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Rector's notes – JULY 2021

Broadening out our worship leading

Last month I briefly referred to how changes to our ministry team were likely to lead to us to reviewing the way our Sunday worship is led. Since then our Team Council has met, so here is a bit more information along with a helpful new development from Bishop Philip.

In the nearly six years that I have been in Redruth we have been blessed with at least our fair share of clergy here: full time stipendiary colleagues and training curates, but also Father Peter, Revd Margaret Saville and previously Fr Eddie Woon who operate with what we call a Permission to Officiate (PTO). But one of the unintended consequences of plenty of clergy is that there is a temptation for us to use only clergy for the vast majority of leading services, and by default nearly all our Sunday worship has therefore been in the form of services of Holy Communion. In other benefices where there are fewer clergy, churches are further on than us in training and utilising lay people for leading worship, and there is a much greater variety in the forms of worship used. Such an emphasis on Holy Communion in our benefice is a relatively recent thing – Jim Seth reminded us in recent discussions that when he was licensed in 1988 a lot of the morning services were matins.

Team Council has approved a plan to recruit from our midst a bigger team of Local Worship Leaders, who along with our Readers Jim, and (soon to be licensed) Jason Hoole Jackson, will lead a wider variety of services, probably monthly, including leading the first part of slightly less formal Holy Communion services which we'd like to try out, for a bit more variety.

Alongside this development, Bishop Philip has just authorised the use of a form of service called Holy Communion by Extension. This service has been used elsewhere in the Church of England for many years, though not in Truro Diocese. That is now changing. Holy Communion by Extension is when consecrated bread (and wine, when we're allowed) is brought from a priest-led service in one church to another, later service in another church – usually the same Sunday, but it could be later in the same week. Using a slightly different liturgy, the bread and wine will be distributed by an 'authorised person' (eg a Reader or LWL) as an extension to the original celebration.

Meantime we await the beginning of the 'On the Way' process in our deanery in September, which will help us set a new vision for mission, and a new pattern for clergy provision in the deanery focussing on 'fruitful and sustainable' ministry, but with an emphasis on celebrating the ministry of ALL God's people, lay and ordained. Please continue to pray as we navigate our way through these changing times, looking to our loving God in whom we trust and hope.

With my prayers and best wishes

Caspar Bush (Team Rector)

THE OPEN TABLE NETWORK

As the Redruth Benefice Churches continue with the *Living in love and faith (LLF)* study groups, it may help you to read just a little about the OPEN TABLE. In 2008, OPEN TABLE was founded at St. Bride's Church, Liverpool. By 2019, the network had grown to 17 communities in England and Wales. OPEN TABLE broadly stands for *offering the sacrament of Holy Communion to all who wish to receive, and to use their gifts and talents in God's service.* The organisers of the network felt strongly that too many people feared exclusion or were excluded because of who they were, people who felt unheard or misunderstood. Because of the stories of such people, OPEN TABLE became a reality.

OPEN TABLE has particular relevance to the LGBTQI community who for so many years have, rightly or wrongly felt excluded from branches of the Church. If you are part of the LLF study groups you will have seen and heard the stories of people from all walks of life and living in love and faith within different relationships. The stories are very moving and sometimes painful to listen to as stories of exclusion are shared. But there are also stories of acceptance, inclusion and hope for the future.

As we as a Benefice begin the LLF journey, these quotes may help you understand the need for such a network:

"Come and see us as you are; we are all equally precious to our creator"

"Welcome, we are so glad you are here"

"Churches don't always feel safe or welcoming to LGBTQIA+ people. But our name, OPEN TABLE is an open invitation to come in, just as you are, and be with us in a safe and affirming community."

As the five Benefice churches leave the pandemic and look for new ways of reaching out to our communities and to the world this may also involve the use of our buildings. Buildings which so often have drained our resources, energy and hopes for change. The OPEN TABLE network is about changing sometimes deeply held convictions and accepting that God has many ways to reveal his love of his creation. Similarly, deeply held attachments to buildings may also have to be re-considered. OPEN TABLE does not need a building, it just needs an open heart and mind. Our churches are there to point people to God, but in the end God needs a commitment to his creative power, not to a building.

May God bless us all on our journey into the new world.

Fr Peter

CHURCH BUILDINGS

At a recent meeting of FLAPJACK there was much discussion about the need for a church building, and why didn't we all just hire the school hall. So, why do we need a church building? The first Apostles were very happy meeting in their homes, sharing what they had, and reaching out to the communities in which they lived.

The first Apostles were like the ECCLESIA in Ancient Greece. They were the elders in a community who decided policies particular communities.

The Apostles in their communities became the ECCLESIA, those who were initially responsible for promoting the new society, the new world based on God's love as revealed through Jesus. From the word ECCLESIA we get the word ECCLESIASTICAL, which for us means all that pertains to the life of a church.

Churches are not only places to say your prayers and to be part of an act of worship, a wedding, a funeral, a baptism, the Eucharist, the offices of morning and evening prayer. You could do all of that in a disused shop, building or school. After all, the first Church in Pencoy was in a blacksmith's shop. BUT Churches are places of beauty through their windows, carvings, and their architecture, they have an importance in the history of our communities now long gone. Churches are places where people have brought their love for another to be blessed or their precious family members to be buried, where their children have been welcomed and where the spires and towers have pointed towards heaven and have in centuries past, and perhaps even now have taken some people away from their 'dull, grey lives' and offered them colour, beauty and peace. Why do the sanctuary bells ring at the elevation of the Blessed Sacrament? So that those working in the fields decades ago can know what is happening in the church.

But what of the 'New Wine' churches, the 'Light and Life' churches, they function very happily in redundant buildings, warehouses and schools. They do not have the history and tradition of our churches and chapels. They do not have the rituals, vestments; they do not have the history, yet they are often full. The Churches have the tradition, the monuments, the graveyards. Perhaps the independent Churches have the energy, the enthusiasm, the involvement and the urgency that we may lack.

As the church in Cornwall begins to think about the way forward after the effects of the pandemic through initiatives such as 'Transforming Mission' and now 'On the Way', we must all think about how our Churches with their rich history, their beautiful architecture, their windows and carvings can not only be made safe for future generations, but also, not be a constant drain on the resources of the communities which they seek to serve. It is a challenge we must face. But of course our highest calling as part of God's Church is to discern the mind of God in these matters. Our buildings can point people to God, but they can also be millstones around our necks, and Jesus calls us to 'seek first the Kingdom of God', which may or may not include our church buildings. So let us pray for discernment as we seek to do what is right in God's sight for our church buildings.

Fr Peter

ST ANDREW REDRUTH

Green shoots are appearing and St Andrews is emerging from the depths of Covid lockdown. The Garden Group is back in action under the leadership of Joan and David and work has begun to clear some of the weeds from the flower beds and the side area. Three Myrtle plants are thriving, at least one from some time ago. Myrtle will be a familiar herb to many, signifying faithfulness and love, and a favourite for wedding bouquets. Queen Victoria introduced myrtle into the wedding bouquets of her daughters because it was the emblematic flower of Germany and the tradition continues. We are hoping to offer a sprig of myrtle from the churchyard to anyone marrying in St Andrew's, either for their bouquet or in the church flower decorations. In the bible, the myrtle is mentioned in the Old Testament as an ever-green shrub associated with water courses and thus linked to symbolism of God's gift of life and recovery. The Jewish faith uses myrtle as one of the plants in the Feast of the Tabernacles or Sukkot, an autumn festival of pilgrimage linked to both harvest and remembrance of the Exodus and the people's dependence on the help of God.

Do you have a favourite biblical plant? We would like to add plants 'with meaning' to the garden and include some explanatory notes on their link with the bible or the Christian Faith. The group meets regularly, but is weather-aware, so if you would like to be on the list to be contacted when the next gathering will be, please get in touch with David or Joan. Joan and David can be contacted on joaniepops60@gmail.com.

In August Fran Thurston is planning to run a weekly 'Come Rain or Shine' art group. This is a drop-in for young families (and older helpers). The group will run on Thursday mornings from 10.00-11.30am throughout August. Numbers will be capped at fifteen, so please be early if you are coming. If you know of anyone who would like to come along, please do encourage them, and if you are able to support this by being there or helping in any way, all offers will be very welcome. Please contact Fran if you are interested, on redruthtoddlers@gmail.com. Plans are underway for the Tiddlers-Toddlers group to re-start in September. This will run on Thursday mornings in the crypt from 9.30am to 11.00am, but we are dependent on helpers. The format will involve less physical work than we undertook before and will be easier for helpers. If you are able to commit to any time on a Thursday morning, especially if you are able to just come along and chat to the parent/carers, please do join us on a rota. There is an identified need for this service to our young parents in Redruth and it would be fulfilling a great service if we can get this running regularly as before. Please contact either redruthtoddlers@gmail.com or Fran or Linda Beskeen if you would like to be involved in any way (lindabeskeen@gmail.com tel:01209204280).

Linda Beskeen

CHRISTCHURCH LANNER

THE HOLE IN THE WALL

Just three weeks ago, the Christchurch Open Church stewards heard a great crash. Leaping into action they found an articulated lorry had crashed into the church's historic wall. There was a great gaping hole, lots of cracks and piles of stones!! The lorry driver was in a state of shock, but Linda, the newly elected churchwarden together with Ron and Vanessa sorted it all out. Photos were taken, insurers informed and the driver looked after. We now await a visit from an insurance assessor and a stone mason..... WISH US LUCK!!

THE FOUR TUNES

The wonderful saxophone quartet who have played so often in church and given so much enjoyment have suffered a bereavement. Mark's partner died very suddenly. So we send our love and prayers to Mark and the other three musicians.

You will be able to hear them play on Sunday 27 June between 1-3pm at Trevince Gardens, Gwennap. This will be their second gig of the year and have so missed performing in public due to lockdown restrictions.

THE QUAD BANDS

One of the ways of helping young people to understand the nature of the Holy and undivided Trinity is to get them to plait three strands of different coloured thread and see how they become one strand. BUT this year our valiant Sunday School plaited with FOUR strands. Led by Margaret and Linda, Perran, Isabella, Finn and William created QUAD BANDS. This represented God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit, the fourth band was YOU because without YOU God's love is not seen in the world!!

THE FUTURE

Very soon, the Christchurch PCC will be looking at the pattern of services from before the pandemic and seeing how we can maybe develop them, build stronger links with the Methodist Chapel and together with the community tea-time event and the film club plan to start a Tuesday afternoon Mums and Tods Group Pram Service.

With best wishes from the Christchurch community; drop in and see us one Sunday, you will be VERY welcome!!

Julia Knight-Bennett

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

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

St. Andrew's Church remains open for private prayer on **Tuesday and Saturday** afternoons from **2pm to 4pm**; also for Covid-19-safe services of Holy Communion at 6pm each Wednesday evening. The usual weekly Sunday benefice Service will continue to be held on Zoom, from a live service in church, at a time to be notified in the weekly sheet (either at 9.30am or 11am). From Sunday 4th July, the former, pre-Covid pattern and times of Sunday worship will resume. There will be a Covid-safe service of Holy Communion at 11am at Four Lanes Methodist Church on 4th July; on 11th July the Flapjack Family Service (non-Eucharistic) will return at 11am at St. Andrew's Pencoys, followed by a said service of Holy Communion at 12.30pm. On 18th July (third Sunday) there will be a Service of the Word at 11am at Four Lanes Methodist Church, followed at 6pm by Holy Communion at St. Andrew's Pencoys and on 25th July the Flapjack service of Holy Communion will be held at St. Andrew's Pencoys at 11am. Face coverings must be worn. For more information, please see the weekly prayer sheet, available online at www.redruthchurch.org.uk or contact Fr. Peter (07903 807946). The Zoom links to join all services are available from Revd. Caspar Bush, at casparbush@gmail.com. (01209 216958). Fr. Peter also continues to publish his weekly informative and interesting 'Together' sheet, at www.redruthchurch.org.uk

The last LAMP **First Sunday Evening Event**, held at St. Andrew's Pencoys on 6th June, featured Christian Aid and its invaluable work worldwide, for which donations so far total £150. If you would like to contribute to their work, please contact Fr. Peter. Our thanks go to all who came to support this event. The next **Event** will be held at **Four Lanes Methodist Church at 6pm** on Sunday, **4th July** and will support "**Give the World a Shot**", an initiative launched jointly by UNICEF and Archbishop Justin Welby in March, which invites donations of the cost of our two Covid vaccinations and the logistics of administering them, a suggested amount of £10, for nations which cannot afford to vaccinate all their people. Everyone is very welcome to this Event.

We pray that the recent **G7 Summit** at Carbis Bay will yield positive results in the handling of the current pandemic and climate change. A local Tree Warden, involved in reforesting our environment, has suggested that a simple but effective way for everyone to contribute is to plant a 'useful' tree, and recommends Quercus Petraea (Sessile/Cornish Oak). Native to Cornwall, it hosts vast biodiversity, can be planted in any Cornish garden and enables many types of bird to breed in its branches. It bears handsome foliage which exchanges massive amounts of carbon dioxide for oxygen, and growing straight and tall it provides welcome shade during a hot summer. Saplings costing less than £10 can be bought online from The Woodland Trust or Trees by Post, as can germinating acorns (about 10) for less than £3, including postage, and make lovely gifts for friends and family eager to help the environment.

As we bid farewell to Revd. Deb, we pray for her future health and happiness, and for the people of St. Euny, as they work to bring her valuable initiatives to fruition. Thank you, Deb, for all you have done for our Team, the local community, and especially at St. Euny Church.

Jill Tolputt

ST EUNY

The departure of Revd Deb Grigg has resulted in some upheaval amongst the key members of the congregation at St Euny, and left us without a magazine contributor this month. Please do pray for a good way forward for St Euny Church. There is an open meeting for all interested in the church's future at St Euny on Tuesday 6th July at 7pm. All are welcome, whether you are motivated chiefly by faith, or by St Euny's place in the community, or its heritage etc. For more details contact Caspar.

FROM THE REGISTERS

FUNERALS

04 June	2021	David Victor Jose	St Andrew Redruth
10 June	2021	Joyce Gribble	St Euny
11 June	2021	Anthony Yelland	St Euny

BURIAL

16 June	2021	Richard Harris Trenear	St Stephen Treleigh
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WEDDING

19 June	2021	Stewart Stephen Boyt and Tracey Butler	St Andrew Pencoy's
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ST STEPHEN'S TRELEIGH



On Thursday 20th May between 9am and 5pm Treleigh held it's Thy Kingdom Come day of Prayer in the Hall while the church is undergoing refurbishment. The day commenced with Morning Prayer via Zoom and this was led by Eileen, a Reader from Veryan Church. At 10am there was a service of Holy Communion led by the Rev'd Peter Fellows. At midday prayers were led by the Rev'd Caspar Bush and with lessons read by Doreen Winstanley and Pamela Pascoe. During the day there were 7 stations at which people could pray or take part in a suggested small but thought provoking activity eg. making a cross from twigs and twine, tying a yellow ribbon around a tree branch and lighting a votive candle. To aid each person taking part there was a separate little bag containing a colourful and explanatory pamphlet and all the items we needed to act out and pray at each prayer station, this was done so as to conform to COVID guidelines. The day ended at 5pm with Evening Prayer led by Caspar and the lesson was read by Doreen Winstanley. Thanks go to all those who helped set up the hall and to the Rev'ds Caspar Bush and Peter Fellows who led the services also to the Rev'd Deb Grigg for arranging the prayer bags.

Treleigh sent a card of condolence to HM Queen Elizabeth II on the passing of Prince Philip and were so delighted to receive a card of thanks from Buckingham Palace.

The refurbishment of the church is going well and it should be completed soon with only the professional cleaning to be done and the movable furnishings and brasses to be polished and replaced in the church. It is hoped that we will be able to hold our first Sunday Holy Communion Service back in the church on the 11th July at 11.15am and from Sunday 4th July we will revert to our original time of 11.15am every Sunday.

With Carbis Bay being the centre of attention as the venue for the G7 summit it seemed a good time to relate a bit of Treleigh's history! The late Marion Bates who grew up at Treleigh told us: "Tea treats were a spectacular event in our lives, the most important outing of the year" Her mother used to regularly walk the family to Portreath or Porthtowan for a day on the beach but for many the Sunday School Tea Treat was the only time they saw the sea and the hour long train journey to Carbis Bay was an exceptional event in all their lives and included Redruth Wesley Chapel and maybe the Baptist Church too. The mothers baked the pasties to take with them and Mr. Snell the baker would deliver freshly baked tea treat buns to Redruth station. At Carbis Bay the room next to Mr. Payne's tea rooms was always rented in case of rain. After lunch the vicar blew his whistle to signal the start of the sports, followed by tea with the tea treat buns in Mr. Payne's hall. Then the train home, tired but happy!

Take care and stay safe everyone
Trish Rowe

ST ANDREW REDRUTH COMMUNITY GARDEN



St Andrew's Green Church Redruth gardening team, wish to thank all who supported the plant sale at St Andrew's Church Redruth. The monies raised will help to provide bulbs for the church garden. There are plans this autumn to plant a lovely selection of Spring bulbs.



THE LORD'S PRAYER—PART 9

For thine is the kingdom the power and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The Gospels of Matthew and Luke conclude The Lord's Prayer with the words "deliver us from evil". The final words that are usually added are not part of the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples in Galilee, A doxology ending of some kind was added to the prayer at an early date. The Didache a book of instruction about the Christian life to be taught to those preparing for church membership end the prayer "for yours is the power and the glory for ever". This book probably is dated between 100 and 150AD.

However, Doxologies have a much earlier Hebrew history. They were said to have been used as a response in the temple in Jerusalem at the time of Christ. In 1 Chronicles chapter 29 vs11 King David is recorded as praising God using the words "Thine, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power and the glory."

Amen is an emphatically strong expression. The root meaning is trustworthiness and truth. In Isaiah 65 vs16 the words "God of truth" if translated literally from the Hebrew are "God of Amen" and in Revelation 3 vs14 where God's words are said to be "the words of the Amen". As a congregational response it is an expression of agreement and is duplicated for emphasis as in Psalm 41 vs13, Jesus uses the word to emphasis His authority as Messiah. In John's Gospel Jesus frequently uses the words "Amen Amen I say unto you" chapter 5 verses 24 and 25 are examples but there are many more for you to find.

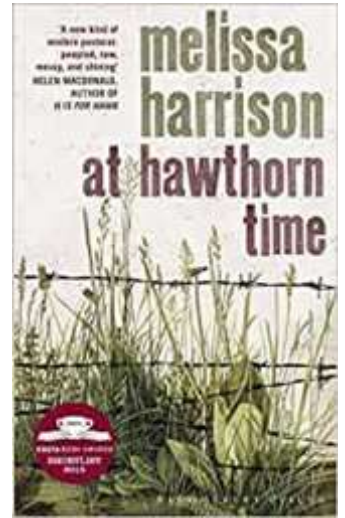
Therefore, we should use the doxology declaring our faith as believers have from the early centuries of the church. Amen! Amen!

Revd Raymond Webber – retired priest

BOOK CLUB

At Hawthorn Time, by Melissa Harrison

Howard and Kitty have recently moved to Lodeshill after a life spent in London; now, their marriage is wordlessly falling apart. Custom car enthusiast Jamie has lived in the village for all nineteen years of his life and dreams of leaving it behind, while Jack, a vagrant farm-worker and mystic in flight from a bail hostel, arrives in the village on foot one spring morning, bringing change. All four of them are struggling to find a life in the modern countryside; all are trying to find ways to belong.



Building to an extraordinary climax over the course of one spring month, *At Hawthorn Time* is both a clear-eyed picture of rural Britain, and a heart-breaking exploration of love, land and loss. As the lives of these four people overlap, we realize that mysterious layers of history are not only buried within them, but also locked into the landscape. A captivating novel, *At Hawthorn Time* is about what it means to belong—to family, to community, and to place—and about what it is to take our own, long road into the unknown.

Next meeting on Friday 2nd July at 12 Mount Carbis Gardens.

POETS CORNER

Thank you! For the lovely colours of our world:
Butterflies wings gently unfurled,
Fluffy pinks of cloud a hint of grey:
Sunrise glow on a cold winters day.



I love to see the bluest of sea's,
Smell the apple blossoms on the trees;
Catch the colours of dragonfly;
Count the stars in a purple sky.

To watch our cat Carrie, finding shade,
Everything: Perr- Fect.
What God has made.

By Pat Franklin-Maisey



<<Talkabout>> Perranporth to St Agnes — © by Trish Rowe

The plan was to catch the bus from St. Agnes to Perranporth and walk back. The very time when we could have done with a lift and we didn't get one!! Some friends passed us and waved! I suppose they thought we were out walking so didn't stop even though we were waiting at the bus stop in Peterville! Not many people on Perranporth beach when we arrived. It was more like the end of September rather than August. Quite different to the warmth in the dip of Peterville.

We climbed up passed Droskyn Hotel and onto some very exposed cliffs. They sloped right down to the boiling and bubbling sea and it was very windy. Not the ideal place to be! We followed the path through a huge pile of orange coloured mine waste. I've said this before but in an area such as this you do smell the industry and the past comes alive. It is like stepping back in time and you are conscious of the sweat and toil that has gone into taking the ore out of the Cornish earth all those years ago. The past is a tangible thing, you can feel it, you can take hold of it, it is all around you.

In fact the view is probably much the same as when men toiled on these cliffs trying to earn a meagre living from the bowels of the Cornish earth. Dave and I were the only part of the present actually there at that moment in time. The musty smell of industry was so strong it completely overwhelmed the salty smell of the sea. The only other sign of the present day was a plane pulling the banner advertising Flambards!

All the rocks in this area are mixtures of yellows, oranges, browns, reds all part of this industrial scene. A lunar landscape, not the lush green of most of our cliff tops. The cliffs here were crumbly shale type rocks, difficult to walk on and with a definite fear of slipping. Eventually we came to more heather type of moorland although still littered with mine waste. Looking back there was a mixture of gorse with mine waste behind it. There is a certain tenacity to these little plants. They will grow here no matter what.

As we headed towards Trevellas Porth the soft cliffs seemed to be all eaten away by the sea and stood in pillars. Quite different to anything we have seen all the way down. The industrial colours in the landscape continued all along here and the cliff top looked as if an earthquake had shattered it. Great crevasses right the way down to the cliff edge. Capped mines all along here.

Down into Trevellas Porth we could see Trevaunance Cove ahead and hear the loudspeaker as the lifeguards called out warnings to the bathers. To our left as we cross the beach head is Jericho Valley and the Blue Hill Mines. Notice here warning of dangerous currents. Up and over the massive cliffs that lead to Trevaunance Cove, the smell of industry hit us again, hanging in the air and completely blocking the salty aroma of the sea. Trevaunance Cove is a busy surfing beach with the seal like bathers floating around on their boards. Having completed this stretch we now had to walk up the hill to the car in St. Agnes.

Repurposing the Jubilee Hall into a Child and Family Centre

Dear Friends

As you may know, there are exciting plans afoot to refurbish and repurpose our Jubilee Hall at St Andrews Redruth into a Child and Family Centre for use by both our own church based groups and also by community groups.

We now have the architect's plans (drawn up by the lovely Charles Green) and are beginning the next phase of the project, which is to make a list of people who may be able to and/or are interested in helping.

This is where you come in

- Do you have a trusted tradesperson who could help? (for example a plumber, a builder etc.)
- Do you have contact with a local business who might be interested in donating/offering at a reduced price fixtures such as kitchen units, sinks etc?
- Do you know anyone who might be happy to give a donation towards the cost of the project?
- Do you have contacts with local or national charities who might help?
- Would you be prepared to take part in fundraising activities?
- Would you be prepared to help write funding applications?
- Do you feel you could support the project in any other way?

If you can answer "yes" to any of the above, Lez and Sue would be delighted to hear from you.

Thank you for taking time to read this letter and for all your continued support and service to the Redruth team.

With blessings

Lez and Sue

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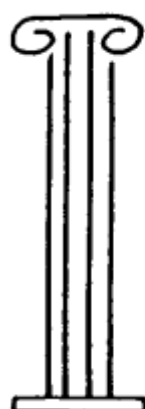


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