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## Rector's notes – FEBRUARY 2022

### What sort of Christian are you?

One of our present Christian leaders I admire the most is the Archbishop of York, Stephen Cottrell. He's a fantastic communicator, and although his Wiki biography says he's published 38 titles, most of them are short, very down-to-earth and easily digestible with intriguing titles like *Prayer: where to start and how to keep going* (88 pages long) and *Do nothing to change your life* (96 pages). Over the Christmas holidays I read a new book of his called *Dear England: finding hope, taking heart and changing the world*.

Now I know I take a risk in mentioning England to people reading this in free-spirited and independently minded Cornwall, but he does so of course because of his senior role in the Church of England, which even in Cornwall we are part of too.

The book starts with him in a Café Nero at Paddington Station where the barista saw him wearing his dog collar, and asked him what made him want to become a priest. In the conversation that followed this woman barista told him that when she met people of faith, she found they largely fell into two categories. The first lot went to church (or mosque or synagogue etc), but other than that their lives weren't really different from anyone else – faith seemed like just a hobby. The second group, she said “embraced their faith so tightly, it frightened everyone else away”. Then she asked the archbishop, “Is there another way?” He didn't have time for a long conversation so all he said was yes, the other way is the way of Jesus Christ, who not only showed us what God is like, he showed us what humanity *could* be like, and that she ought to go along to her local church to find out. Though he admits he was a bit anxious about what she would find there. The book is about what he would have said to that woman if he'd had time.

What sort of Christians are we? At some point we've probably all met some Christians who belong to the *frightening* group the woman spoke of, who may well sound so uncompromising in their beliefs that we wonder if we're even part of the same faith, and who may take any criticism as 'persecution for the sake of Jesus'. But perhaps they're nonetheless admirable in a way for being so committed to their faith.

Much more common in the C of E is to find people for whom faith is essentially a hobby – indeed surveys suggest that some people committed to the C of E are not even sure if they believe in God or not.

What about that other way the archbishop mentioned? The first Christians weren't called Christians, they were called *followers of the way*. That hints at our faith being not a list of rules to keep, or things we have to believe, but a pathway to follow, with Jesus as our companion, and love being our motivation. Unselfish, tough, relentless love that can come from God is the key to our world becoming a fairer, more peace-filled, kinder, even greener world. May God stir us up to follow more truly in this loving way of Jesus.

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

## THE ANGLICAN CALENDAR

Every week in the 'weekly sheet' prepared by Simon special days are identified. The Anglican Calendar tries to put all the significant moments of the 33 years of Jesus' life into one year and sometimes they are out of order. For example, the 'massacre of the innocents' as ordered by Herod is remembered on December 28, but the three kings don't arrive until Epiphany on January 6.

There are also days when we remember Saints of both the early and more modern church, and days when we keep current social themes eg. WORLD AIDS DAY on December 1 and the WEEK OF CHRISTIAN UNITY which started on January 18.

In the other weekly sheet 'Here we go again' which began at the start of the pandemic in 2020 and goes all over the world there are brief descriptions of the **SEASONS & HOLY DAYS** (Principal, Festivals and Lesser Festivals) and short biographies of the saints as they are remembered and celebrated. These same events are also remembered at the Benefice Morning Prayer at 9.00am each day on zoom (except Sundays). If you would like to receive this sheet by email, please let FP know.

The following breakdown may help you to journey through the church calendar:

**ADVENT:** *Four Sundays and ending on Christmas Eve*

**CHRISTMAS:** *Two Sundays*

**EPIPHANY:** *Four Sundays and ending with 'The Presentation'*

**ORDINARY TIME:** *Five Sundays*

**LENT:** *Five Sundays, ending with Holy Week and Easter Eve*

**EASTER:** *Easter Day, Easter Week, six more Sundays*

**ASCENSION DAY** (always a Thursday) *one more Sunday*

**PENTECOST SUNDAY**

**ORDINARY TIME:** *Starting with Trinity Sunday then 22 more Sundays and ending with All Saints Day, then four more Sundays and it's back to .....*

**ADVENT SUNDAY!!**

Have a good journey through the church year!!

**FP**



# ST ANDREW REDRUTH

## Winter 1952

The long, dark, drizzle filled days and nights of January seem very different to the ones I remember as a small child. Then the full beauty of a bitterly cold night would be etched on our window panes in the morning where Jack Frost had left leafy, frozen patterns. The air would be crisp and clear, our breath leaving our mouths like steam from a kettle.

It was during these winter months that my mother took to shopping late in the afternoon so that my brother would not be left to walk home from school alone in the dark.

The shops would be ablaze with light and my mother would fill her basket as we moved from one to another. The smells of such shops as Mrs. Balls would be sensed long before you reached the door. Freshly ground coffee and sliced ham, mingled with a variety of cheeses and every kind of biscuit you could possibly imagine would coax you in. Here I would spend an age going along the dark, mahogany counter peering into the glass topped biscuit tins as my mother would order a quarter of ham or some coffee. Across the road we would visit Channons, the Bakers. There I sometimes chose a small cake as a treat. It would be carefully loaded into a white, cardboard box and tied with string which made it very easy for small hands to carry.

Some Fridays, when it was particularly cold with a mean, searching wind, my mother would stop at 'Dickie Boy Lezes' for the most delicious fish and chips. Dickie Boy Lez and his wife did not have any children of their own but adored everybody else's. Here, my brother and I would receive great attention. Dickie Boy would pinch my cheeks and grin from behind his dark rimmed spectacles. "What about some chips my lover?" he'd laugh, knowing my mother was not keen on us eating chips in the street, it just wasn't done! The smell from the fryers made our mouths water. His wife would make up magic cones from newspaper and scoop golden, crisp, chips into them sprinkled with sparkles of salt. As we hurried on home, our hands glowing from the warmth of the cones, we gingerly dipped our fingers into the hot chips, savouring the saltiness and the bite of sour vinegar. Wonderful!

It was always so good to be back home on such cold, dark days. I would often save a few of my chips for my darling dog and we would nestle together on the floor, in front of a glowing fire, he patiently waiting for whatever I had to offer. Soon it would be bedtime and I would climb the stairs with my little dog close by at my heels. I would lie in my bed, lulled by the gentle and familiar sound of the wind rattling against the badly fitting window, my loyal companion close by. A fitting end to another day.

*Pie Louis-Smith*

## CHRISTCHURCH LANNER



Christchurch remains open 10.00am – 4.00pm and Holy Communion is celebrated each Sunday at 9.30am, except on the second Sunday when an informal all age event (CHAMP) is held and Holy Communion is at 3.00pm. The weekday Communion remains on Wednesday at 11.00am and follows the Prayer Book rite.

**TIDDLERS 2:** Led by Margaret D, Linda and FP, there are six families on our list, which is about all the hall can cope with!! We have a really happy time from 1.30- 3.00pm., ADULT tea at 2pm, WHEELS at 2.15pm and fruit at around 2.35pm. An activity slot has started, last week it was STICKERS & SHAPE and there was 'name' recognition as well!!



**FEBRUARY FIRST SUNDAY EVENT:** This is in Christchurch at 6pm on SUNDAY FEBRUARY 6 and will remember the FEAST OF CANDLEMAS. There will be the traditional blessing of the candles, and a chance to light a candle for those who you carry in your heart. This is also the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the accession of Queen Elizabeth II.

### **O GOD,**

*who providest for thy people by thy power, and rulest over them in love:*

*Vouchsafe so to bless thy Servant our Queen, that under her this nation may be wisely governed, and thy Church may serve thee in all godly quietness; and grant that she being devoted to thee with her whole heart, and persevering in good works unto the end, may, by thy guidance, come to thine everlasting kingdom; through Jesus Christ thy Son*

*our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.*



**THE OPEN PANTRY:** Thank you to everyone who contributes to this well-resourced community facility. Donations are always welcome.

**MARGARET'S TEA PARTY:** This event returns on MONDAY JANUARY 31, 2.00p – 4.00pm in the church hall. Hope to see you there.

**WITH BEST WISHES TO ALL OUR READERS AND SUPPORTERS AND PRAYERS FOR A PEACEFUL YEAR THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.**



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

St. Andrew's Church remains open daily from about 10am until 4pm, with Covid-safe precautions in place. Please wear a face covering when visiting the church, use the hand-santiser and observe social distancing.

Despite the need to conform to Covid safety regulations, **Christmas** services and events were well attended. A good number enjoyed the Holly Tree lights and Remembrance Books service on 16<sup>th</sup> December, and a total of £110 was sent to the Children's Society following the Christmas Eve Crib and Christingle Service, which also attracted a good crowd. We thank Gill (Hancock) for her original way of raising funds via donations in the brightly-coloured knitted stockings on the Christmas tree.

**The First Sunday Evening Event** on 2<sup>nd</sup> January was the Epiphany Carol Service at St. Andrew's Pencoys, which included Part 2 of the Nativity story of 'Sharon the Sheep' (played by Lydia), beautifully enacted by members of Lighthouse, whom we thank for their hard work.

Donations totalled £200 for the charity 'Action Against Hunger' supporting the vulnerable starving children of Afghanistan, and we thank everyone who gave so generously. The next Event, to be held on **Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> February**, will be a Candlemas and Christingle Service at **Christchurch**, Lanner at 6 pm and will also celebrate the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of H.M. the Queen's accession to the throne in February 1952.

The weekly Benefice Holy Communion service remains on Zoom from a live church service at 9.30am or 11.15am, details in the weekly sheet or online from [www.redruthchurch.org.uk](http://www.redruthchurch.org.uk).

The normal pattern of 'Flapjack' services continues, including a said service of Holy Communion at 6pm each **Wednesday** at **St. Andrew's**. All **Sunday morning** services are at **11.15am**: **First Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> February**: Flapjack morning Holy Communion Service at Four Lanes Methodist Church; Lighthouse from 3-5pm. **Second Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> February**: Flapjack **Family Event 11.15am**, said **Holy Communion 12.30pm** at **St. Andrew's**. **Third Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> February** morning service at the Methodist Church; Holy Communion at St. Andrew's at **6pm**. **Fourth Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> February**: **Flapjack** morning **Holy Communion** at **St. Andrew's** and Teatime Celebration in the Hall at 4pm. The last Tuesday Teatime continues in the Church from 2-4pm on 22<sup>nd</sup> February. Please bring your own drink; cakes and biscuits will be provided.

Owing to the current Covid 19 situation, **THE FIRST SATURDAY QUIZ** will continue online until further notice, (possibly May) but please check the weekly pew sheet for updated details. If you would like to compete, please contact Fr. Peter, email: [baptism66@gmail.com](mailto:baptism66@gmail.com) or on 07903 807946. Fr. Peter also hosts a last-Monday Bible Study on Zoom, usually from 4.30pm to 6pm, the next two being on 31<sup>st</sup> January and 28<sup>th</sup> February. Please contact him if you would like to join the group. (Shrove Tuesday is 1<sup>st</sup> March and Ash Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March this year.)

We hope and pray that everyone will stay safe and well and that by accepting the gift of booster vaccination and observing all the personal safety guidelines we may all look forward to a healthier and happier future

**Jill Tolputt**



## ST EUNY

The Benefice carol service held on Christmas Eve was an uplifting and suitable preparation for Christmas Day. We had reluctantly decided to forego the mince pies and mulled wine due to the rising cases of covid in the country, but the attendance was good and singing was hearty, albeit through the mufflers of masks. A warm night helped, so that having the doors open at both ends of the church didn't make us shiver. We welcomed many people who have not been regular Sunday attendees but who have affiliation with St Euny, several of whom read lessons. For some it was a (whispered) relief that we didn't have to hold candles and risk the inevitable wax drip, but the church was lit with many candles around, to avoid close hand contact. The atmosphere was equally calming and spiritual. Locking up on Christmas night, the Tawny owls were in full voice, viewing the world from a heavenly perspective.

The Epiphany Cornish Carol Service took place on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> January, to which we were host to Cornish and non-Cornish speakers. Numbers were lower this year than in previous times, but around forty turned up, sang in Cornish and were offered a socially distanced tea afterward. Having both doors opened has its challenge and we were visited by one of the dogs being taken for an afternoon stroll in the churchyard. After running round excitedly and checking the food, he was persuaded to go out of the north porch door, only to run round and repeat the visit immediately via the east door. I relished the opportunity to use the church warden's staff which was in place to deter rowdiness (traditional at Christmas-tide). It was ideal for ushering a dog without having to catch him, and he eventually seemed to tire of the game. I wonder when this staff was last used for its intended purpose?

Open cafe has re-started and a good crowd enjoyed the company and challenges. All are welcome, 2-4pm on Wednesday after the 1.30pm Holy Communion service.

St Euny Feast occurs at the beginning of February and this year will be celebrated with a Benefice service at 6.00pm at St Euny on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> January, followed by a physical feast. A hot roast supper and puds will be served with mulled wine (vegetarian and vegan options catered for). Everyone in the Benefice is invited, it would be lovely to have a social occasion where we can relax and meet each other again. Tables will allow for social distancing where necessary or desired. We will be pleased to accommodate anyone, but advance warning for numbers would be appreciated. Please let us know either by contacting Lucie Rogers, churchwarden, or leaving a message on the church office contact:- (email: [enquiries@redruthchurch.org](mailto:enquiries@redruthchurch.org) telephone - 01209 200739) or emailing:- [lucierogers28@gmail.com](mailto:lucierogers28@gmail.com)

As part of the St Euny Feast celebrations we have invited primary school children to hear the story of St Euny told in the church by the Grand Bard, Pol Hodge. This has been funded in conjunction with Redruth Old Cornwall Society and we look forward to a lively and interesting narrative.

***Linda Beskeen***

## ST STEPHEN'S TRELEIGH



A busy few days at Treleigh over the Christmas starting with the Crib Service on Christmas Eve. As the congregation came in to Church they were offered a figure or animal to be placed in the Crib when the appropriate part of the story was told by Caspar. A young girl who came with her family was so proud to be able to place the baby in the manger. We were very fortunate to have Lyn playing the organ and privileged to have soloist Niamh with us who treated us to her rendition of O Holy Night, with Lyn accompanying her on the keyboard.

We were back in church at 9pm for our 'Midnight Mass'. This again was taken by Caspar but this time with Charlie as organist. The theme of the sermon was about how we all need good news. The good news tonight being the birth of Jesus.

On Boxing Day the 26th December it was a special service for us at Treleigh as being St Stephen's Day it is our Patronal as the full title of our church is St Stephen's, Treleigh. The service was presided over by Fr Peter with Caspar preaching. St Stephen was one of the first Deacons and was martyred because of his beliefs. A Deacon wears his stole across his body so it becomes a money bag from which he gives money to the poor and needy. As Stephen lay dying he spoke words similar as our Lord did as he himself was dying on the cross. After the service refreshments of drinks was provided by Fr Peter and wrapped cake and biscuits from the Churchwardens

On Sunday 6th February the 11.15am Holy Communion service will be a Family Service to hopefully encourage more people to attend who might find our usual service a little daunting. It is hoped that this will become a regular monthly service.

The 7pm Healing Service on the 2nd Friday of each month which is led by Fr. Peter & Rev'd Margaret has been well received and we hope that people from all the churches, or community may find this a peaceful and uplifting service.

On Saturday, March 12th there will be a churchyard tidying morning from 10.30am - 12.30pm at Treleigh. Please bring your own tools if possible although there will be some spares. Everyone welcome and hot drinks and biscuits will be available

David Rowe wishes to thank all those who bought copies of the Quiz last year which raised £23 in aid of the Hall Refurbishment Fund. Answers were received from eight people/couples by the deadline of Saturday 8th January and the winners were Chris & Len from Treleigh Church.

***Mary Harris***

## **REMEMBERING TRISH ROWE**

Trish's involvement at Treleigh goes back at least 45 years. She was a Sunday School teacher, with her good friend Margaret Bradley, in the days when a thriving Sunday School was the norm. Her librarian background meant she was 'good with words' and placed regular reports in Five Alive and the local press.

Talkabout gave us an insight into Dave and Trish's enjoyment of walking. This included walking the whole length of the South West Coast Path and walking holidays on Jersey and the Isles of Scilly. Together Trish and Dave compiled slide shows, quizzes and a book called The History of Treleigh.

When Trish got to grips with the computer, her skills in producing posters and tickets meant we could always rely on her to come up with a beautifully produced product. Her reply when asked about a poster for the December Coffee morning was 'it's on the computer ready to print'.

Her artistic talent enabled her to produce cards for every occasion often portraying photographs that David and Trish had taken around Cornwall as well as special ones depicting our local churches. These were in demand and readily bought by people.

Trish was always friendly, smiling and interested in everyone and everything. Quietly she was usually there with a notebook and pencil to hand, busily taking notes at every chance.

Trish your gentleness and quiet humour will be missed so much.

***Ann Youlton***

## FROM THE REGISTERS

### WEDDINGS

17 December 2021	Leigh Barry Hocking and Kirsty Marie Adams	St Stephen Treleigh
23 December 2021	Tim Kemp and Emma Dumbrell	St Stephen Treleigh

### BURIAL OF ASHES

07 December 2021	Neil Craze	St Euny
17 December 2021	Barbara Jean Bray	St Euny

### FUNERALS

16 December 2021	Geoffrey Albert George Field	Christchurch Lanner
16 December 2021	Anthony Davis	St Andrew Pencoy's
07 January 2022	Sylvia Eden	St Andrew Redruth

## CHRISTMAS COLLECTIONS AT ST ANDREW REDRUTH

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*Richard Robinson*

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# REDRUTH PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Although the Redruth Benefice comprises 5 churches, from 1 January 2022 three of these, St Andrew Redruth, St Andrew Pencoys and St Euny are merged together to be a single parish, Redruth PCC.

Redruth PCC has been in existence for many years but it only had two roles; the maintenance of St Euny churchyard and to hold the funds from the sale of the former Chapel of Ease owned by the Parish.

The reasons for this merger are to simplify the administration, reduce the number of church meetings and to comply with the Diocese request that adjacent parishes should operate as a single PCC.

As a result of the merger the combined parish will have a single bank account into which funds from the 3 churches has been transferred. Thereafter all income and expenses will go through this account and a single set of year end accounts will be prepared. Separate figures will continue to be recorded for each church so their individual income and expenses can be reported to church council meetings. Congregation members of each church have been notified of these changes which mainly affect the giving arrangements. In future any donation made by bank transfer or cheque should be made to the following account:-

<b>Payee:</b>	<b>Redruth PCC</b>
<b>Sort code:</b>	<b>30-97-00</b>
<b>Account:</b>	<b>00183108</b>

If the donation relates to a specific church or project please show this in the payment reference. Donors who pay under gift aid have been asked to complete a new gift aid declaration in favour of Redruth PCC and to send a new standing order form to their bank remembering to cancel the old one as well. Anyone who has not yet done this is asked to do so asap or contact me if they have any queries.

The QR codes in St Andrew Redruth and St Euny will continue to operate. Those making donations through the Parish Giving Scheme have been asked to confirm they are happy for their donations to be paid to Redruth PCC but no other action is required. New PGS donations will use the code 393639013

***Richard Robinson—Treasurer Redruth PCC***



# REMEMBER, UNTIL THE PRESENT GUIDANCE CHANGES—WE STILL

## NEED TO:-



**WASH OUR HANDS**

after touching items that may be  
handled by others

**COVER OUR FACES**

to protect ourselves and others



**AND**

**KEEP A SAFE DISTANCE**

Its still important that we do  
not get too close



## **Some news from David and Margaret Paterson St John the Baptist Church, Pointe Claire, Quebec**

“Thank you again, Rosemary, for sending FIVE ALIVE, the first issue for 2022, a new year which has begun much as the old one did. Here in Quebec, we continue to struggle against a virulent virus which sees us again in lockdown with a curfew, aimed at limiting late night interaction, I assume; to be honest since it starts at 10.00 p.m., it has not had any significant effect on our social life in Beaconsfield!! All places of worship have been closed with only online services allowed; this is a pity since our organist / choirmaster had just managed to get a small choir “up and singing” in time for Christmas. Now he is back to where things were last January. One wonders what the new normal will be once we have finally managed to free ourselves of the spread of Covid . . . most Christmas family activities were cancelled since our daughter-in-law came back from a business trip to New York with Covid which meant that that part of our family were completely quarantined. Just last week, my sister and her husband, in Scotland, were confirmed as being positive, my sister quite ill; it seems to be touching so many people close to us - which is different from 2021. The good news is that we are all vaccinated, Margaret and I triple, with the booster - but then so was my sister!”

**If you would like to make contact with St John the Baptist church  
their website is: <https://www.churchsjb.org>**



# *EXTRACTS FROM A DAILY JOURNAL—1981*

*by Michael Tangye*

This writer commenced writing a daily journal in 1965 and has continued to do so annually since then. So much has been recorded over the ensuing years regarding family, national and local events, travel etc, all of which now provide interesting reading; the following are taken from the journal of 1981.

**'Feb 25** Concorde, the large aircraft continued to pass overhead breaking the sound barrier, and causing loud explosions nightly. At 8.20pm, the second for the evening made chairs and the bungalow structure vibrate—never have I experienced such a loud and violent report!'

**'Feb 26** The 'explosion' and movement last evening was an earth tremor—not the result of Concorde! It was felt worse at the Lizard where houses were evacuated when china was thrown from shelves. The stool on which I was sitting rocked, and the whole bungalow moved. The last such tremor was in 1966 in the early hours when we were awakened by the whole bungalow swaying, and many ran from their homes and congregated in the road. Another tremor occurred this morning in the daylight.'

**'8 March Sunday am** Work in the Ambulance Service is never dull! Called to Tolskithy Valley with another ambulance and police to intervene in a family feud which erupted over the ownership of a piece of land beneath the dual carriageway bridge which here crosses the valley. It could have been a scene from a Wild West film!

Bearded men with pic-axe handles, heads streaming blood, rolling down mine burrows and ending, still fighting, in the valley stream! All had started when one family crossed the other's land to a field which they had leased.

We had to treat the head injuries and ensure that we separated the casualties, before transporting them to hospital, to avoid a "punch-up" in the ambulances. We would later say that we had served in the Battle of Tolskithy!'

One of the pleasures of the Service was meeting many elderly folk, most of whom had fascinating life stories to tell.

**'21 March** Transported elderly lady, non Cornish, to Treliske with abdominal pain—born 1887. she was in a boarding school in Brighton when Queen Victoria celebrated her Diamond Jubilee in 1897 and later saw her, and Princess Alexandra. She personally knew many famous music-hall artistes—Lottie Collins of 'Tara, ra bum ye ai!', Carrie and Albert Chevalier, 'a dear old man' who originally sang 'My dear old Dutch'.

So many patients who have some pain often say, when observations are not being recorded etc 'chatting with you has made me forget my pain!'

**'21 Sept** Roger Penhallurick, the natural history consultant at the Truro Museum told me of the perfect corpse of a double headed jackdaw found by a lady at Tehidy Woods. She had passed its body on one occasion—leaving it! It being there on a second visit she took it to the museum staff who sent it to the British Museum. The rib cage was apparently breaking through the plumage, suggesting it was a bird of last year. The double ribbed cage and both heads were perfectly placed denoting that it had probably fed through one mouth.

I chatted with Mr Parsons, the ornithologist and radiologist at Redruth Hospital, and told him of two dead Scilly Shrews I had found on Scilly—one on Bryher, the other on St Martin's. He said I should have saved them as collectors are only too glad to obtain the skeletons of this rare creature—only found on Scilly.'

Some years ago one of the writer's daughters, when camping on Bryher, witnessed an adult shrew pass through the tent with several young shrews in tow, caravanning behind it!

## BOOK CLUB

next meeting will be on 04 February  
at Margaret's house at 10.00am

reading:-

The Humans by Matt Haig



We will be sharing our thoughts on our latest book The Humans by Matt Haig. We read another of his books several. Months ago - The Midnight Library.

The Humans is another full of imagination and humour. I have just started reading it and it is certainly making me smile as Matt takes a satirical look at what it is to be human from an alien's point of view. A professor in mathematics has made a breakthrough solving a mathematical problem. This appears to threaten another species on another planet and so an alien is sent to sort this out

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Please come along if you are thinking about joining us even if you haven't read the book, you will surely enjoy listening to our thoughts and no doubt the tangents that our discussion takes us on. If you require more information please ring Margaret on [01209 211775](tel:01209211775)

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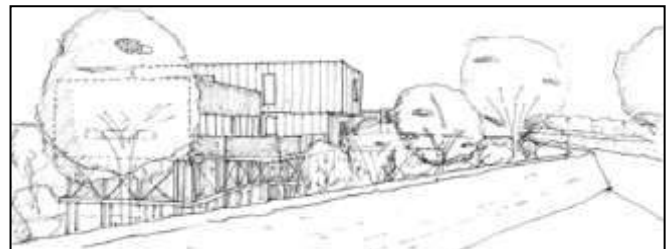
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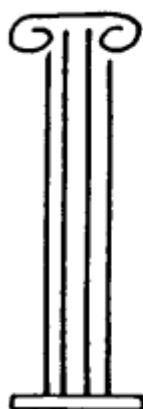


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