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Creationtide

Our annual traditional of harvest festivals as we know them today (which in Redruth this year we'll celebrate on 6th October) goes back to Victorian times. A much more recent initiative in the Church of England is the Season of Creation in September. It's a chance for us to think not simply about God's provision for us as we do at harvest, but much more widely about our natural environment.

Climate change is in the news all the time now. As I write scientists have just reported tiny particles of plastic being found in snow in the Arctic. The heat wave in much of Europe in July reminded us of the real and pressing issue of more extreme weather patterns. The pressure group Extinction Rebellion has been finding new ways to confront us with the urgency of the need for our whole society to change our behaviour for the good of our planet. There are even couples today choosing not to have children because they are so worried about what sort of world those children would otherwise inhabit in the second half of this century. As Christians, what should our response be?

Over the weekend 14 – 15th September we'll be thinking about these things in all our churches. Firstly, on Sat 14th please come to Christchurch Lanner at 7pm for a Climate change / Eco / Green evening at 7pm with a variety of contributors.

Then on Sunday 15th in our morning services we'll be continuing in the same vein. As well as our worship having this theme, we're expecting that the sermon slot will be interactive, so that instead of just listening to a sermon we can have a chance to discuss the issue, and think carefully about what our response as a church and as individuals might be.

It's possible for us to throw up our hands in despair over this issue and think this is all too difficult. Or to wonder how the actions of any one person can make any difference at all. But don't we need to do better than that? God has blessed us with an extraordinary planet to live on, and given us huge inventiveness and creativity, but also the responsibility of looking after this place for ourselves and future generations. And most of us have lived most of our lives without having to think about much of this at all. Surely the least we can do now is pay very diligent attention to what we now know, and do whatever we can to repair the damage, including changing our lifestyle where that is what is required.

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

The Saint called to One Simple Thing



Some of the Benefice Upper Room groups (study and fellowship groups) have recently been looking at the Cornish Celtic Saints. Here is one we missed: It is said that St Petroc of Cornwall had a pupil in Ireland by the name of Kevin (or *Cóemgen* in old Irish). Many legends surround the life of this holy man, but he is most famous for his encounter with a blackbird. Once when Kevin was praying in his monk's cell, the story has it that a blackbird landed on Kevin's outstretched hand. Not wanting to disturb it, he kept

his hand still. And it stayed so long that it laid its eggs there, the praying man's hand making a perfect nest for the bird. Astonished that *he* had been chosen for this task, Kevin came to see this singular act as his vocation from God. He determined to devote as much time to this bird's nest as it took, eventually seeing the chicks hatch, and fledge and fly.

It is an emotive myth, but likewise it is such a powerful concept. It is a bizarre story, to be sure, but what could be the *one thing* that God might be calling us to today? Is there a call on your life to give yourself more fully to the thing that God has placed in your hands? Is there a lesson we could learn from this singular act of devotion? And are there times when *you* have been the blackbird; you have been held, and held, and held for as long as you needed it? By friends perhaps, or your church? And here is the reality: we are all held by the hands of Jesus Christ who has chosen us and promised to never leave us. So may God hold *you* for as long as you need it.

Graham Adamson

Seamus Heaney crafted this poem around the legend:

St Kevin and the Blackbird

And then there was St Kevin and the blackbird.
The saint is kneeling, arms stretched out, inside
His cell, but the cell is narrow, so
One turned-up palm is out the window, stiff
As a crossbeam, when a blackbird lands
And lays in it and settles down to nest.
Kevin feels the warm eggs, the small breast, the tucked
Neat head and claws and, finding himself linked
Into the network of eternal life,
Is moved to pity: now he must hold his hand
Like a branch out in the sun and rain for weeks
Until the young are hatched and fledged and flown.

And since the whole thing's imagined anyhow,
Imagine being Kevin. Which is he?
Self-forgetful or in agony all the time
From the neck on out down through his hurting forearms?
Are his fingers sleeping? Does he still feel his knees?
Or has the shut-eyed blank of underearth
Crept up through him? Is there distance in his head?
Alone and mirrored clear in love's deep river,
'To labour and not to seek reward,' he prays,
A prayer his body makes entirely
For he has forgotten self, forgotten bird
And on the riverbank forgotten the river's name.

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ENVIRONMENT

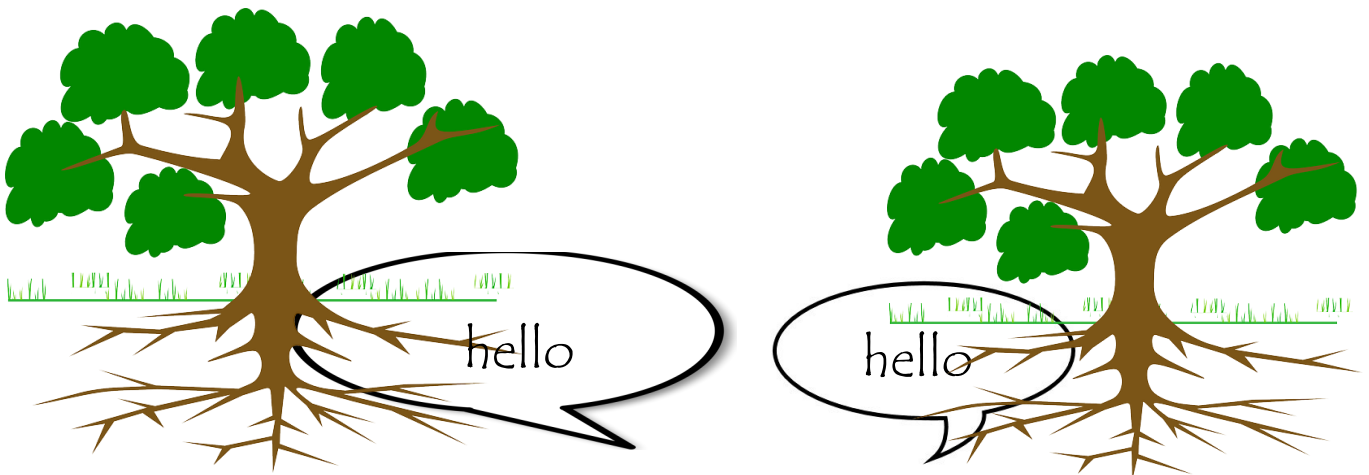
Thought for the Month

It seems that the talking trees of folklore and Tolkien's 'Ents' in Lord of the Rings are not such a fantasy after all.

Scientists, such as Professor Suzanne Simard from Canada, have discovered that trees communicate— 'talk' to each other through their root systems via the fungi which surround them.

So the animal kingdom is not the only form of life on earth to communicate with each other!

Avril Blight



ST ANDREW REDRUTH

This month St Andrews has been filled with the joyful sound of happy, messy children as we played host to the Diocesan venture 'Come Rain or Shine.' This was an opportunity to run a set of fun art workshops for children and their families to come to during the summer holidays. Many churches from Penzance to Bodmin took part and we were lucky enough to be one of them. So Thursday mornings during August have found us as a popular holiday pastime!

Each week we had a theme. We chose space, superheroes, mythical creatures and the weather. Activities ranged from the messy ones, clay aliens, dragons eggs and yetis, to the big art projects, made from cardboard boxes, things that children could get inside and play in as well as create, like superhero vehicles and rockets. There were also glittery paper plate constellations, flour filled ninja stress balls and much, much more.

The weekly sessions wouldn't have been possible without our amazing volunteers, armed with glue sticks, scissors and a variety of other artistic implements in hand they have both encouraged and created wonderful pieces of art weekly and one of the loveliest things has been seeing the interactions taking place between them and the visiting families. Laughter and imagination has sparked friendships as well as great art. They also formed an important part of the setting up and cleaning down team, which as you can probably appreciate has sometimes been quite a significant task!

We have had lots of positive feedback from our sessions, here are two children's opinions:

Ellie, age 9 writes: Come rain or shine is a really fun club where lots of children of all ages can come and make great art. Every week I like that there is a theme. My favourite one was mythical creatures. It is really great that we can take home everything that we make, and the things that are left over, I like that they get put up on the wall to show you some of the things that come rain or shine have done. I really like doing the activities that involve glitter and bright colours. The most important thing I've learnt in this club is "Less is more!"

Patrick, age 6 says: I like come rain or shine because children can make any astronomy art. My favourite week was Aliens. It was really good, brilliant. I made Venus out of Playdough.

In other news watch out at St Andrews for the nationwide 'Fun Palaces' event. In the first weekend of October we present the 'Lean, Green, Recycle Machine,' a morning of art and science activities for families based on our Green Church initiative. This promises to be a fun and creative morning for all.

Also in October our cabaret evening will feature songs from a variety of musicals and film. Come along for an evening of singing, snacks and fun. Rehearsals for this have already started and we are thrilled to welcome some new members from Treleigh and St Euny into our band of singers so if you fancy joining us too, do come along to the crypt on a Tuesday evening at 7:30!

Fran Thurston

ST EUNY

MARGARET'S 'FUN FUNDRAISER' Thanks to all who took part in this – guessing how many items there were in the large sweet jar! The amount raised was £24.51 which will come in handy for the Churchwardens to buy any sundry items for church, without having to plunder church finances! The answer was 24 items and there was a tie between Suzanne and Sam. On the toss of a coin by the independent adjudicator, Graham Johnson, Suzanne won and was truly delighted with her assortment of items, from a ball of wool, small bottle of perfume, erasable ink pen, ipad stylus, a necklace, soap, buttons and other items, plus the obligatory stuffed toy!

That large sweet jar (thanks to Charlie's Jackie for this) has now transmogrified into the Recycling Point receptacle for receipt of old mobile phones; spectacles; printer cartridges and small tools. So please use freely! This small, but important step, is part of our initiative in 'Going for Gold' in the GCK (Green Church Kernow) Environmental Award Scheme. Also, as part of this initiative, we would love to start a Gardening Club, so if anyone has an hour or two to spare each month, then please let Margaret or Lucie know. Thank you.

Margaret Johnson

Following hot on the heels of Revd. Graham's first wedding at St. Euny we were thrilled to host his first service of Holy Baptism, which was that of Mercedes Bryony Johns. The beautiful baby slept peacefully throughout the whole event and it was a very happy time.

Lucie Rogers

Local Worship Leader Network Day

On Saturday the 13th July St Euny hosted The Local Worship Leader Network Day organized by Lydia Remick, Truro Diocese Local Worship Leader Training Co-ordinator. A great day was had by all attendees who came from all over the county, learning new skills and sharing ideas. We all got to play at messy church led by Reader Jane Darlington, followed by thoughtful reflection and ideas on the All Souls service session led by the Rev'd Hayley Preston. The introductory worship was led by St Euny's Reader in training Jason Hoole-Jackson and closing worship led by Lydia.

Jason Hoole-Jackson



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

'Flapjack'

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

You are most welcome to visit the church, open daily, usually from 10 am to 5 pm

At the LAMP First Sunday Evening Event held at Christchurch, Lanner, on Sunday 4th August at 6pm, the theme was 'Bras for Africa', and the cost of sending them to Malawi, when the plight of vulnerable women was explained and £120 raised towards the cost of sending items to help them. Our sincere thanks go to everyone who came and supported this event. The next Event will be held at Four Lanes Methodist Church on **Sunday, 1st September at 6pm**, when the theme will be St. Giles, patron Saint of disabled people, and will be led by Lucie Rogers. This will follow the Four Lanes Village **Summer Fete** on the playing field from 1pm to 5pm, when Flapjack will be running a stall offering a wide variety of interesting items for sale and hopefully 'Lighthouse' activities for young people and children, to which everyone is warmly invited.

The **Flapjack Tea Treat** on 4th August was enjoyed by about fifteen people, who met at Portreath to enjoy delicious pasties, saffron tea treat buns and interesting conversation. The weather stayed dry and warm and the skipping game afterwards resulted in Kathy beating Richard by 40 skips to 1 !! We've decided that it would be a good idea to take kites with us next year – the site is ideal for it. The **Village Songs of Praise** held on Sunday 11th August was well attended by members of the various village groups, who each chose and explained their favourite hymns. A collection raised over £200 for the Cornwall Air Ambulance and our grateful thanks go to all who came to support this worthy cause, which is the only Air Ambulance service in the country totally dependent on public donation to fund its helicopters.

On **Saturday 7th September**, there will be a big clean-up of the vestry at St. Andrew's Pencoys from 10am to 12noon, when anything deemed unnecessary will be disposed of. Anyone who has left anything in our vestry (if you can remember doing so!) is invited to come along and claim it or risk its being consigned to the rubbish bin. There may be books useful for other churches, or items which creative people may wish to re- or up-cycle. If you are interested, please come along and take a look or contact Jill (214638) or Christine (215850). The monthly Quiz will be held at 7pm the same evening in the Hall and the usual Jumblefood on Saturday 14th September at 12 noon.

A reminder that our **Children's Clothing Bank** will be launched on **Saturday 21st September**, at 10am (till 12 noon) in Pencoys Hall, when we hope families will be able to take advantage of the items offered, or do a swap, and have an opportunity for a chat over a cup of tea or coffee. Please pray that local families may come to know and experience the loving care of the church in its quest to help them.

From a recent programme on TBNuk (Freeview Channel 65): "Our love for God is but a mere drop in the ocean of His boundless love for us ... "

Jill Tolplutt

CHRISTCHURCH LANNER

Film Club

July's film was *Stan And Ollie*, starring John C. Reilly as Oliver Hardy and Steve Coogan as Stan Laurel. We all enjoyed learning more about their partnership, especially towards the final days of their careers. Film Club nights are always the last Friday of each month and is part of the CFylm scheme. Doors open at 6:30pm and the film starts at 7pm. Our next film night (film tbc) will be on Friday 30th August.

DSBeenies Talent Show

The audience at the DSBeenies Talent Show on Saturday 27th July, were impressed and in awe of the many different acts performed by the young people of this group. We were treated to dancing, singing, bike riding, a times table recitation, plus much more. Two "senior" members of the group re-enacted the infamous final scene of Dirty Dancing, but without the lift! The evening raised £300 which will be divided equally between DSBeenies, Christchurch and the Nepal Youth Foundation.

Curry Lunch

Mary Anson is once again hosting a Curry Lunch at Crossroads on Sunday 8th September at 1pm. Please contact Mary or Fr Peter if you would prefer a "non-curry" meal. There will be a choice of puddings and desserts to follow the curry and the meal will cost £10 per person. Please look for further details in the weekly prayer sheet.

Garden of Creation

Pat Williams is organising a concert with an ecological and environmental theme on Saturday 14th September, 7pm at Christchurch. There will be performances from the Lanner Methodist Wives Group and DSBeenies, plus a number of solo acts. The proceeds from the concert will be divided between Christchurch, Lanner Methodist Church, the WWF and Lanner Village Defibrillator Fund. There will also be contributions from Lucie Isaacson, Diocesan Environment Officer and Revd Caspar Bush.

Julia Knight-Bennett

ST STEPHEN TRELEIGH



I'm sorry to report that after 45 years the Treleigh Floral Art Club has disbanded. It was started in 1975 by Nessie Simcock, wife of Canon Michael Simcock, and they have been using Treleigh Hall for their meetings and demonstrations ever since. There were twelve members at the first meeting and this rose to ninety two members by 1985. Over this time they entered floral arrangements into The Stithians Show and one year they won the Radio Cornwall Cup, being 'Highly Commended' on several other occasions. Every year they had a very popular and colourful stall at Treleigh Garden Fete, having worked in Treleigh Hall the previous evening making up dozens of wonderful flower arrangements. Wednesday 17th July was the final meeting and farewell get-together where members were able to look through old photos and archives and generally reminisce. This included a pasty supper followed by strawberries and cream. Our sincere thanks to Treleigh Floral Art Club for the support they have given Treleigh Church throughout the years.

Fourteen members of Treleigh Ladies Group had a very enjoyable visit to Trevena Garden Centre at Breage on Tuesday July 30th for lunch, afternoon tea and some retail therapy.

The Harvest Service will be on Sunday 6th October 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 October 7th at 7pm. This will take the form of a pasty supper followed by a sale of produce. This promises to be the usual Harvest Supper fun evening and a great get-together. The evening will include a general knowledge quiz. To order your pasties, please contact Carol on 01209 216266.

Trish Rowe (01209 218416)

September

1st Su 11th Sunday after Trinity

9.30am	Christchurch Lanner	Sung Holy Communion
9.30am	St Andrew Redruth	Sung Holy Communion <i>(NB. No Sunday Club until 15th September)</i>
11am	Four Lanes Chapel	FLAPJACK Holy Communion
11.15am	St Euny	Holy Communion
11.15am	St Stephen Treleigh	Sung Holy Communion
1pm	St Stephen Treleigh	Baptism
1pm-5pm	Four Lanes Playing Field	FLAPJACK stall at Four Lanes Village Fete, Playing Field, Loscombe Road with Lighthouse
6pm	Four Lanes Chapel	LAMP First Sunday event: 'St. Giles, patron saint of the Disabled' (led by Lucie Rogers)

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2nd Mo	1.30pm	Crypt	Crafty People
	6pm	St Andrew Redruth	Healing Service
3rd Tu	8.30am	St Andrew Pencoy's	Morning Prayer
	9.30am	St Euny	Holy Communion
	2pm	Glencoe	Hymn singing
	7pm	Jane Selway's house	DCC
4th We	8.30am	St Andrew Redruth	Morning Prayer in the Lady Chapel
	10am	St Andrew Redruth	Holy Communion in the Lady Chapel
	11am	Christchurch Lanner	Holy Communion (BCP)
	11am	Lavinia's House	Margaret's Upper Room meeting
	2pm	Tremethick	Hymn singing
	3pm	Crypt	TOAST (Year 6 and above)
	7.30pm	St Euny	Tower Bell Practice
5th Th	8.30am	St Euny	Quiet Morning Prayer
	9.15am	Crypt	Tiddlers Toddlers (to 11.15am)
	9.30am	St Stephen Treleigh	Morning prayer & Holy Communion
	11am	St Euny	Yoga*
	1.30-3.30pm	St Euny	Open Café. Everyone is welcome
6th Fr	10.15am	12 Mount Carbis Gdns	Book Club
	7pm	St Stephen Treleigh	Healing Service
7th Sa	10am-12pm	Crypt	Mega book sale, part of town Pasty Festival
	10am-12noon	St Andrew Pencoy's	Church Clean Up
	2pm	St Euny	Marriage, Jemima Bush & Christopher Heath
	7pm	Pencoy's Hall	First Saturday Quiz

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8th Su 12th Sunday after Trinity

9.30am	Christchurch Lanner	CHAMP All Age Monthly Praise
9.30am	St Andrew Redruth	Sung Holy Communion <i>(NB. No Sunday Club until 15th September)</i> #
10am	Basset Stamps	Mining Sunday. 11.30am service St Euny
11am	St Andrew Pencoy's	FLAPJACK Family Event
11.15am	St Stephen Treleigh	Sung Holy Communion
12.30pm	St Andrew Pencoy's	Said Holy Communion
1pm/1.30pm	Crossroads	Mary Anson's Crossroads curry lunch
3pm	Christchurch Lanner	Said Holy Communion

9th Mo	1.30pm	Crypt	Crafty People
	6pm	St Andrew Redruth	Holy Communion in the Lady Chapel
10th Tu	8.30am	St Andrew Pencoys	Morning Prayer
	9.30am	St Euny	Holy Communion
	11am	St Euny	Yoga*
11th We	8.30am	St Andrew Redruth	Morning Prayer in the Lady Chapel
	10am	St Andrew Redruth	Holy Communion in the Lady Chapel
	11am	Christchurch Lanner	Holy Communion (BCP)
	11am	Lavinia's House	Margaret's Upper Room meeting
	3pm	Crypt	TOAST (Year 6 and above)
	7.30pm	St Euny	Tower Bell Practice
12th Th	8.30am	St Euny	Quiet Morning Prayer
	9.15am	Crypt	Tiddlers Toddlers (to 11.15am)
	9.30am	St Stephen Treleigh	Morning prayer & Holy Communion
	11am	St Euny	Yoga*
	1.30-3.30pm	St Euny	Open Café. Everyone is welcome
	7pm	St Euny	Team Council meeting, followed by Redruth PCC meeting
13th Fr			
14th Sa	10am-12noon	Lanner Methodist Hall	Lanner defibrillator cake sale
	12pm	Pencoys Hall	Jumblefood
	3pm	Christchurch Lanner	Baptism
	7pm	Christchurch Lanner	Eco-concert
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15th Su	13th Sunday after Trinity—Creation Sunday		
	9.30am	Christchurch Lanner	Family Holy Communion
	9.30am	St Andrew Redruth	Informal Holy Communion with Children's Sunday Club #
	11am	Four Lanes Chapel	FLAPJACK Service of the Word
	11.15am	St Euny	Holy Communion
	11.15am	St Stephen Treleigh	Sung Holy Communion
	6pm	St Andrew Pencoys	Sung Holy Communion with hymns
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16th Mo	1.30pm	Crypt	Crafty People
	6pm	St Andrew Redruth	Holy Communion in the Lady Chapel
17th Tu	8.30am	St Andrew Pencoys	Morning Prayer
	9.30am	St Euny	Holy Communion
	11am	St Euny	Yoga*
	2pm	The Green	Hymn singing
18th We	8.30am	St Andrew Redruth	Morning Prayer in the Lady Chapel
	10am	St Andrew Redruth	Holy Communion in the Lady Chapel
	11am	Christchurch Lanner	Holy Communion (BCP)
	11am	Lavinia's House	Margaret's Upper Room meeting
	3pm	Crypt	TOAST (Year 6 and above)
	7.30pm	St Euny	Tower Bell Practice

19th Th	8.30am	St Euny	Quiet Morning Prayer
	9.15am	Crypt	Tiddlers Toddlers (to 11.15am)
	9.30am	St Stephen Treleigh	Morning prayer & Holy Communion
	11am	St Euny	Yoga*
	1.30-3.30pm	St Euny	Open Café. Everyone is welcome
20th Fr	4.30pm	Pencoys Hall	St Andrew Pencoys DCC meeting
	7.30pm	St Euny	Chris Symons 'Unsung Heroines of Industry'.
			Entrance fee donation in the region of £5, followed by tea and biscuits
21st Sa	10am-12noon	Pencoys Hall	Launch of Children's Clothing Bank, with light refreshments
	2pm	Christchurch Lanner	Jumble Sale
	2pm	Christchurch Lanner	DSTeenybeenies* restart
	4pm	Christchurch Lanner	DSBeenies* restart
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22nd Su 14th Sunday after Trinity			
	9.30am	Christchurch Lanner	Sung Holy Communion
	9.30am	St Andrew Redruth	Sung Holy Communion with Children's Sunday Club
	11am	St Andrew Pencoys	FLAPJACK Holy Communion with hymns
	11.15am	St Euny	Morning Praise
	11.15am	St Stephen Treleigh	Holy Communion
	6pm	St Andrew Redruth	Breathing Space
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23rd Mo	1.30pm	Crypt	Crafty People
	6pm	St Andrew Redruth	Holy Communion in the Lady Chapel
24th Tu	8.30am	St Andrew Pencoys	Morning Prayer
	9.30am	St Euny	Holy Communion
	11am	St Euny	Yoga*
	7pm	Christchurch Lanner	Moveable Feast of Prayer (<i>please note move of day from Saturday morning to Tuesday 7pm from September onwards</i>)
25th We	8.30am	St Andrew Redruth	Morning Prayer in the Lady Chapel
	10am	St Andrew Redruth	Holy Communion in the Lady Chapel
	11am	Christchurch Lanner	Holy Communion (BCP)
	11am	Lavinia's House	Margaret's Upper Room meeting
	2pm	Crossroads	Hymn singing
	3pm	Crypt	TOAST (Year 6 and above)
	7.30pm	St Euny	Tower Bell Practice
26th Th	8.30am	St Euny	Quiet Morning Prayer
	9.15am	Crypt	Tiddlers Toddlers (to 11.15am)
	9.30am	St Stephen Treleigh	Morning prayer & Holy Communion
	11am	St Euny	Yoga*
	1.30-3.30pm	St Euny	Open Café. Everyone is welcome
27th Fr	2.30pm	Christchurch Lanner	Snack and Chat
	6.30pm/7pm	Christchurch Lanner	Film Club
28th Sa	11am	Four Lanes Chapel	Bangers & Mash
	2pm	Christchurch Lanner	DSTeenybeenies*
	4pm	Christchurch Lanner	DSBeenies*

29th Su 15th Sunday after Trinity

9.30am	Four Lanes Chapel	Breakfast Service
10.30am	Christchurch Lanner	United Benefice Service, followed by a celebration with Luci Isaacson (Diocesan Environment Officer)
1pm	St Euny	Baptism
2pm	St Stephen Treleigh	Baptism
4pm	Pencoys Hall	Tea Time event
6pm	St Stephen Treleigh	Evensong

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30th Mo	4.30pm	Trelowan	Last Monday Bible Study
	6pm	St Andrew Redruth	Holy Communion in the Lady Chapel

please note that the 2nd Sunday (8 September) will be Sung Eucharist at St Andrew Redruth with Informal Holy Communion on the 3rd Sunday (15 September) Creation Sunday

Redruth Team Ministry is delighted to support various independent community groups which are marked *

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FUNERALS

29 July	2019	Rosina May Bell	St Andrew Pencoys
07 August	2019	Pamela Stevens	St Andrew Pencoys

WEDDINGS

17 August	2019	Lee Morgan Wood and Karen Teresa Matthews	St Euny
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BAPTISMS

21 July	2019	Mercedes Byrony Johns	St Euny
28 July	2019	Brody Alan Vinnicombe	St Stephen Treleigh
28 July	2019	Fletcher Finn Penna	St Stephen Treleigh
11 August	2019	Eli Susanta Wardene	St Stephen Treleigh
18 August	2019	Amelia Cheale	St Euny

SAVE A LIFE

Thanks to congregation donations and fund raising together with the support of the British Heart Foundation and AED Donate, St Andrew Redruth and St Euny have each obtained a public access defibrillator to be put in a prominent position outside their church which will be available 24/7 for anyone who needs it.

In order that the health benefit to the community of having this equipment is maximised we will in due course be holding a training event covering how to identify a heart attack, the proper use of CPR and when to use the defibrillator.

Many thanks to Mary Anson who has agreed to present this course and also make her care home at Scorrier available as a venue.

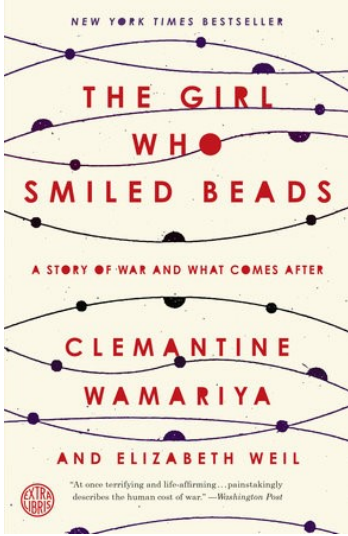
The course is open to members of the congregation from all the team churches and anyone who uses our facilities. If you are interested in attending please email me so we can plan the event.

Watch for details in the weekly sheet about when and where this course will take place.

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BOOK CLUB



Friday September 6th

The Girl Who Smiled Beads: A Story of War and What Comes After by Clemantine Wamariya

Clemantine Wamariya was six years old when her mother and father began to speak in whispers, when neighbours began to disappear, and when she heard the loud, ugly sounds her brother said were "thunder." In 1994, she and her fifteen-year-old sister, Claire, fled the Rwandan massacre and spent the next six years wandering through seven African countries, searching for safety--perpetually hungry, imprisoned and abused, enduring and escaping refugee camps, finding unexpected

kindness, witnessing inhuman cruelty. They did not know whether their parents were dead or alive.

When Clemantine was twelve, she and her sister were granted asylum in the United States, where she embarked on another journey--to excavate her past and, after years of being made to feel less than human, claim her individuality



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The Total Eclipse of 1999

by Michael Tangye

Twenty years have passed since we witnessed the total eclipse of the sun on August 11th 1999. Cornwall was to be the favourite location for viewing it, and was expected to attract thousands of spectators from across the Tamar. This writer recorded details of the event in his daily journal.

'Aug 3 The Eclipse approaches ever nearer, with all its problems. Seventy travellers' vehicles have defied three policemen at St Agnes, crashing down a security gate to illegally move onto the land; leaflets are being circulated throughout London etc, inviting anarchists to come to Penzance and join in an orgy of destruction and shoplifting.

Carn Brea will be accessible only on foot as the lanes will be blocked to prevent vehicle entry. Throughout the area huge boulders block gateways and lay-bys to deter travellers'

'Aug 7 At Clijah Farm, Buller Hill, two fields are being used as an Eclipse camping site, and are quite full with caravans and tents, so near to Carn Brea.'

'Aug 10 Traffic moving into Cornwall is not excessive, but large dwellings are being let for thousands of pounds. We had problems returning from Falmouth, with about 500,000 eclipse watchers, in addition to the usual holiday-makers in Cornwall.'

'Aug 11 Walked via Cal Hill to the top of Carnmarth at 9.30am, with family members, to witness the Eclipse. Both locals, and those on holiday had already gathered, all excitedly discussing the prospects of this awesome natural occurrence. I photographed our group, complete with their viewing glasses for protection but we knew they would not be required because of the cloud cover, which was particularly heavy over West Penwith.

At about 10.50 am it began to become dimmer and a few lights came on at United Downs; the temperature continued to fall as the Eclipse took place. It became darker and darker, the lights of Falmouth quite clear in the distance, and noticeably the cessation of birds singing—then almost total darkness with only a ribbon of light far out over the South and North coasts, beyond the path of the Eclipse. The complete silence from the crowd accompanied by the flashing of cameras—it really was an emotional experience not expected.

We watched the band of darkness pass rapidly across the countryside to east and north Cornwall, before, within a short time it became light again. We drank champagne to celebrate the great event, before returning with the massive crowd slowly down the hillside—little Kate will be able to say that she witnessed the Eclipse from a pack on her mother's back.'

Aug 14 Thousands returning to England following the Eclipse. Many of the events planned for them later proved to be disastrous with thousands of pounds lost, due to low attendance figures. People were also deterred by greedy house-owners, who had earlier advertised their dwellings for rent at £2—3000 per week. Along with this, higher hotel and camping site prices added to by dismal forecasts of traffic gridlock, food and water shortages, all served to deter many, the estimated million visitors was reduced by half.'

<<Talkabout>> Isles of Scilly Again! - © by Tricia Rowe

There is more to The Isles of Scilly than meets the eye. We first went there on a day trip sixty years ago, and eventually got round to booking a holiday there in 2006! We have been going there every year since.

Scilly is all things to all people. The white sandy beaches, boats to the off islands, the freedom of the country and coastal lanes on all the islands and peace and quiet abounds. Idyllic! We have been going there for the past thirteen years and still we find paths we haven't walked!

Boatloads of people disembark at various islands and within minutes are nowhere to be seen! They disperse quickly along the many paths and beaches and are lost in the solitude of these amazing islands.

Solitude abounds in the delightful Carreg Dhu Community Garden, which is tucked away amongst the lanes of St. Mary's, and was set up by Richard and June Lethbridge in 1986. Here you can relax on one of the many seats, read a book or simply listen to the birds who are so tame they come within inches of you. Or....you can pick up the gardening tools that are left there and get stuck in!

We know that there are no Sunday papers on the islands, but we were actually in the paper shop when someone asked when the Sunday papers come in and the reply was: "Monday"!

People we meet on our walks and boat trips are asked "Where are you from?" and "Have you been here before?" It is like one big family because in such a small area you come across the same people again and again. This time we bumped into friends who Dave had worked with in Redruth over the years and a Redruth dentist, plus two members of Treleigh congregation who, like us, are regular visitors to The Isles of Scilly!! We met a lady from Taunton who went to school in Portreath!

When we come back to St. Mary's after a trip to one of the off islands the Scillonian is usually loaded up with passengers all waiting to sail back to Penzance and we wave them off from our little boat! It is all so friendly. Quite a few holidaymakers were carrying sketch books and on several days there was an artist painting in the main street in Hughtown. Atmospheric or what??

We go to, and pass through Old Town several times on our holiday but on our last day we make a special trip, having ordered Rob's pasties from Old Town Café. On our last day this year the weather was atrocious. Torrential rain and very high winds, after a week of good weather and the Old Town café was certainly a port in a storm and Rob's pasties a wonderful end to a great holiday! However, the trip home was a bit of a rock and roller but The Scillonian got us to Penzance on time in spite of it all!



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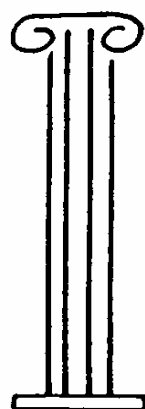
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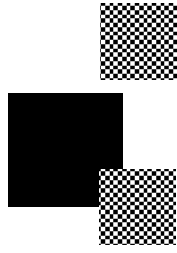
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