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THE WILDNESS OF GOD

The other day, I found myself lost in thought. It's not a frequent occurrence for me, but amid these chilly times, I feel a sense of longing for activities I cherish—being in the sea and on the open road. This longing led me to daydream. Do you dream?

In the past fortnight, my morning prayers have centered around the untamed nature of God. A God unrestrained by any human, regardless of gender, class, or culture, and unaffected by religious or political spheres. This contemplation has prompted me to consider how we can embrace the wildness of God and the unpredictability of the Spirit. Pursuing the wildness of God seems to stir a wildness within me.

As we step into this New Year and a new season, what might need to stir within you? How can the God of the wild shape our souls and inspire us through His words and actions? Are we clinging to comfort, or are we open to being led into great wonders today?

In the Psalms, we read that wherever God goes, fires consume everything before Him. Great storms surround Him, His glory thunders, His voice breaks cedars, and He shakes the wilderness. Theologian Walter Bruggemann urges us to live our lives before this wild, dangerous, unfettered, and free character of God. A God who is too wild for us. God cannot be tied down; God cannot be made to serve. That God is free and uncontrollable, and that is the God who makes us free and uncontrollable.

Do we allow God to be the true essence of who He is, or have we shaped a God more in our likeness—a God of my convenience? Lord, in this new season, may You be the God You truly are in our lives, igniting in us a new wildness, a boldness to seek and witness Your wildness in us and others. Kindle within us the great storm of Your love, let Your fire warm our souls, and may we once again daydream about Your wild love and seek it in our world today. Amen

Revd Chris Harrigan
Assistant Curate

“MORWENNA’S STORY”

Avril had a vision and put her thoughts onto paper. Avril’s vision was to create something that would bring the six worship settings together and bring laughter and hope to the united Redruth Parish.

So, “Morwenna’s Story’ was written, a Cornish take on the traditional story of “Cinderella”. A cast was found and despite drop-outs and drop-ins rehearsals, just a few took place.

Somehow, and nobody seems to know how, the event was a **TRIUMPH**. Not just because £500.00 was raised for STREET VET but because there was laughter, a sense of community and because the SIX worship settings had become one.

This unity is what we must seek to offer to the new Rector. An understanding and a commitment to being together and supporting each other. This unity means that *when one struggles, all struggle. When one triumphs all triumph*. This unity means that we support each other, not just by going to events outside of our historical ‘own church’ but by understanding the difficulties that another setting may be experiencing and by doing what one can to walk with them.

FP



ST STEPHEN'S TRELEIGH



Christmas services started for us at Treleigh on the 17th December with our annual Carol Service with the school choir, readers and some of them acting out the story of Babusca. The story begins on the eve of the very first Christmas, an old grandmother is busy tidying her home when a bright star illuminates the sky. Soon three wise men arrive and invite Babushka to join them in their travels - following the star in search of a newborn babe, the Prince of Peace. The play was acted out perfectly by the children to a packed church as was the singing of the carols and reading of the lessons. Our sincere thanks go to the staff of Treleigh School for all their hard work in the run up to Christmas and allowing the children to join in our Carol Service.

The week before Busy Bees Nursery paid a visit to church dressed in Nativity costumes which included a Gecko (last year we had a dinosaur) Father Peter as in previous years retold the story of the Nativity to the children. Always a joyful occasion, the children are a delight to be with.

Christmas Eve afternoon we enjoyed another service with children taking part. This time it was our Crib Service. The figures from the Crib were hidden around the church and as the Rev Christopher told the story of the nativity starting with the shepherds the figures were found by the children and taken to the crib. The older children helping the little ones in finding them, so that all 'found' a figure to put in the crib. Lynn accompanied the singing on the piano making it another festive occasion.

Later that evening our we held our Christmas Mass which was held by candle light. The church being beautifully decorated with Christmas foliage with candles in every window. A special service with the Rev Chris with Charlie playing the organ which set the scene for the following day.

Boxing Day which of course is St Stephens day is our Patronal Festival. As is usual, Father Peter took our service of Holy Communion for not only our own congregation but we were joined by members of the other churches. As is usual for this service FP provided fizz and we provided cake etc for a bit of a jolly after the service.

January after the children had returned to school we held another of our Community Tea Parties. This by far the most successful with not only those collecting the children from school coming in out of the cold for a hot drink and slice of cake, the older children on leaving school also came in hoping there would still be goodies on the table for them. As we usually hold these events on the 2nd Tuesday in the month I found to my dismay that February's date would be during half term. This will also occur for the April Event when the children will be on Easter Holiday. So February's will be instead on the Tuesday the 20th.

Mary Harris



CHRISTCHURCH LANNER

Christchurch remains open 10.00am– 4.00pm and Holy Communion is celebrated each Sunday at 9.30am. The third Sunday is a Communion with new music and each Wednesday there is a Prayer Book Communion Service at 11.00am. *Due to the 'vacancy' the LAST Sunday of each month will revolve through the SIX worship settings and starts at 10.30am*

THE CHRISTCHURCH SUPPER CLUB: On Saturday January 13 Christchurch celebrated the united parish of Redruth. There was lots of food etc. and a good time, by candlelight was had by all who were able to be there. The next Supper Club date will be announced soon.

OTHER EVENTS AT CHRISTCHURCH

Margaret's Last Monday Tea Party 2.00pm – 4.00pm. Home made cake and lots of chat!! The next tea party is on **MONDAY FEBRUARY 26.**

TOASTY TUESDAYS: You will remember that 'Toasty Tuesdays' began last year as part of the Diocesan 'Warm Spaces' initiative. As the weather grew warmer, the event changed to become a 'games afternoon' and ran fortnightly. From TUESDAY JANUARY 9 'Toasty Tuesdays' returned as a WEEKLY event from 1.00pm – 4.00pm. There will be soup, bread, cake, biscuits, tea, coffee and the games will continue to be a feature. **EVERYONE IS VERY WELCOME.**

FEBRUARY FIRST SUNDAY EVENT: On SUNDAY FEBRUARY 11 (note change of date) at 6.00pm the Event will raise funds for 'Medecins Sans Frontieres'. These doctors work in places of conflict regardless of borders. Please come along if you can.

THE WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

This takes place EVERY Wednesday after the 11.00am BCP service of Holy communion. The group looks at the readings for the coming Sunday and tries to relate it to their own experiences both past and present.

THE MONTHLY FILM NIGHT

This continues on the LAST Friday of each month and has been going for several years. The doors open at 6.30pm, the film starts at 7.00pm, the cost is £5.00 which includes ice-cream!!

(PS. The OPEN PANTRY is still there and donations are gratefully received!!)

ST EUNY

Thank you to all who supported our Christmas Saturday wreath making, craft stalls and children's crafts events which raised over £1,000, which will go toward the costs of maintaining heating and supporting church activities and events within the community. It was especially pleasing to feel the huge team effort that went into making this such a success, from those who helped make wreaths, offered soups, ran the very busy refreshments service and the huge donations of foliage and support from so many, all lifted and supported by the superb craft stall run by Joan and David Doble. It was an excellent way to welcome parishioners and our wider community to church to share in celebration. The Christmas Eve Carols attracted a full church, around 150 in the congregation, many of whom stayed to circulate over mulled wine and mince pies after the service.

Our Cornish Language Carol Service was well attended, and some visitors have been back to join us on Wednesday afternoons and for Morwenna's Story. We hope to continue to welcome members of the Gorsedh to hold this significant event here in future.

Is it most resonant of the miracle of the 'Feeding of the 5,000', or the investment of a few talents that has caused the growth in numbers at St Euny? Our Wednesday afternoons are attracting growing numbers, the second week in January reached 34 attending the Open Café. Being held as a continuation of the church opening for Holy Communion, it overlaps and has also attracted people to participate in worship, with numbers increasing for our Wednesday service. It gives us food for thought on the best ways to reach out to others.

Morwenna's Story was written by Avril with the intention of drawing the newly structured parish together. It far surpassed expectations and delivered such an enjoyable experience for all ages, drawing in around 150 in the audience across two nights. The cast were so enthused that they have commissioned Avril to knuckle down with her pen and create another play soon. Thank you to the cast and support team for giving us all a wonderful evening and for helping to generate a donation of £500 given to Street Vets.

St Euny Feast will be celebrated on Sunday 4th February at 6.00pm with a service followed by a 'Bring and Share' supper. Plans are afoot to include the Redruth Festival Band who are keen to be involved – watch the pew sheet for more details. All are invited and all are welcome.

Our Second Sunday service has been brightened in the past two months by Jim Seth bringing in two more generations of his family to lead and join our worship. We have thoroughly enjoyed singing to the flute and guitar music played by Fran and James and both Ellie and Patrick have read to us beautifully. We are looking forward to more similar experiences and hope that this can continue – thank you Jim.

Linda Beskeen

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

Worshipping, praying and working together as 'One in Christ. St. Andrew's Church remains open daily from about 10am until 4pm with optional. Covid-safe precautions in place. Please take care, as Covid is still with us!

At the First Sunday Evening Event on Sunday, 7th January, we welcomed a faithful few to our **Epiphany Carol Service** in St. Andrew's Pencoys and supported the charity UNICEF, which responds to emergencies risking the lives of children throughout the world. We thank those who came and donated to this worthy cause. The next First Sunday Evening Event will be a Christingle Service for Candlemass at Christchurch, Lanner on **Sunday 11th February** at 6pm. Please note the **change of date** (St. Euny Feast is at 6pm at St. Euny church on 4th February).

Flapjack services and events during February will be:

Said Holy Communion each Wednesday at 6pm St. Andrew's, Pencoys.

Please note that all Sunday MORNING services will be held at 11.15am at Four Lanes Methodist Church until 14th April.

Saturday 3rd February : **Quiz** in Pencoys Hall 7pm

Sunday 4th February : Flapjack Holy Communion Service 11.15am
Lighthouse Young People's project 3 – 5pm
St. Euny Feast 6pm St. Euny Church

Sunday 11th February : **Family Event** 11.15am with Holy Communion
First Sunday Evening Event: Christingle Service 6pm at
Christchurch Lanner

Wednesday 14th February: **ASH WEDNESDAY** Holy Communion with Ashing 6pm
Lent Study Course starts weekly c. 6.45pm (ends 8pm)

Saturday 17th February : **DEANERY Springboard Showcase Day** St. Mary's Church,
Portreath 10am - 2pm – All welcome
Games Evening (Bingo) 6 – 8pm Pencoys Hall

Sunday 18th February : Methodist Service 11.15am H.C 6pm St. Andrew's

Saturday 24th February : Bangers & Mash, Methodist Church from 11am

Sunday 25th February : **Benefice Holy Communion** 10.30am Four Lanes M.C.
Teatime Celebration Pencoys Hall 4 – 5pm

The next Flapjack Meeting will be at 12.45pm on Sunday 3rd March at Four Lanes M.C.

The Warm Wednesdays social afternoons continue at the Methodist Church on 14th and 28th February from 2 – 4pm. Everyone is very welcome.

Jill Tolputt

ST ANDREW REDRUTH

The Big Bang!

The summer of 1954 seemed to me, as a small five year old, full of wonder, excitement and magic.

It began with my cousin Glynn, who had some years earlier emigrated to South Africa, paying us a visit. I remember my Father showing signs of excitement, something he didn't do that often!

Glynn's' Father had been killed in the Second World War and my Father had taken on the role of male mentor since then. Glynn was very special to him.

He arrived on our doorstep laden down with presents. I remember scratching at string and brown paper to discover, to my hearts delight, a beautiful , small, emerald green handbag. I had never seen anything like it! I was completely smitten from that moment on. Glynn could do no wrong!

To celebrate this special time, my Father announced that we would all be going to see the Culdrose Air Display. I'm not at all sure I had any comprehension of what this meant other than we would see aeroplanes. We were to go with my uncle and my other cousin, Judith. They were to lead the way in their car while my Father, with all of us, followed in our Morris.

Not far from Culdrose there was a tremendous bang. My uncle braked heavily and we nearly ran into him. The men all got out fearing a puncture. There was a lot of examining of vehicles, testing tyres and head scratching. Another car pulled in behind us and a man, laughing, spoke with my Father. Everyone seemed to laugh. Later I learned that an aircraft had just broken the sound barrier and that had been the loud bang. I'm sure, as a five year old, I had little idea of what this meant but it did all seem to add to the excitement of the day.

Later, on the airfield amongst hundreds of other cars we sat on the grass and shared our picnic while very loud aircraft took off and landed.

When it was time to finally leave I remember curling up on the back seat of my Father's car clutching a toy barrel that my cousin Glynn had bought me. It had a small peg in the side that, when released, allowed a little, red faced sailor to pop out.

Later, at bedtime, clutching my beautiful, green handbag and little barrel toy, I remember thinking about the excitement of the day. Perhaps we would go again to hear more bangs, the next time Glynn came home.

Pie Louis-Smith

Christmas is for Giving

Over the Christmas period our churches have been holding various fundraising events to support local, national and international charities.

The following events and donations have happened though Redruth PCC:
St Andrew Redruth collections from our carol service, crib service and at Mid-night Mass - £464.10 was donated to the St Petroc's Christmas Appeal working with Cornwall's homeless.

ST Euny's marvellous pantomime, Morwenna's story raised £500 for StreetVet which provides support to the animal companions of the homeless in our towns and cities.

January's first Sunday event organised by Lanner and Pencoys raised £70 for Unicef which works with the World's most vulnerable children.

Toast which provides fun and refreshments to years 6 and 7 in St Andrew's Redruth on Friday after school raised £215 for SightSavers working throughout the world with those suffering from sight loss.

Well done everyone!

Richard Robinson
Treasurer
Redruth PCC



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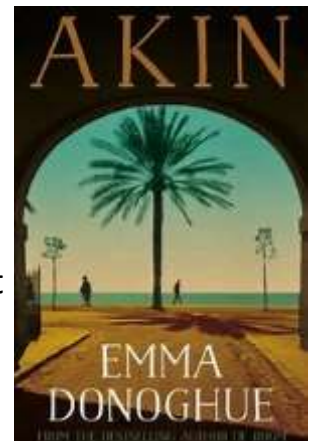
BENEFACTIVE BOOK CLUB NEWS

Small Things Like These was the ideal book to read over the busy Christmas period as it was short and interesting, living up to its title of detailing the small things in life that we often fail to see, or choose to ignore. The whole village was aware of the Magdalene Laundry at the convent but chose to ignore what they suspected was happening because of the benefits from the education that their children received, until Bill, the coal merchant was with evidence of the cruelty to unmarried mothers. We did feel that author could have gone on to explore what happened in Bill's family when he rescued one of the girls and took her home and the repercussions on the village . . .



Demon Copperhead by Barbara Kingsolver, inspired by Dickens David Copperfield is proving to be a very interesting read; one of those books you don't want to put down. At the time of writing i am coming up to halfway through the story of Damon's life when it looks as though things are taking a turn for the better, which he finds hard to believe and trust. I'm sure this too will engender a lively discussion..

Following **Demon Copperhead** we are going to read **A Kin** by Emma Donoghue the author of **Room** –another good read which was made into a film. Noah, a retired chemistry professor and widower is planning to return to Nice to discover his mother's wartime years, armed with some puzzling photos. A call from social services asking him to take in a great nephew he has never met changes that planned trip. Michael and Noah suffering from jet lag and culture shock bicker about everything until Noah gradually comes to appreciate the boy's truculent wit, and Michael's ease with technology and sharp eye help Noah unearth troubling details about the family's past. Both come to grasp the risks people in all eras have run for their loved ones, and find they are more akin than they knew. **A Kin** is a funny, heart-wrenching story of an old man and boy, born two generations apart, who unpick their painful story and start to write a new one together.



We meet again on 2 February at 10.00 at my house. Please ring me on 219059 if you want to know more and would like to come – you will be most welcome..

Margaret

FROM THE REGISTERS

BAPTISMS

17 December 2023	Riley Faith Plumb	St Stephen Treleigh
21 January 2024	Charlotte Daisy Caro Dobbs	St Stephen Treleigh

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02 January 2024	Barry Thomas	St Euny
04 January 2024	Alison Collick	St Stephen Treleigh
04 January 2024	Linda Ann Brown	St Stephen Treleigh
11 January 2024	Susan Jane Bolitho	St Stephen Treleigh
12 January 2024	Sara Kirsty Louise Chapman	St Stephen Treleigh
15 January 2024	Marlene Reseigh	St Euny

REDRUTH PCC

The Redruth Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) will be held on Sunday, 17th March 2024, at Treleigh Church Hall at 4pm. All parishioners are very welcome to attend.

Thank You

I would like to thank all the many people involved in the production of 'Morwenna'. I would especially like to thank Father Peter for directing the play – and wasn't he a fanatic ugly sister? I would also like to thank Tony for arranging all the backing music and coping with any unexpected slips! Thanks also to my husband David for his work on publicity, and my daughter Emma for word processing and art work; also their help in many, many other ways. To all the many people who made 'Morwenna' such a success and to the wonderful audiences – ***THANK YOU TO ALL OF YOU.***

Avril



PARISH NURSING NEWS

Starting in March I'm hoping to run a walking group for new mums or mums with little ones. It's likely to run on a Tuesday or Friday morning and the hope would be to have tea and cake after (can't be too healthy after all! 😊). The tea and cake however would depend on the crypt being free so that might sway the day we walk.

I wanted to ask if anyone was interested in helping, either coming along for the walk, making tea or both?

Also on the first Thursday of every month I'll be running a drop in clinic for mums and dads during tiddlers. No need to book, just turn up for any health advice or concerns.

Any





springboard

There are so many wonderful things happening right now in our deanery: Creation Care and Wild Church projects, youth work, children's and families ministry, schools, outreach, home groups, town and village festivals, and so much more...

Springboard will be an opportunity for people and projects from across the deanery to come together, to hear from each other, learn together and be inspired by each other. It's a springboard for greater unity, creativity and mission.

In a "mini expo" style setting, we're inviting projects to host a stall displaying some of the great things that they are involved in. Various people will give 3 minute talks from the front of the church, giving a flavour of their projects and inviting conversation, questions and ideas for others to join in.

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My Way to Compostela Day 8—*continued*

Torres del Rio to Logrono

Did anyone spot my error at the beginning of last month's entry? A Mars bar to the first person who tells me what the mistake was! Hope the history buffs amongst you have taken the trouble to look up the reference to the Borgias that ended last month's entry. As I have said to Rosemary it's become a little more complicated for me to ensure that I can get the essence of my journal entry for any one day down to one page from what is a 3 or 4 A4 account, hence the mistake in last month's offering.

So we leave our lunch stop in the town of Viana via the stone arch Portal San Felices, making our way through the suburbs of the town and the back of houses to cross waste ground and abandoned factory buildings to cross yet again the N-111. From here our route takes us for around 3Km along quiet back roads till we reach Ermita de la Trinidad de Cuevas. This is a quiet restful picnic area surrounded by trees and adjacent to a tributary of the Erbo river. This was the site of an earlier pilgrim hospice run by the Trinidadian Order of Nuns. From here we could see in the distance the Laguna de Las Canas a large expanse of lakes with the Cantabrian Hills in the background. In the 16th century the meadows around the lakes were well known for the numerous covens of witches, luckily we did not meet any! We continued on the route, watching out for the camino waymarks, as there are other local walks marked around the lakes. We cross again the N-111 to leave the autonomous region of Navarre, into the famous wine region of La Rioja.

Oh the joys of this red wine!! Here we begin our slog through the suburbs of the city along a new coloured asphalt path which was a gift from the local government. Climbing gently up the hill we pass the site of what was once the prehistory city of Cantabria where there are still ongoing excavations of its Roman and earlier ruins. As we drop down towards the city we pass an old border post where a legendary gatekeeper of the camino who's name was Felisa would extract a few pesos from pilgrims for good luck. I am happy to say that the tradition continues in the form of her niece also called Felisa, however the toll has increased from the odd peso to a euro and in exchange for a donation pilgrims can have their credential stamped to show that they have passed her way. Crossing the Puente de Piedra the stone bridge that crosses the river Ebro we enter the city of Logrono. This bridge was rebuilt in 1880 and replaced the medieval one dedicated to St John of the Nettles 'San Juan de Ortega'. Close to the bridge is the city's information centre where Andrew and I stopped to seek accommodation advice as we intended to have a rest day so a stay of 2 nights was required as albergue's tend not to offer more than one night's stay. The rest of the gang went on and apart from Tata we lost contact with Roy and Bridget for some days. Andrew and I had arranged to meet up with Tata later in the evening as he was stopping here and staying with his Aunt. He had promised to take us to his favourite Tapas bar, that he frequented when he was a student in Logrono, an evening we were looking forward to. So all we had to do now was find suitable accommodation in this bustling student city.

Len Cunningham

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Pastoral Group

Just a reminder to everyone in our churches to look out for one another. If you have concerns about someone who is not well and would like a visit or holy communion at home please tell your church warden or your pastoral co-ordinator (listed below). You may also have noticed someone missing from church over a number of weeks and don't know why. Please do let us know, it's better to hear from two or three people than not to hear at all.

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St Andrew Pencoys	Fr Peter
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The co-ordinators try to meet once a month to pray for those in need and support one Another

Revd Margaret and Fr Peter

A Christmas Quiz Answers—how well did you do?

1. How many presents in total we were given in the 12 Days of Christmas? **364**
2. Name the famous Christmas ballet? ***The Nutcracker***
3. How many Scrabble points for the word 'Christmas'? ***Sixteen***
4. What is Frosty the Snowman's nose made of? ***A button***
5. What should you do under the mistletoe? ***Kiss***
6. How do you say Merry Christmas in Spanish? ***Feliz Navidad***
7. How many candles should go on an advent wreath? ***Four (the fifth candle is for Christmas Day, therefore not in Advent)***
8. Which president was the first to decorate the White House Christmas tree?
Franklin Pierce
9. In what year was 'A Christmas Carol' by Charles Dickson published? ***1843***
10. What is the name of Scrooge's dead business partner? ***Jacob Marley***
11. Which ocean is Christmas Island situated in? ***Indian Ocean***
12. Which continent does Christmas dinner favourite, the turkey, originate from?
North America
13. One of the most popular Christmas toys of 1971, who or what, 'wobble but don't fall down'? ***Weebles***
14. If you were born on Christmas Day, what's your star sign? ***Capricorn***
15. What country has the tradition of filling children's clogs with candy and treats on December 5th? ***The Netherlands***
16. The most popular toy of 1980 was actually designed by a professor of architecture in Budapest to teach his students about spatial awareness. What is it called? ***Rubik's Cube***
17. In which Pacific Ocean island nation is Father Christmas known as Santa-san?
Japan
18. Which UK monarch delivered the first Christmas Broadcast to the BBC in 1932?
George V
19. Which department store released a Christmas TV advertisement in 2015 featuring a young girl looking at the moon through a telescope? ***John Lewis***
20. Which country is the largest exporter of Christmas trees? ***Canada***

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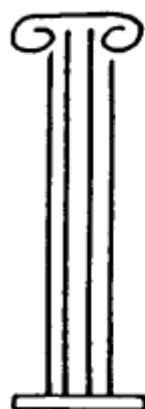


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