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Pride Month!

I should have written this last month really, as June is Pride month. But, by missing the cue, I can write about the wonderful day that was Murdoch Day and Pride in Redruth! It was beautiful to see the town out in full force, celebrating what it is to be Redruth, and to be our authentic selves.

Here in the Parish of Redruth we are an inclusive parish. We have not yet signed up to any particular badge or group to validate that, but it is certainly true. We have key members of our parish who are same sex attracted, we seek to offer welcome to people regardless of ethnicity, religion, ability, sexuality or gender orientation. And more than that, we welcome people to explore vocation to all areas of ministry and leadership, providing they show the right characteristics, willingness to learn, commitment to our Triune God, the church and the faith we represent, and ability to fulfil all safeguarding requirements (have I missed anything?!). In short, a protected characteristic is not a factor in considering a person's engagement or vocation in our parish.

But it's also important to consider that this cuts across what has traditionally been the teaching of the church.

Way back in the beginning, when the first apostles were organising themselves into a missional organisation that sought to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ, and trying to work out what this network of diverse people was going to be, and how it would operate, there were no questions about protected characteristics. Mainly because it was not a thing. Jesus gathered women as well as men around him. And the first preachers of the Gospel were women. When Mary encountered the risen Christ at the tomb, Jesus did not tell her to go and find the men, she told her to go and tell everyone that Christ was risen. When Paul sent his letter to Rome; a key foundational document for Christian theology, he sent it with Phoebe. And in that time and culture, the courier of a letter such as this would not only read out the letter to the intended audience, but also answer questions and explain what needed explaining: They were more of a teacher than postie. Gender was not an issue in the early church, unless the culture outside of the church made it so.

And sexuality; well we don't really know! On the one hand, Jesus said absolutely nothing about sexuality. He talked about loving people, trusting God, praying, justice, and when he talked about divorce, it was in the context of not exploiting women, and when he talked about law, he reminded people that law was made for the good of people, people were not made to keep the law. The Old Testament passages that talked about homosexuality were also the current times' legal book: They reflect a time and place and culture that is far removed from ours today. Unless we also intend to refrain from wearing mixed fabrics, and insist on presenting pimples to the priest (please don't!) We cannot apply the laws about homosexuality arbitrarily to our context today. There are a couple of passages in the New Testament that also appear to talk about sexuality.

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But the word “homosexual” was not included in English translations of the bible until the last century.

The original Greek word that is translated as homosexual is actually a very specific word that refers to sex with slaves; the passages that appear to condemn homosexuality are actually condemning a pagan temple practise that involved abuse of slaves. It is not difficult to condemn what was effectively child abuse and sex trafficking, but it is certainly not the same as adult, consensual same sex relationships. The fact remains that the bible has nothing to say about them. And the bible fails to give explicit direction on lots of things; technology, reading for leisure, access to higher education, climate change... all of these things are issues that face us, and we manage to navigate them with differences of opinion and curiosity. But for some reason the church has become particularly hung up on sexuality in recent years. We managed to agree that women are not chattels, and changed our theology of marriage to accept that women are people with autonomy and capacity, but the Church of England is struggling to accept that two people of the same gender can be in a life long loving relationship. It's very confusing!

My prayer is that, one day, Redruth Parish will be very normal in being an accepting and inclusive parish. But in the mean time we will make it clear that we do welcome all. And we accept that others disagree, which is fine, so long as they accept that we believe as we do. Not because we are swept along by the winds of the world, but because we have done our work with bible, tradition, and theological reflection, and arrived at a perspective that is inclusive and believes this is how God is best served and represented.

Revd Becca Bell

Farewell Message

Dear friends and cherished members of our parish Redruth

As I prepare to step away from this wonderful community, I do so with a heart full of gratitude and love. Being part of this parish has been a truly meaningful chapter in my life, and I feel blessed to have shared in worship, fellowship, and service alongside each of you.

Redruth and its churches have been more than just a place of gathering it has been a source of comfort, faith, friendship, and growth. That growth led me to Licensed Lay Reader supported by you all. The reason I am leaving over the past two years, as most, if not all of you lovely people are aware I am being ordained on Friday 26th June as Deacon at Truro Cathedral. I am deeply thankful for the support, kindness, and encouragement you have all shown me. The memories we have created together will remain with me always.

I am moving on to a new challenge (not too far away!) as the Curate for Camborne Cluster; I will still be supporting Redruth at Rugby that is an allegiance I cannot change! I carry with me the lessons and faith I have gained here. Please know that you will remain in my thoughts and prayers, and I trust and know that this parish will continue to flourish and be a guiding light for many.

May God bless each of you and this entire community. Thank you for being such an important part of my journey.

With heartfelt thanks and warmest wishes and God's Blessing

Jason

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 followed by a Bible Study. *The LAST Sunday of each month will continue to revolve through the six*

worship settings and starts at 10.30am.

OTHER EVENTS AT CHRISTCHURCH: *Margaret's Last Monday Tea Party 2.00pm – 4.00pm.*
the JUNE date is Monday June 29. EVERYONE IS VERY WELCOME.

FUTURE EVENTS: The games afternoons and the film nights are advertised in the weekly pew sheet. **BUT GAMES HAS RETURNED TO EVERY OTHER TUESDAY 2pm – 4pm. Future dates include: June 30, July 14 etc.**

FILM NIGHTS: Please note the diary changes and times:

NEXT MEETING: Friday July 31 / 5.30pm

“Mission Impossible, the final reckoning” PART 1

NEXT MEETING: Friday August 28: PART 2 / 5.30pm

SEASONAL SUNDAYS: The project has been devised by Julia KB. and hopes to attract an intergenerational congregation but with a new approach to church.

There will be opportunities for play, singing, Bible reflection, activities, refreshments, informal seating arrangements and prayers. People of all age are really welcome and SEND provision is a priority.

The next events will be held on **SUNDAY JULY 5 & SUNDAY JULY 26 both at 2.30pm.**

DIARY DATES FROM THE PARISH

SUNDAY JUNE 28: Parish service, 10.30am at Treleigh. We welcome Deacon Esther with a bring and share lunch.

At 6.00pm the Prayer Book Society will be holding Evensong at St Euny.

TUESDAY JUNE 30: Christchurch games afternoon / 2.00pm – 4.00pm

SUNDAY JULY 5: Christchurch Seasonal Sunday / 2.30pm

FLAPJACK

THANKYOU so much Four Lanes, Lanner, Carnkie and the surrounding communities for your outstanding work and generosity which made the £10,000 target for the **SUNRISE APPEAL** a reality. In another part of this edition of 'Five Alive' Brian G. has detailed everything that you organised and supported to raise the £4,000 towards that amazing final total.

The final event on June 20 at The Penventon Hotel was a joyful, diverse occasion. The music provided by the local branch of The Rock Choir, The Ritzy Belles and The Lemonaires provided a stunning backdrop to the event with Magic Pete appearing and disappearing. The raffle alone raised £2,345.00 and was drawn by David, Bishop of Truro,

Final thanks to Nigel, Sarah, Hilary and Brian who carried the project in so many ways. You WERE and ARE stars!!

BUT in the midst of all of the Sunrise Events, the Pencoys church must consider its future.

To this end, a meeting has been called which will ask the community what they want from their church which has no toilet, electricity for heating which is far too expensive and a building which is getting old and will need a lot of money spent to make it safe.

**THE MEETING IS ON THURSDAY JULY 23 at 7.00pm IN THE CHURCH
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FOR THE CHURCH
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Four Lanes And Pencoys Join And Cheer the King!!

FP

ST STEPHEN TRELEIGH



It hardly seems possible that half the year has passed and while writing this we have another grey, damp day after being spoilt last weekend with glorious sunshine.

The last Parish service at Treleigh was Jason's final service with us and we at Treleigh fondly remember that Jason presided over his first Service of "Communion by Extension" and also his first "Remembrance Sunday Service" with us at St. Stephen's, both of which were delivered with dignity and respect. We wish him well now that he has been Ordained Deacon and continues his training and journey of faith in Camborne. We look forward to welcoming newly Ordained Deacon, Esther at our Parish Service on Sunday, 28th June, and hope that she and her family will be very happy in their new home here in Redruth.

On Sunday, 7th June at 6pm, Fr. Peter led us in a wonderful and uplifting service in support of James Kessell who will be going to Cambodia for four weeks in early July. James gave us an excellent insight into what will be expected of him and pupils from other schools in helping the local community. £200 was raised towards his expenses and our thanks join with his and his family's to all those from our sister churches who attended the service.

On Monday, 15th June at the Archdeacon's Visitation service at Budock Church, we were pleased and thankful that Mary Harris was once again sworn in to continue her role as Churchwarden, especially following her accident just over a year ago and her long journey of recovery while still carrying out her duties, I will do my best to support her as Deputy. We give special and heartfelt thanks to Anne Youlton who has been Mary's able Deputy for 3 years and we know that Anne will still play a part in the life of St. Stephen's Church.

The monthly Tea Party for Treleigh schoolchildren and their families continue and it has been an added bonus that Ben from SWYM, South West Youth Ministry has been able to attend with some of the practical aids that he uses when working with Penponds school. Trish's craft table is also a favourite once the initial excitement of eating cake etc has passed! There will be no Tea Party in July as the children will be breaking up for the summer and our fete preparations will be well under way but we look forward to welcoming some of the new intake of children and their families on Tuesday, 8th September from 2pm.

Treleigh's Annual Summer Fete on Saturday 11th July from 2pm is almost upon us and we will be busy baking and making arrangements for erecting the stalls etc. Offers of help on the day would be appreciated. We were sorry that Redruth Band had been double booked but wish them well with entertaining at Victoria Park for their Fun Day. We hope to find another musical group to entertain us as it enhances the atmosphere but if not there will be background music. See the poster on a separate page for full details and we hope that many of our church friends and local community will join us.

Christine Cunningham

St Euny

After 'no-mow May' our churchyard was quite a wilderness, but thanks to volunteers Charlie, Donna and Jason we now have a clear section ready for the St Euny Barbecue. All are welcome, from 6-9pm on Friday 17th July, outdoors unless the weather is impossibly inclement. Please do let anyone who may be interested know and do come along. This is an event which aims to welcome the local community to their Parish Church.

The Guide to St Euny which was written by Michael Tangye some years ago has not been available for a few years and copies are sparse. I have written a short guide which will be home printed for visitors this summer and will revise this in the autumn. If you have a chance, any comments about information that you would like to see in the guide or comments about presentation would be welcome. The intention is to make this a short historical overview with a few details about parts of the interior and furnishings. Older guides refer to items that are no longer on display, so this will cover things which can be seen.

A separate reference-only guide to the stained glass windows is also nearly ready and will be available for read-only in church. We have pencilled in a fund raising event during the day on Saturday 15th August which will be in aid of St Julia's Hospice, details to follow.

Our thoughts are with Jason as he is ordained deacon on Friday 26th June at Truro Cathedral and we wish him many blessings in his time in Camborne in the coming years. We hope that we will still see him occasionally, but know that he will be very busy, so pray for his health and well-being at this time.

On 28th June, as advertised previously, we will be joined by members of the Cornwall branch of the Prayer Book Society who visit a different church once a year. The Prayer Book Society in Cornwall has well over a hundred members and many others who support it, although it is probably that only a few will be with us on Sunday 28th. A growing number of churches are offering one service of Holy Communion either weekly or monthly and a list of these can be found on their website. There is annual competition for young people, called the Cranmer Award. Entries can be from anyone in the age group 11-18 years and the applicant needs to learn a passage from the 1662 Book of Common Prayer and read it aloud in a manner suitable for church. The judges are looking for clarity, projection and a natural intelligent fluency in communication. Heats are held in the autumn. If you know of anyone who might be interested, please direct them to the website or ask more from me (Linda Beskeen).

We aim to keep the church open every day from about 10.00am to 4.00pm, but even with additional volunteers we have not always been able to do this. If anyone else could offer occasional help when one of us might be away that would be much appreciated.

Linda Beskeen

ST ANDREW REDRUTH

Greetings from new hip world! As I write this, I am sitting on the bed recovering from my recent hip operation for which, eventually, I shall be truly grateful. However, these first weeks are so frustrating, and having to rely on others for even basic tasks makes you realise how much you are loved, cared for and held by those around you.

My whole family has chosen to make compromises and sacrifices so that I can be up and dancing again and I will never be able to thank them enough. Jim has been back and forth to Tesco buying tempting foodstuffs which he turns into delicious meals, he's brought me my medicines, carried my perching stool, watered the tomatoes, updated me on the garden, taken the dog to the vet, and so much more – plus continuing his own usual tasks of sermon writing, chaplaincy etc.

Fran has popped in every day to see what we need. She's cleaned the house (and me!) and even slept here for the first two nights to keep an eye on me whilst Jim got a couple of good night's sleep. (I should explain that I'm living downstairs for 6 weeks to avoid using the stairs at night).

Toby has rearranged after school care (which we normally do), cooked some freezer meals, visited, checked up on us and suggested solutions – all in spite of working full time and caring for his own dear wife who is unwell.

When did our children turn from those who are cared for into those doing the caring? When did they become so wise, so thoughtful, so amazing that it makes me want to weep with wonder and gratitude?

My family is lucky. I am going to get better and soon I'll be back to myself and they'll go back to normality. But what of those other carers who compromise and sacrifice, who pour their lives and love into partner or parent knowing that things won't get better, that life will never be normal again. What of Nigel, Jill, Barbara, Marlene, Nigel, Hilary, Pie; of Kim, Mary and Dave, Rosemary and Richard and of countless others across the nation who have given up everything, turned their lives upside down willingly for their love of another.

I want to weep for them too – for their struggles, for their lack of recognition and support, for the daily grind, for their battles with the powers that be – but most of all for their humility, compassion and love.

As the cared for (and as a society) there is very little that we can do to repay our carers for the cost of their giving – and they mostly wouldn't ask us to anyway. What we can do is be thankful, be grateful that we are loved and be gracious in our own giving if and when the time comes.

And may our gracious God wrap his loving arms around all carers, comfort them in their grief, shine a light into their darkness and hold their hands as they walk towards the future.

Lez Seth

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Coffee Morning @ UMC.	900.00	177 00	40.00
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Carnkie Breakfast.	198 00	90.00	20.00
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Table Sales.(B & Mash).	50.70	12.00	50.00
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“ Raffle.	17.00	38.10	10.26
Bingo Marathon.	344 75	179 61	88.02
“ Lucky Dip.	17.00	27.09	
Lilly's Mini Concert.	50.00	16.29	
Christchurch Whist.	100.00	11.00	
Craft Fayre @ UMC.	368.45	-----	-----

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*** Four Lanes Wednesday Club.**

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Toys and Games

Crafts

Bric-a-Brac and Books

Raffle and Tombola

Refreshments

Music

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Have we saved a life?

We will never know any details but the defibrillator mounted on the wall outside the crypt was used on 3 June.

This vital machine which was installed in 2019 and funded by the St Andrew's Redruth congregation together with a grant from the British Heart Foundation.

This was the first time this machine was used to try and save a life and more than justifies the efforts of those who funded this and arranged for it to be installed. Another life saving machine is mounted on St Euny's lychgate.

Both of these machines are there for the emergency services to call on JUST IN CASE.....

Richard Robinson



FROM THE REGISTERS

FUNERAL

17 June

2026

Brenda Croucher

St Euny

BOOK CLUB

Our June meeting was a full house with everyone present and eager to share their thoughts on the two books we had read, although some hadn't managed to finish *Saturday* by Ian Mckewan. Nevertheless we had a good discussion about *Who She Was* by Tony Parsons. Lots of secrets emerged from most of the people involved and we were all left wondering whether manipulation by Clementine was at the heart of the story. And Tom, who was the narrator, was a bit of a marmite character and still left us wondering what had really happened at the end. It was a good read though and kept us guessing all the way through.

Saturday by Ian Mckewan was a totally different style of writing. It was much more of a thinking and reflection read as we were taken through the early hours of Saturday morning through to the late night. A routine Saturday that was hijacked by a incident on the way to play squash and resulted in a scary few hours later in the day, interspersed with thoughts and reflections bringing in the rest of the family. I found it a difficult book to plough through but as often happens, the discussion helped me to have a better understanding and appreciation of the way it was written. Once again a good and challenging choice.

We shall meet on July 6th to share our thoughts of *After the Flood* (not Noah's flood) but one set in the future. Perhaps not too much of a fictional story if we consider the changes in our climate at present and the forecast that things will get worse. Maybe it also has echoes of *The Day of the Triffids* when life as we know it changes dramatically, people disappear and resources are in short supply.

At July's meeting we will choose two more books to see us through August and September's reading time as we decided not to meet in August. I do hope some of you are being encouraged to read the books we have read in the last few years even if you don't fancy joining us for a chat, but if you do please come along at any time, give me a ring if you need more details, (07930 471837)

Margaret

Your prayers have been asked for David Patterson of Quebec (St John the Baptist church) who is in hospital in Montreal. Margaret, his wife has said that David is very poorly and hopes that everyone will keep them and their family in their prayers.

A BIG THANK YOU

We would especially like to thank Jason for providing us with all the wonderful cover page pictures over so many years—I know that these are going to be greatly missed but we wish him well on his chosen path and our prayers go with him.

Now if anyone is a budding photographer and would like to contribute to the cover page, please contact the magazine email address in the front of this issue, but please remember if you send any photographs of people and it includes children, it must have the permission of that person or child's parents to print.

Rosemary and Richard

AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER FIVE ALIVE

A reminder that there will be just one issue for August/September
Articles will need to be sent to the magazine address by 17 July

Another Reminder!

***DON'T FORGET THE HEAT WARNING
PLEASE TAKE CARE AND AVOID TOO MUCH SUN
MAKE SURE YOU ARE HYDRATED
AND HAVE COVERED YOURSELF IN SUNSCREEN
THERE IS NOTHING HEALTHY ABOUT BURNT SKIN!***

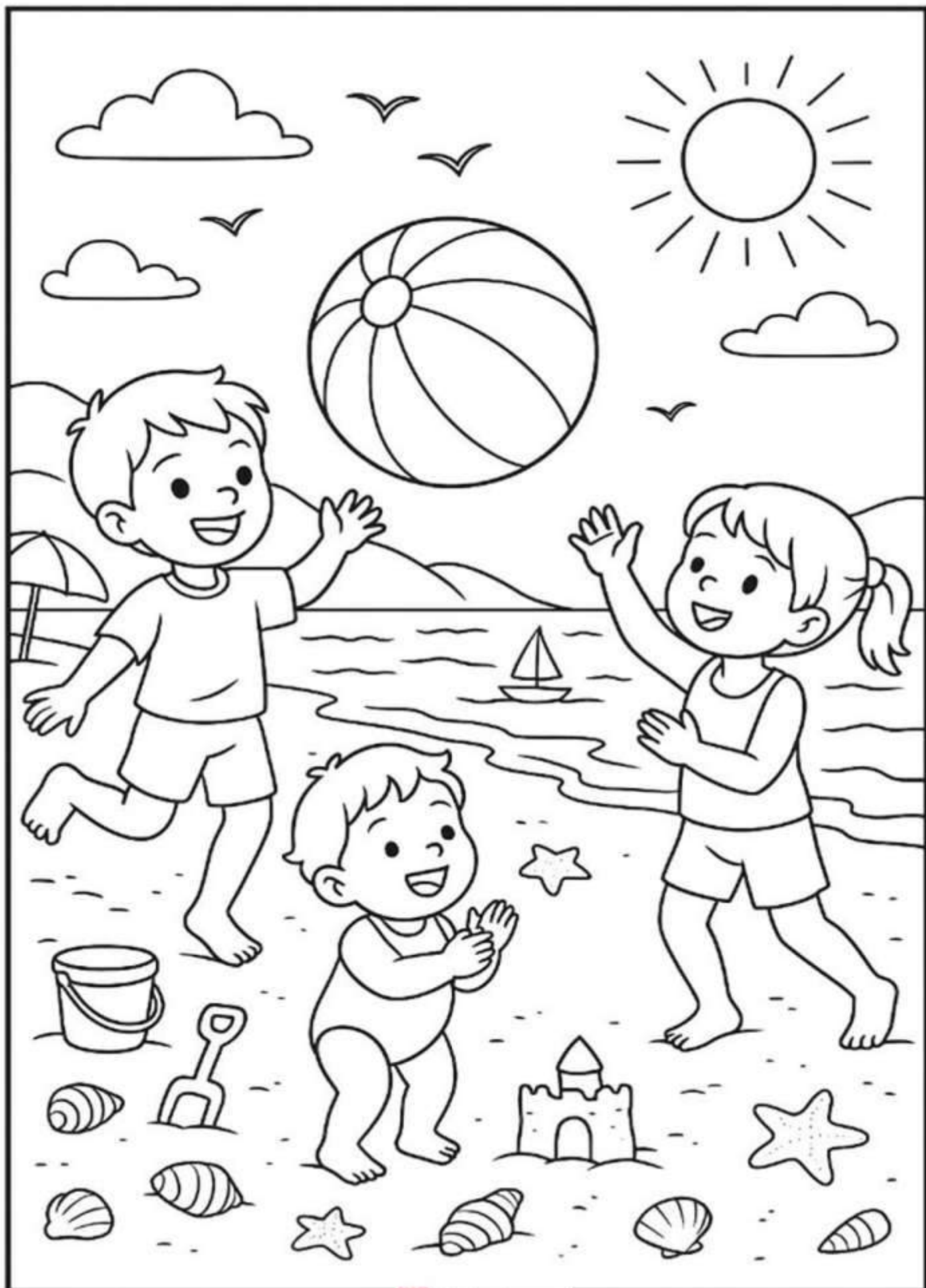
My way to Compostela
Day 26
Cacabelos to Villafranca del Bierzo
Corrected distance 9.5Km

At breakfast during which I checked the distance that we were due to walk, it was apparent that I had mis-calculated the distance for today's walk which meant that we had a slightly shorter walk of 9.5km! I had to put up with a lot of ribbing and jokes for the rest of the day for that mistake, however we did have time for an extended breakfast. We started the day's walk on the cinder track that runs beside the N-120 to cross the Rio Cua by a bridge over its weir and the ruins of an ancient olive press, from here a short stroll of 1.6km brought us to the hamlet of Las Angustias. There was a wooden cross behind which rises a small hill, this was the site of the pre-Roman Asturian city of Castrum Bergidum, a further 1.7km from this point brought us to the village of Pieros. Here the pilgrim has the choice of staying on this route or taking a more direct route to Villafranca following the road, we opted to stay on the recommended path which took us away from the road onto an earthen path through vineyards and shady lanes to the village of Valtuille de Arriba. For the next 4.4km we enjoyed walking in the beautiful surrounding 'El Bierzo' countryside through the rolling hillsides dotted with vineyards on the final approach to Villafranca del Bierzo. As we headed into the town we decided to stop at the first café we came to and have an early lunch which turned out to be a bad mistake as Andrew found a guitar and spent the remainder of the afternoon in the Café playing the guitar whilst the rest of us went off to find a suitable stop for the night! As it was only around 1pm we had a wide choice of Albergues to choose from, we settled on Casa Mendez a private one at the north end of the town and across the Rio Bùrbia with good facilities which allowed us to do some essential washing of small items!! It was also situated at the beginning of tomorrow's route to O`Cebreiro.

The town has a population of around 5000 souls; it had a quiet restful feeling with a long association with the Camino Francès going back as far as the 11th century and was well served with pilgrim hospices, at one time there were 5 in and around the town. It also has several historical buildings around the centre of the town, one being the Castilla /Palacio de los Marqueses a fifteen-century building that once had several towers. During the Peninsular War of 1808, a few of the towers were destroyed by Napoleon's troops. After a relaxing afternoon spent on the domestic chores and dragging Andrew out of the café, we set off in search of the pilgrim's menu and found a suitable café that was occupied by several fellow peregrinos who we knew, including the two young American lads we had met in Estella on our day 7. It was one of the boys' birthday so we joined in the celebrations. A very enjoyable evening was had in pleasant company and as we headed back to the Albergue we could feel the temperature dropping and our thoughts turn to what the weather would be like in the morning as it would determine which route we took. So, a brief discussion was had before we went to bed to decide which route we should take if the weather was to be wet? If only we could have foretold what was to come!

Len Cunningham

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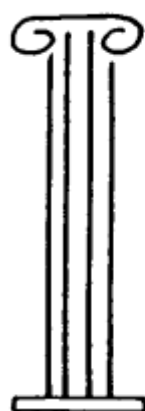


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