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Rector's notes – OCTOBER 2022

The Queen is dead, long live the King!

As I write, we are awaiting the Queen's funeral, and scenes of mourning are being played out in our national life which we'll all remember the rest of our lives. Hundreds of thousands are queuing patiently to see the Queen lying in state in Westminster Hall. Though of course her death was inevitable, and looking back the signs were pretty clear that the end was near, we've been still been shocked that this constant presence in our national life is no longer with us. Tributes for the Queen have poured in from across our nation, the Commonwealth and the whole world. I've been struck on the one hand by world leaders paying tribute to her, like President Macron of France, saying that really she was "The Queen' – a beacon of continuity and steadfastness to people across the world". But also on the other hand, by stories of normal people who spoke briefly to the Queen, but sensed her genuine interest and concern for their ordinary lives.

A great deal has quite rightly been made of the Queen's deep personal Christian faith, and in particular how the example of Jesus shaped her own attitude towards her life of service and duty. But less had been said about how her faith, and the prayers of millions of people, may have formed and shaped her into the person who has managed to carry out all that duty and service.

King Charles, having served the longest apprenticeship in history, now has many eyes turned on him. Among many other roles, he is now supreme governor of the Church of England, and in his first televised speech to the nation I was really impressed at how he articulated his own Christian faith. He has spoken too of how he believes his work must include protecting the space for faith itself, and respecting those who follow other spiritual paths, as well as those who seek to live their lives in accordance with secular ideals.

But his Coronation itself will be in the context of Christian worship, and I believe we all have a part to play in how our new King manages to exercise his duties, and to be sustained in his faith. And that is in our prayers for him. Prayer makes a difference. Our continuing prayers can really can help enable King Charles to fulfil all of God's purposes for him, in this changing and uncertain world.

Everlasting God, we pray for our new King. Bless his reign and the life of our nation. Help us to work together so that truth and justice, harmony and fairness flourish among us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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

RECENT EVENTS

As I listened to the accounts of the queue of people waiting to pay their respects to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, I recognised all of the landmarks that the thousands of people were passing. London Bridge, the Globe Theatre, Tate Modern, the London Aquarium, the old County Hall, Westminster Bridge and finally Westminster Hall. I wondered if I would have joined the queue had that been possible. If my diary had been empty, or, if I could have cancelled the services, visits and events that were in the diary. Why didn't I go? I kept thinking of the words of a wise priest: *"whatever is in the diary first, that is what you do, and always remember that meeting, that visit is vitally important for that person or family, they have waited for that moment and it must be honoured!!"* As it was, I stayed in Redruth and was grateful to Ron, who had arranged to show the state funeral on a large television in Christchurch. There were just a few of us, but, we were together and shared that moment in history.

I can remember another royal death, that of Diana Princess of Wales. I woke up early in the morning of Sunday August 31. The death of the Princess was all over the news, flowers were being put at the gates of Buckingham Palace, her image was on railings, the nation was distraught. The death of Diana was tragic. Church congregations increased and national mourning reached fever pitch. This time was different, Diana's death was a life cut-short, the Queen's death came after a life of duty and service, Diana's death stamped on hope, the Queen's death reminded us all of the hope the Queen had brought to the nation. Her Christian faith a pattern for her life.

As we remember both Diana, Princess of Wales, and her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II so we also remember those whom we have loved but see no longer. Those whose lives have led us to where we are today. Together, may they rest in peace, and rise in glory.

You will probably have heard about the 'On the Way' project. This is designed to support the churches in the Diocese of Truro in the years to come, as each church seeks to be both sustainable and fruitful. One way of trying to be both of those qualities is to 'reach out' to children and young people. The Benefice of Redruth is really trying to do that with

Family and All-Age Services:- TOAST (a youth club held in the Crypt each Friday) **TIDDLERS 1** (held in the crypt on a Thursday) **COME RAIN OR SHINE** (held each school holiday in the Crypt on a Thursday); **TIDDLERS 2** (held in Christchurch on a Tuesday); **LIGHTHOUSE** (held in the Four Lanes Chapel on the last Sunday of the month); **The Summer Holiday Project—The Don't Stop Believing Youth Theatre Group/DSB** (re-starting soon); **The Catch-Up Club** (held each school holiday in Pencoys). All of these projects seek to work, not only with the children and young people but also with their families. baptisms, weddings and funerals all are arranged through these meetings, and God's love is shared and touches the lives of many.

Those who attend may not come to church regularly, but they will know that they are beloved of God and that the church, perhaps just briefly was there for them and enriched their lives. It was Mother Teresa of Calcutta who said **"cast your stone into the water and watch the ripples go out; you may never know where the ripples will go, what they will touch or where they will lead"**.

There is an ancient proverb that says: **"Do not be afraid to sow, because of the birds"**. As we struggle to 'grow the church' never forget that what you sow may be reaped by someone else, by another church. What is important is that we keep reaching out into the world and reflecting God's love to all whom we meet.

ST STEPHEN'S TRELEIGH



On Sunday 4th September the church was almost full for the Baptism of Edith Rose Knowles during the 11.15am Informal Holy Communion Service, a wonderfully uplifting celebration.

On Friday 9th September, following the sad news of the passing of Queen Elizabeth II, St. Stephen's Church was open for people to come in and pay their respects to our wonderful Queen. The bell was tolled 96 times at 12 noon, one toll for each year of her life. Many Treleigh School children and their parents came in and over 60 votive candles were lit near the framed prayer & beautiful photo of Her Majesty. May she rest in peace and rise in glory. The Healing Service at 7pm that evening was led by Reverend Margaret and Fr. Peter and a candle was lit and prayers were said especially for the Royal family in their grief and for our new King Charles III.

It was with regret but with respect to HM Queen Elizabeth II, that The Great British Tea Party due to be held on Saturday 17th September was postponed. It is hoped that we can hold this in the not too distant future.

On Sunday 18th September, the 11.15am service was one of Thanksgiving for the life and steadfast duty of our late Queen Elizabeth II. RIP. Our thanks go to Caspar and Curate Chris for the meaningful Order of Service which was projected on the big screen and for showing the wonderful light-hearted video of HM Queen Elizabeth II having tea with Paddington Bear on the occasion of Her Platinum Jubilee Celebration. The address given by Deacon Chris was heartfelt and told of our late Queen's great Faith, Love and duty to God and to her people.

The service ended with The National Anthem in tribute to King Charles III. After which, Caspar invited people to light a votive candle in front of the Altar where a beautiful photo of our late Queen was displayed together with a prayer. Thanks go to Lynn for playing both the organ and keyboard so beautifully for some of our late Queen's favourite hymns and also to Carol and Doreen for the wonderful floral arrangements throughout the church and porch

On Saturday 1st October from 10am - 12 noon, we will be tidying our Churchyard and all help of able bodies will be gratefully accepted and rewarded with a hot drink and biscuits. Please bring tools and gloves if you have them however, there will be spares available to use.

On Sunday 2nd October at 11.15am we will be holding our Harvest Festival and being the 1st Sunday in the month will be an Informal Holy Communion Service. Harvest offerings will be for the Foodbank.

Following this on Monday evening, 3rd October at 7pm in the Hall, we will hold our Harvest Supper with pasties and dessert. All are welcome to join us but please phone Carol Stewart on 07850 990605 to order your choice of pasty.

We continue to keep our church open until 12 noon following the 10am HC service on Thursdays when we enjoy a drink and biscuits over a chat and welcome anyone in to view the church, light a candle or sit quietly in contemplation and prayer.

Sunday 30th October at 3pm: A Remembering Service for those who have lost loved ones over the past year. A chance to light a candle and reflect in the stillness of the church while names are read out. There will be prayer, appropriate poems and hymns.

Christine Cunningham

ST EUNY

Sadly the death of our Sovereign, Queen Elizabeth led to the Redruth Town Council cancelling the celebrations and activities for the Mining and Pasty Festival in Redruth over the weekend of 9th -10th September. As a result the remembrance walk and pasty lunch were also cancelled, although a service went ahead at St Euny on Mining Sunday. This will mean that there will have been a four year break since the last festival in 2019, so we hope that there are no hitches next year.

Our doughty bell ringers rose to the challenge and took part in the national ring at noon on Friday 9th September, to mark the death of The Queen. We are grateful for this dedication as there was very short notice. It is wonderful that we hear them practicing and ringing so often and we appreciate the great asset they are to the church and the town.

The Community Café / Open Café is back with regular activities on Wednesday afternoons, many thanks to Chris Vining for her continued organisation and support for this. If there is anyone who would be able to offer time to help set up and cover this in holiday times please do let us know as that could offer greater continuity and lighten the load on Lucie, our churchwarden.

Our Harvest Festival Celebration at St Euny will be on the evening of September 25th after the 6.00pm evensong. There will be a harvest supper afterward, beginning at 7.00pm in the church, so please watch out for further details on the weekly sheet.

On 9th October there will be a special St Francis service at 3.00pm at St Euny for pets and animals. We are looking forward to initiating this and hope that anyone will feel welcome to come along. If you know of someone who might wish to have a special blessing for their animals, please do encourage them to come along to this short and informal service, with tea and coffee afterwards. A stained glass image of St Francis is the saint accompanying St Euny in our north aisle window, so we feel that this is particularly suitable. All animals are welcome, accompanying humans taking responsibility for good behaviour!

Advance notice for anyone who wishes to attend a remembrance service for those who have died in the past two years, and particularly if their funeral was held at St Euny or there is a connection here, the St Euny Remembrance service will be held on 6th November with refreshments to follow.

We have held our first planning meeting at St Euny for the joint St Andrew / St Euny Redruth Parish Christmas Tree Festival. Our next meeting is on Thursday October 6th at 7.00pm at St Euny and will last about an hour. We continue to welcome ideas, offers of support, suggestions for sponsorship etc. to help make this a success. Contact Linda Beskeen or Lez Seth if you would like to be involved.

Linda Beskeen

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

Worshipping, praying and working together as 'One in Christ' St. Andrew's Church remains open daily from about 10am-4pm with optional Covid-safe precautions in place

The sad news about the Queen greeted some of us arriving for the meeting of Deanery Synod at St. Mary's Church, Portreath on the evening of 8th September, and instead of discussing the On the Way project, Caspar led a short reading and prayer vigil for Her Majesty, probably one of the first in the country. How blessed we were to be in that place at that time.

The first Sunday Evening Event on 4th September took the form of a Taizé service, at which Fran and James accompanied us on flute and guitar, and £150 was raised for the people of Pakistan via the Disasters Emergency Committee (now £200). We thank everyone who came and supported this important charity. The next Event will be a **Bring & Share Harvest Supper at 6 pm on Sunday, 2nd October, in Pencoys Hall**, to which everyone is welcome.

Flapjack services and events during **October** will be:

Said Holy Communion each Wednesday at 6pm, St. Andrew's, Pencoys, followed by the Archbishop's 'Difference' course on the 12th & 19th October at 7.00pm.

Saturday, 1st October: Quiz in Pencoys Hall, 7pm, £1 per person (please bring your own refreshments)

Sunday, 2nd October: Flapjack Holy Comunion at Four Lanes Methodist Church, 11.15am, Lighthouse (Young people's project, parents and carers welcome) from 3-5pm, and First Sunday Evening Event, 6pm, Bring & Share Harvest Supper in Pencoys Hall.

Sunday, 9th October: **Flapjack Family Event** at St. Andrew's Pencoys, 11.15am followed by said Holy Communion at 12.30pm.

Saturday, 15th October: Games Evening (Prize Bingo) in Pencoys Hall, 6-8pm. £3 pp. please bring your own refreshments.

Sunday, 16th October: Service of the Word, 11.15am at the Methodist Church; Holy Communion at 6pm at St. Andrew's Pencoys.

Saturday, 22nd October: Bangers & Mash, Methodist Church, 11am to 1pm.

Sunday, 23rd October: Flapjack Holy Communion with hymns at St. Andrew's Pencoys, 11.15am.

Sunday, 30th October: Breakfast Service at the Methodist Church, 9.30am.

Joint Benefice Holy Communion, 10.30 a.m. at St. Euny Church

Teatime Celebration, Pencoys Hall, 4 – 5pm

Please note that the monthly last-Tuesday 'Teatime in Church' event has been discontinued for the time being.

Hope for the future: In a recent documentary the Queen was heard quoting an ancient Aboriginal philosophy: "We are all visitors to this time and place. We are all passing through. Our purpose here is to observe, learn, grow and love, and then return home". We wish her God speed on her homeward journey.

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 11.00am and follows the Prayer Book rite.

THE FILM CLUB

The Club meets every LAST Friday of each month, and the next film is publicised in the Benefice weekly sheet. Doors open at 6.30pm and the camera is rolling at 7.00pm. The cost is £3.00 and membership for the remainder of the year is £5.00; however, if you join, then the first film you watch is FREE. The interval ice-cream is also FREE!! The Club is very grateful to Geoff K. who was the original camera technician and who has now handed over the camera to Richard KB. **The film at the end of September is:**

“HIDDEN FIGURES” and tells the story of three inspirational African-American women who work at NASA at the time of the launch of astronaut John Glenn.

SOCK (Support Our Christ the King)

The FOURTH SOCK will be held on SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 24 at 7.00pm. The evening will involve GIN and a celebration of birthdays. Look in the weekly sheet for more details a bit nearer the time.!! **This event comes after the period of national mourning for Queen Elizabeth II.**

MARGARET’S TEA ROOM

This continues in the Church Hall from 2.00pm – 4.00pm on the LAST MONDAY of each month. There lots of tea to drink, cake to eat and buy and a chance to chat!!! **Thankyou so much to everyone who came to the August Bank Holiday tea-party which raised £113.00 for the recent Summer Holiday Project.**

COMMUNITY PANTRY

The pantry, which started in the lockdown moved inside during the very bad weather. Linda J. continues to ensure that supplies are kept in place both inside and in the emergency box outside. The pantry is very well used and donations of cash and supplies are always very welcome.

REMEMBERING HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II

Sunday September 18 began for Christchurch with Holy Communion using the new 105 liturgy. Members of the gathered community then joined many others in the Lanner Recreation Ground for an act of reflection on, and thanksgiving for the reign of the Queen. It was a moving event, underscored by the Lanner Band and included memories of Her Majesty, traditional hymns, prayers, and readings. It was a very special time and thanks go to all those who made this opportunity possible.

With best wishes from the Christchurch community as we all enter a new period in our history. **GOD SAVE KING CHARLES III**

FP

ST ANDREW REDRUTH

The Engagement Ring.

During the late 50s we had moved from our treasured little home to a much larger, sprawling house; number 7 Coach Lane. We had left behind a road of very neat semi detached houses all complete with immaculately kept front gardens, that is, except ours!

Neither of my parents could be described as “gardeners”. The grass got cut simply because it became too long to find missing toys or my darling dachshund, Fritz.

Number 7 Coach Lane presented a new problem. It had a large garden and even larger vegetable plot. The latter was easily sorted and a gardener named Bert was employed. Bert was one of those amazing people who charmed all the wild life around him and I would watch him, spellbound, as birds fed from his hand. The only issue with Bert was that his Cornish Accent was so thick we struggled to understand anything he said!

One summer lunchtime I noticed that there seemed to be a lot of activity in the garden. Both my Father and my Mother seemed to be pointing at the wall, now completely enveloped in brambles. It would appear that my Mother’s Engagement Ring was missing from its box which she kept in the middle draw of her dressing table. My little sister had been upstairs playing at dressing up and it was suspected that she had taken it out and put it on. As I remember, it all seemed a little vague but the search was on!

The following day my Father had taken drastic action. Somewhere or someone had lent him a Flame Thrower which he felt was ideal for disposing of all the brambles so the search could continue. It was amazing to watch as my Mother hacked away at the highest brambles with a scythe, followed by my Father shouting, “Keep Back”, while he shot the flame thrower at the wall. Flames shot high above the wall incinerating everything in it’s path including the plastic, roped clothes line that spanned the garden and all Bert’s stored canes that had been neatly cut and tied.

Sadly, the small, solitaire Engagement Ring was never found but my Mother never gave up hope and would often be found scouring the overgrown borders and the now disused Goldfish Pond.

Years later, after we had moved from Coach Lane, the empty Engagement Ring box still kept it’s place in her dressing table drawer. She often hoped that one day, someone would find it and it would bring them the pleasure it had bought her. I like to think so.

Pie Louis-Smith

Pastoral Visiting Group

Just a reminder to everyone in all our churches to continue to look out for one another especially if you have concerns because someone has been missing from church. Do please tell your coordinator so that they can organise a visit and make sure that person is OK. The names of the coordinators are listed again below for your information.

There is always room for more parish visitors so if you think this is something you would like to do please contact one of the ministry team for more information or come to the next Pastoral Group meeting on October 10th at Christchurch Lanner at 7.00pm

Coordinators:-

St Andrew Pencoys	Father Peter
Christchurch Lanner	Linda James
Treleigh	Ann Youlton
St Euny	Jason Hoole-Jackson
St Andrew Redruth	Pie Louis-Smith and Lavinia Green

Thank you all for your fellowship and friendship to one another.

Reverend Margaret and Father Peter

FROM THE REGISTERS

BAPTISMS

21 August	2022	Barnaby John Parker-Billinge	St Stephen Treleigh
21 August	2022	Frederick Richard Woolcock	St Stephen Treleigh
21 August	2022	Ezra Lean	St Euny
27 August	2022	Bertie Thomas Hurley Smith	St Euny
27 August	2022	Harvey-Ray Waller	St Stephen Treleigh
03 September	2022	Milo Drummond Mark Ross	St Andrew Redruth
03 September	2022	Cruz, Koda and Charlie Thomas McDonald	St Andrew Redruth
04 September	2022	Edith Rose Knowles	St Stephen Treleigh

WEDDINGS

10 September	2022	Daniel Liam Lewis and Tarnia Yasmin Monks	St Euny
17 September	2022	Paul Hutchens and Rebecca Elizabeth West	St Euny

Book Club—open to anyone who likes to read

We had a very mixed discussion about **This is Happiness** mainly because some of us hadn't finished the book and others didn't want to spoil the ending! It was certainly interesting to read about a sleepy village in Ireland, which some related to their own experiences of Cornish Village life back in the 50's, the diverse characters and the relationships within the village alongside new relationships with those who had come to bring electricity to the whole village. Whilst some thought the book was a little boring at times it is well worth preserving to an interesting conclusion.

We meet again on October 7th to share our thoughts on *The Circling Sky* by Neil Ansell. A non-fiction book about the seasonal changes in the New Forest, a much loved area by the author who was born nearby. With beautiful sightings and observations of birds, trees, butterflies, insects and landscape this is also a reflective memoir on childhood, on the history of one of the most ancient and important habitats and on the gypsies who lived there for centuries, and were subsequently expelled to neighbouring cities.

In November we are looking at *Meredith, Alone* by Claire Alexander about a woman who has not left her home for 1,214 days. Meredith is a wonderful character – funny, strong and relatable – and the slow reveal about why she's become a recluse is gripping.

And for those of you who like poetry we invite you to come with your favourite poems on December 2nd

Margaret Saville

Jigsaw Library

As we move into the winter evenings and you want to stay indoors you might want to take advantage of the Jigsaw Library. I have a few jigsaws under 1000 pieces and quite a few of 1000 pieces on a variety of subjects and difficulty.

If you, or anyone you know, is interested in borrowing please do come down to the crypt on a Monday afternoon so you can choose the jigsaw that will keep you amused for a number of hours. There is no time limit for borrowing so you can take as long as you like, especially with the more challenging jigsaws which give a great deal of satisfaction when completed.

I simply ask that each person pays a £1 to register and 50p for each jigsaw borrowed.

If you're not able to get to the crypt I, or someone else, may be able to bring you a selection to choose from, just give me a ring on 211775.

Thank you

Margaret

TRUST

Trust, truth and honesty are currently 'topical' words. They are heard so much in our every day talking, the media, our leaders and all our lives. It does make me wonder what the definition of the word 'trust' means as there appears to be various uses of the word. I think in today's life the word 'trust' is misused and abused.

From our early years, being honest is something that we are taught to be and our parents trusted us. As children we tried to abide by this but didn't we laugh when after telling a lie, we managed to get away with not telling the truth.

Have we not all, when asked by someone, if we think that they are looking smart or suitably dressed and trust us to reply. If we agree, is this being honest? We are often asked 'how are you' and how do we reply – 'I am fine'. If we told the truth perhaps it might help us, instead of struggling, possibly to our own detriment. If being invited to a meal, how do we reply to our host that the meal was good. Can we be trusted with the reply?

We have to trust everybody and not everyone tells untruths. We trust the people who care for us, our friends and our employers. Unfortunately, if a circumstance arises that this trust is broken, it can make us very sad and doubt our own feelings.

Many of us tell 'white lies' but these invariably do not affect anybody or anything. It is the blatant lies that can have consequences. The truth is always the best way.

Our every day life survives on trust. We turn on a light, the heating, the cooker, the water tap and even the computer but when it does not work we are immediately on the phone, which also may not work. We trust all these things to obey our demands and do not like it when they let us down. Something that cannot be trusted is our weather which clouded the 1999 solar eclipse when crowds were out on vantage points to view the event.

I hope that after you have read these thoughts that you will trust me when I say that tomorrow is another day.

Juliet Jenkin

NEW HYMNS SOCIAL

On Saturday 8th October at 10.30am in St Andrew's we are having a NEW HYMNS SOCIAL! The idea is that over a cup of coffee, we will gather together from across the benefice to learn some new hymns together. For example, Caspar's nomination for a song to learn is going to be 'Let us build a house where love can dwell' - why not google it?!

If you have a suggestion of a song, please contact Caspar - we'll probably try to learn about half a dozen altogether that we can then roll out into our worship in the months ahead.

Elizabeth, Regina Delecta (Beloved Queen)

Jill Tolputt

Too soon it seemed to come: the moment so long planned for,
Which we hoped would not arrive;
When flights of angels bore her home to Love
From the heather glens, the mournful pipes and misty dark Munros
Close to her heart, in the land she loved so well,
Where the stag roams freely and the lusty river flows.
On this special date, bows of promise adorned the evening sky with colours bright,
As if to celebrate the day on which our Lord's own Mother came to earth,
Our nation's Mother claimed rebirth into our Saviour's everlasting light.
And then, to crown the sacred deed, a shooting star.

Beloved Queen, Sovereign and Servant 'of glorious, happy memory',
Constant hub of the globally revolving wheel,
Weeping corgis and horses with measured gait give thanks;
Lily of the valley and sweet peas bloom to reveal the fragrance
Of your reign of three-score years and ten. The nations of the world
Join to recall your outstretched hand, the advocate of peace, your dazzling smile,
Your fortitude, sincerity, wisdom, your graceful, humble heart,
The role to which you knew God called you,
An anointed life of selfless service, a perfect work of art.
All have known your life of faith, of decency, dignity, responsibility;
A promise made so long ago, sincerely kept,
Bearing the weighty burden of the crown;
The longest reign, greeted by cheers and tears, a legacy now laid
Upon your beloved son. We pray his reign
Will build upon his own good works begun, and further grow the seeds your own has sown.
We proclaim: 'God save the King' on earth, and pray 'long live our Queen above'.
In her own words: 'Grief is the price we pay for love.'





OUR QUEEN ELIZABETH II

Sheila Gannaway 16 September 2022

“My whole life, be it , Long or Short”
Your Majesty, You vowed,
“With God’s help. To make it Good”
His Blessing, He Endowed

Dear Ma’am, You Reigned through Jubilees
Just weeks ago, Your Last,
Your Platinum, was such a joy,
Recalling, all Your past

I was just, a babe of one,
When You became, our Queen,
My whole life, since then, You’ve Reigned
And wanted to be seen

In recent years, You needed rest,
And chose to delegate,
But still our Monarch, till the end
You’d never Abdicate

At school, You came into my class,
I’d sneak, a peak at You,
I wondered, as you glanced around,
Maybe, You saw me too?

Your Majesty, it feels surreal,
That we must say, Goodbye!
You’ve been our Queen so many years,
It seemed, You’d never Die

Your smile could melt a million hearts,
Wherever You would go,
With Philip right there, by Your side,
The Commonwealth, would grow

But now as, as You, depart this Life,
We have our memories, still,
“We Will Meet Again!” You vowed,
And, “With God’s help”. We will

EXCERPTS FROM A DAILY JOURNAL

by Michael Tangye

On retiring in 1995, following 42yrs in the Health Service, Pam and I visited New Zealand for 8 weeks where we stayed with Pam's brother, briefly at Devonport, Auckland, where he was the City Planner. The tour that followed to both North and South Island involved a variety of transport—bus, touring bus, 'shuttle' bus, train and lorry. Each evening the days events were recorded in this writer's journal, extracts of which might be of interest to others. It was not surprising that we encountered so many links with Cornwall with its mining history, emigration and even art!

Nov 10th 1995 Pam and I have not slept for over two days. Following the break of four hours at Los Angeles, we filed back on board the plane and were joined by a young woman from Boston who ravenously devoured her meal, pulled a cover over her head and slept throughout the rest of the flight to Auckland—we were quite envious! The lady checking our names on landing wore a badge showing that she was called 'B Tregunna' - obviously of Cornish descent!

Nov 11th 'Still no sleep' West to the 'Auckland Domain' in the evening, a huge open area of parkland surrounded by hills. This was the venue for free entertainment attended by 200,000 people who come in droves to enjoy music by a large band and the Auckland Symphony Orchestra. The surprise was the presence of Nelson Mandela who addressed the audience. He was accompanied by the Prime Minister of New Zealand. The former had to face the 'Haka' performed by a gathering of Maori "warriors". We returned at 12.30pm for a sleep at last!

Nov 14th ...the New Zealander's are very conscious of fitness judging by the large number of fast walkers and joggers. When picnicking in the Park we were surprised at lunchtime when a number of 'white-collar' workers and street cleaners entered to remove their shirts and commenced to play rugby—such is the enthusiasm which brings such success to the All Blacks team!

Nov 16th Visited the Auckland Museum. The Maori section occupied our interest for two hours. Magnificent wood carvings done with stone tools and an immense war canoe, 82ft long, which held 100 warriors made in 1836. It was once blown apart by the Marines during a period of tribal wars to prevent its use—we also witnessed dancing, greetings etc performed by indigenous Maoris, who rightly stressed that they were the true race of New Zealand.

We visited the City Art Gallery and were surprised to see the large, well known painting of the Newlyn School of Art by Frank Bramley (1857-1915), 'For such is the Kingdom of Heaven'. This shows the funeral of a child in Newlyn, the coffin borne by ladies, all in white. Another painting by Rita Angus is of 'Betty Curnow'!

Nov 17th 'To Rotorua by bus and pleasant motel. Found the geo-thermal area. Everywhere sulphurous steam rose from the ground with bubbling, steaming ponds in gardens, and even in the lake which occupied the vast crater of an extinct volcano—Lake Rotorua—noticed bubbles on the shore line. I put my fingers into a wayside stream and found it to be unbearably hot!

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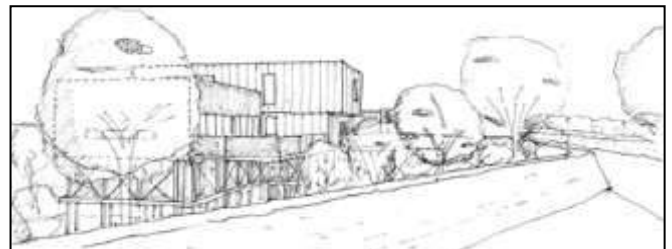
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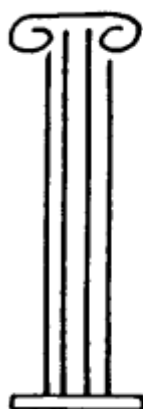


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