (BCP)	
	11am	Lavinia's house	Margaret's Upper Room meeting	
	2pm	Tremethick	Hymn singing	
	3pm	Crypt	TOAST (Year 6 & Above)	
	7.30pm	St Euny	Tower Bell Practice	
7th Th	8.30am	St Euny	Quiet Morning Prayer	
	9.15am	Crypt	Tiddlers Toddlers (to 11.15am)	
	9.30am	St Stephen Treleigh	Morning prayer & HC	
	9.30am	St Euny	Yoga*	
	1pm-3.30pm	St Euny	Open Café Session with Clare Brown	
8th Fr	· ·	-		
9th Sa	12 noon	Pencoys Hall	Jumblefood	
	4pm	Christchurch Lanner	DSBeenies*	

10th Su	Su 4th Sunday before Lent		
	9.30am	Christchurch Lanner	CHAMP All Age Monthly Praise
	9.30am	St Andrew Redruth	Informal Worship with Holy Communion
	11am	St Andrew Pencoys	FLAPJACK Family Event
	11.15am	St Euny	Holy Communion
	11.15am	St Stephen Treleigh	Sung Holy Communion
	12.30pm	St Andrew Pencoys	Said Holy Communion
	1.30pm	St Euny	Holy Baptism: Darcy Honey-Ann Williams
	3pm	Christchurch Lanner	Said Holy Communion

11th Mo	1.30pm	Crypt	Crafty People
	6pm	St Andrew Redruth	Holy Communion in the Lady Chapel
	6.30pm	Crossroads	A Celebration of Caring. Safeguarding training
			for all DCC / PCC members, with supper.
12th Tu	8.30am	St Andrew Pencoys	Morning Prayer
	9.30am	St Euny	Holy Communion
	11am	St Euny	Yoga*
13th We	8.30am	St Andrew Redruth	Morning Prayer in the Lady Chapel
	10am	St Andrew Redruth	Holy Communion in the Lady Chapel
	11am	Christchurch Lanner	Holy Communion (BCP)
	11am	Lavinia's house	Margaret's Upper Room meeting
	3pm	Crypt	TOAST (Year 6 & Above)
	7.30pm	St Euny	Tower Bell Practice
14th Th	8.30am	St Euny	Quiet Morning Prayer
	9.15am	Crypt	Tiddlers Toddlers (to 11.15am)
	9.30am	St Stephen Treleigh	Morning Prayer and Holy Communion
	9.30am	St Euny	Yoga*
	1-3.30pm	St Euny	Open Café Session with Clare Brown
15th Fr			
16th Sa	2pm	Christchurch Lanner	Jumble Sale
	4pm	Christchurch Lanner	DSBeenies*
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17th Su	3rd Sunday be		
	9.30am	Christchurch Lanner	Family Holy Communion
	9.30am	St Andrew Redruth	Sung HC with Children's Sunday Club
	11am	Four Lanes Chanel	FLAPIACK Service of the Word

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	11am	Four Lanes Chapel	FLAPJACK Service of the Word
	11.15am	St Euny	Holy Communion
	11.15am	St Stephen Treleigh	Sung Holy Communion
	6pm	St Andrew Pencoys	Sung Holy Communion with hymns
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18th Mo	1.30pm	Crypt	Crafty People
	6pm	St Andrew Redruth	Holy Communion in the Lady Chapel
19th Tu	8.30am	St Andrew Pencoys	Morning Prayer
	9.30am	St Euny	Holy Communion
	2pm	The Green	Hymn singing
20th We	8.30am	St Andrew Redruth	Morning Prayer in the Lady Chapel
	10am	St Andrew Redruth	Holy Communion in the Lady Chapel
	11am	Christchurch Lanner	Holy Communion (BCP)
	11am	Lavinia's house	Margaret's Upper Room meeting
	7.30pm	St Euny	Tower Bell Practice
21st Th	8.30am	St Euny	Quiet Morning Prayer
	9.15am	Crypt	Tiddlers Toddlers (to 11.15am)
	9.30am	St Stephen Treleigh	Morning Prayer and Holy Communion
22nd Fr	2.00pm	Christchurch Lanner	Snack and Chat with cake sale
	7.00pm	Christchurch Lanner	Film Club
23rd Sa	8.30-12.00	St Andrew Redruth	Moveable Feast of Prayer
	11am	Four Lanes Chapel	Bangers & Mash
	4pm	Christchurch Lanner	DSBeenies*

24th Su	2nd Sunday before Lent		
	9.30am	Christchurch Lanner	Sung Holy Communion
	9.30am	St Andrew Redruth	Sung HC with Children's Sunday Club
	11am	St Andrew Pencoys	FLAPJACK Holy Communion with hymns
	11.15am	St Euny	Morning Praise
	11.15am	St Stephen Treleigh	Sung Holy Communion
	4pm	Pencoys Hall	Tea Time Event
	6pm	St Andrew Redruth	Breathing Space
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25th Mo	12noon	St Euny	Service followed by interment of ashes-Mrs Self
	1.30pm	Crypt	Crafty People
	4.30pm	Trelowan	Last Monday Bible Study
	6pm	St Andrew Redruth	Holy Communion in the Lady Chapel
26th Tu	8.30am	St Andrew Pencoys	Morning Prayer
	9.30am	St Euny	Holy Communion
	11am	St Euny	Yoga*
	4pm	Pencoys Hall	St Andrew Pencoys DCC meeting
27th We	8.30am	St Andrew Redruth	Morning Prayer in the Lady Chapel
	10am	St Andrew Redruth	Holy Communion in the Lady Chapel
	11am	Christchurch Lanner	Holy Communion (BCP)
	11am	Lavinia's house	Margaret's Upper Room meeting
	2pm	Crossroads	Hymn singing
	3pm	Crypt	TOAST (Year 6 & Above)
	7.30pm	St Euny	Tower Bell Practice
28th Th	8.30am	St Euny	Quiet Morning Prayer
	9.15am	Crypt	Tiddlers Toddlers (to 11.15am)
	9.30am	St Stephen Treleigh	Morning Prayer and Holy Communion
	9.30am	St Euny	Yoga*
	12noon-4pm	St Euny	Fundraiser for Public Access Defibrillator
			(pre loved sale, clothes, shoes and bric-a-brac)
	1-3.30pm	St Euny	Open Café Session with Clare Brown

Redruth Team Ministry is delighted to support various independent community groups which are marked*

CHRISTMAS COLLECTIONS AT ST ANDREW REDRUTH

Each year at Christmas, St Andrew's Redruth donates the collections from special services to a charity. This year the charity was The Children's Society. As a result of collections at the Redruth and Trewirgie Schools services, together with our Messy Church event, the Carol Service and Midnight Mass, a total of £884.73 was raised. This was forwarded to the Charity with the request it be used to benefit children in Cornwall.

Richard Robinson—Treasurer



Sale of Pre-loved Items



Raising Funds

For a

Community Public Access

Defibrillator



On 28th February

12pm till 4pm

Coffee/Tea & Cake £z



FROM THE REGISTERS FUNERALS

02 January 2019	Veronica Pollard	St Euny
11 January 2019	Christopher Lawer	Christchurch Lanner
16 January 2019	David John Thomas	St Stephen Treleigh
16 January 2019	William Michael John Williams (Mi	ckey)St Stephen Treleigh
18 January 2019	Colin Neil Thomas	St Stephen Treleigh
22 January 2019	Phyllis Peters	St Andrew Redruth

NEEDED at ST ANDREW REDRUTH New reporter required from March 2019 onwards for FIVE ALIVE for St Andrew Redruth. If you are interested please speak to Rosemary.

BENEFICE LENTEN RETREAT 1st - 4th APRIL

If you have never been on retreat before now is your chance. Come and experience some time away from the busyness and routine of life to come closer to God and deepen your relationship with new and old friends from around the Benefice.

If you have been on retreat before then you already know the benefits of time out. We shall be going to St Rita's Centre, Honiton for three nights from 1st April to 4th April with a relaxed programme of reflection, prayer and worship with all meals provided and en suite rooms. The cost is £200 per person. Look out for the booking form which contains more information and return it as soon as possible to Sue Pearce or Revd Margaret Saville. This is **not** a silent retreat but one of rest, relaxation and enjoyment!!



CANDLEMAS—THURSDAY 2 FEBRUARY

Candlemas commemorates the ritual purification of Mary, 40 days after the birth of her son Jesus. This day also marks the ritual presentation of the baby Jesus to God in the Temple at Jerusalem.

The Gospel of Luke says that Jesus was met by Anna and Simeon. Simeon held the baby Jesus and called him a Light to the World. Ritual purification stems back to a Jewish tradition that women were considered unclean after the birth of a child. For 40 days for a boy, and 60 days for a girl, women weren't allowed to worship in the temple. At the end of this time, women were brought to the Temple or Synagogue to be purified. After the ceremony women were allowed to take part in religious services again.



The festival is called Candlemas because this was the day that all the Church's candles for the year were blessed.

On Candlemas night, many people place lighted candles in their windows at home. Like some other Christian festivals, Candlemas draws some of its elements from Paganism.

In pre-Christian times, it was the festival of light. This ancient festival marked the mid point of winter, half way between the winter solstice (shortest day) and the spring equinox.

Some people lit candles to scare away evil spirits on the dark winter nights. People believed that Candlemas predicted the weather for the rest of the winter.

> If Candlemas Day be fair and bright Winter will have another fight If Candlemas Day brings cloud and rain Winter will not come back again

For some people, different superstitions surround this festival. For instance, if a candle drips on one side when carried in church on Candlemas, this denotes a death of a family member during the year.

If someone brings snowdrops into the house on Candlemas day it symbolises a parting or death.

Any Christmas decorations not taken down by Twelfth Night (January 5th) should be left up until Candlemas Day and then taken down.

<<Talkabout>> Cornish Childhood © by Tricia Rowe

My Mum & Dad did us proud! When I was seven they moved us all from London to Cornwall. My sisters were five years old and six months old. We landed at Downderry, near Looe, in the early hours of the next morning having spent most of the night in a lay-by near Honiton with a flat tyre. Six months later we moved to Polzeath where we lived a life of sun, sea and sand barely a hundred yards from that wonderful surfing beach! We all loved it! Our school was perched on the cliffs with our playground being the beach, providing the tide was out! There was a time when Polzeath was mentioned people would say; "Where?". Now they say: " I've been there!"

We had wooden surfboards, which I see are now making a come back, and body boarding was a big part of our childhood and no wet suit to keep us warm! We often held our surf boards up in front of us to protect ourselves from the stiff Cornish wind as we walked down the beach and once we arrived at the water's edge it was the point of no return and definitely no turning back! All of us girls had bathing caps to keep our long hair our of the water. In those days there were no hairdryers and long hair took a lot of drying and de-tangling! Those were the days....not my scene nowadays though!

Sir John Betjeman wrote about this part of Cornwall, among other things. When reading his poems it is like reading my childhood! I, too, made lakes and dams in the sand. Did he, I wonder make sand castles to defy the incoming tide as I did? Never winning but having fun in the process until the relentless sea turned my castle to ruins. In 1950 scenes from the film "Madeleine" was shot on Polzeath beach, starring Ann Todd and directed by David Lean. It caused quite a stir in the village with the 1857 period costume of the stars, and we surfers constantly being moved on to keep us out of shot!

My Mum always had a camera, a box camera, which we think may have been a 21st birthday present from her brothers, so we have a good record of our childhood as she used to carry it everywhere. There were eight photos on a roll of film so all the photographs she took were family ones rather than scenery. Her favourite saying was "The air here is like champagne," and coming from London there is no doubt she appreciated the good, clean Cornish air!

My Dad made Sue, Jane and I wooden stilts and we used to stomp up and down the lane by our bungalow. Looking back I'm not surprised the village found our family hard to forget! Dave and I often go up to Polzeath as we took our own family back there on holiday for many years. On one occasion quite recently someone recognised me from my school days....but I think it was probably because I look a lot like my Mum.

So my parents did us proud, but for their move to Cornwall I wouldn't have met and married my Cornishman!

"Do It Anyway"

, By Mother Theresa

People are often unreasonable, íllogícal, and self-centred Forgíve them anyway

> If you are kínd, people may accuse you of selfísh, ulteríor motíves Be kínd anyway

If you are successful, you will win some false friends And some true enemies Succeed anyway

If you are honest and frank, people may cheat you Be honest and frank anyway

> What you spend years building, someone could destroy overnight Build anyway

If you fínd sereníty and happíness They may be jealous Be happy anyway

The good you do today, People will often forget tomorrow Do good anyway

Give the world the best you have, and it may never be enough Give the world the best you've got anyway

You see, in the final analysis it is between you and your God It was never between you and them anyway

QVIZ TIME

- 1. How many days do the Olympic Games last for?
- 2. At what age does Harry Potter learn that he's a wizard?
- 3. In a game of snooker, what is meant by the term 'cannon'?
- 4. Who is the author of Sherlock Holmes?
- **5.** According to the 32nd annual Forbes (2018) list of world's billionaires, who became the richest man in the world?
- 6. In which year did the Wall Street Crash occur?
- 7. What is the name of the stirrup-shaped bone found in the middle ear?
- 8. How long does the Hindu festival of lights, Diwali, last for?
- **9.** Which TV series ran from 1994 to 2004, and consisted of 10 seasons and 236 episodes in total?
- 10. What is the largest empire, by landmass, in history?
- 11. Which British monarch died on January 22nd, 1901?
- 12. How many letters are used in Roman numerals?
- 13. Which three oceans are collectively known as the Southern Ocean?
- 14. What travels at 299,792,458 metres per second?
- **15.** What is measured with a hygrometer?
- 16. What the letters IP stand for in IP address?
- 17. What is the only non rectangular national flag?
- 18. Who became the Home Secretary of the United Kingdom in April 2018?
- 19. Which animal has the largest ears on the planet?
- 20. How many fluid ounces are there in a pint?

Answers next month





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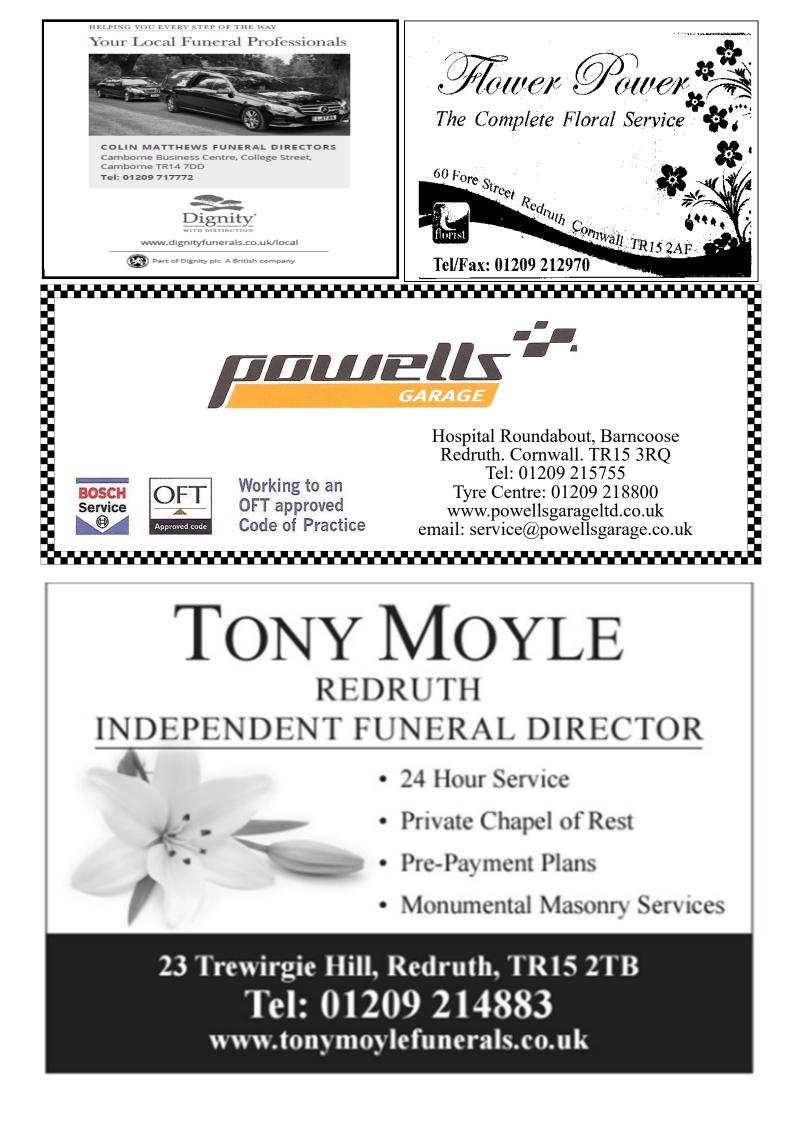


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