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**by FRIDAY 19 NOVEMBER**

## **Rector's notes – NOVEMBER 2021**

### **New beginnings**

It's been a sheer joy to celebrate some new beginnings in our churches in the last few weeks. Many congratulations to Jason Hoole-Jackson, who was licensed as a Reader (also known as a Licensed Lay Minister or LLM) on 16<sup>th</sup> October in Truro Cathedral. Jason has worked very hard at his essays and classes for the last two years, and I'm especially proud that he is a home-grown talent! Jane Le Page from Stithians, who did her placement with us, was licensed on the same occasion.

Only one week later, also in the Cathedral, Bryan, Rob and Ron were confirmed as full members of the Church of England, an event that had been postponed three times previously. It was wonderful to hear them publicly declaring their faith in God, and see them being prayed for and anointed with holy oil by Bishop Hugh. We already have one candidate for confirmation in 2022, so if you know of someone who might be interested in this, do let me know. It's never too late in life to do this, but by the same token we would be pleased to prepare anyone for confirmation over the age of about 11. For me at least part of the value of this process is a chance for newer Christians to ask questions and share experiences about their faith in a small group – it really is the best way for any of us to grow in faith.

### **On the way update**

I'm pleased to report another new beginning, namely that the leadership team for *On the Way* has begun to meet. Lucie Rogers and Robin Knights have joined me in representing our five churches. So far we have spent time getting to know the other team members, as well as something about the 18 churches of our deanery, and hearing more about the true levels of poverty here, because new money from the Church Commissioners is going to be available to our deanery to spend in ways that genuinely benefit our most deprived communities.

Coming up, each congregation is invited to take part in a round-table discussion with an outside facilitator, to help us identify the things to do with our church life that are most important to us, the things we do we are most proud of and that we would like to continue with - as well as the things we might like to stop doing!

**Flapjack (Four Lanes and Pencoys) - Monday 25th Oct at 2pm - at Pencoys Hall**

**Christchurch, Lanner - Wednesday 27th Oct at 11.45am**

**St Andrew's - after 9.30am church service on Sunday 7th Nov**

**Treleigh - after 11.15am church service on Sunday 7th Nov**

**St Euny - after 11.15am church service on 21st Nov**

This process is intended to help shape our vision under God, whereby our churches can be fruitful as well as sustainable, and our finances assessed so we can employ a realistic number of clergy in the deanery, so do come along and have your say.

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

## PATRONAL FESTIVALS

November begins a season of PATRONAL FESTIVALS to the Redruth Churches. The first one is:

### THE FESTIVAL OF CHRIST THE KING

Traditionally held on the Sunday before Advent, this festival reminds us of the Kingship of Christ and is an important event in the Lanner Church. This year, on **Sunday November 21 at 3.00pm**, Bishop Hugh will be the guest of honour and part of the Festival will be the Baptism of Perran, who is well known to some of you. You will be very welcome, to the Festival and also to the following celebration which will include picnic boxes, Two Farmers crisps and prosecco!!



### THE FESTIVAL OF SAINT ANDREW THE APOSTLE

Two of the Benefice Churches rejoice in this Patronal, and they will celebrate their patron in the Pencoys Church **Monday November 29 at 7.00pm**. Plans for the celebration include a cake and fizz.

### THE FESTIVAL OF SAINT STEPHEN PROTOMARTYR

St Stephen is the patron of the Treleigh Church, and this year his day falls on **Sunday December 26** and will be celebrated as a Benefice Service at **10.30am**. This is always a very special event and all of the Benefice Churches are warmly invited to attend ..... there may be **Christmas cake!!**



### THE FESTIVAL OF SAINT EUNY



This is celebrated in early February, so look out for details in the new year

**Hoping to see you at a patronal festival very soon!!**

**FP.**

## ST STEPHEN'S TRELEIGH



**Treleigh Hall Quiz £1 per quiz sheet** Treleigh Hall is urgently in need of refurbishment and when completed this will provide first class facilities for the church and community. Proceeds from this quiz,

will go towards this project. The quiz consists of 100 questions covering general knowledge, Cornish place names, Cornish Miscellany, Capital cities, book titles and much, much more. A £10 token will be awarded to the winner who has the highest number of correct answers. In the event of more than one person with the highest number of correct answers the winner will be the first drawn. All entries to be returned to David Rowe, 4. Albany Gardens, Redruth, TR15 2PA by January 8<sup>th</sup> 2022.

**Despite the very wet weather on September 2nd** there was a good turnout to clear and tidy around graves, trim and rake up the fallen leaves in the churchyard. It was especially good to meet and welcome new people who and were able to add names of loved ones to the list for the Remembering Service to be held on Sunday 31st October at 3.30pm. Hot drinks and biscuits were served in the church. Thanks to everyone who joined us and especially to those from our sister churches and community.

**Please note....The Remembrance Sunday** service on November 14th will start at 10.50am to allow for the 2 minutes silence at 11am. The service will be Holy Communion by Extension with Lay Minister Jason Hoole-Jackson, and will include poppy wreath laying at the Altar.

**The Harvest service at Treleigh** on Sunday was taken by Rev'd Caspar Bush with readings by Trish Knights. The organist was Charles Bickford. The Church was beautifully decorated and the weather lovely and food donated was mostly non perishable which will be taken to Food-Bank. Flowers were distributed to those of the congregation who can no longer attend church.

**Treleigh Church Harvest Supper** on October 11th was the usual hilarious evening with Fr Peter Fellows as our very able auctioneer, assisted by Anne Youlton as runner. The evening started with a pasty supper and ended with a Cornish Quiz set by David Rowe and a free raffle put together by Carole Stewart. Thanks go to our brilliant auctioneer, to Carol for organising the most delicious pasties, to Dave for the quiz, to the kitchen staff and to all who generously supported it. Proceeds to Church funds.

**Treleigh Christmas celebrations** begin on December 4th with our Christmas Bazaar from 11am-1pm in Treleigh Community Hall to include Christmas baking and presents, books, greetings cards, acrylic paintings and goodies for sale plus a raffle. Proceeds will go to Church funds with a donation to Penhaligan's Friends..

**Christmas Services at Treleigh....December 19<sup>th</sup>.... Carol Service at 6pm** followed by Coffee and mince pies in the hall afterwards and the drawing of the Christmas raffle.

**December 24<sup>th</sup>....** Crib Service at 3pm and Midnight Mass at 9pm.

**December 26<sup>th</sup>....** St. Stephen's Patronal Festival 10.30am which will be a Benefice Service.

**Trish Rowe**

## ST EUNY

A wonderful service was held at Truro Cathedral on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> October, at which Jason Hoole-Jackson was formally welcomed and licensed as a Lay Reader. This was in the presence of two bishops, Bishop Hugh of St Germans who presided and Bishop Philip of Truro who came along to enjoy himself. The rest of the congregation also enjoyed themselves with the warmth of the messages from both bishops alongside the formality of the processions, hymns and dedication of the candidates. Six lay readers were appointed from the Cornwall Diocese and the five who were licensed in a smaller service last year were also either present or recognised. Seating in the Cathedral is well spaced, with fewer chairs available than in pre-Covid times, and the building is well aired. The Trigg Minor and Bodmin Deanery choir ... No one in the building had a broader smile than Jason at the culmination of the ceremony

Our Harvest Supper, held on the evening of Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September, immediately after the Evensong service was a great success and enjoyed by all. St Euny has now benefitted from the sum of £315 raised on the evening. Thanks to Liz's enthusiasm and catering skills we have been encouraged to plan another evening of conviviality on 28<sup>th</sup> November. The Benefice Advent Carol Service will be held at St Euny on that evening, so we are planning to offer a hot casserole meal immediately after the service, with a follow-up of mulled wine and mince pies. All are welcome, there is no set cost for this, but donations are welcome in aid of church funds. Please do join us for both the carol service and the meal, save the date.

Have you noticed the silenced bells? Work is ongoing and the silence is not for long. The bells will be ringing again in few weeks. We miss the bell ringers and look forward to hearing from them again.

Wednesday afternoons have been successful in attracting a crowd to meet after the midweek communion for 'Open Café'. A break is planned for the Christmas period, so the 'Café' will be closed after the session on 8<sup>th</sup> December, to re-open on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

Last year CN4C came to St Euny for a family Christmas event and lunch, provided by parishioners from the Benefice. We are looking forward to hosting them again this year on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> December and continuing the link between us.

Has anyone noticed the anon contribution of a picture by Sue Thomas in St Euny? She was one of the artist who displayed 'Lockdown Art' earlier this year and whose work was much admired. The attractive flower study is light and uplifting - a donation from a parishioner - Thank You.

***Linda Beskeen***

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

St. Andrew's Church remains open daily from about 10am until 4pm with Covid-safe precautions in place. Please wear a face covering when visiting the church, use the hand-santiser and observe social distancing.

The pre-pandemic pattern of Holy Communion services continues, including a said service of Holy Communion at 6pm each **Wednesday**. All **Sunday morning** services are now at **11.15am**: **First Sunday**: Flapjack morning service of Holy Communion at Four Lanes Methodist Church & Lighthouse from 3-5pm. On **Remembrance Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November**, there will be an **Act of Remembrance** at the church **Lych Gate Memorial at 10.45am** followed by Holy Communion in church at **11.15am**. **Third Sunday**, morning Methodist Service (non-Eucharistic) at the Methodist Church, with a said service of Holy Communion at St. Andrew's at **6pm**. Our **Patronal Festival (St. Andrew 30<sup>th</sup> November)** will this year be celebrated within our fourth-Sunday Flapjack service of Holy Communion on **28<sup>th</sup> November** at 11.15am. The weekly Benefice H.C. service will continue on Zoom, from a live church service at 9.30 or 11.30am. (details in weekly sheet or online at [www.redruthchurch.org.uk](http://www.redruthchurch.org.uk))

**Teatime Events**: These will be held in **Pencoys Hall** on **Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> November** from 4pm to 5pm, (tea and cake provided), and in the **church** on **Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> November** from 2 – 4pm. (Please bring your own drink, cake will be provided.) Covid safety precautions apply.

**THE FIRST SATURDAY QUIZ** will continue online until at least January 2022. If you would like to compete, please contact Fr. Peter, email: [baptism66@gmail.com](mailto:baptism66@gmail.com)

A wonderful selection of food and other necessities was generously donated by those attending the Flapjack Harvest Festival on 19<sup>th</sup> September, which was taken to '**Faith Food**', run by **Lorna** (nee Oliver) in **Alma Place, Redruth**, for the truly needy on the edge of society who do not qualify for help from the Food Bank. Lorna has asked us to thank everyone for their kindness. During the past four years or so she has followed her calling from God to help those in need by feeding them in practice, prayer and spirit, and is always truly grateful for donations of food, toiletries, fresh fruit and new underwear and socks. Faith Food is open from 10am to 3.30pm from Monday to Friday. To finance the project, Lorna herself has two cleaning jobs outside these times, and she deserves all the help we can give her, as well as our prayers. She also has a variety of goods on sale to support the Centre and its work.

At the **FIRST SUNDAY EVENING EVENT** held on **3<sup>rd</sup> October**, a jolly group of Harvest "Picnickers" met in Pencoys Hall for Supper, sang harvest hymns, prayed for the **Barnabas Trust** and heard from Fr. Peter about its work supporting persecuted Christians in 57 countries worldwide. Our thanks go to Margaret DP and everyone who came and helped us raise £135 for this very worthy cause. The next Event will be held at Christchurch, Lanner, on **7<sup>th</sup> November at 6 p.m.**, when the theme will be **Remembrance**. Please contact Fr. Peter as soon as possible if you would like a loved one remembered by name at this Event.

There will also be services of **Remembrance** (especially for those who have lost loved ones during the past two years, when funeral service attendances have been limited by Covid restrictions), at St. Andrew's Church **Pencoys** on **Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> November** and at **Four Lanes Methodist Church** on **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November both at 6 pm**. Everyone will be very welcome.

*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.

## ***SUPPORT OUR CHRIST the KING (SOCK)***

Thank you so much if you were able to support the FIRST SOCK!! The event raised £800.00 which is really encouraging. You may read this just in time to pop along to SOCK2 which is on SATURDAY OCTOBER 30, 2.00p - 4.00pm. As well as featuring BINGO, there will be craft stalls, a café, jewellery, the sock donation washing line and a stained glass window display from a local glass artist.

SOCK3 will be on SATURDAY NOVEMBER 27, 2.00pm – 4.00pm and will welcome THE FOUR TUNES Saxophone Quartet as well as several Christmas themed events.

## ***THE PATRONAL FESTIVAL***

This year, the Patronal Festival will be held with great energy on **SUNDAY NOVEMBER 21** at **3.00pm**. We are honoured that Bishop Hugh has agreed to attend and to combine 'Desert Island Discs', some favourite hymns and the baptism of our youngest regular member Perran. You will be very welcome to be with us on this very special day. Refreshments will include a Picnic Box, Two Farmers Vegan Crisps, prosecco and a celebration cake. Also, restrictions permitting, Mary Anson will host the Patronal Dinner on **FRIDAY NOVEMBER 19**. Watch the weekly sheet for more details of these very significant events in the life of the Lanner community.

## ***THE SKYLINER BIG BAND***

The big band is back in church rehearsing and if you have never heard them then make a date in your diary to be in Christchurch for their CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE on TUESDAY DECEMBER 14 at 7.00pm

## ***REMEMBERING OUR LOVED ONES***

Throughout the pandemic funerals have been restricted, taken place on zoom, on the telephone and at the grave-side. Many people have been unable to mourn a loved one as they would have wished. LAMP (Lanner Meets Pencoys) together with FLAPJACK are holding THREE remembering services:

**MONDAY NOVEMBER 1 / Pencoys Church / 6.00pm**

**SUNDAY NOVEMBER 7 / Christchurch / 6.00pm**

**FRIDAY NOVEMBER 5 / Four Lanes Methodist Chapel / 6.00pm**

You are welcome at any, or all of these services to remember 'those whom you have loved but see no longer'.

## ***TIDDLERS 2***

At last!! There is a definite opening date for TIDDLERS2, the offshoot from TIDDLERS1 held in the crypt each Thursday morning. TIDDLERS2 will be Christchurch, hall and church each TUESDAY, 1.30pm – 3.00pm. The opening number will be no more than SIX children with their supporting adult /s and the format will be: PLAY / SONGS & STORIES /SNAX. This is a new exciting project and MANY THANKS to TIDDLERS1 for their help, support and guidance.

**WITH LOVE AND BEST WISHES FROM CHRISTCHURCH TO WHOEVER READS FIVE ALIVE!!**

***Julia Knight-Bennett***

## ST ANDREW REDRUTH

Who would have realised that notice boards could make such a difference to the feel of the church? We now have another beautiful notice board to stand against the pillar at the south west end of the nave, made of recycled oak from pews by David Doble. Similar but not the same as the one he has made for the entrance, this stands high and can take all of the 'admin' notices which need to be displayed in church. The neat and well carved wood complements the furniture and stonework in the church, giving this functional aspect an aesthetic understanding. The lines of sight are much improved in the church and this has a greater spiritual impact as one enters the church. Thank you David.

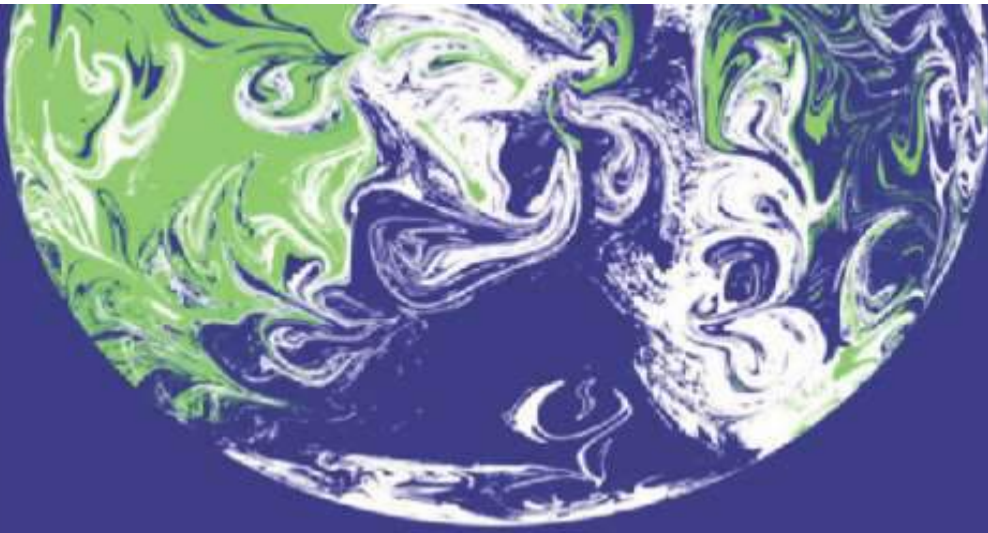
Winter activity is underway in the garden, spring bulbs being planted around the trees on the Heanton-Terrace bank. The Clinton Road approach is much improved by the thinning of the dense vegetation that has occupied the bank there, so the crypt entrance looks more open and visible from the road. Sue has been at work on the war memorial which is looking well cared for and a great asset to Redruth.

Our toddler group has taken off with several new members and some familiar faces. Many of the youngest children have been quite isolated from their peers through lockdown and are learning to interact with others their age. For the most part they are quick to adapt, but are generally more cautious when around other children. We hope that we will be able to continue and grow, with plans to open for longer after half term. You might notice that the bubble wrap has gone from the pillars in the crypt – Lez has made some very attractive pillar-wraps with material donated from Marlene, which is easy to set up and to store. We have a bright and cheerful hazard-averse addition for the toddlers and a crypt now looking happily natural and more tidy.

Another return to post-Covid life is the production of the winter entertainment, being performed on two days to allow for larger numbers to enjoy as well as being Covid-aware. Much rehearsal has gone into the production, so it is hoped that the audience will be appreciative and celebrate the skills as well as the humour on offer.

We are due to be visited by a group performing church folklore and community stories in November. They are still keen to know of stories that anyone could tell. If you have something to offer, please contact Lez to let her know so that she can pass it on.

**Linda Beskeen**



# FOCUS ON COP26

As the world leaders meet in Glasgow, come and spend time thinking about the situation of our planet, global warming and climate change. Walk around the church to find activities and interactive exhibits that will provoke thought and prayer.

**ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, REDRUTH**

**THURSDAY 4<sup>TH</sup>, FRIDAY 5<sup>TH</sup>, SATURDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**

**10am - 4pm**

## UN CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCE

The UK will host the 26th UN Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP26) in Glasgow on 31 October – 12 November 2021. The COP26 summit will bring world leaders together to accelerate action towards the goals of the Paris Agreement and the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change. St Andrew Redruth will be hosting a three day prayer vigil on 4th , 5th and 6th November between 10am and 4pm, when you can come along to pray that the decisions that world leaders make will be the right ones and to think and reflect upon our own actions and responsibilities. If you could help by setting up a prayer station, or steward with another person for a two hour session when the church is open, please contact Sue Pearce 01209 217596 [sue@redruthpearces.uk](mailto:sue@redruthpearces.uk)

# Healing Service Returns

It has been a long time since we were able to offer a Healing Service in any of our churches in the Redruth Benefice because of the Covid pandemic. I am very pleased to share with you all that we are re-introducing a monthly Healing Service on the second Friday of each month at Treleigh Church at 7.00 pm. In order to encourage more people to come along for the laying on of hands and anointing the service will not include Holy Communion.

Jesus healed many people suffering from a wide number of complaints, physical, emotional and mental, throughout his ministry. He trained his disciples and sent them out to do the same whilst he was still with them so that when he rose again and ascended into heaven his ministry of healing would continue. That healing ministry continues today through the church. Above all Jesus wanted everyone to know him, to love him and to come to him to receive that inner peace that only he can give.

*Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.                      Matthew 11: 28*

None of us escape the burdens of life whether it is illness or anxiety, physical, emotional or mental. We are wonderfully blessed with an amazing, but not perfect, National Health Service which continues to struggle with limited resources and an increasing waiting list for diagnosis and treatment. What we can do as a church is offer another dimension to the healing that is already available to us all.

Jesus' healing comes to us today in different ways, just as when Jesus himself touched the hearts and minds of those who came to him. Jesus healing touch, through the laying on of hands and anointing during our healing service brings with it a spiritual dimension and that inner peace that comes from God, our Father.

*Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give as to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.                      John 14: 27*

Please do consider coming along to receive that special peace from God through Jesus, in the power of the Holy Spirit, if you feel the need, either for yourself or on behalf of someone you know. This service is for anyone who is struggling, whether a regular church goer or not, so don't hesitate to invite a friend or neighbour to come with you – it may be the best thing to do for them.

Father Peter and I will be there for the laying on of hands and anointing for the Healing Service at **St Stephen's Church, Treleigh on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November at 7.00pm**. This will be **followed with Healing services on 10<sup>th</sup> December and 14<sup>th</sup> January**.

With love and prayers  
**Revd Margaret Saville**

## FROM THE REGISTERS

### BAPTISM

25 September 2021 Archie Caldwell St Andrew Redruth

### FUNERALS

30 September 2021 Beverley Jeffery St Andrew Redruth

14 October 2021 Maddox Trengove St Andrew Redruth

### INTERMENT OF ASHES

28 September 2021 Patricia Gaynor Starr St Stephen Treleigh

### *Corrections to the registers*

**22 July 2021** *Deceased should read Roy Dunstan not Congdon at St Andrew Redruth*

**06 September 2021** *Joan Cudlip was a burial at St Euny; Funeral Service at Engine House Church*

## ***Living in Love and Faith***

This excellent course prompted by the current debate about the possibility of the blessing/marriage of same-sex partners in churches is being run in person at St Euny at 7pm on Thursday evenings beginning 4th November - all welcome. You are also welcome if you came to this on Zoom earlier in the year, but you'd like to join in person this time.

## **GARDENING CLUB**

Winter activity is underway in the garden, spring bulbs being planted around the trees on the Heanton-Terrace bank. Four flower beds have been prepared and young Pearl (Granddaughter to Richard and Rosemary) was first with the planting of bulbs donated by her grandparents. Margaret and Lez have completed the task, see photos below. The Clinton Road approach is much improved by the thinning of the dense vegetation that has occupied the bank there, so the crypt entrance looks more open and visible from the road. Sue has been at work on the war memorial which is looking well cared for and a great asset to Redruth.



Looking forward to spring across the generations – bulb planting at *St Andrew's*

*Linda Beskeen*



## ***WELCOME BACK***

A warm welcome back to two  
very special ladies  
at  
St Andrew Redruth

Barbara and Elsie

# BOOK CLUB

Next book club meeting is on Friday 5th November 10:15 - midday. The book for this month is:

## 'Lean, Fall, Stand' by Jon McGregor

From the internationally bestselling author of *Reservoir 13*, this thrilling new novel of an Antarctica expedition gone wrong and its far-reaching consequences leaves the reader moved and subtly changed, as if she had become part of the story (Hilary Mantel).

*Remember the training: find shelter or make shelter, remain in place, establish contact with other members of the party, keep moving, keep calm.*

Robert 'Doc' Wright, a veteran of Antarctic surveying, was there on the ice when the worst happened. He holds within him the complete story of that night--but depleted by the disaster, Wright is no longer able to communicate the truth. Instead, in the wake of the catastrophic expedition, he faces the most daunting adventure of his life: learning a whole new way to be in the world. Meanwhile Anna, his wife, must suddenly scramble to navigate the sharp and unexpected contours of life as a caregiver.

Tenderly unravelling different notions of heroism through the rippling effects of one extraordinary expedition on an ordinary family, *Lean, Fall, Stand* explores the indomitable human impulse to turn our experiences into stories--even when the words may fail us.

**Contact: - Sue Pearce email: [sue@redruthpearces.uk](mailto:sue@redruthpearces.uk)**



## CHRISTMAS CRAFT MARKET

*St Andrew's Church*

*Friday 26th and Saturday 27th November*

**10:00am—4:00pm**

Come along and buy early for Christmas

Wonderful handmade gifts, glass art, knitted items, lacework,  
Christmas decorations, homemade preserves and chutneys, woodwork

and much, much more



## **The Ordinalia at St Just, September 2021**

If you missed the performances of the Ordinalia at St Just this September, you missed a treat.

The Ordinalia is a sequence of three plays which tell stories from the Bible, thought to have been set to be performed over three consecutive days. Written in Cornish around the 1370s, they are most likely to have been the work of the canons of Glasney College, Penryn. In the post-plague days, when society was recovering from the turmoil of the loss of a quarter to a third of the population, power was shifting and the old ways challenged. The movement to bring the bible to the people in a language that they could understand was gaining ground. Writing the stories for performance, often with the close involvement of the local people, would attract large crowds, more than the number that would fit into the church. In Cornwall, as in other parts of the country, the local 'Playing Place' or 'Plen an Gwari' was an obvious place to bring the story to the masses.

The Plain an Gwari at St Just was wonderfully converted to a medieval round theatre. I was most impressed with the Hell Mouth which was put to extensive use during the first part, the Origo Mundi, Creation of the World. Regular miscreants were captured by Satan and sucked into the flames and smoke of the underworld, to the writhing celebration of Beelzebub under the direction of malicious Lucifer. Around one hundred and fifty volunteers took part and the acting was superb. The music was all composed especially for the play and the choir and instrumental ensemble performed throughout. Particularly memorable from the first play was Noah's Ark, a whirling vortex of colour, animals and people which was the diameter of the central stage.

Day two was the highlight. I was lucky to have a beautiful hot and still day with weather that reminded us of the Holy Land. This was the harrowing story of the Passion, with spellbinding acting and music. The audience was entranced. A group of school children of around thirteen to fourteen years old were seated in the central area on the ground and were completely engaged with the action and the narrative throughout. This was the most emotionally forceful and impressive part of the story. What a wonderful way to bring the Bible to the people.

For me, the third day, the Resurrection, was a wet and windy experience, but the play rose above the weather and again we were treated to vivid enactment of this most difficult part of the story of Jesus for the modern audiences. Using the whole theatre space and reaching into the audience, the apostles and followers of Jesus were taken through the disappointment, awe and purpose that followed the crucifixion.

Small elements of Cornish were incorporated, mostly through music, but the story was translated into English. God was in his heaven throughout and the most powerful voice and action came from the elevated platform, the angels descending and ascending with their messages.

Over six hundred years have passed since this was written, but it was a most impressive and moving message of the Bible. If you have a chance when it comes again, I recommend it to you. Should we be taking an example from this?

***Linda Beskeen***



## *TREWIRGIE HOUSE AND THE JENKIN FAMILY*

*by Michael Tangye*

En-route to St Euny Church many unwittingly pass one of Redruth's most historical buildings—Trewirgie House at Trewirgie Road. Surrounded by tall trees and spacious lawns it was, until recent times, the family home of the eminent Cornish historian Dr Alfred K Jenkin. The present house was built in 1820, replacing an earlier dwelling of 1770, but retaining some of its original walls.

The family had acquired considerable wealth as mining adventurers and mine agents. Dr Jenkin was the last member of the family to reside at the old family home, dying in August 1980 aged 79 years. Educated at Oxford University, he made an immense contribution to Cornish history with his numerous books on mining and many other aspects of Cornish life—indeed he was a giant in that sphere; in 1978 he was awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Letters at Exeter University.

He continued the family tradition of being a Quaker but in later life occasionally attended Morning Prayer at St Euny, sitting alone on the north side of the church, and leaving quietly to walk to his home. This present writer also recalls him giving a talk to the Redruth Old Cornwall Society at Murdoch House in the 1950's.

In 1992 I wrote an article, relating to Trewirgie House and its connection with the Cobre Mine in Cuba. The agent for the copper mines there in 1836-39 was Alfred Jenkin whose Letter Books are in the Courtney Library, Truro Museum. With scratching quill his correspondence related his recruitment 'of young and fit miners' at Trewirgie House and their subsequent passage from Portreath via Swansea to Cuba; he also organised the shipment of Cornish manufactured mining equipment and fuses. Being a Quaker, on learning that negro slaves worked at the mine under guard, he sent clothing, unsolicited, for them.

Sadly dozens of young men were to succumb due to the intolerable heat and the devastating effects of yellow fever, typhoid, smallpox and malaria—whilst others found solace from the heat in the excess use of alcohol. Ill miners were discharged, many dying during the long voyages back to Cornwall via Swansea.

In August 1837 Alfred Jenkin wrote:- "The sickness and deaths which have occurred at Cobre since the commencement of the present year, will, I expect, cause some shyness in the minds of the Cornish miners as to going there. "It is of some interest to note the strength of Methodism observed by the Cornish miners at that period, many of whom had probably been converted by John Wesley himself. At the Cobre mine tough men, as in Cornwall, were in the habit of dropping tools during a mining shift underground to meet together in prayer, hymn singing and preaching, and insisted on observing Sunday as a day of worship.

The directors in Cuba, unaccustomed to such an interruption in production, voiced their grievance to Alfred Jenkin. Alfred replied requesting "that the miners be allowed to continue with their worship together in an orderly manner, and at suitable seasons for the purpose of worshipping the Almighty in the manner which may be most in accordance with their views and feelings."

Trewirgie House, once for generations the home of the Jenkin family is now being sold for £1,300,000. Dr A K Hamilton Jenkin's funeral was held at St Euny on the 27 August 1980 at the age of 79. This writer attended, as a friend, writing in my journal:- "Also chiefly by those connected with the Cornish cultural bodies. Lesson consisted of a Biblical account of mining, in keeping with Dr Jenkin's life-long interest"

Some years ago I was requested to choose historic buildings in Redruth, along with appropriate texts for plaques. Unfortunately funding ended before one was placed at Trewirgie House—hopefully this will be done in the future.



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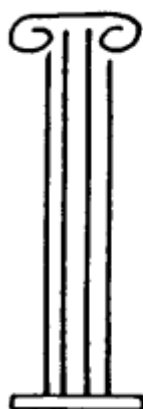


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