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Rector's notes – JANUARY 2022

While we have time, let us do good

As I write we are all digesting the very sad news that Trish Rowe, of Treleigh Church, has died following a stroke – of course we are praying very much for Dave and the family at this time. She cheerfully and diligently performed various really valued roles at Treleigh and for the benefice, not least usually providing two articles a month for this magazine. A full tribute to Trish's life will appear in next month's Five Alive.

Trish was 81 when she died, which just happens to be exactly the average life expectancy in the UK at the moment. That doesn't diminish our sadness at all at her death, but perhaps it might serve as a reminder to us that every one of us has a limited time in this life.

If you're reading this, it's because you have made it to 2022 – congratulations! As Christians we are *stewards* of the things we enjoy in this life – including our time. So I wonder if, in this New Year, God might be calling any of us to reconsider how we spend our time? Whether God might be calling us to lay down some responsibility, or take a new responsibility up? We only have one go at this life, and at the point at which we stand before God to give an account of our lives, I've no doubt we all hope to hear the words 'Well done, good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of the Lord'.

At the time of writing, I've just spent several days involved with a young homeless man camping on a very small patch of grass at the back of St Andrew's. He was homeless because his behaviour caused by his serious mental health issues had caused him to be asked to leave his previous accommodation, and now in a particularly cold, wet and windy week, here he was in a tent. But actually he said even if he was in comfortable accommodation, a good day for him is one when he can just take his medication, shower, eat, go for a walk, and sleep.

Those of us blessed with more stability and resources than that are called by God to serve him as we can, with all that we have. I'm sure we're *not* called to exhaust ourselves, but rather to *cheerfully* serve, both God and each other. My old school motto was '*While we have time, let us do good*' – and if in 'doing good' we include the most loving act of all – sharing the good news of the love of God shown in Jesus Christ - it seems a good thing to bear in mind at the beginning of this new year. May God help each of to discern exactly how that might apply to us – that God's Kingdom and his Church may grow and make this world a better place for all.

Happy New Year to you!

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

CHRISTMAS 2021

These thoughts may help you remember those whom you have loved, but for whatever reasons were not be with you this Christmas; which as we know, has 12 days!!

On the FIRST day of Christmas my true love said to me
(and) A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU

On the SECOND day of Christmas my true love gave to me
PATIENCE AND LOVE

On the THIRD day of Christmas my true love gave to me
YEARS OF FUN

On the FOURTH day of Christmas my true love gave to me
CARE FOR OUR FRIENDS

On the FIFTH day of Christmas my true love gave to me
KINDNESS AND SMILES

On the SIXTH day of Christmas my true love gave to me
TEARS OF JOY AND SORROW

On the SEVENTH day of Christmas my true love gave to me
WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

On the EIGHTH day of Christmas my true love gave to me
SOMEONE BESIDE ME

On the NINTH day of Christmas my true love gave to me
ALL THAT I NEEDED

On TENTH day of Christmas my true love gave to me
ARMS TO SURROUND ME

On the ELEVENTH day of Christmas my true love gave to me
A PROMISE FOR THE FUTURE

On the TWELFTH day of Christmas my true love gave to me
A CHANCE TO REMEMBER

Both FLAPJACK and LAMP hope that you all had a very happy Christmas and have begun a peaceful new year.

ST STEPHEN'S TRELEIGH

The people of St. Stephen's Church, Treleigh were deeply saddened to hear of the death of their very dear friend Trish Rowe after a short illness. Many thoughts and prayers go out to David, Sarah, Paul and their family at this sad time.



The Christmas Bazaar held in the hall on Saturday 4th December from 11am - 1pm was an enjoyable time with all the usual stalls of delicious Christmas baking, Tombola, bric a brac and jewellery, books and assorted handmade items, Brenda's amazing knitted animals, Nativity sets, hats and knee rugs, Christmas stockings and wreaths and a very generous raffle with 16 items to be won. Delicious cakes or biscuits were served with drinks at separate tables and everyone wore masks until seated.

Lynn Cocup brought her keyboard and played Christmas music some of which we were able to sing along with and this very much enhanced the Christmas spirit. The weather was kind to us staying dry and bright and although we were a little disappointed at the attendance we feel that it was definitely worth while all the hard work that had been put into making it a success especially in these continuing worrying times.

The congregation of St. Stephen's Church have felt very blessed to have had Charlie Bickford play the organ at the Sunday Sung Eucharist on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month and now we also welcome Lynn Cocup who we hope will play for us on the 1st and 3rd Sundays so hopefully no more singing to downloaded music on Len's iPad!

On Friday 3rd December, two members of the congregation took to Fr. Eddie a framed photograph of St. Stephen's Church Chancel, together with a monetary donation collected from grateful parishioners in thanks for his wonderful and spiritual ministry with us. A bouquet of beautiful flowers was given to his wife Sandra who always accompanied him and was often mentioned in his memorable sermons, sometimes much to her embarrassment. We hold both Fr. Eddie and Sandra in our thoughts and prayers at this time.

Following the Holy Communion Service on Thursday 9th December the children from the Busy Bees Nursery, adjacent to Treleigh School, came into the Church dressed in their Nativity clothes and sat with their teachers in front of the Altar where they were joined by Fr. Peter who talked and sang with them. We have welcomed these children on several occasions and they bring joy and hope for new beginnings with their smiles as they enter and leave the Church.

Christine Cunningham

ST EUNY

Advent was celebrated at St Euny with the Advent Sunday carol service followed by a pot supper with mince pies and mulled wine. It was lovely to see a good number staying to enjoy the food and the company, especially so as many were new to St Euny services or were friends who have been away for some time due to the pandemic. The service included a beautiful selection of Advent carols with familiar readings, much of it in candlelight. The relaxed conviviality afterwards was an added bonus. Our next date for a hot supper will be after the 6.00pm benefice service on 30th January to celebrate St Euny Feast – keep the date! The last 'Open Cafe' of the season finished with a party on 8th December. The numbers attending have increased and this weekly event continues to offer fellowship and support to all who gather here at this time.

Thanks to those who decorated the church on 4th December. The new tree is looking splendid and the Advent wreath is beautiful. We have been donated an additional set of nativity figures by Peter Bishop, the Bond Street Optician, who no longer has a suitable space for them. These are larger than those which sit beneath the altar and have been set in a tableau on top of the altar in the Lady Chapel. Soon after the scene was set we were pleased to see that people walking in the churchyard were stopping to look in at the window and enjoy the display, peering further into the church as they did so. This was an additional bonus, drawing the many passers-by to look deeper into the church building.

St Euny will be hosting the 6.00pm Carol Service on Christmas Eve, to which all are welcome. We plan to offer mulled wine and mince pies for those who wish to stay and enjoy the atmosphere before going home or to Midnight Mass (Covid regulations permitting). This is an opportunity to invite anyone else who might feel more comfortable coming into church for familiar carols with an opportunity to socialise over traditional refreshments, so please do invite anyone that you know who might like to join us.

The last open cafe of the year was a very entertaining one. We created our own party hats and enjoyed seasonal nibbles. We shall re start on January 12th. Everyone is welcome. Come along and join in.

Linda Beskeen

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

The members of Flapjack wish everybody a very peaceful and blessed Christmas and happy and healthy New Year

Thanks to the early publication of this issue of Five Alive, here is a reminder about Christmas Service times: **CHRISTMAS EVE; Crib Service 5 pm St. Andrew's; Holy Communion, 6.30pm Methodist Church**, with carol singing; **(Midnight) Mass of Christmas 10 pm St. Andrew's**
CHRISTMAS DAY; Said Holy Communion, 11am St. Andrew's; Teatime Event: This will be held in the church on **Tuesday 28th December** from 2 – 4pm

St. Andrew's Church remains open daily from about 10 am until 4 pm with Covid-safe precautions in place. Please wear a face covering when visiting the church, use the hand-santiser and observe social distancing. We apologise for the cancellation of our Christmas Frost Fair planned for 11th December, which was considered a health risk in the restricted space of Pencoys Hall in the present circumstances. There could be a Spring Fair!

The normal pattern of services continues, including a said service of Holy Communion at 6pm each **Wednesday**. All **Sunday morning** services are at **11.15am: First Sunday 2nd January:** Flapjack morning Holy Communion **Covenant** Service at Four Lanes Methodist Church; Light-house from 3-5pm **Second Sunday 9th January:** Flapjack **Family Event 11.15am** said **Holy Communion 12.30pm St. Andrew's**. **Third Sunday 16th January**, morning service at the Methodist Church; Holy Communion at St. Andrew's at **6pm**. **Fourth Sunday 23rd January:** Flapjack morning **Holy Communion, St. Andrew's**. **Fifth Sunday, 30th January: Benefice Holy Communion at St. Andrew's Redruth, 10.30am**. The weekly Benefice H.C. service will continue on Zoom, from a live church service at 9.30am or 11.15am (10.30am on 30th January) (details in the weekly sheet or online from www.redruthchurch.org.uk)

Owing to the current Covid 19 situation, **THE FIRST SATURDAY QUIZ** may probably continue online until further notice, but please check the weekly pew sheet for updated details. If you would like to compete, please contact Fr. Peter, email: baptism66@gmail.com

The First Sunday Evening Event on 5th December featured Advent, led by Lisa, an ordinand on placement with us, and Lucie, Churchwarden at St. Euny and Lay Worship Leader, who demonstrated her beautiful wooden hand-crafted nativity characters while narrating the Christmas Story, emphasizing the plight of the shepherds, the social outcasts. Lisa then described the work of Lorna at "Faith Food" in Alma Place, helping those in dire need, not only with food and basic necessities, but actually 'doing' mission by sharing her faith and praying with them. Donations totalled £125 for Faith Food, and we thank everyone who came to support this worthy cause in the midst of our Benefice, proving that "Charity really does begin at home!" The next First Sunday Evening Event will be the Epiphany Carol Service at St. Andrew's Pencoys at 6pm on Sunday, 2nd January, when everyone will be most welcome.

Christmas Tree Exhibition: Our grateful thanks go to everyone who has displayed a Christmas tree this year, adding a wonderful festive feel to our Christmas celebrations. Please arrange for your tree to be removed by the evening of Wednesday, 5th January.

Jill Tolputt

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.

HAPPY TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS.

There is a new version of the traditional song in this edition of 5Alive so don't forget to sing it as you remember Christmas in the past!!

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. Story time and an activity slot are yet to star but they will!

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.

FAREWELL TO ORDINAND LISA: It was a great joy to have Lisa as part of our lives for her Autumn placement. She has been through all of the selection process and will hope to be Deaconed in June. Lisa involved herself as much as possible with visiting, residential homes, a funeral, and made several guest appearances on zoom. I am sure we all wish her every blessing as the great day draws closer.

CLIMATE AWARD: *Many congratulations* to Geoff K. who received an award from Luci at Heartlands for successfully completing his CLIMATE AMBASSADORS STUDY COURSE. The presentation event focused on FLOOD RISK and Heartlands now hosts an interactive study area on flood management – it is excellent.

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

ST ANDREW REDRUTH

Braving the weather forecast and running against the tide of other event decisions over the first weekend of Advent, the St Andrew's Christmas Craft Fair went ahead as planned on 26th and 27th November. Making maximum use of the space in both church and crypt, there was plenty of space to enjoy the various stalls and to remain socially distanced. The hovering bunting made for the Arts Festival a few years ago gave the church interior an appropriately festive feel. A warm welcome with the tempting hamper up for raffle set the mood and the high quality of the craft materials on display gave us all a wonderful range of ideas and items to purchase for unique Christmas presents or to satisfy those whose shopping experiences have been seriously suppressed over the past year. Several stalls taken by people outside the usual church community were pleased with their sales, which will, hopefully, encourage them to come again in future. Lunches and teas in the crypt went well and the use of the whole crypt for refreshments again gave us all space to be responsibly socially distanced and still enjoy some social interaction, accompanied by tasty lunches or cakes. The event raised about £1,450, a successful fund raiser as well as an enjoyable experience.

Our toddler group has now established a Covid-time pattern with our limit of ten family spaces full or close to maximum capacity most weeks. We have welcomed several new families and have had repeated comments of how pleased they are to be able to come out and meet as well as give their children an opportunity to build relationships with peers. Our Christmas party is now fully booked for December 16th. A generous donation of soft play structures has proved very popular with the children and has the added benefit of being much simpler to set up and dismantle a welcome reduction of pressure for the helpers. Caspar's technology skills have added soft background music to the gathering, in turns calming and stimulating. We will be closed for the Christmas school holiday period and intend to open again on Thursday 13th January 2022.

'Messy Church' was a great success on Sunday 5th December, with nine families enjoying crafts, a short church experience and a tea. There was a preponderance of treats over healthy options, but in the words of Alice Bush "What's not to like?". We are thinking about a new name for this, possibly "Creative Church". Any suggestions welcome.

The 'Story in the Stones' performance at both St Andrew and St Euny went ahead with an audience of around seventy people, most of whom do not usually enter our churches, giving us an opportunity to welcome them in.

Trewirgie School has run their usual Christmas concert at the church, fitting it in before they have had to close the school for a deep clean. Lez has been 'living' at the church in the past month and organised the staging for this as well as preparing for other activities. We are missing Sue Pearce and all wish her well.

The annual Christmas Town Band Concert is planned for 19th December, at the time of printing it was still hoping to go ahead. Any changes to arrangements will be advertised on the website and notice board.

Linda Beskeen

TALK ABOUT

REMEMBERING TRISH ROWE



FROM THE REGISTERS

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Tony Christopher

St Euny

Answers to December's quiz

1. Merry Christmas!
2. While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night
3. Carol Kane
4. Good Vibrations
5. England (East Anglia)
6. Sir Isaac Newton
7. James
8. Charles Dickens
9. Nazareth
10. Walking in a Winter Wonderland
11. Rubik's Cube
12. Ice Cube
13. Holly
14. Brandy Sauce
15. One
16. National Lampoons Winter Holidays
17. 1962
18. Mistletoe and Wine
19. Santa Claus is Coming to Town
20. Jim Carrey

BOOK CLUB

There will be no Book Club in January
next meeting will be on 04 February
reading:-

The Humans by Matt Haig

Full details will be in the February issue

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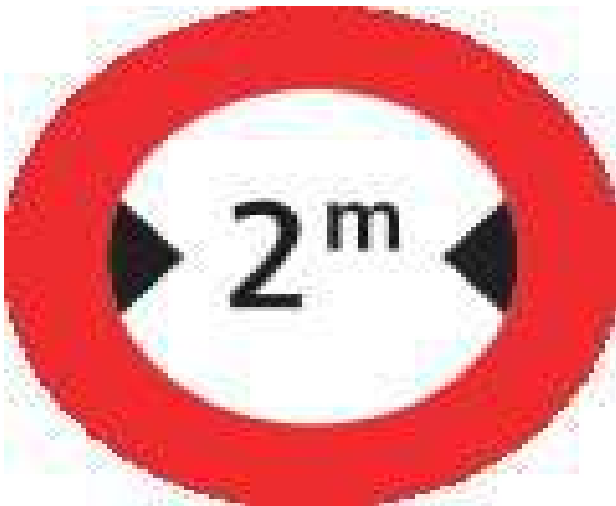
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not get too close

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only make your journey if it is absolutely necessary
and avoid large crowds

FLOODING IN REDRUTH

by Michael Tangye

Once denied by many it is now clear that we are all affected by global warming. Rain in Cornwall appears to be heavier, causing minor flooding, fortunately not as serious as elsewhere. Yet during the Victorian and Edwardian eras, and as late as the early 1950's, the town of Redruth regularly experienced flooding due to its topography—an area with steep hillsides to East and West, draining rain water to the valley floor into a stream now underground.

The tin and copper mines of Pednandrea and Wheal Sparnon, towering above the town to the east and west pumped warm water from cavernous depths, some to be used in stamping ore, while the excess flowed down Fore Street and Treruffe Hill, creating clouds of steam in winter. (That at Treruffe Hill still occurred in the early 1950's). The silt filled water blocked the little drainage which existed in the town.

In 1888 it was reported that in Fore Street, there were 'rushing torrents of water laden with refuse of every description.' Fishermen's buckets, drapers boxes and filth all flowing into the already full Leat at the bottom of the town. In 1867 Buller's Row, at the viaduct, became a river, sweeping gravel, stones, mud and sand into the drains and was so fierce that in Penryn Street, it displaced several pieces of heavy granite. The roads of earth and stone were washed away and the water flowed into Cross Street in rivulets.

In 1907 water in Falmouth Road was four feet deep 'with waves two or three feet high—like a river in flood.' the water poured through houses, and in Chapel Street, the underground leat burst through, lifting twenty feet of pavement. As late as the 1950's the barber's shop in Cross Street, (alias Fish Cross) was flooded to a depth of over four feet.

Beyond the town at Tolskithy, the valley which extended northwards from Barncoose, the concentration of tin streaming machinery was regularly swept away. Fields were submerged and the Sunday School was inundated along with cottages where people took refuge in their bedrooms watching the devastation occurring outside. Such flooding led to it becoming named 'Tolskithy Harbour' and when this present writer was younger many a stranger looking for a pleasant areas to visit was directed there 'to see boats at anchor in the harbour'!

The Leat which emerges from underground leading to the new Cornwall Record Office, Kresen Kernow, was once well known for flooding the brewery site, and the Victorian rugby pitch where now the Tesco Store is situated. Realising its past history, the Leat bed was greatly deepened and concrete and stone sides were built to prevent the Record Office becoming flooded in the future.

THE TRAUMAS OF LIFE by Juliet Jenkin

Out of the traumas we have all experienced, the outcome is often one of joy.

The first trauma that we all experience is being born. After being cocooned in comfort we suddenly leave the warmth and meet the outside world and someone is smacking our bottoms and making us cry. Where is child protection when it is needed? Out of this trauma comes years of other traumas but mainly happiness.

A major trauma was that my dear Father was always at my Church events as part of his service to the Church. But aside from enduring his presence, I had the best Father that anyone could wish for.

Is cooking a trauma? My first one was. Newly married I burnt my initial Sunday roast but this trauma became a joke for the remainder of our lives. Cooking since has given me such joy.

I had the trauma of adjusting to a new country. When we returned home, we realised, after the initial trauma, we had had some of our happiest experiences and memories.

Children. Well I think that we could all write a book on the traumas that we have had with our children. Out of this enormous challenge comes the biggest rewards. We love them so much, they have given us so much joy and are so very proud to call them our children.

Moving house must be everyone's worst trauma. After a short time we have a wonderful home which is full of joy.

The trauma of having a bad day and the next day is sunshine, you hear birds singing, a child laughing and the trauma has turned to joy.

The trauma of enjoying our gardens entails what plants do we put in and where, 12 months later, we look in wonder at the blooms and the joy of the smell that they give.

Now leading a very different way of life, the trauma of launching out on my own fills me with apprehension. Walking down Redruth main street, going to Church, finding things to do are now major traumas to me. But then the pleasure of meeting someone, having a chat brings me so much joy.

The list of traumas could continue but remember that 'every cloud has a silver lining'.

I have just completed my latest trauma. Thank you for reading this.

WHAT ARE EMBER DAYS



The name is derived from the Latin *quattuor tempora*, meaning “Four Times” or “Four Seasons.” The specific themes for each Ember Week of the year are as follows:

- **Spring:** the Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday after Ash Wednesday, to give thanks for the rebirth of nature and for the gift of light (usually flowers are offered at this time).
- **Summer:** Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday after Pentecost, to give thanks for the wheat crop.
- **Fall:** the Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday after the Feast of the Holy Cross (September 14), to give thanks for the grape harvest.
- **Winter:** the Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday before the Feast of St. Lucy (December 13), during the third week of Advent, to give thanks for the olive crop.

The significance of the days of the week is that Wednesday was the day Christ was betrayed, Friday was the day He was crucified, and Saturday was the day He was entombed

AN EMBER DAY PRAYER, AS WE PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

I am no longer my own but yours,
Put me to what you will,
Rank me with whom you will,
Put me to doing, put me to suffering;
Let me be employed for you, or laid aside for you,
Exalted for you, or brought low for you,
Let me be full, let me be empty,
Let me have all things, let me have nothing,
I freely and whole heartedly yield all things
to your pleasure and disposal.
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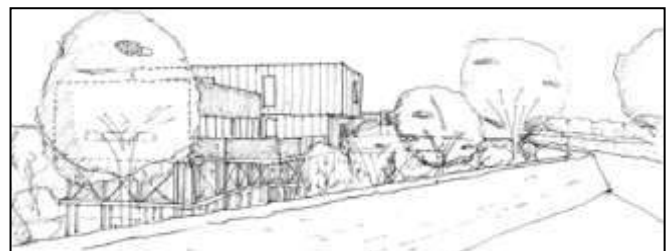
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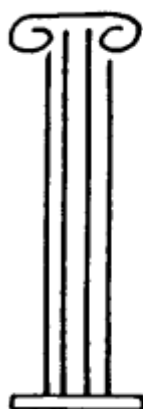


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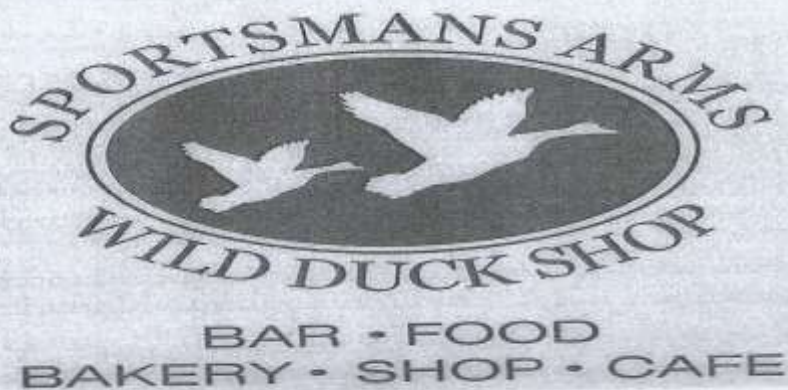
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