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Rector's notes – February 2021

2021 is turning out to be a worthy successor to 2020, now we are well into our third national lockdown. It's good to hear of increasing numbers of our own congregation members receiving their first Covid vaccination. But this pandemic still has a long way to run, and the issues of anxiety and isolation are things we really want to help people deal with – so do please get in touch if you need more support than you're currently receiving.

'Living in Love and Faith'

I wanted to introduce this important topic, which we'll be engaging with over Lent and beyond. It concerns the matter of Christian teaching and learning about human identity, sexuality, relationships and marriage.

Over the last two years a huge piece of work has been done, commissioned by the House of Bishops, in an attempt to move our Church forward on these matters, and now it's ready for all of us to engage with at parish level. The centre-piece is a book filled with personal stories, alongside teaching, and learning that has already happened. It encourages us to:

Reflect – what have we received?

Pay attention – what is going on now?

Make connections – where are we in God's story?

Seek answers – how do we hear God's voice on these matters?

Converse – what can we learn from each other?

The book, called Living in Love and Faith, is a hefty but very readable 468 pages long and costs £20 from Church House Publishing, but it's also free to download the PDF version.

A special five-part course has been written to help churches like ours engage with the material, and we'll be running groups to do this over Lent. These will obviously need to be online courses at this present time. The particular hope of the course writers is definitely NOT to persuade us all to think the same thing. In fact, their expressed hope is that groups might contain members with a variety of views. But where that is not the case, at least we are invited to try to understand those views.

Then there are 17 story films, each about 4 minutes. These are testimonies of Christians' own stories of marriage, celibacy, being transgender, same sex couples, intersex and so on. They are simply told as stories for people to watch and listen to.

Do please take the opportunity to engage and learn on this really important matter.

With my prayers and best wishes

Caspar Bush (Team Rector)

A prayer for Living in Love and Faith
*O Holy Spirit, giver of light and life.
Impart to us thoughts higher than our own
thoughts,
and prayers better than our own prayers,
and powers beyond our own powers,
that we may spend and be spent
in the ways of love and goodness,
after the perfect image
of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.*

THE TAIZE COMMUNITY

On Sunday January 31, at 6.00pm on zoom, you will have the opportunity to take part in a Taize Service. The following introduction may help you to understand what the Taize Community represents.

In 1940, Roger Schutz, a Swiss national was inspired to form a community which would attract young people, through whom, he believed, world peace could be achieved. He chose the village of Taize, just north of Cluny in the centre of France, a place of historic monasticism, to be the focus of this new community.

Roger bought a house in Taize, and it became a place of refuge and safety for countless war refugees. However, whilst he was in Switzerland raising funds, the house in Taize was occupied by the Gestapo. Roger was forced to remain in Switzerland until France was liberated in 1944.

Gradually, others were attracted to the purpose of the Taize vision and on Easter Sunday 1949 seven brothers committed themselves in simplicity, celibacy and community. The community grew in numbers, and young people from all over the world answered the call. Every Sunday was Easter Sunday, every Friday, Good Friday. The young went for a week, a month, a year, perhaps longer. They worked, studied, prayed and worshipped. Their church was 'the tent of meeting' and there the now famous Taize chants were sung.

Brother Roger was murdered in August 2005, he was killed in a knife attack. Two brothers carried him from 'the tent of meeting', two brothers supported the one who carried the knife, and the faithful kept singing the chants.

When I led a group to the community in 1990, it was the year after the Berlin Wall had come down. Taize was full of young Germans, suddenly able to travel. In my group there was a former soldier who had liberated Belsen. From that time he had nursed a hatred for the German nation. By the end of our week in the community, that man embraced German people and as he wept, we wept with him as he now understood that these were good people, and there was no place for hatred in his heart.

The Benefice Taize service on the fifth Sunday of January will try and reflect Brother Roger's vision of world peace, a world in which all faiths could work together for good. This vision was reflected in his funeral, attended by 10,000 people of all faiths and traditions.

May he rest in peace and rise in glory. AMEN

A PRAYER WRITTEN BY BROTHER ALOIS

Christ Jesus, you washed the feet of your disciples, for us to know that we are loved by God, and so that we might love one another. By your Eucharist, you gather us into one body. Together with you, nothing can separate us from God's love. AMEN

Fr Peter

ST STEPHEN'S TRELEIGH



Treleigh is greatly saddened by the passing of Steve Pedley, husband of Jamie Pedley and son of Joy and the late Bill Pedley. He was a faithful and long time member of our congregation and member of Treleigh PCC. He and Jamie organised a series of fundraising table-top sales in Treleigh Hall over the years in aid of Treleigh Church. Our thoughts and prayers go to Jamie, Joy and all the family.

Midnight mass on Christmas Eve was taken by Rev'd Deb Grigg with 18 people taking part. The service started at 8pm with the playing of the first Carol followed by the dedication of the crib. Mary Harris did the first reading from the Prophet Isaiah at the lectern then moved to the crib and read the Gospel from St. John. The service ended with the traditional O come all you faithful being played during which the baby Jesus was placed in the crib. Treleigh's Patronal festival service was attended by 8 parishioners and taken Rev'd Peter Fellows.

With Christmas a distant memory we are now in a brand new year of hope with the covid vaccine being rolled out, spring and summer ahead and hopefully life slowly getting back to near normal.

Treleigh Services..... It has been decided that the church will remain closed, until further notice due to the current covid restrictions.

During the cold days of winter everyone's thoughts, not unnaturally, turn to Church heating! Churches were never built to keep heat in, with their high roofs and numerous windows so try as we might the church is never as warm as we expect it. In 1932 Treleigh became the first church in Cornwall to be heated by electricity, with the old stove and chimney previously used, being removed and replaced by another pew. Initially, this electrical system provided heat by overhead tubes which proved unsatisfactory, resulting in their replacement in 1936 by 15 radiators. In 1941 a solid fuel hot water heating system was installed, being converted to oil in 1960. Our heating system is now more efficient than ever but the fact remains that churches were never built to keep heat in!

Take care and stay safe everyone
Trish Rowe

ST EUNY

As I write this, we are again in tighter restrictions. I hope that you and those who you love are all keeping well.

St. Euny church has suspended all Sunday services, toddler and baby groups and open cafe for the time being.

The church will be open on Wednesday afternoons, with a service of Holy Communion at 1.30pm, and an opportunity for private prayer between 2pm and 4pm.

If you aren't able to see St. Euny at the moment, then I am happy to report to you that the churchyard is beginning to wake up into spring in our absence. The daffodils are starting to pop their heads up and the resident robin red breast is on welcome duties.

Let's hope for some warmer weather soon, so that our daily exercise allows us to see the magic of God's creation around us.

I thought I would share with you one thing that I find to be helpful when things are tough, which is to practice the following grounding exercise.

It's particularly nice to do this while sitting in the churchyard, but it can be used anywhere.

It's called the 54321 grounding technique.

First, take a deep breath.

5. Look around for 5 things you can see,
4. Think of 4 things you can feel,
3. Listen for 3 sounds you can hear,
2. Think of 2 things you can smell,
1. Think of one thing you can taste.

Take another deep breath to end.

Remember, this is the shortest month, and Easter is just around the corner.

With my best wishes to you all

Lucie Rogers

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

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

St. Andrew's Pencoys with Four Lanes Methodist Church

The Methodist Church is now closed for services, but St. Andrew's Church remains open for private prayer on **Tuesday and Saturday** afternoons from **2 pm to 4 pm**, and for services of Holy Communion at 6 pm each Wednesday evening. However, in line with the current regulations, and as agreed recently by the Council of the Redruth Team Ministry, Sunday morning services will be suspended until further notice. The usual weekly Sunday Benefice Service will continue to be held at 10.30 am on Zoom. For up-to-date information, please see the weekly prayer sheet, available online at www.redruthchurch.org.uk or contact Fr. Peter (07903 807946). Our **thanks** go to our hardworking clergy for enabling us to connect with each other for services, meetings and social discussions, and the Zoom link to join these are available from Revd. Caspar Bush on request at casparbush@gmail.com (01209 216958). Fr. Peter also continues to publish his weekly informative and interesting 'Together' sheet on the website.

The last **LAMP First Sunday Evening Event**, an Epiphany Carol Service, held at St. Andrews Pencoys for the Feast of the Epiphany on 3rd January, raised a total of £200 for the sick and starving children of Yemen, and our thanks go to everyone who came to support this. The next event, to be held via 'zoom' on 7th February at 6pm, will support the children of Nepal. Please check updated information on the weekly prayer sheet for the 'zoom' link.

As many people know, St. Andrew's Church Pencoys and the United Methodist Church, Four Lanes, have been worshipping and working together as 'Flapjack' since September 2017, an arrangement which has been very positive for the future of our faith in Four Lanes and Pencoys and is appreciated and encouraged by the local community. However, with the future departure of Revd. Carole Holmes, whose support and co-operation has been vital in cementing this relationship, it is appropriate that the opinion of everyone involved or interested in 'Flapjack' be consulted regarding its future, and there will be a zoomed meeting to discuss a questionnaire which Fr. Peter has prepared, on **Friday, 29th January at 2.30 pm**. To receive a copy of the questionnaire and the link to the zoom meeting, please contact Fr. Peter at baptism66@gmail.com or call him as soon as possible on the number given above.

To mark the beginning of Lent on Ash Wednesday, 17th February, the usual said service of Holy Communion with Ashing will be held at 6 pm in Church, to which all are welcome, observing the usual safety guidelines, and providing the existing regulations remain. We pray that everyone will continue to stay sensible, safe and well, and as the vaccination programme progresses, we may all look forward to a more positive and healthy future, thanking our Heavenly Father for his protection from this insidious, invisible enemy.

Jill Tolputt

CHRISTCHURCH LANNER

OPEN CHURCH

In line with the following restrictions, Christchurch remains OPEN on Monday and Friday from 2.00pm - 4.00pm. There is the usual hand sanitizer and a signing in book.

A service of Holy Communion is held every Wednesday at 11.00am and follows the Prayer Book rite. All other services will be held on zoom.

FIRST SUNDAY EVENT

Sadly, the event planned for February 7 can no longer take place. It has been replaced by a zoom event and will raise funds for THE CHILDREN OF NEPAL. This cause has been supported by Christchurch for several years and the money raised has supported a school. This event will start at 6.00pm on zoom, please check the weekly sheet for the link.

LOOKING FORWARD

The monthly events have not been forgotten:

FILM CLUB, COMMUNITY TEA PARTY, CONCERTS and the much-needed TIDDLERS 2 - an off shoot of the Tiddlers 1 play group held in the crypt.

COMMUNITY PANTRY

Sadly, this is a much-needed provision for the village. Donations appear regularly - THANK YOU - and food is taken from the pantry every day. The doors are always open so please take or give as much as you can.

THE CHURCH GARDEN

The gardener in residence, Ken has been working hard to get the garden ready for Spring. We are all so grateful to him as he quietly just gets on with the weeding, pruning and planting. THANK YOU KEN.

SHIRLEY REED (RIP)

The church was pleased to host Shirley's funeral on Wednesday, January 13. Shirley had lived in Lanner for all of her 79 years. She was a good medal winner for ballroom and Latin dancing and dined out on the fact that Len Goodman (of "Strictly" fame) once presented her with a medal. She was also famous for the beauty of her garden in Sunnyside House, Lanner Hill.

In these strange and difficult times, the Christchurch community send you their love and prayers. STAY SAFE and see you soon.

PS. Ron's confirmation has been POSTPONED for the THIRD TIME!!!!!!

Julia Knight-Bennett

ST ANDREW REDRUTH

The "Quality Street" Prayer

Christmas 2020, for most of us, is now just a distant memory and possibly one we never want to repeat. It is normally THE celebration we all look forward to with excitement and expectation. A time to come together with family and dear friends. The wonder of singing traditional carols by the flickering light of hand held candles. The sheer glow as we see our churches fill with unfamiliar faces. We watch the Nativity Story unfold beneath the twinkling lights of a Christmas Tree. There are mince pies shared, mulled wine and the joyous laughter from over excited children. There are Crackers to pull and the bright, gleaming wrappers of the Quality Street tin to deliberate overbut not this year!

Yes, it has been very different yet some things have continued even in the face of this horror we call covid 19. The Food Bank outlet, run from the crypt, has never faltered. Boxes of basic provisions, packed in Camborne, continued to be delivered for anyone and everyone in need. Each box, depending on the amount of people it needed to feed, contained certain essentials. 2 tins of meat, fish, vegetables, potatoes and fruit. There are tea bags, long-life milk, cereal, pasta, rice, jam or rice pudding. There are also often biscuits or crisps or another "luxury", depending on what has been donated.

The build up to Christmas saw a steep rise in those needing the support of the Food Bank. Often, under dark, leaden skies and the endless Cornish drizzle small queues formed outside the crypt door, most clutching the very important referral document from a local agency and the ever present supermarket bag. There were young families, the children solemn and serious, single young men recently laid off, bar staff, builder's mates, young couples, the not so young and those living literally on the breadline. The boxes often ran out, due to demand and new ones were hastily cobbled together from odds and sods. No one went away empty handed. Some that came needed more than just food. They sought a listening ear, a kind word, encouragement, a hot drink and a little comfort. Sadly, with the restrictions this was not possible. There could be no reassuring touches, no invitations to off load; encouraging smiles hidden behind masks. Yet, even through all of this people conveyed their appreciation. Shouts from passers by, over the wall. "Thank you for all you do. Keep going! Well done, brilliant! Love it, happy Christmas!" Other agencies bought in boxes containing Christmas cakes, crackers, small beautifully wrapped presents. One mother with four small children bought in a box made up from their food cupboard. The children had written cards for everyone and anyone, " From our family to you"

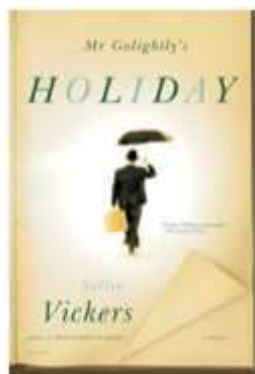
And so, this brings me to The Quality Street Prayer. The next time I idly hover over a tin of sweets or feel hard done by or dissatisfied with my lot. Please Lord remind me of how privileged and lucky I am.

Amen.

Pie Louis-Smith

BOOK CLUB

The book for the February Book Club meeting is **Mr Golightly's Holiday** by **Sally Vickers**. The meeting is on Friday 5th February at 10:15 and will most probably be via Zoom. Please contact Sue Pearce for the link.



Many years ago Mr Golightly wrote a work of dramatic fiction which grew to be an international best-seller. But his reputation is on the decline and he finds himself out of touch with the modern world. He decides to take a holiday and comes to the ancient village of Great Calne, hoping to use the opportunity to bring his great work up to date. But he soon finds that events take over his plans and that the themes he has written on are being strangely replicated in the lives of the villagers he is staying among. He meets Ellen Thomas, a reclusive artist, young Johnny Spence, an absconding school boy, and the tough-minded Paula who works at the local pub. As he comes to know his neighbours better, Mr Golightly begins to examine his attitude to love, and to ponder the terrible catastrophe of his son's death. And as the drama unfolds we begin to learn the true and extraordinary identity of Mr Golightly and the nature of the secret sorrow which haunts him links him to his new friends.

Operation Christmas Child

A massive thank you to St Andrew's Church, Redruth, and the Redruth Benefice for your generous support of Operation Christmas Child, Shoe Box Appeal. The boxes, gift and cash donations given by the church were taken to the local collection centre at Kea Church, from where they were collected by Samaritan's Purse and started their journey to one of 120 countries. All together there were 150 boxes and £750 in cash, collected from different churches, schools and members of the public.

FROM THE REGISTERS

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Christmas Giving

St Andrew's Redruth invited worshipers to make donations to St Petroc's Christmas appeal at their two Midnight Mass services on Christmas Eve. We collected £132.75 to pass on to this important Cornish charity supporting the homeless in our county.

THE LORD'S PRAYER PART 4 – THY KINGDOM COME

It has often struck me as strange that the emphasis upon the Kingdom of God is rarely heard. Therefore, an explanation may be useful. It is the great theme of the message of Jesus according to the first three Gospels. St Mark summarises the Galilee preaching of Jesus as “The time is fulfilled and the Kingdom of God is at hand, repent and believe in the Gospel” (Mk 1:15 RSV). If Jesus had come to bring some new interpretation or reform, the dispute he had with the Jewish authorities and through them to the authority of the political power – Rome, would not have led to the Cross. The whole point is that he is offering an alternative, even rival authority, to the powers of his time; nothing less than the renewal of the world of people back to what God originally intended. God was setting about the task of putting straight the evil plight into which the world had fallen. The Kingdom of God is the sovereignty of God over the world and its people. This is the stuff of revolution. The whole of the deeds and teaching of Jesus is about the Kingdom of God. The miracles are acts of power -signs of the arrival of the Kingdom of God. When Jesus is accused of being in league with the power of evil and that was how he healed, he replied “If it is by the Spirit of God that I cast out demons, then the Kingdom of God has come upon you” (Matthew 12:28). The parables of Jesus are about the Kingdom of God – The Kingdom’s germination and conclusion. The Kingdom of God has arrived in the person of Jesus Christ. It causes an unavoidable crisis and provocation to the world of people. It is provocation because it is about an attitude to a person. The Kingdom of God is not a new social order, about creating utopia nor about living good personal lives. In Mark’s Gospel someone who was already living a better life than most was told that he lacked one thing – an attitude of discipleship towards Jesus. The response we have to the arrival of the Kingdom of God is seen in our attitude to Jesus Christ. Being one of his disciples is not a matter of being interested in, or associated with, this person, but a lifelong commitment to Jesus and God’s Kingdom within him. To pray “Thy Kingdom Come” is to pray for the restoration of God’s damaged and perverted world in Jesus Christ, beginning with me.

This has a present application which is an extension of the conflict of the life of Jesus. The attitudes which caused his death still exist. The hatred and violence of our world, which inhibit the advance of the healing of the nations is still active. At its heart, the engagement of the Church in the task of directing people to Jesus extends his Kingdom. In the wider world, the Church should support the work of reconciliation and the healing of long-standing divisions. Where it does not then the Kingdom of God does not grow and may even decline. The teaching of our faith should be a source of enlightenment as to how best to live our lives for our personal well-being and for society as a whole. The Church should support the mastery of human diseases, all of which reflect the Kingdom coming in the deeds and teaching of Jesus. All this can begin with our personal attitudes and individual lives engaging in the issues of our time.

Yet this prayer is more than about the present. It is a prayer about the future “Thy Kingdom Come”. There is the great vision of the Book of Revelation in which the writer sees “The New Jerusalem coming down out of Heaven from God” a place where “death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain anymore” – a place of security and peace. The realisation of the full potential of the Cross and the Resurrection of Jesus Christ is the coming of the Kingdom. “The dwelling of God is with men” (Rev 21:1-4 RSV). Keep praying “Thy Kingdom Come” both for the present time and the future.

Revd Raymond Webber – retired priest

THE REDRUTH CORPS SALVATION ARMY

by Michael Tangye

There was much joy recently at St Ives and an outpouring of generosity to members of the Salvation Army there. A drastic fire had destroyed a hundred hampers of food and gifts, donated and collected for children and the needy for Christmas. The response was extraordinary, with over £20,000 contributed in two days—a sign of the great respect held for this Christian Group who conduct such charitable work.

The Salvation Army first came to Redruth in July 1881, parading in the streets, before holding two services in the former huge United Methodist Chapel (Flower Pot Chapel), the highlight of which was a sermon by the 'Army' founder, General William Booth. A local newspaper reported:- 'glory be to God!' and 'Hallelujah!' could be heard all over the chapel, during which several penitents made their way towards the communion rail. Wild enthusiasm and excitement prevailed and a prayer meeting ended at 11.00pm. Initially, the doors had to be closed to the large crowd gathered outside after the chapel became full of worshippers, eager to hear General Booth's sermon.

This present writer's mother (b 1900) told him that her mother had been present on that occasion when young and had told her:- 'I knew the old United Methodist Chapel in Fore Street (now Jim's shop). It became too small for the congregation so the new chapel was built on the other side (Flower Pot chapel). I remember General Booth preaching there. It was completely full, so much that everyone thought that the gallery would collapse with the weight it was bearing, and I was alarmed at the lack of space!'

Such enthusiasm prompted the building of a Salvation Army Barracks at Middletons Row. By that July 1882, the walls had been completed and the roof begun. A foundation stone, dated 1882, of 'Carnmarth White granite' was built into the façade. In the meantime Capt. Amelia Hall had preached at the Plain-an-Gwarry chapel, and in the streets.

When completed, the Barracks was reported as being full at every occasion, but often 'by some of the roughest attracted by the singing. Others, drunk, on being refused admission, smashed windows'. Further problems were recorded in the local press when the Salvationists were assaulted with missiles when parading at Drump Road, one striking Capt. Amelia Hall. In 1883 two individuals were charged, and later fined for riotous behaviour for stamping feet, laughing and shouting during a service, and in 1884 a young man was removed by police 'after striking the door-keeper in the face and hustling the Lieutenant about.'

Yet with time the ignorant stupidity was to cease. Many years ago this writer borrowed the Minute Book of the Redruth Salvation Army Corps of 1907-1918 to transcribe. It illustrates the great link with the methodist chapels of the town and a very social aspect. In June 1908 a gathering when 320 folk sat down to tea, and at Christmas that year, "we gave 100 Old Folks a dinner, all hot, and invited 50 of the oldest inmates from the Workhouse (Barncoose). The hall was decorated, and after dinner we gave a magic lantern show and also gave each a Christmas gift."

In the following years "we gave 100 poor children a tea, which was enjoyed by all". There was also a visit of the famous Plymouth No. One Band, Harvest Festivals, Tea Treats to Carbis Bay and in 1917 a Brass Band was formed. On August 2, General Booth's son visited Redruth. Following a Civic Reception and a service in the Wesleyan Chapel, Sir Arthur Carkeek entertained prominent officers of the 'Army' at Penventon, whilst thirteen others of the entourage were entertained by Redruth inhabitants.

Fortunately, the Redruth Corps survived to continue the work of their predecessors.

<<Talkabout>> Harlyn Bay to Porthcothan © by Trish Rowe

Having left the car at Porthcothan we caught the bus to Harlyn Bay to continue on our adventures. Bus drivers in this neck of the woods certainly need to have a very even temperament! It is all stop and go, squeeze passed and hold your breath, not to mention the bushes scraping along the side of the bus! Ours was a double decker, a hefty vehicle along these winding lanes!

The path crosses Harlyn Bay on the beach. Plenty of dogs on the beach but it was so hot they were panting away in the shade behind windbreaks. The day was much clearer promising panoramic views of almost the whole of Cornwall's north coast, but we shall see!

Harlyn Bay is quite an extensive bay when the tide is out, but when it is in it appears to be a series of separate bays. There is a small "local's" beach, very small, very crowded and approached under a tamarisk arch. Tamarisk hedges abound along this coast.

I have been buying postcards at every stop around the coast so will have quite a collection by the time we cover the rest of The South West Way! I will have quite a collection by the time we've completed our journey!

The Padstow lifeboat station at Mother Ivey's Bay has been there since 1967. Previously it was at Hawker's Cove on the River Camel, not an ideal site as it was dependant on the tides and had the famous Doom Bar to contend with! The path from here follows the cliff top as straight as a Roman Road! We hadn't seen any walkers at all that day as we trudged along sun hat pulled down against the hot sun, when a sudden "Hello" stopped us in our tracks! "Aren't you Trish and Dave?" Redruth people of course!!

All the way along the coast I couldn't wait to get to Trevoise Head with its white lighthouse standing guard. It was a clear day and the guide book was right and we had the most spectacular views along the north coast of Cornwall from Morwenstow, near Bude, to St. Ives in the west!! Here there is another collapsed sea cave with the sea roaring in way below us.

At Booby's Bay we had our picnic tea on a heavy slate seat dedicated to Toby, who loved this place....and so do we! The sea was roaring up the beach, all colours of blue with its white frothy edging and some people were swimming. Atmospheric or what?? A short walk took us to Constantine Bay where the path took to the beach, a semi circle of sand backed by dunes. Busy here. Treyarnon Bay is just a short walk away

Two people with three dogs passed us and another couple with a dog each. There followed quite a kerfuffle then as all the dogs got together! We passed the time of day with a field of sheep "Baaaa"!! Simple pleasures!

The path had been divided just before Porthcothan where the cliff had subsided. There were still people on the beach catching the last of the evening sun, unwilling to return home and miss the last of this wonderful day. It was 7pm when we got back to the car and started our journey back to Redruth. This adventure is like being on holiday for the whole summer!

Supporting your Church during Covid

With our churches once again closed for services on Sundays there will not be an opportunity for congregation members to contribute through the offertory. Whilst many donors have replaced their cash giving with Bank transfers if you have not yet done this here are some other ways to donate.

St Andrews Pencoys PCC

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Account Number: 00720227

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Lanner Parochial Church Council

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Answers to January quiz

1. Leg; 2. Lin-Manuel Miranda; 3. Ice/cold; 4. Renée Zellweger; 5. 3; 6. Oliver; 7. The Kinks; 8. Call of Duty
9. Tennessee; 10. Nine Inch Nails; 11. Ag; 12. Cricket; 13. Bern; 14. Al Pacino; 15. Mango 16. Croatia
17. Mercury; 18. Gillian Flynn; 19. 343; 20. Ole Gunnar Solskjær

Apologies for the mistake about the copy date for February!

Two days that mark the beginning of Lent

Shrove Tuesday

Shrove Tuesday was named after the custom of Christians to be "shriven" before the start of Lent. In the United Kingdom, Ireland and parts of the Commonwealth, Shrove Tuesday is also known as "Pancake Day" or "Pancake Tuesday", as it became a traditional custom to eat pancakes as a meal.

As this is the last day of the Christian liturgical season historically known as Shrovetide, before the penitential season of Lent, related popular practices, such as indulging in food that one might give up as their Lenten sacrifice for the upcoming forty days, are associated with Shrove Tuesday celebrations. The term *Mardi Gras* is French for "Fat Tuesday", referring to the practice of the last night of eating richer, fatty foods before the ritual fasting of the Lenten season, which begins on Ash Wednesday.

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday is a solemn reminder of human mortality and the need for reconciliation with God and marks the beginning of the penitential Lenten season.

In the early Christian church, the length of the Lenten celebration varied, but eventually it began 6 weeks (42 days) before Easter. This provided only 36 days of fasting (excluding Sundays). In the 7th century, 4 days were added before the first Sunday in Lent in order to establish 40 fasting days, in imitation of Jesus Christ's fast in the desert.

It was the practice in Rome for penitents and grievous sinners to begin their period of public penance on the first day of Lent in preparation for their restoration to the sacrament of the Eucharist. They were sprinkled with ashes, dressed in sackcloth, and obliged to remain apart until they were reconciled with the Christian community on Maundy Thursday, the Thursday before Easter. When these practices fell into disuse (8th–10th century), the beginning of the penitential season of Lent was symbolized by placing ashes on the heads of the entire congregation.

In the modern Roman Catholic Church, the ashes obtained by burning the palms used on the previous Palm Sunday are applied in the shape of a cross on the forehead of each worshipper on Ash Wednesday. Together with Good Friday (which marks the crucifixion of Jesus before Easter), Ash Wednesday is an obligatory day of fasting and abstinence, where only one full meal and no meat are to be consumed.

Richard Robinson

FEBRUARY QUIZ

(answers next month)

1. What colour are the seats in the House of Commons?
2. What colour is found on 75% of the world's flags?
3. Which film was the first to be recognised as part of the Marvel Cinematic Universe?
4. What is the name of Wendy's dog in Peter Pan?
5. What year was Heinz established?
6. Which seaside is home to the longest pier in the UK?
7. What year did Elvis die?
8. The song 'How Far I'll Go' features in which Disney film?
9. What is Queen Elizabeth II's surname?
10. Which new British military force was established in 1918?
11. In which English seaside town was 'Fawlty Towers' set?
12. Who discovered Penicillin?
13. What is Keir Starmer's constituency?
14. How many times has Katie Price been married?
15. What is the name of Boris Johnson's newborn son?
16. What is the most spoken language in the world?
17. What is the name of the headteacher in Roald Dahl's Matilda?
18. In what year was the Chernobyl disaster?
19. In tennis, what piece of fruit is found at the top of the men's Wimbledon trophy?
20. Who was the first female Prime Minister of Australia?

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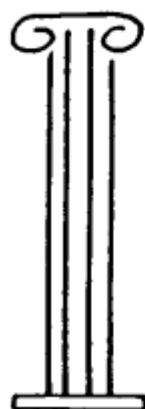


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