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HOLY WEEK IN OUR PARISH

This year has been the most meaningful and beautiful Holy Week I've experienced for quite some years. There are lots of personal reasons for this, mainly rooted in the journey I've been on since 2020. But the most significant factor has been the beautiful, heartfelt worship that has been offered across our parish.

Holy Monday saw Lanner present a stunning and emotional reflection on the suffering of people in history who have taken Christ's suffering and let it shape their lives. Tuesday saw us jump out of our skin as the tables were turned on pay day loans, drugs and social media... with the most profound words of liturgy "it's what Jesus did". Wednesday we walked the way of the cross at St Euny, and Thursday some of the priests went off to Chrism at the cathedral while FP and others worshipped at Treleigh.



Today I sit in St Andrews for the "Dwarves" leading our Good Friday reflections. Earlier we walked through the high street and were accompanied by the town band; following the cross to the miners statue.

This week I've been touched by seeing people step into new ministries as they led Worship in their church (and will soon train as worship leaders!). I've been moved by the small yet significant growth we've felt in coming closer as a parish in walking Holy Week Together. And most importantly, I've felt the significance of this week in the gathered people. It has not simply been "what we do" or tradition; it's been a very real and genuine expression of response to the way Christ walked.

As I sit and enjoy the women singing "The Old Rugged Cross", and reflect on what I lay down in order to really see Christ on the cross, I am also excited for what comes next for us.

As Christ rose so that we can have new and eternal life, that promise is made new every year if we reach out to accept it. I already see that happening in the "yes" from those who will become worship leaders and lead services later this year. I see it in the new youth group that will soon start; drawing together children and youth from across our parish. I see it in the open hands I washed as tears rolled down cheeks last night (Maundy Thursday), and I witnessed God doing God's secret work of healing in hearts I've come to love.

New life means change. But it's good and God given. I want to say a huge thank you to everyone who has enabled beautiful worship, hot cross buns, Easter bonnets, music, prayer, and simply gathering this Holy Week and Easter.

This has been a wonderful Holy Week for me; an important time of healing. Because you gathered and brought yourselves. I cannot imagine serving a more wonderful parish.

Revd Becca Bell

How was your Easter?

I don't mean the one you posted about online. I mean the real one—the one you *felt*. Because, to be honest, I didn't feel particularly "Eastery" this year.

Rebecca and the kids were away from Palm Sunday through to Good Friday, and I was off serving in Columb Minor. Then I came home to an empty house—just me, my work, and a few books. It was like an accidental retreat, only without the silence and feeling sacred. It just felt... strange. This year, I felt... disoriented. Discombobulated.

No school runs. No kids bouncing in at sunrise. No walks with the dog. Without those familiar rhythms, I felt untethered. And with that came a weight I couldn't quite shake. It made me wonder: how did Jesus feel, pulled from the everyday into the slow lonely road toward the cross, from his family and friends, ? How did the disciples feel when, in just a few days, everything they trusted was turned upside down?

This turned my thoughts to Psalm 42:

"Why, my soul, are you downcast? Why so disturbed within me?"

Downcast. Disturbed. That's been me. Not in some dramatic, tear-your-clothes and put on ash cloth kind of way. Just in that low-key, heavy-hearted way where even my usual therapy—revving the motorbike engine and riding into the wind—hasn't lifted the fog. It's closer to home than that. Not because something dramatic has happened—not because I am alone, just because I feel off-centre. Heavy. Maybe it's the future. Maybe it's God quietly nudging me toward what's next. Maybe it's God's silence.

What I've come to realise is that Holy Week holds space for all of this. The beauty and celebration, yes—but also the confusion, the silence, the loneliness – the discombobulation. It reminds us that God doesn't only work in clarity. He often meets us in the wilderness, in voids, in the in-between places we'd rather avoid.

So, if your Easter wasn't full of trumpets and hallelujahs, that's okay. Mine wasn't either. But the resurrection still happened. Christ is still risen. The Victory has been won for us. And maybe that's the point. Even when our hearts are heavy, even when the road feels uncertain, God is there. Still working, still walking with us.

Even in the disorientation, hope is not lost. It just looks a little different.
Amen

Revd Chris Harrigan

ST STEPHEN TRELEIGH



I am writing this in Holy Week and have been fortunate to have been able to attend all the Lay led services in the different churches, each one different and yet so meaningful at this Holy time. They have been well attended by people from all of our churches which is heartening. This morning, Maundy Thursday, at 10am, Mary, Anne, Carol and myself, being regular attenders of the weekly HC service, presented our Maundy Thursday service of readings and a psalm, the Benedictus and Lord's Prayer, poems and prayers. One poem being written by Doreen who sadly couldn't be with us. Beautiful recorded music was played by Fr. Peter who supported us in this Lay led service which ended with the altar and sanctuary items being quietly and reverently removed in recognition of Jesus being stripped of His garments before being crucified.

Tomorrow at 10am we will hold our traditional service of Stations of the Cross, hopefully in the Hawthorn Garden if the weather remains dry. Next month's issue will recount this. On reflecting upon what has happened at Treleigh since the last issue, Our Mothering Sunday Service was presided over by Fr. Christopher who blessed the posies of flowers, assembled by Carol, and the Simnel Cake, made by Anne, this has long been the tradition at St. Stephen's and years ago, when there was a thriving Sunday School, the children made the cake, watched by the Sunday School teacher, and took much pleasure in putting a layer of marzipan through the middle of the cake and arranging 11 marzipan balls on the top, one for each of the disciples, excluding Judas.

Also, on Mothering Sunday, a new kneeler was Blessed in memory of Canon Michael Pennington Simcock, much loved and respected Vicar of St. Stephen's Church, Treleigh from 1970-1987. His widow, Nessie, now in her 90's, worked the tapestry in the traditional green and gold colours and it was assembled by Sereta Thompson, whose father, Harry Dunstone, Churchwarden 1980-1987, designed all the church kneelers in the 1980's. Please ask to see this next time you come to Treleigh.

After our 10am service of Holy Communion on Thursday, 3rd April, we welcomed the children from the Busy Bees Nursery into church and they sat on the sanctuary floor while Fr. Peter, sat beside them, spoke to them about the noisy birds that may have been near Jesus frightening him with their loud cawing, there were great impressions of different bird noises and flapping of arms representing the wings, I have a feeling that the teachers enjoyed it as much as the children and we, the small congregation.

Fr. Peter went on to tell the children how the Robin got its red breast because it was kind and brought calm to Jesus. The children are very young, some only 2 years old therefore 'Jesus on the Cross' was not mentioned. However, there is a lovely saying that the Robin got its red breast after removing, with its beak, a thorn from Jesus' head which was bleeding due to the crown of thorns.

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On Sunday 6th April, in Treleigh hall, Reverend Becca led the first of the Intergenerational services in the form of a Cafe Church where those attending from our sister churches sat in groups enjoying a tea of delicious cake and sandwiches while watching a portrayal of the Gospel of that day taken from John 12.1-8 where Jesus is in the home of His friend Lazarus whose sister, Martha served at the table while Mary anointed Jesus' feet with expensive perfume and wiped them with her hair. We discussed this passage around what the reactions of others present at the meal would have thought, possibly shock that a Jewish woman would untie her hair in public or why a costly perfume was used when it could have been sold and the money given to the poor? We were invited to write a prayer and place it in a little box to be burnt on the First Fire of Easter at St. Euny Church at 6am on Easter Sunday. We sang two hymns and we were also invited to complete 'word search' or 'find the difference' pictures which the few children and like-minded adults enjoyed. Those that attended felt that it was an enjoyable and worthwhile experience and a few suggestions were made around how we could improve on it and encourage more families to attend.

The next Treleigh Tea Party for the School and anyone wishing to come is on Tuesday, 13th May.

Our Annual Summer Fete this year will be on the later date of Saturday 19th July from 2pm - 4.30pm in the Hawthorn Garden. There will be all the usual stalls and games, and delicious refreshments will be served in the Hall. There will be live music and if the weather is kind to us, a display by Griff's Martial Arts team.

Christine Cunningham



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. *The LAST Sunday of each month will continue to revolve through the six worship settings and starts at 10.30am. In addition, the FIRST Sunday of each month will alternate between the settings with their Sunday Service at the same time:*

ST ANDREW, REDRUTH & CHRISTCHURCH, LANNER / 9.30am

(May 4 is at St Andrew, Redruth & at St Euny, Churchtown)

THE FLAPJACK COMMUNITY (St Andrew, Pencoy's & Four Lanes Chapel) are already linked at 11.15am.

THE CHRISTCHURCH SUPPER CLUB: Christchurch enjoys a SUPPER CLUB every three months. There is always lots of food etc. brought by the guests and a good time, by candlelight is had by all. The next Supper Club date is on **SATURDAY MAY 31, 7.00pm**

OTHER EVENTS AT CHRISTCHURCH: *Margaret's Last Monday Tea Party 2.00pm – 4.00pm.*

The **MAY** tea party is on May 26

FUTURE EVENTS: The games afternoons and the film nights are advertised in the weekly pew sheet. **BUT** to avoid a clash with the Treleigh monthly tea-party the rotation for the games afternoon has been adjusted:-

Tuesday May 6, 20, June 3 etc etc.

ROAD CLOSURE: Due to the closure of Lanner Hill from 7pm – 4am for 20 days, so many events had to be cancelled. The next DCC will go back to the diary and find new dates for the ever popular WHIST DRIVE!! and the FILM CLUB / the May film is on Friday May 30 if you missed the April film which was on Friday April 25.

ADVANCE NOTICE: These dates may help us to avoid diary clashes:-

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| <i>Saturday</i> | <i>July</i> | <i>26</i> | <i>Summer Fete</i> | <i>2pm</i> | |
| <i>Saturday</i> | <i>October</i> | <i>4</i> | <i>Harvest Lunch</i> | <i>12noon – 2.00pm</i> | |
| <i>Saturday</i> | <i>November</i> | <i>29</i> | <i>Patronal Dinner</i> | <i>7.00pm</i> | <i>Mary Anson's House</i> |
| <i>Tuesday</i> | <i>December</i> | <i>16</i> | <i>Skyliner Carol Service</i> | <i>7.00pm</i> | |

May God's blessing continue to rest upon Rebecca and **THANKYOU** for guiding us through Holy Week and Easter Day.

FP

ST EUNY

St Euny churchyard has exploded with colour in the past couple of weeks as the spring flowers have taken advantage of this remarkably warm and dry few weeks. Apparently, this is the sunniest March since 1929, so there are very few who could remember that. In that year the last two weeks in March had regular temperatures measured at 70°F (21°C). Harry Williams of Redruth wrote in the West Briton and Cornwall Advertiser under the title 'In the Garden', warning those in the kitchen garden after the warm and dry weather to watch out for slugs, the advice being "Put down a wet sack on the ground or in the pathway and put a lettuce leaf, or a cabbage leaf, or a handful of bran under the sack and then kill off the pests every morning".

Harry Williams was for 48 years the gardening correspondent for the West Briton and he died at the age of 85 in his home in Adelaide Road in 1956. He was referred to by his newspaper employer as 'The Grand Old Man of Gardening'. Starting his career in Tolvean (West End), then Trevarno, from where he went to study at Kew Botanical Gardens, he returned to Cornwall to be foreman at Heligan and later Head Gardener at Trevince, Gwennap. After some time he returned to Tolvean, where he had served his apprenticeship, and was there for the following 40 years. Tolvean gardens became famous for their collection of shrubs and flowers and were visited by horticulturalists from far afield. An annual display at the Redruth Exhibition Society show was a great attraction. This remarkable man achieved much in his life, winning the King's Medal for top place in the whole of the British Isles in examination at Rothamsted and the first bronze medal of the Royal Cornwall Polytechnic Society for a scientific essay. As well as his enormous work for horticulture in Cornwall he was chair of the Redruth Urban Council, hon. secretary of the Redruth Branch of the League of Nations and a lifelong Methodist, local preacher and trustee. He is buried in the parish churchyard, at St Euny, surrounded by flowers and trees.

Our Easter floral event on Sunday 13th April, Palm Sunday, was enjoyed by all who participated, and many beautiful floral displays for Easter were made, led by the skill of Lisa and her sister Rae, for which we are very grateful. Chris Vining ran the kitchen and many stayed for a soup lunch supplemented by the goodies left from the concert the previous evening. Holman-Climax choir sang in St Euny on Saturday 12th in a much-appreciated performance which we hope will be repeated at a future date.

Linda Beskeen

St. Andrew Pencoys with Four Lanes Methodist Church

'FLAPJACK'

What a happy procession it was!! Led by Winnie and Dotty the mother donkey and her foal the FLAPJACK community walked from the St Andrew's lych gate to the Four Lanes Chapel. Supported by a 'Donkeys in procession' risk assessment it was both a happy time and had the largest number of Palm Sunday participants. This procession heralded Holy Week 2025 and the FLAPJACK community were pleased to host a Maundy Thursday 'Last Supper' as part of the united parish events (thank you so much to Jenny and Pip for the excellent main courses, and to Christchurch for the desserts).

THANKYOU also to Pip; for her violin support of the Good Friday event. Through Pip's music a unique atmosphere was created and the day took on a much deeper meaning.

CONTINUING REGULAR EVENTS:

SAUSAGE & MASH: Four Lanes Chapel, Saturday May 24, 11.30am

FIRST SATURDAY QUIZ: Pencoys Hall, May 3, 7.00pm

OPEN PANTRY: All day, everyday in the church porch, supported by the Cornish Gleaners, kind donors and the £25 Pop Up Food Hub

BINGO: This very popular community event takes place on the THIRD Saturday of each month, starting at 6.00pm in the Pencoys Hall. It is your chance to win loo cleaner!!

LAST SUNDAY TEA-PARTY: As the name suggests, this takes place on the LAST Sunday of each month, 4.00pm in the Pencoys Hall.

You will be very welcome at any of the above events which try to reach out to both the united parish and the community which FLAPJACK tries to serve.

ADVANCE DIARY DATES

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| Sunday | August | 17: | Community Songs of Praise | 2.30pm | Chapel |
| Saturday | December | 13: | Bazaar | 2pm | Chapel |
| | | | Grotto | 2pm | Pencoys Hall |
| Sunday | December | 14: | Community Carol Service | 2.30pm | Chapel |
| Thursday | December | 18: | Holly tree memorial lights | 7.00pm | Church |

ST ANDREW REDRUTH

My vantage point, leaning against the radiator at the back of church, grants me a unique perspective on the things that give people joy and the things that they find troublesome. Each week, when I am not preaching elsewhere, I have the privilege of catching up with the inspiring work of our volunteers and our ministry team. There is always something to lead us closer to God, something to show our practical love for the wider community and something to hold us together in fellowship. It has been lovely to see some new faces in church recently growing the Church family and we look forward to really getting to know them.

April has seen the wonderful array of Easter Services from meditations to the fellowship meal of Maundy Thursday, the work of Tiddler-Toddlers, TOAST youth group and the warm space and food bank. The work on the West Window with it's falling masonry has begun and we can look forward to the scaffolding coming down and being able to use the car park once more. I for one will be glad of some warmer weather, not just because my septuagenarian joints will ache less but because the heating can be turned off and with it the fans that all but obliterate some voices even with correctly positioned microphones. Heating and audibility are probably the top two irritations, along with hard, unforgiving pews on aging backs!

Interestingly, the Good Friday meditation, led by Dhiworth an Gollon had the fans turned off, no microphones and I heard everything they read from the back of church. It made for a wonderful thought-provoking atmosphere! Oh for some silent heating!

So we look forward to spring turning into summer when we eagerly look forward to the Exhibition of Childhood, to be held on the 8th, 9th, and 10th of May. This event promises to be a nostalgic journey through the memories and experiences of childhood, offering something for everyone to enjoy. We really need help with stewarding, making cakes and serving refreshments to enable the exhibition and the church to remain open for the community to visit.

There is also the intriguing invitation to the thrilling Murder Mystery afternoon tea (penned by Fr Peter and performed by our beloved Randoms) in the Crypt 3pm on June 28th. On the **evening of** July 25th a supper and cabaret evening organised by Pie, will be a wonderful opportunity to gather, share a meal, and fellowship.

Jim Seth

“Betty Parnell RIP”

Betty was probably the first person I met when joining Treleigh Floral Art Club as she was Treasurer, looking after the finances with an eagle eye. She then joined our congregation at Treleigh and it wasn't long before she was confirmed along with her good friend, Iris Strickland.

Betty supported all our “goings on”, guided us with her flower arranging expertise and was a good friend to all. One thing she never did was to make a cake, not her thing!

When we formed our Ladies Group this involved speakers, outings, lunches etc and Betty's treasurer skills came into use again. Her notebook would come out, names recorded and we all paid over our £1. Never were we able to get away without handing over our £1 !!

Betty was a prolific knitter, baby clothes and little hats for new-born babies, Easter chicks, squares with the oddments of wool to be made into blankets and many beautiful sweaters. Betty was a sparky, funny and loyal friend and when confined to home, we all visited her, always sure of a warm welcome and chat over a cup of tea.

Good memories of a long and well-lived life.

RIP Dear Betty.

Anne Youlton

FROM THE REGISTERS

BAPTISM

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| 30 March | 2025 | Hunter John Aiden Stevens | St Stephen Treleigh |
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FUNERALS

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| 07 March | 2025 | Derek Matthews | St Stephen Treleigh |
| 03 April | 2025 | Judith Wallis | St Andrew Pencoyo |
| 08 April | 2025 | Doreen Franklin | St Andrew Pencoyo |

FIRST SUNDAY EVENTS

Thankyou so much for supporting these events, which have raised thousands of pounds for good causes. The April Event, led by two Redruth students, Olly and Harry, led us through their visit to Cambodia and were supported by Fr Christopher who had also visited Cambodia. Both Olly and Harry were part of the youth project SEARCHLIGHT and they are now poised to take their A-levels and go on to college. Their excellent presentations raised £250.00 for Cambodian children.

The event planned for May 4 will highlight a project which is building a playground in memory of the children whose lives were lost in Southport in 2024.

First Sunday Events attract a faithful and generous group, and more people would be very welcome.

Hoping to see you soon. FP





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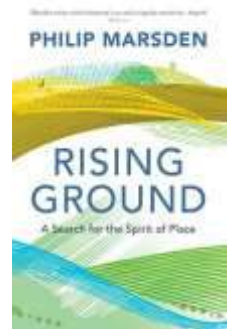
BOOK CLUB

Five of us met at Margaret's house on Monday 7 April, to discuss this month's book which is 'The Dictionary of Lost Words' by Australian writer Pip Williams.

This is a fictional story which follows its lead character Esme Nicholl, from her childhood in the 1890's into her adult life. Esme's father is on the team preparing the first Oxford English Dictionary – and Esme spends much of her childhood joining him as the dictionary begins to take shape. . One day a slip of paper containing a forgotten word flutters to the floor. The word is 'bondmaid'. As she grows older Esme becomes increasingly fascinated by words, especially those that fail to get into the dictionary because they are 'women's words' or have never been written down. She starts collecting these words and examples of their use, eventually collating her 'dictionary of lost words'.

Esme grows up during a time when women are campaigning for the vote, and all of society is caught up in the horror of the 1st world war. The novel brings to life both a fascinating historical period, and the use of language, from a woman's perspective. We had a lively discussion and agreed that this is brilliant and satisfying novel about women and words.

Next month's book club meets on Monday 12th May when we will discuss 'Rising Ground' by Philip Marsden. The author moved to a remote Cornish farmhouse, and this led him to explore why people respond so strongly to certain places.



In June we are reading 'The Ladies Midnight Swimming Club', by Faith Hogan.

If you love books and good company, why not give us a try? We meet on the first Monday of every month at Margaret Saville's house, and everyone is welcome.

Contact Margaret on 097939 471837 for any further details.

Sandra Ager

PENTECOST



Pentecost is an important event in Christianity because:-

- It is the birthday of the church
- On this day, Jesus fulfilled his promise to send down the Holy Spirit, empowering disciples and believers with divine power for the founding of Christianity
- In the Old Testament, the day of Pentecost was a celebration held 50 days after the Jewish festival of Passover
- In the New Testament, the day of Pentecost, after the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit came powerfully upon his disciples, enabling them to speak in foreign languages (sometimes called “tongues”) that they had not studied, and to proclaim the Gospel boldly to those gathered

My Way to Compostela
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With 14Km remaining until we arrived at Formista and with a fulfilling lunch and a restocking of the secret snack bag we were back on the route. We left the village by a asphalt road which led us onto a wide farm track which after 2.2Km crossed the Canal Pisuerga. This area of the Meseta saw the building in the 18th century of the extensive canal system, that in turn allowed the opening up of this high plateau to farming. We continued to follow the track for 8.2 km heading towards Bocadilla del Camino. This small town once had a population of 2000 souls and several Pilgrim Hospitals, today it has only a resident population of 200, but there is hope for the village as the reawakening of Pilgrimage has brought some prosperity back to the village, with the local abandoned school having been converted into an Albergue run by the former head teacher and his family.

From the village we continue on farm tracks through the Tierra de Campos for 2km to the Canal de Castilian, from here the Canal flows all the way to Formista. This part of the Canal structure was designed for the transportation of crops and to power the corn mills. With the advent of roads and motorways this section of the Canal is used for irrigation and leisure only. There are plans to renovate the whole of the Canal structure including its 50 locks. From this point we had 3.3 Km of delightful wooded track to bring us into Formista. It was along this stretch that Briget started to struggle with severe calf pain which required a heroic act on Andrew's part to carry her pack! I would have offered but he was younger than me!!!!.

Crossing under the main railway line we came up a small incline to find an Albergue in what used to be the old railway station. It was clear to us all that this was to be our stop for the night, so we booked in as we were a party of 4 and there being only 3 others already there we had a good choice of the 40 beds in one room to choose from. The showers were hot and there was plenty of water. More importantly there was an adjacent bar and café so we were sorted for the cool relaxing beer and the predictable pilgrim menu. Of the 3 persons already there, two were a Slovenian couple well into their late 60's Marija and Erwin She had been a ski instructor and he was ex military. Marija was now a herbalist and seeing that we were all flagging offered us all a small dried leaf of the Coca plant, to place under our tongue. I have to say it did lift the feeling of tiredness. They were a charming couple who we met up with on several occasions but on those further occasions I politely declined the dried leaf!!

Today I started the walk with a quote from Joseph Campbell in mind (see last month's issue) and finished it with a thought on how tough the walk had been "We all climb to reach our goals, the danger is that we all may fall down. We strive for success but failure is not far away."

Len Cunningham

QUIZ TIME

1. What are the prime factors of 24?
2. How many sides does a trapezoid have?
3. Which math theorem states that in a right triangle, $A^2 + B^2 = C^2$?
4. How many degrees are in a circle?
5. How many yards are in a mile?
6. What produces the majority of the breathable air on earth?
7. Which travels faster: Sound or light?
8. What mineral can you add to water to make things float easier?
9. Roughly how many miles per hour does the earth spin?
10. How many elements are currently on the periodic table?
11. How many moons does Neptune have?
12. Who was the first American woman in space?
13. How many pounds are in a ton?
14. How many planets make up the solar system?
15. What is the fear of flowers called?

(Answers next month)



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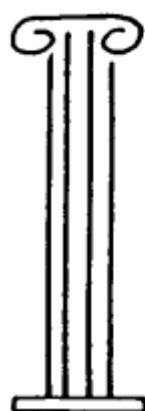


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