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Rector's notes – OCTOBER 2021

Many thanks to those who joined us for the *On the Way* launch meeting with Bishop Hugh. If you're new to Five Alive or our churches then you can read more about this process by looking up this website:

www.trurodiocese.org.uk/about-us/on-the-way/

At the time of writing we haven't yet finalised the two lay people who will be representing our benefice at the deanery meetings, but it has been agreed that November will be the month when we go to each church council and invite them to share what they believe is really important and life-giving about the life and service of their church family, and their hopes and dreams for the future. Because that discerning of a vision is absolutely the first part of this process, before we even start talking about the money, and we're very conscious that we need to give as wide a circle of people as possible the chance to share their dreams about what church could be.

One of the really positive exercises offered to help with this, you might like to have a go at yourself now:

Imagine that the year is 2030. A newspaper of your choosing has been doing in-depth research about the churches in this area, and wants to highlight the outcomes on the front page of their newspaper.

What is the very best front-page headline, and article, you can imagine them writing? I don't want to give you an example for fear of damping your imagination! But what would we actually love our churches to be best known for locally? Perhaps it's more of something that we already do, or perhaps it's something that's still only a dream at the moment.

The leadership team will begin to meet in October, and will be doing these sorts of exercises too, before we then start gleaning from the contributions from around the deanery. Please continue to pray that God would direct all of us in this process, and increase our faith and hope in him. If the whole idea of thinking about these things is a bit exhausting for you, please remember God never asks us to do what simply can't. Rather, he only asks us to trust in him, and do what we can.

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

THE TWO / SEVEN SACRAMENTS

Some people within the Anglican Church would argue that there are only two sacraments – those given by Jesus; BAPTISM and the EUCHARIST. Other people (like FP.) would say that there are seven sacraments – the two given by Jesus and CONFIRMATION, ORDINATION, ABSOLUTION, MARRIAGE and UNCTION (prayers for the sick and the dying).

A sacrament could be described as: *an outward and visible sign of an inward and invisible grace*. Think back to a moment when you have been present at a sacramental act; did it mean anything to you? Were you a participant or a witness. If a participant, were you changed? Was your faith strengthened? If a witness, were you aware that something was happening? That somehow God was drawing close to both participant and witness?

BAPTISM is about welcome, admission and inclusion. The one who has been baptised has become part of God's family; someone who has received the Holy Spirit and has formally begun their 'journey with Jesus'.

CONFIRMATION is about citizenship. A group from the Benefice of Redruth will be confirmed by a Bishop (it MUST be a Bishop) in October. They will remember their baptismal promises but now they will undertake to do what they can to further the work of God's church on earth.

ORDINATION gives a person the authority to administer five of the Sacraments. Only a Bishop may confirm or ordain. This is because as Jesus prepared to ascend into heaven he charged his first apostles to do all that they could to reveal God's love in the world. As a Bishop is 'the Christ amongst us' only a Bishop can give the authority for this work to be undertaken through the sacraments.

THE EUCHARIST enables a person to receive God's love through the bread and wine as a source of strength for the journey of faith and as a reminder of the events that led to the cross and the empty tomb. Once it was a sacrament reserved for those who had been confirmed, but now it is available to all.

MARRIAGE is a sacramental act that invites God to be part of a relationship. As Jesus himself went to a wedding and changed ordinary water into very special wine; so through this sacrament Jesus changes the lives of ordinary people into lives that proclaim God's love. At the present time, this sacrament is denied to same sex attracted people.

ABSOLUTION/RECONCILIATION takes from us the burdens that we all carry, those words, deeds and thoughts that separate us from God and sometimes from each other. As the waters of baptism remind us of the cleansing power of God's love, so absolution makes that power a reality and re-unites us with each other.

UNCTION may be used with the sick and the dying. Through the holy oils a person is anointed, absolved and prepared for the next stage of their journey. It is always a moving and memorable sacrament as both participant and witness face the future together.



ST STEPHEN'S TRELEIGH



The congregation of Treleigh Church were delighted to welcome **The Very Reverend Roger Bush, Dean of Truro Cathedral** and former Rector of Redruth Team Ministry, to Treleigh Church on Sunday 5th September to celebrate the redecoration of the church. The service was taken by The Very Rev'd Bush assisted by Rev'd Caspar Bush with Malcolm Brown at the organ. Readings were by Anne Youlton and Intercessions were by Trish Knights. There followed tea and coffee in the hall and a chance to catch up with Roger and his wife Lois and remember former times.

Many congratulations to Maureen Robinson who celebrated her 90th Birthday on September 13th. It was great to see her and her daughter, Judith, in Church the Sunday before.

Treleigh Garden Fete on Saturday 4th September went well and the weather was good to us. A demonstration by Griff's Martial Arts Club was enjoyed by all. The footfall wasn't the usual rush for the stalls, but considering we usually have the fete in July and the fact that we are living in unusual times, it was a great success and a wonderful get together, which included an array of delicious refreshments in the hall. Our sincere thanks to all who supported the event, buyers, sellers, helpers, raffle ticket sellers, organisers, refreshment staff and those who helped to set up the stalls and gazebos in the morning. It was a real team effort, as always.

Saturday October 2nd from 10.00am –12.00 noon will be Treleigh Churchyard Day when we will tidy graves and leave flowers in remembrance of loved ones. All welcome. Feel free to leave the names of your loved ones with us to be read out and remembered at our Remembering Service on Sunday October 31st at 3.30pm.

Treleigh Harvest Service will be on Sunday October 10th at 11.15am. Harvest Gifts...Emphasis will be on non-perishable produce suitable to be given to FOODBANK after the Harvest, but also fruit baskets presented during the service will be gratefully accepted and will be distributed to members of the parish.

The Harvest Supper will take place on Monday 11th October at 7pm. This will take the form of a pasty supper, at £5 per person, followed by a sale of produce. This promises to be the usual Harvest Supper fun evening and a great get-together, with Father Peter Fellows as auctioneer. To order your pasties, please contact Carol on 01209 216266.

Treleigh Hall Quiz 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 8th 2022.

The midweek service at St. Stephen's Church for the week beginning Sunday 26th September will not take place on the Thursday as normal but will be at 10am on Wednesday 29th and the church will remain open for private prayer and/or a cup of tea and biscuit until 12 noon. For the last 2 weeks, following this service, we have welcomed some little children from The Busy Bees Nursery (next to the school) into the church with their teachers who have read them a story while they all sat in front of the Altar.

Trish Rowe

ST EUNY

Several people have returned to enjoy the re-opening of the church to its outreach and social events with a good attendance at Open Café on Wednesday afternoons. The serious squad are deeply engaged with their card games, but there is plenty of time for chat and refreshments for anyone who wishes to drop in to share some more relaxed time in good company. The faculty has now been approved for some much needed work to the bells, which will proceed soon. This will improve the safety of the bell mechanism. All church bells require sympathetic conservation and maintenance to ensure their continuation in use, but this must be carried out with careful consideration to ensure as little alteration as possible is made to the historic bells and bellframes. Fortunately there are still experts in practice who have the necessary skills and we will soon have this work undertaken. Then to the larger bell project ... of which more another time.

Harvest festival will be celebrated in St Euny at the Sunday Service on 3rd October. Before that we are planning a Harvest Supper, open to everyone in the Benefice, to be held in the church immediately after Evensong on Sunday 25th September. Details will be on the weekly sheet and we look forward to a healthy roast dinner, to raise funds to support the church. Work continues on the 'Sensory Garden' which has been laid out to the west of the tower. This project has grown and it is also in need of a faculty permission, so that application is underway. This will have to tie in with the work agreed to the outer boundary wall. The wall is thought to form part of the lan structure which is the oval embankment surrounding the church, probably dating to the 6th Century. This feature is widespread in Cornwall and is also found in Wales. It is therefore the oldest known Christian structure in Redruth. Unfortunately part of the boundary wall has collapsed and it is necessary to make this safe. Plans have been agreed for Cornwall Council to oversee the work as they now have responsibility for maintaining the graveyard area around the church. The Cornwall Archaeological unit will keep observations on any work that takes place and record any early finds. An iron fence will be placed in front of the gap and a supporting bank be placed on the west wall of the graveyard boundary.

In the light of the funding shortfall and the desire to ensure safety and environmentally aware practices, we have re-worked the letting agreement and fire policy. New policy documents will be posted in church and two snazzy high-vis jackets are available for use by 'fire wardens' in case of fire. The assembly point in this event will be outside the new graveyard, across the road from the church. We hope and pray that we will never have to use it!

Congratulations to Jason who has completed his training to be a Lay Reader and we wish him many blessings for his Licensing on 9th October.

Linda Beskeen

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

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

The pre-pandemic pattern of Holy Communion services continues, including a weekly said service of Holy Communion at 6pm each **Wednesday**. **All Sunday morning services** are now at **11.15 am: First Sunday:** Flapjack morning service of Holy Communion at Four Lanes Methodist Church & Lighthouse from 3-5 pm. **Second Sunday:** morning Flapjack Family Event at **St. Andrew's**, followed by said Holy Communion at **12.30pm**. **Third Sunday,** morning Methodist Service (non-Eucharistic) at the Methodist Church, with a said service of Holy Communion at St. Andrew's at **6pm**. **Fourth Sunday:** Flapjack Holy Communion at St. Andrew's, 11.15am. The usual weekly Sunday benefice Service will continue on **Zoom** from a live church service at either 9.30am or 11.30am, details in the weekly sheet or online from www.redruthchurch.org.uk

The Fifth Sunday joint Benefice service on 31st October will be held at **St. Euny Church at 10.30 am**.

Teatime Events: These will be held in **Pencoys Hall on Sunday, 31st October** from 4pm to 5pm, (tea and cake provided), and in the **church on Tuesday, 26th October** from 2–4pm. (Please bring your own drink, cake will be provided.) Covid safety precautions apply.

Details of all Benefice activities are in the weekly prayer sheet, in church, or online as above. Fr. Peter also continues to publish his weekly informative and interesting 'Moving Forward Together' sheet, at www.redruthchurch.org.uk

THE FIRST SATURDAY QUIZ Our sincere apologies to all who were preparing to come to Pencoys Hall for the September Quiz. Owing to the rapid rise in Covid-19 cases locally, it was considered safer to return to the online format, which will now probably continue until the New Year. If you would like to join the Happy Quizzers online, please contact Fr. Peter at his email address, baptism66@gmail.com. Please watch this space for further news.

FIRST SUNDAY EVENING EVENT: The September Event, held at Christchurch, Lanner on 5th September, was a wonderful evening of celebration, featuring Climate Change and the Environment, and welcomed the Lord Lieutenant of Cornwall, Edward Bolitho, OBE, to present the British Empire Medal to Luci Isaacson in front of a large crowd who came to support her. Again, we send Luci our sincere congratulations on this great achievement.

The next **Event** will be held on **3rd October** and has yet to be confirmed, but will probably be a **Harvest (Picnic) Supper at 6pm**, venue to be confirmed. Please see the weekly sheet for details.

A New Ministry on Scilly For Revd. Carole Holmes : Fifteen intrepid travellers braved a voyage on the Atlantic on board the RMV Scillonian III on Wednesday, 1st September, to celebrate Revd Carole's new ministry on St. Mary's. A smooth crossing was enjoyed by all (including Fr. Peter!) and after a warm welcome and uplifting service, the return voyage, a tad more lively than the outgoing trip, returned everyone safely to Penzance the same evening. We wish Carole every blessing in her new life, safe sailing between the islands, and a warm welcome to Revd. Keith Osborn, who now replaces her in Redruth, Camborne and Hayle.

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)

Christchurch takes its responsibility to pay its MMF contribution to the Diocese very seriously. To try and raise some money to help pay the MMF for both now and in the future, the PCC have organised **THREE GIFT DAYS** and when you read this, the first one will have taken place. The other two days are on:



SATURDAY OCTOBER 30 & SATURDAY NOVEMBER 27

Both days are from 2.00pm – 4.00pm and will host a varied selection of displays, performances, games, refreshments, historical information, stalls, and the opportunity to support Christchurch.

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 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. 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 SKY-LINER 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.

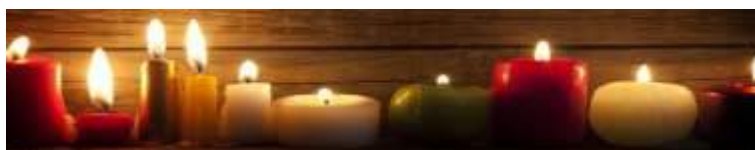
REMEMBERING OUR LOVED ONES

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 Pencoy's) together with FLAPJACK are holding THREE remembering services:

MONDAY NOV 1/Pencoy's Church/6.00pm SUNDAY NOV 7/Christchurch/6.00pm

MONDAY NOV 8/Pencoy's Church/6.00pm

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



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

ST ANDREW REDRUTH

Blackberry Season 1952

Autumn has always been a herald of change. The long, hot summer days of my childhood that gently drifted towards September were no different. The morning light and warmth just came a little later but my days, prior to starting school, were still filled with wonder and innocent happiness.

Late August meant blackberries appearing in all their juicy, black glory, hiding their biggest jewels in the undergrowth, just out of reach from tiny hands. My Aunt Muriel would appear on our doorstep with a large, white milk jug in her hand. To me she always looked the same wearing a somewhat shabby Gaberdine Raincoat over a full body apron and stout walking brogues on her feet. Her hair was always pulled back in a tight bun at the nape of her neck but her eyes shone with fun and kindness, I adored her. Blackberrying with her was an education all on it's own as we tramped the lanes around Gweal-an-top and Sandy Lane. She would show me where a fox had rested in the hedge overnight, a badger's trail, discarded birds' nests. She would turn over stones so we could see woodlice and insects. We would stand very still so we could catch a glimpse of a mouse or a vole. We would watch spiders as they caught flies and eat Sower Sobs together. Later we would return home and together, with my Mother, we would carefully wash the blackberries and make a tart for tea.

It was around this time that Farmer Brush would cut the long, luscious grass in the field opposite our house for hay. It was also nearing Harvest Festival time at Treleigh Church where the steps to the altar would be covered in baskets and boxes of glowing fruits and vegetables. My Mother would order a Harvest Basket from Mr and Mrs Pearce, Grocers at East End. Not only did the Pearces make the best ice cream in the whole, wide world but they created amazing baskets of fruit for Harvest Festivals festooned with crepe paper rosettes, bows and streamers. The contents of fruit were then carefully covered in bright red cellophane. These baskets were a work of art all on their own!

September, every year, held great excitement in our house. It was during this month that my Auntie Gwen in America would send a large parcel of clothes she had collected from her very well off friends. My Mother and my Aunts would gather over hot cups of tea and dissect the contents together. Silk blouses, tweed skirts, hats and 'very American' jewellery would spill out all over the floor. I loved every second, touching, trying on and so much laughter. No one liked the rather brassy jewellery but I thought it amazing.

The items would be altered, buttons changed, bows removed but everything found a new life. The new, altered outfits would see their first outing at the Harvest Supper. Even the gob-stopper sized earrings in gold finishes would be added to the dressing up box where I could swirl and romance in my dreams. Such simple but very fond memories from a happy childhood.

Pie Louis-Smith

The Randoms are Back!

After a long and silent 18 months of inactivity, St Andrew's Randoms are back on stage at the end of October with their latest musical extravaganza "Celebrate the Sixties"

So, why not re-live your youth for a while by dragging out your bell bottoms, shaking off your kaftans, wearing some flowers in your hair and coming along to the crypt to enjoy an evening of music and readings from the fabulous decade of the 60s.

With songs by such stars as the Beatles, the Beach Boys, the Turtles and many other great groups, you are assured of a swinging time!

This year, because of Covid safety, we have to restrict our numbers, but fear not.....you needn't miss out as we are performing the show on two nights - Friday October 29th and Saturday October 30th at 7:00pm. Tickets (£5, to include a pasty and pud supper) are on sale now from Lez (tel: 01209 215191). When you book, please state the number of people in your party so that we can reserve the correct number of places at your table - you won't be able to sit anywhere as in the past!

We are really looking forward to being with you again and enjoying a great evening together.

It'll be nice to see you, to see you NICE

***Lez, Fran, Hilary, Dave, Mary, Karen, Trish, Maggie, Wendy
(and special guest performers)***

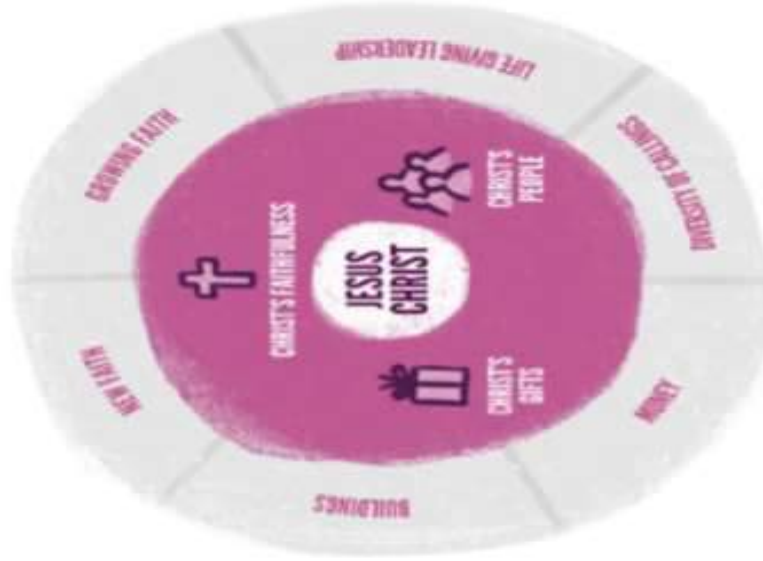


'ON THE WAY' is on the way!

ON THE WAY – SEEKING FRUITFULNESS & SUSTAINABILITY



OUR CALLING TO FRUITFULNESS...



OUR CALLING TO SUSTAINABILITY...

FROM THE REGISTERS

BAPTISMS

05 September 2021	Elsie Scorer	St Stephen Treleigh
12 September 2021	Tommy Trengove	St Stephen Treleigh
19 September 2021	Olivia Pearl Sarah Reynolds	St Stephen Treleigh

WEDDING

18 September 2021	Darren Scott Roberts and Kelly Marie Ellis	St Stephen Treleigh
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MEMORIAL SERVICE

12 September 2021	Angela Mason	St Stephen Treleigh
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FUNERAL

06 September 2021	Joan Cudlip	St Euny
17 September 2021	Lewis William Roscoe	St Stephen Treleigh

REEF DONATIONS

Thank you to those who donated to the **REEF** collection at the Benefice Service on 29 August.

This enabled us to make the following immediate donations:

£72 to the British Red Cross for the Afghanistan Crisis Appeal

£72 to the Christian Aid for the Haiti Earthquake Appeal

Richard Robinson

<<Talkabout>> © Minack - by Tricia Rowe

A year or so ago I heard on Radio Cornwall an item called "Minack Monday" covering information and news about the Minack Theatre. The person being interviewed commented that some people go to the shows dressed in t-shirt and shorts, not giving a thought to the fact that they will be on the side of a cliff at 10 o'clock at night!

We've been there and seen it happen! A young couple sat beside us on a lovely sunny afternoon and they were dressed in t-shirts and shorts, with no back up clothing except a picnic rug with waterproof backing. The mist rolled in and they began to feel the chill so pulled the rug around them. But with a waterproof backing it didn't quite do the job and they left at half time!

When we arrived theatre goers were unloading assorted items of comfort; cushions, sleeping bags, even a complete set of upholstered cushions from a settee. All were manoeuvred down the cliffs by the incoming audience wrapped in various layers of clothing, keeping their options open depending on the weather. This was followed by the 'digging in process'. Blankets, sleeping bags and cushions were arranged and re-arranged to give maximum protection against the possibility of cold later in the evening.

A family in front of us had a full picnic hamper, with wine, and proceeded to eat their way through the entire first half of the performance! The picnicking and the protection against the elements are as much part of the atmosphere of the Minack as the performance itself, as is the mixture of accents....Cornish, American, Canadian and French were the ones we heard.

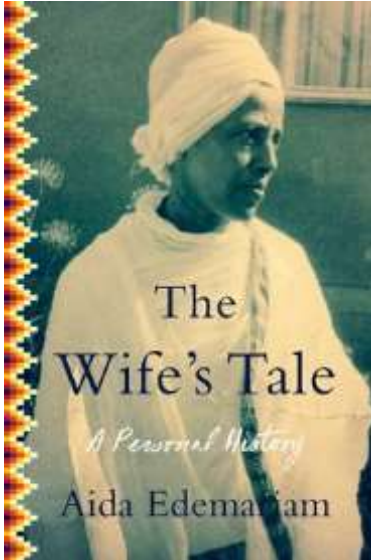
On one occasion we had to cancel our tickets as I developed sciatica, a very inconvenient complaint to have at any theatre, let alone the Minack!! Sitting for a long time isn't always an option and getting up and walking around definitely isn't an option so we had to forgo the pleasure of an evening under the stars at the Minack.

If you have never visited the Minack Theatre, near Land's End, it is something that should be remedied as soon as possible. An experience not to be missed. Set high above the sea, this open air theatre clings precariously to the Cornish cliffs close to the village of Porthcurno.

Anyone who has ever been to the Minack will know there is nothing quite like it. The whole concept of a visit to the theatre is turned upside down. It is a mixture of two cultures, where the culture of the live stage meets the Cornish culture of the sea and land. Lighted ships pass behind the stage forming a living backdrop which, I am sure, cannot be equalled anywhere, and weatherwise....it pays to be prepared!

BOOK CLUB

Book club will meet on Friday 1st October at 10:15. We are currently reading 'The Wife's Tale' by Aida Edemariam



A hundred years ago, a girl was born in the northern Ethiopian city of Gondar.

Before she was ten years old, Yetemegnu was married to a man two decades her senior, an ambitious poet-priest. Over the next century her world changed beyond recognition.

She witnessed Fascist invasion and occupation, Allied bombardment and exile from her city, the ascent and fall of Emperor Haile Selassie, revolution and civil war. She

endured all these things alongside parenthood, widowhood and the death of children.

Aida Edemariam retells her grandmother's stories of a childhood surrounded by proud priests and soldiers, of her husband's imprisonment, of her fight for justice - all of it played out against an ancient cycle of festivals and the rhythms of the seasons.

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Baby Blackberrybird

As I relish the afternoon air, above my head a frantic rustling greets my ear,
The bustling fluttering of wings, What do I hear?
An avian battle? The outbreak of territorial war?
No, a sudden silence, a busy peace, a single forager, wrestling with a brambly
branch

Entangled in the pittosporum tree, almost strangled by the fruited vines of
autumn.

I look up

What delight when I espy a fledgling, black, with bumbling flight,
His golden bill gleaming in the autumn sun,
Appearing to grapple with a trophy won from the blackberry bush.
A sudden hush descends, while he considers a risky leap and
spends

Seconds preparing to span with baby wings the gap between the
branch

And nearby things on which to land. He spies a roof, where,
flight achieved,

He stands aloof, and, proud of his success, throws back his head,
Playing with the berry in his open beak; then, to be fed, swallows it whole.

I gaze on his infant majesty: a black, princely silhouette against the bright blue
sky.

How generous is the love of our Creator God, who satisfies each creature's need
for food.



Jill Tolputt



BACK TO SCHOOL

Back to School, this simple phrase,
Brings joy to some, to others pain;
As life itself, we live and learn,
Each day, we're, Back to School again.

God's children, in this school of life,
How do we feel, as we awake?
If joy, then we are full of hope,
If pain! How much more, can we take?

For life's a constant learning process,
Day by day, learn something new;
Our thirst for knowledge, spurs us on,
To seek a different point of view.

And we've the Greatest Teacher here,
We know He teaches, from the heart;
His subjects, Love and Life itself,
These lessons daily, He'll impart.

This Teacher, He is qualified,
Experience, and theory, knows;
He's practiced fully, what He teaches,
Wisdom now to us, bestows.

For He has been here, lived like us,
Then passed through Death! And knows
the Way;
Our Teacher, then Returned to guide,
We'll follow Him, if we obey.

He's firm, but good and gentle,
And He knows the best, we can attain;
A Cross, for wrong, He understands,
Forgives us, then says, "Try again".

As teachers say, "If you need help, then ask",
And they will show the way;
Our Teacher says, "If you need help, then ask",
That's why with Faith, we pray.

For we gain knowledge, constantly
If we are open, to receive;
Retune, our hearts and minds, to Him,
He'll teach us well, if we believe.

When tested by exams at school,
We draw upon, our knowledge stored;
For strength, to face the tests, of life,
We draw upon, our Risen Lord.

For each day, heartfelt questions, Why?
We ask, why let the bullies rule?
Why is it, some are called 'home' early?
Why, some kept, too late in 'school'?

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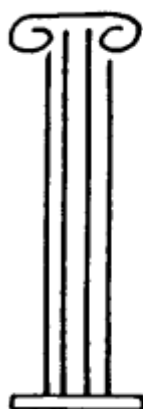


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