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## **Rector's notes – SEPTEMBER 2021**

### **On the Way is on the way**

We've been talking about this for a while now, but this month sees the beginning of the process called *On the Way*, which our whole deanery of Carnmarth North is involved with. Because I am rural dean, I'm expected to lead the process, along with our Lay Chair David Fieldsend.

There will be a launch event for this on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September at which Bishop Hugh will speak, and this will be on Zoom, because we still have quite high covid rates still in our area, and the possibility otherwise of absence of key people because of self-isolation.

You'll probably have read that the whole premise of *On the Way* is because change in our churches is coming whether we welcome it or not. Thankfully in our diocese we do still have some financial reserves, and those reserves are giving us time to consider our best way forward, but they are not sufficient for things to remain as they are.

We will be putting together a core *On the Way* team, representing all the benefices / clusters of the deanery, and the diocese is providing us with advisors. Together, that team is tasked with discerning God's vision for our deanery churches – looking for a way forward which is fruitful, and also sustainable.

You might think this all sounds a bit dry and formulaic, but really this is a great opportunity for us to discern God's voice leading us into new things. This week I've been reminded again that God is very much at work among us: through examples of real social needs being met by some of the groups we run from our churches; in the genuine spiritual interest I've seen in families bringing children for baptism, and with funeral families where it's plain there is a spiritual hunger for peace and purpose. We have such great news of God's peace through Jesus to share! We also continue to have new people interested in being part of churches, and there are still things we can do to improve the welcome those people receive – those things too are likely to be part of what we think about in *On the Way*.

So do please join us for the launch event on Zoom at 7pm on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September (look out for the link in the weekly bulletin), and also please hold this event and the process which follows in your most earnest prayers.

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

# THE SUMMER HOLIDAY PROJECT 2021

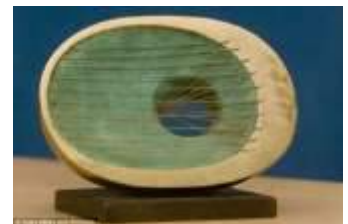
Each Wednesday afternoon in August, a group of young people have looked at the work of four Cornish artists. As well as studying their work, the young people have tried to create work in the style of each artist. The results are excellent and will form the heart of an exhibition later in the year. To give you a glimpse of what they have studied, here are examples of the work that has inspired them:-

**SARAH ADAMS** paints rock formations, with hidden caves and water flowing through them. Her colours although dark and mysterious also have flashes of light bringing hope to the observer



**DAVID HOSKING** from Porthleven uses bright colours to portray harbour and village scenes. The young people enjoyed his use of distorted perspective and being able to use colour

**BARBARA HEPWORTH** is a renowned artist whose sculptures in stone, wood and often wire are world famous. There is an example of her work in Longstone Cemetery as well as in the Sculpture Garden in St Ives



**ALFRED WALLIS** painted on cardboard, brown paper and his work was used to pay bills. Much of it was thrown away as of no value or artistic worth. Today, his primitive style is much appreciated:

The young people hope to see you at their exhibition .... you may even want to buy a piece of art!!!! You will certainly be invited to donate to the young people charity choice 'SURFERS AGAINST SEWAGE'. So look out for details.

**FP., Caroline & Grandma Carole**

## ST ANDREW REDRUTH

Walk into St Andrew's today and you will get an immediate sense of the space and the impact of the dominant reredos and east window. The church feels more open and the visitor more easily able to absorb the sense of the building. This clear line of vision has been made possible by the recent addition of a beautifully carved new 'green church' notice board, made by David Doble from the wood of a damaged pew. Carving seasoned oak is not something for the faint-hearted and was avoided by the carpenters and joiners building churches in the past, favouring 'green' wood which is softer to shape. The acorn motif adds to the attractive wood surround and the two pin holders thoughtfully placed out of reach or sight of small people are a practical solution. We are fortunate to have yet another beautiful gift from David for the church.

Over the summer Fran Thurstan organised Thursday morning sessions of 'Come Rain or Shine', a craft and art experience for young people and their accompanying adults. A weekly theme was devised and each family group was seated at their own table with instructions, paint, tools and an activity box of inspiring items to create pictures, masks and artefacts relating to the theme of the day. We were pleased to welcome some familiar faces from the toddler group as well as new families to the church buildings and family.

Scaffolding could be seen on the north side of the church from July. Two windows in the clerestory have been repaired and replaced and two stained glass windows from the north aisle are currently awaiting repair. Unfortunately this damage seems to have been the work of vandals, which is a current problem around Victoria Park and Trefusis Recreation Ground.

Tiddlers Toddlers will start again in September. The group will run with a reduced limit on numbers to comply with Covid-19 guidance, and for a shorter time than previously, from 9.15am to 10.45am. If anyone is able to help in any capacity you will be most welcome.

Joan Doble's bold organisation of a fund raising tea afternoon in aid of Breast Cancer and the renovations to the Jubilee Hall was a roaring success. Attendance numbers overflowed the tables, the crypt was beautifully decorated with bunting and the cakes, fruit and cream teas outshone anything else on offer in Cornwall that day. A wonderful return to 'post-Covid normal', but care was taken to maintain suitable distance between groups.

If anyone has not yet seen the hand crosses and table crosses on sale at the back of the church, please do take a look next time you enter. These again are made from wood of old pews, beautifully carved and polished by David Doble and available for sale in aid of church funds.

***Linda Beskeen***

# CHRISTCHURCH LANNER

*Christchurch remains open 10.00am – 4.00pm as in previous years:*

*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.*

## SEPTEMBER FIRST SUNDAY EVENT

On September 5 at 6.00pm the church will welcome The Lord Lieutenant of Cornwall who will present LUCI ISACCCSON with the British Empire Medal. The citation will include Luci's work with the 'Flood Forum'. The Lord Lieutenant represents the Sovereign and so this is a very important service for both the church and the community. It will be followed by a reception.



## THE SUMMER HOLIDAY PROJECT 2021

Sadly, the project could not run as in previous years but, every Tuesday a group of young people met in Christchurch to simply be together. They have played board games, run around on Church Green and walked the Miners Trail. A special treat took them to Ken and Daphne's farm for a special lunch, a walk round the farm and games in the field. THANKYOU to Ken, Daphne and Christchurch for opening your doors and welcoming the young people.

## LINKS WITH THE LANNER METHODISTS

These are growing in strength and members of Christchurch enjoyed an outside tea-party as part of the Methodist CAMEO project. This is held on the LAST Sunday of each month and is an opportunity to just be together: CAMEO / *Come And Meet Each Other!!* Other CAMEO events are being planned, as are joint services and the possibility of the Chapel / Hall holding a First Sunday Event.



## CHRISTCHURCH GIFT DAYS

At our recent PCC meeting, we discussed various fund-raising opportunities. In addition to our usual events, we agreed on a series of monthly **GIFT DAYS**. This would give people the opportunity to donate to church funds as well as having the opportunity to listen to music, buy from stalls, enjoy tea & cake, meet local personalities and anything else that can be arranged. We expect our first Gift Day will be on Saturday 25 September, 2-4pm.

## OTHER DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

TUESDAY 7 SEPTEMBER: Weekly Tiddlers 2 starts, 1.00pm – 3.00pm

MONDAY 27 SEPTEMBER: Monthly tea-party starts, 2.00pm – 4.00pm

SUNDAY 3 OCTOBER: Harvest Festival events

FRIDAY 19 NOVEMBER: Patronal dinner, venue to be confirmed

SUNDAY 21 NOVEMBER: Patronal Festival, 3.00pm

SUNDAY 12 DECEMBER: Congregation Christmas Event, after the 3.00pm HC.

TUESDAY 14 DECEMBER: Skyliner Carol Service, 7.00pm

**Julia Knight-Bennett**

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

St. Andrew's Church is now 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-sanitiser and observe social distancing. The pre-pandemic pattern of Holy Communion services has now resumed, including a weekly said service of Holy Communion at 6 pm 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 **12.30 pm. Third Sunday,** morning Methodist Service (non-Eucharistic) at the Methodist Church, with a said service of Holy Communion at St. Andrew's at **6 pm. Fourth Sunday:** Flapjack Holy Communion at St. Andrew's, 11.15 am. **Fifth Sunday** services, to be advised, next in October. The usual weekly Sunday benefice Service will continue to be held on **Zoom**, from a live church service at either 9.30am or 11.15 am, as notified in the weekly sheet. Please continue to exercise extreme caution when visiting our churches, as cases of the Covid Delta variant are rising, and the virus is easily transmissible.

**Teatime Events:** These will be held in Pencoys Hall on **Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> September** from 4pm to 5pm, (tea and cake provided), and in the **church** on **Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup>** from 2-4pm. (Please bring your own drink, cake will be provided.) Covid safety precautions will be observed.

Details of all Benefice activities are in the weekly prayer sheet, in church, or online at [www.redruthchurch.org.uk](http://www.redruthchurch.org.uk). Fr. Peter also continues to publish his weekly informative and interesting 'Moving Forward Together' sheet, at [www.redruthchurch.org.uk](http://www.redruthchurch.org.uk).

**THE FIRST SATURDAY QUIZ returns ..... to Pencoys Hall at 7 pm on Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> September,** unless there are any significant developments and resultant changes in Covid safety guidelines .... So if you would like to come along please note:

1. You may wish to wear a mask
2. Hand sanitiser will be available
3. Please bring your own picnic and drinks for the break
4. Please do NOT bring a prize for the raffle
5. Social distancing must be observed wherever possible
6. All doors will be open to provide air circulation (please bring warm clothing)

**However,** if you prefer to continue to receive the quiz online, it will be available via email, on the **Wednesday** before the Quiz (1<sup>st</sup> September), and should be returned by the **Saturday** morning, 4<sup>th</sup>, so your team can be included. **Please let Fr. Peter know if you would prefer this.**

**FIRST SUNDAY EVENING EVENT** – The August Event raised **£150** for **LETJOG**, a fund-raising walk by Jemima's father-in-law to support **Mind, St. Francis Hospice** and The **Parkinsons Society**. Thank you so much if you were able to come and support this event.

The **September Event** will be at **Christchurch, Lanner** at **6.00pm on SUNDAY, 5<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER** and will focus on **Climate Change and the Environment**. This will feature the presentation of the **British Empire Medal (BEM) to LUCI ISAACSON** by the **The Lord Lieutenant of Cornwall, Edward Bolitho, OBE.**, supported by the Chair of Cornwall Council, Cllr. Pauline Giles. Luci has been awarded the BEM for her work on climate change and flood prevention and we thoroughly congratulate her on this outstanding achievement.

**Jill Tolputt**



## ST EUNY

After a bumpy couple of months, St Euny is looking forward to continue to serve the community with the help of a number of volunteers who have come forward as a result of the meeting held at the end of July. Some of these are concrete offers to take up specific jobs, some people who have little faith connection being willing to give up time for the building and the environment. Others are more general offers and we hope to get a group together to maintain the church building and run events. Lucie Rogers has been installed as churchwarden, offering continuation and stability, the church bells ring out for Sunday morning services and Charlie, Kathryn and choir continue to provide beautiful music at the Sunday services of Holy Communion.

On Friday 13<sup>th</sup> August Caspar invited anyone who was interested in a firm commitment along with anyone who is a regular helper or member of the 'Open Café' to meet around a table with an abundance of food cooked by Liz Hopgood (who also insisted on washing up, ably assisted by her husband Dick!). Thanks also to Alice Bush who provided the fruit salad. The success of hosting people in this informal meeting has given us hope that we can continue with the goodwill and perhaps meet again in this way soon, along with anyone who was unable to attend in August.

Open Café has returned on Wednesday afternoon, after the 1.30pm communion service, providing a venue for socialising in a safe space as well as support and interest activities for anyone who would like to come along.

If you have walked through the graveyard at St Euny recently you might have noticed the lettered bricks ready for placing at the end of each row. Margaret Johnson has been working with Paul Wilkins on a project creating a spreadsheet which records the location and name of each of the graves in the churchyard, a mammoth task which is nearly complete. We look forward to seeing and advertising the final project with a launch event in the near future. This will help all those visitors who seek to add to their genealogical understanding and will be an accessible support, readily available to the St Euny family which has spread across the world.

## ST STEPHEN'S TRELEIGH



My thanks to Christine Cunningham for the following:

**“A Requiem Mass was celebrated at St. Stephen’s Church, Treleigh on July 31<sup>st</sup> in memory of our dear and faithful friend, Prebendary Alfred James Vincent, known to us as Fr. Jim.** The service was taken by Rev’d Peter Fellows, assisted by Rev’d Ray Webber. There was not a eulogy but Canon Eddie Woon’s sermon remembered how Fr Jim had been an important part of his church life and that of the people of St. Stephen’s Church, Treleigh. Readings were by Churchwardens, Christine Cunningham and Mary Harris. Many will know that he was a keen bellringer and this was obvious by those in the congregation who had gathered with family, fellow clergy and friends to pay their respects. Fr. Jim’s Ashes were laid to rest in the Memorial Garden of St. Stephen’s Church where he was a major part of the life of the worshippers there and it is hoped that a simple stone etched with a Celtic Cross will mark this spot. Rest in Peace dear Fr. Jim and Rise in Glory, Amen.”

**The service on Sunday August 1st** was a service of Holy Communion by Extension, with the bread and wine being consecrated in another church and being brought to Treleigh for the service, which was taken by Jim Seth. Readings were by Trish Knights. Following the completion of the refurbishment of the church we now have a wheelchair ramp.

**On Thursday August 5th,** at the morning service, which was taken by Rev’d Peter Fellows, Rev’d Deb Grigg was presented with a framed photograph of Treleigh Church by Carol Stewart, together with a Celtic Benediction card to mark her retirement from The Benefice. Deb was delighted with the presentation, of which the framed photograph shows the inside of the church featuring the altar area and our wonderful green altar frontal which depicts features of Treleigh’s surrounding countryside.

**Treleigh Garden Fete will be on Saturday September 4th at 2pm** in the Hawthorn Garden next to the church, and will be opened by Rev. Graham Adamson. There will be the usual stalls: books, greetings cards, mini acrylic paintings, DVD’s, games, raffle, bric-a-brac and ice creams, plus a display by Griff’s Martial arts Club. Refreshments will be served in the hall. All welcome!

***Take care and stay safe everyone***  
***Trish Rowe***

## ST EUNY BELL TOWER APPEAL

The tower bells were inspected last year and a considerable number of repairs were found to be required.

We have eight bells, and the priorities are to repair the wheel on no. 4 bell, and to rehang the no. 7 and no. 8 bells.

The cost will be in excess of £3000. We have so far received a grant of £750 from All Churches Trust, a generous donation of £250, and along with other amounts, we still require another £1000.

The Truro Diocesan Guild of Ringers will hopefully donate 15% of the cost, and we can claim the VAT back.

We are considering whether to setup a Crowdfunding page, and also inviting other towers to make small donations towards our cost, which is traditional among towers.



*Clive Reynolds*

## ST EUNY TOWER WEDDING RINGERS

St. Euny Tower ringers have had a busy summer, having rung at seven weddings. All the couples that were married at St. Euny this year requested to have our bells to greet everyone, and to ring again while their photos were taken outside, after their marriages.

***Pictured left to right are:-***

Charles Green, Matthew Ruddock, Clive Reynolds, Penny Self, Bryan Llewellyn, Ian Self (Tower Captain)



***Clive Reynolds***

# *An Exploration of St Euny's Tower*

*by Michael Tangye*

The tower of St Euny church has always fascinated this writer. When first ascending its dark interior in 1946 as a schoolboy, and a member of the Young Cornwall Society, I marvelled at its construction, and particularly at the well sculpted gargoyles on its exterior faces. It was not until 1991 that churchwarden Mr Roy Curnow accompanied me on a tour of the church and its tower, prior to writing the Church Guide—a visit recorded in this writer's journal:-  
'January 24 1991:- I met Roy at the church where we negotiated the narrow winding steps of the tower, now lit by electric lights. Built in the reign of Henry VII (1457-1509) one would imagine how many bell ringers and others representing a cavalcade of different dress styles over the centuries, had also ascended the same steps. Numerous socket holes in the north and south walls must represent points of insertion for temporary heavy timbers to provide footing when placing the heavy blocks of granite into position. We looked through the single light window, which was once above the east side of the former Tudor nave, but is now enclosed; a single iron bar has been bent back from its vertical position to allow access to the space above the ceiling of the nave.

I noticed three old Bibles, dust covered, and on opening found that one had been brought from the former Chapel of Ease at Chapel Street when it closed in 1916. Close by, the huge bells, suspended on their frames are quite an impressive sight, and above them ancient timbers, probably obtained from local woods, support the tower roof. Climbing through the small entrance of the lead covered roof of the latter we looked at the date of its laying—1720. Numerous graffiti of the 18th and 19th century included those who carved their initials within the centre of a depiction of an outline of their footwear. One, beautifully carved, was done by my great grandfather (W Pollard 1837) the date of Queen Victoria's accession to the throne. Born in 1820, he was then aged 17yrs and undergoing an apprenticeship before later becoming 'Master Painter and Decorator'. His surviving contract shows that his apprenticeship for a term of 7 years, commenced in 1834. He was known to be called to Tehidy Mansion to 'touch-up' the decorated ceilings and gold gilded areas. My mother, his granddaughter, born 1900, speaks of sitting to watch him paint oil paintings—for which he became well known in Redruth. A report of 1879 from the local paper 'Cornubian' records that a preacher in the Wesleyan Chapel said, "No artist could do works of art like it should be done'. A voice said loudly "But Sir, he is a stranger in these parts, and doesn't know our Mr Pollard".

Mr Curnow opened the church safe at my request. Inside a document of 1878 stated that the Banns and services were to be read and held at the Chapel of Ease in Chapel Street while the church underwent its restoration, during the incumbency of the Rev Lane. Another dated 8 Aug 1894, showed a plan of the newer churchyard of 1880. A typed copy account of the Rev Hawksley's term at Redruth, signed by the late Mr Frank Michell was a replacement of the original'

There is so much more that one could tell.

## FROM THE REGISTERS

### BAPTISM

15 August	2021	Jamie and Aayda Ince	St Andrew Redruth
22 August	2021	Clayton Daniel Abbott-Smith	St Stephen Treleigh

### WEDDINGS

31 July	2021	Simon Paul Richards and Deborah Lynn Laycock	St Euny
07 August	2021	Nicholas John Gower and Claire Louise Regan	St Euny
07 August	2021	Jordan Day and Jessica Louise Hutchens	St Stephen Treleigh
14 August	2021	Matthew Anthony Penrose and Jessica Megan Lobb	St Euny

### REQUIEM MASS

31 July	2021	Prebendary Alfred James Vincent (Fr Jim)	St Stephen Treleigh
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### FUNERALS

22 July	2021	Ray Congdon	St Andrew Redruth
26 July	2021	Les Carter	St Andrew Redruth
13 August	2021	Cyril John Huxtable	St Stephen Treleigh
18 August	2021	Margaret Rose Treloar	St Stephen Treleigh

## INTERMENT OF ASHES—ST STEPHEN TRELEIGH MEMORIAL GARDEN

31 July	2021	Prebendary Alfred James Vincent	
18 August	2021	Edith Marion Opie	

## Treleigh Churchyard Day

Saturday October 2<sup>nd</sup> 2021

10.00am – 12.00 noon



The French have a wonderful way of remembering their departed loved ones on All Souls' Day by decorating family graves. This year, we are going to do the same.

Come and join us, as one of our Churchyard family, as we tidy graves and leave flowers in remembrance of loved ones no longer physically with us. Join us for a cup of tea, coffee and biscuits outside the Church as we tidy graves.

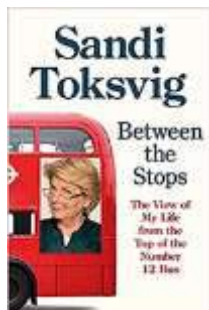
Feel free to leave the names of your loved ones with us to be read out and remembered in our Remembering Service in Church on Sunday October 31<sup>st</sup> at 3.30pm.

Do think about joining us for that Service - we would love to see you.

## BOOK CLUB

The next meeting of the book club is on Friday September 3rd. We usually start with coffee at 10:15 and finish around 12'ish. The book for next month is:

### ***An autobiography with a difference: as only Sandi Toksvig can tell it.***



*'Between the Stops is a sort of a memoir, my sort. It's about a bus trip really, because it's my view from the Number 12 bus (mostly top deck, the seat at the front on the right), a double-decker that plies its way from Dulwich, in South East London, where I was living, to where I sometimes work - at the BBC, in the heart of the capital. It's not a sensible way to write a memoir at all, probably, but it's the way things pop into your head as you travel, so it's my way'*

*From London facts including where to find the blue plaque for Una Marson, 'The first black woman programme maker at the BBC', to discovering the best Spanish coffee under Southwark's railway arches; from a brief history of lady gangsters at Elephant and Castle to memories of climbing Mount Sinai and, at the request of a fellow traveller, reading aloud the Ten Commandments; from the story behind Pissarro's painting of Dulwich Station to performing in Footlights with Emma Thompson; from painful memoirs of being sent to Coventry while at a British boarding school to thinking about how Wombells Travelling Circus of 1864 haunts Peckham Rye; from anecdotes about meeting Prince Charles, Monica Lewinsky and Grayson Perry to Bake-Off antics; from stories of a real and lasting friendship with John McCarthy to the importance of family and the daunting navigation of the Zambezi River in her father's canoe, this Sandi Toksvig-style memoir is, as one would expect and hope, packed full of surprises.*

*A funny and moving trip through memories, musings and the many delights on the Number 12 route, Between the Stops is also an inspiration to us all to get off our phones, look up and to talk to each other because as Sandi says: 'some of the greatest trips lie on our own doorstep'.*

We'd love you to join us. Contact Sue Pearce 01209 217596 if you fancy coming along.





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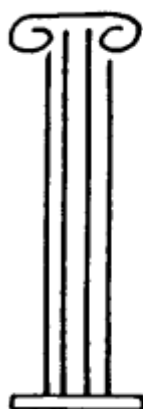


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