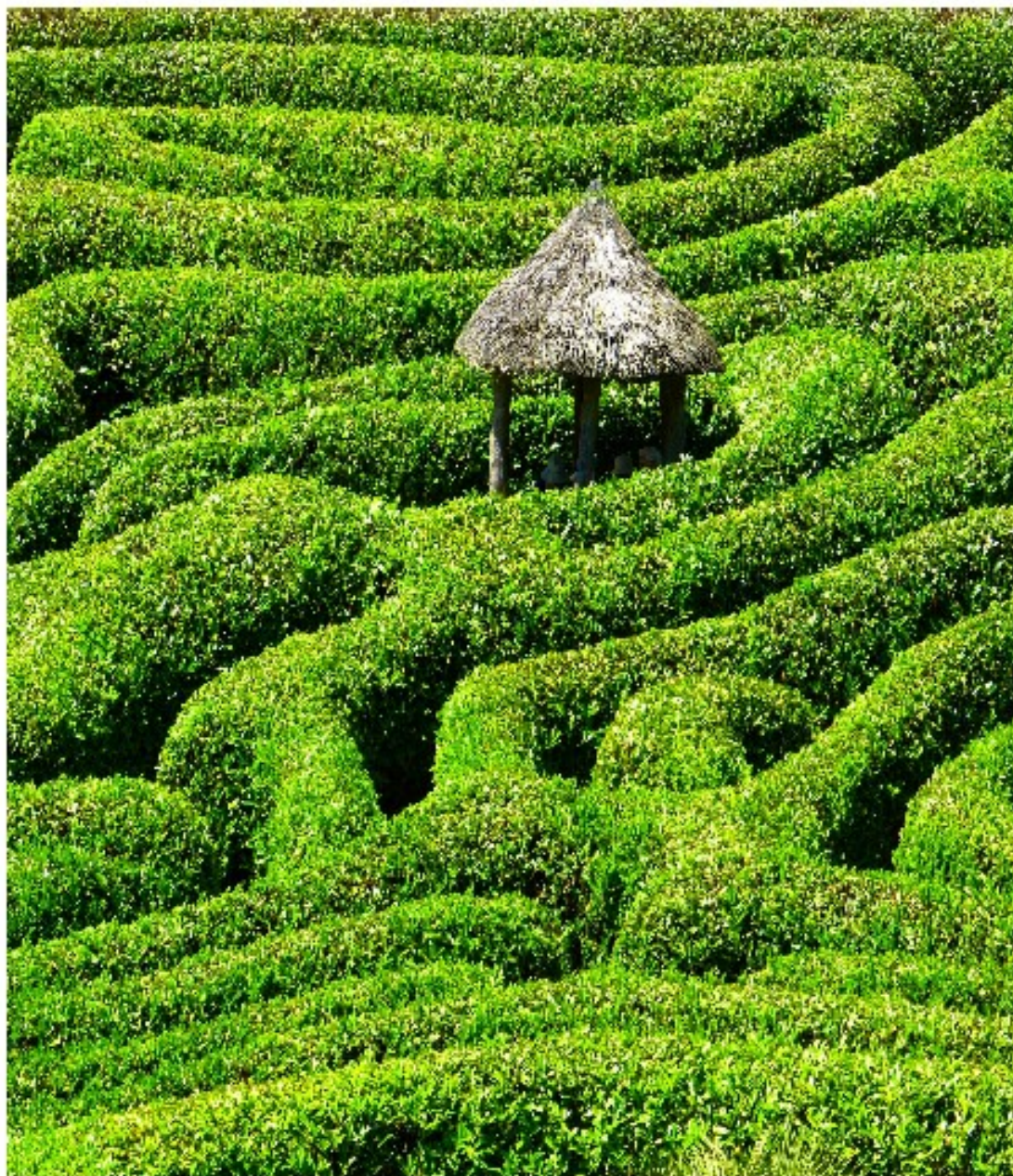


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# **Rector's Notes – FEBUARY 2020**

## **Growing Your Church – an update**

Last month I wrote about our important initiative for 2020 *Growing Your Church*, and I'm pleased to say we have members of all our five churches involved.

By way of an encouragement here's a taste of what we've been up to:



In a rough survey of each church we have worked out that we have many hundreds or in some cases many thousands of 'warm' connections with people in our community – people who come into our churches each year for a whole variety of reasons (hall users, concert attenders, people at weddings, baptisms and funerals, our own community events that we organise, school groups etc). We are a known thing, and that is so much easier than being a group no one knows about.

One of the positive challenges of this is working out ways to 'turn up the temperature' a bit at this list of events: eg from the front, simply explaining that all people are welcome to come to our services (some people don't actually realise this); providing an opportunity for people to ask for prayer (via a prayer tree, or book); giving a very brief testimony about how God has been at work in someone's life; making links between groups (members of toddlers being invited to come to a Sunday school provision, if we have one). What other ways might there be to let these '*warm connection people*' know more clearly that they are loved by God, and that God wants to be part of their lives?

We've also had a chance to think about what the obstacles are to people coming to church. Are we sure people know what and where our building actually is? What sort of welcome do people receive? Do new people have a chance to quickly make friends with particular congregation members? Do new people feel able to make an active contribution to the life of the church (rather than think that's only for 'old hands')?

One person at the course described a young mum at the St Andrew's Tiddlers group in the Crypt talking about donations to the costs of Tiddlers. "Couldn't the church contribute?" they asked. "We *are* the church!" came the reply. Somehow this young mum had failed to understand that this whole group is a church group. There is a big task for us to do in making in clearer what we already do in the community.

It's still not too late to join the rest of this course! Otherwise watch this space for more examples of how our churches can grow, and are growing. Meantime, please pick up a special prayer card, and please keep praying for our churches to grow.

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

## This month Revd Graham tries something scary!

I have some happy, early memories of church but, having grown up with church, I can't really remember the *first* time I ever went.

So, recently I have been trying to imagine what it might feel like for someone who has never been to a church before. What might they feel if they think about church? What must that be like? How could I put myself in their shoes for a bit?

So, to step out of my comfort zone I decided to visit... a betting shop.

Yes, a betting shop! Now, for some that might not be out of their comfort zone, but it certainly was for me! The way I felt just at the thought of going there must be just the way many people in our town feel about walking through the doors of the church! There are so many parallels; here is some of what went through my mind :

I don't know what I'm supposed to do there. Where do I stand and what will I say?

I can't really see the attraction in these kinds of places anyway.

I wonder if the people in there would look down on me, a stranger, for going in.

And what if I meet someone I know in there?!

No, what if someone I know sees me coming out!

And what about my family, no-one from my family has ever been to a bookies before – what would they think?

That nervous feeling I had about going somewhere brand new – that is how many people feel about church. We do well to remind ourselves that it is not always easy for people to come to church on a Sunday morning.

In the end, I plucked up the courage and went in.

I spoke to the young man behind the counter and asked him if he had a few minutes to talk.

We got chatting: a really nice guy, he lives locally in Illogan and will be moving away soon with his fiancé who is going to university up country.

I asked him to show me around and he talked me through the different areas: dogs, horses, overseas races, virtual horses, football, rugby and slot machines. I can't say I was tempted to have a flutter, but I did meet some lovely people who have found a place of community and friendship. I went there not to judge or condemn, but with an open mind. I wondered how we can pray for and better serve our town.

Two things stand out for me: First, to remind ourselves what it feels like for the outsider to go somewhere where they don't know the culture or whether they will be welcomed.

And second, how can we help our friends, family and neighbours to overcome their own fears about coming with us to church? How can we help to invite them in, and make them feel welcome?

So here's an idea for us: Let's keep doing things that challenge our thinking, things that stretch our imagination and grow our faith. God is at work in his world; we just have to step out and join in.

## ST ANDREW REDRUTH

In her article last month Fran reviewed the activities at St Andrews during 2019 ending with the very busy Christmas programme which included 5 school concerts, a RAOST concert and five performances of Bev Lyn's Dancing to Bethlehem, a total audience of over 4,000.

Then of course there were our own services starting with the carol service featuring Dhiworth an Gollon and the sensational Redruth Town band and of course large quantities of mince pies and mulled wine. Then on Christmas Eve the happy chaos of the children's crib service which was again followed by many mince pies all made by Sue Pearce and finally the moving service of candlelit Midnight Mass with Father Graham presiding for the first time.

The collections from these three services totalling £600 have been donated to the Oarsome Foursome who are 4 ladies(now 3) from Cornwall and Devon who are rowing the Atlantic to support 3 local charities. They are still half way across the Atlantic as I write and we pray for their safe arrival in Antigua next month.

Putting the ups and downs of 2019 behind us we now look forward to a new year and a new decade. During January and February many of us are talking about ways to Grow our Church by attending the course led by Fathers Caspar and Graham. There is representation from across the Benefice but the St Andrew Redruth contingent have been thinking about the many things we already do and how these and some new ideas can grow our church membership and regular worshippers. I have been reminded once or twice already that it is not just about money however as the treasurer who has to pay the many bills that arise from looking after our beautiful building I believe it is important to be able to pay for our clergy and keep the rain out so "every little helps".

***Richard Robinson***



***St Andrew Redruth does not have a regular contributor for Five Alive. If you think this is something you would like to do each month, please speak to Rosemary***

## NEWS from 'Flapjack'

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

The Four Lanes Village Carol Service, held at the Methodist Church on 15<sup>th</sup> December, attracted a good crowd of people from throughout the village. In addition to the traditional readings and carols, we enjoyed a very amusing and moving presentation by the children of 'Lighthouse' of the 'Very Grumpy Innkeeper', the Nativity story told from the point of view of a tired hotelier trying to get a good night's sleep, which was appreciated by everyone who came. We thank our friends at the Methodist Church for the sumptuous tea which followed. (This report was delayed as it happened after the deadline for the January edition of Five Alive.)

We thank everyone who kindly exhibited a tree in our **Christmas Tree Exhibition** this year. *The church atmosphere was greatly enhanced by the trees over the festive period, and their presence was admired by the many who attended our Christmas services and events. We also thank Gill Hancock for her generosity in providing a beautiful tree on which she had placed a large number of hand-knitted stockings in which people were invited to place donations for the Church of England Children's Society, which, at the Crib and Christingle service and Midnight Mass, totalled over £200. Our thanks also go to Christine for preparing the Christingles and to Robert Hendry in the Post Office for his kindness in providing the oranges. Fifteen people came to our **Community Christmas Lunch** on Christmas Day, and we thank everyone who kindly supplied and prepared all the wonderful food.*

Our LAMP **First Sunday Evening Event** in January was our Epiphany Carol Service, at which a retiring collection raised £80 for SENSE, the deaf-blind children's charity. The **next Event** will be held on **2<sup>nd</sup> February at Christchurch Lanner at 6pm**, when the theme will be 'Candlemas', to which everyone is warmly invited.

The LAMP **Epiphany Lunch**, at the Sportsman's Arms on 12<sup>th</sup> January, was enjoyed by about 30 of us, and we thank Roger and his staff for their warm welcome, efficient and courteous service and the delicious meal of exceptional quality and value, at £11.95 for three courses.

The next free **Children's Clothing Bank** will be held in Pencoys Hall on **Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> February**, from 10 am to 11 am (Please note the revised time)

On **Ash Wednesday**, 26<sup>th</sup> February, there will be a change of venue from St. Andrew's Pencoys, when we shall be holding our traditional service of Holy Communion service with Ashing, at Four Lanes Methodist Church, at 6 pm, to which everyone is warmly invited.

**Jill Tolputt**

## ST EUNY

As we contemplate the new year and the new decade, I wonder what lies ahead for our churches in these uncertain times? I often ask myself, 'is church relevant in the 21<sup>st</sup> century?' The answer for me is a resounding 'yes', but then I'm not 15 years of age. As we try to grow our churches in numbers, what we are all doing in each of our churches to reach out to those in our town and community, I find absolutely incredible, especially as our church numbers get fewer and we are all getting older. It is a concern. As in the 1960s when unmarried mothers left babies in church doorways, knowing they would be looked after and dealt with in the appropriate manner by 'church' people, I was interested to see a news item on Spotlight a few weeks ago, where someone had done the very same with their dog, which they were no longer able to look after. Just recently some young friends of ours (25 years of age) who are buying their first home in Manchester, started to attend their local church on a regular, weekly basis. Obviously because they felt called to do so, but also because the church was on the opposite corner to where they live. A clear case for keeping local churches open? We do our best and with God's help and prayer, that is all we can do. Bless all those in our clergy and churches who reach out to the poor, the marginalised, the sick, the community and to each other.

Our busiest service of the year is always our 6pm Lessons and Carols and 2019 was no exception, as we had 120+ in our congregation. It was a pleasure to see friends from our local community and those who attend specific activities in church reading the lessons. From Carrie our new Treasurer, to Nigel from the St Euny Ukes, to those within our community and also of course church members. Thank you all. Our chosen charity for that service was St Petroc's and a wonderful amount of £283 was raised for their cause.

Our other Christmas charity – our Christmas tree card charity was Vision Aid Overseas, a charity very close to the heart of church member Peter Bishop, whom many will know from Bond Street Opticians. A total of £54 was collected for this cause who work to ensure that everyone has access to affordable eye care services and glasses in Africa. Thank you all for your generosity in supporting the above charities.

Life is never easy and we continue to pray for those good friends of St Euny who are not able to be with us at this time due to sickness and frailty – Michael Tangye, Marlene Reseigh, Marlene Riches, Eric Cooper, Margaret Warren, Chris Vining, Pat Ince and Jack Oates. We wish them all the best for the future and look forward to their return amongst us.

We give thanks for the life of Ade Freestone, who recently passed away and who with her husband Charles, did so much for St Euny Church over the years. Her funeral was on 24 January. May she Rest in Peace.

We also give thanks for Gerry Maisey, RIP, faithful servant at Christchurch, Lanner, and whose funeral was on 2 January. We send his widow, Pat, our love and give thanks for her continued presence in our churches.

Our next Gardening Club meeting is on Monday, 2 March at 10 am. Please come along if you have an hour to spare and like being in the great outdoors, in a tranquil setting.

**Margaret Johnson**



# **CHRISTCHURCH LANNER**

## **Last Friday of the Month.**

The last Friday of each month brings two events at Christchurch Lanner: Snack and Chat at 2pm, a chance to eat cake and to just chat!; and Film Club at 6.30pm when the doors open, 7pm when the film starts. These next events are on Friday January 31st.

## **Film Club Membership**

The choice of films is governed by those available through CFYLM, but if you have a choice then Father Peter will check availability. In February there is a new membership period, it is £6 for the year and then £3 for every other film you watch. You can also go to CFYLM venues throughout Cornwall on the same membership.

## **Jumble Sales**

Thank you to so many people for their jumble sale support. For various reasons, these have now stopped and will be replaced by a monthly event.

## **1950s Night**

Many thanks to the organisers of the 1950s night, which took place on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January. All were treated to a feast of 1950s food, drink and music, with many of the guests attired in the fashion of the decade.

## **Shrove Saturday Party and Quiz**

Our next event takes place on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> February at 7pm and this will be a celebration of all things pancake and Lent! The supper and quiz will be held in the hall.

***Julia Knight-Bennett***

# ST STEPHEN TRELEIGH



**It is with great sadness** that I write of the passing of Paddy Bradley at the age of 86, a dear and longstanding friend of all of us at Treleigh. Paddy, a British Telecom engineer, and his late wife Margaret, a long time member of Treleigh congregation and Sunday School teacher, were married in Treleigh Church by Rev. Hawthorne in 1955. Paddy was a Bard of the Cornish Gorsedh, his bardic name being 'Lywans Cuntellyor Resruth' which means 'Collector of Pictures of Redruth'. We all have our own individual memories of Paddy and most of us will remember the slide shows he did in Treleigh Hall and the hilarity when one of the audience pointed to an old photograph on the screen and shouted: "That's me!" Paddy brought so many memories to the forefront with his collection of old photographs and postcards of Redruth with his great knowledge and ready wit of the stories behind them. Many of these feature in the books he has written on Redruth and the surrounding area. He would often join us in Treleigh Hall for coffee after the service for a chat and catch-up. We shall miss his presence. He has been a big part of life at Treleigh and Redruth for so long and we are all the richer for knowing him. The thoughts and prayers of all at Treleigh are with his daughter Wendy, son David and all his family at this time.

**Treleigh Church was delighted to welcome, once again, the Treleigh School Choir**, together with their families and friends, to its annual carol service on Sunday December 22nd. The church was full to capacity and readings were by members of Treleigh congregation and Treleigh School, with solos by members of the choir. The clear, pure voices of the children were a wonderful start to the Christmas season. The congregation was welcomed to the beautifully decorated church by Reverend Caspar Bush, who also delivered the Christmas message and final prayers. After the service the children of the choir were each presented with a bag of Christmas sweets, organised by Carol Stewart. The service was arranged by Robin Knights and the organist was Michael Hichens. The service was followed by coffee and mince pies in the hall and the drawing of the Christmas raffle. Treleigh Carol Service has a magic all of its own and most of that magic is down to Treleigh School Choir under the musical direction of Head Teacher Helen Collinge. The choir has done particularly well this year, winning The Camborne Music Festival, winning Radio Cornwall's 'Sing Out For Christmas' Competition to qualify to sing in the Radio Cornwall Christmas Concert in Truro Cathedral and singing on Pirate Radio. Our congratulations to them and our sincere thanks for being a regular part of Treleigh's Carol Service.

**Grateful thanks to Rex Viant for his donation to the Treleigh Community Hall Refurbishment Fund.** Rex has filled a giant bottle with loose change over several years amounting to £226.73, half of which goes to the hall fund and the other half to Treliske Hospital's Haematology and Oncology Fund.

**Twenty four members of Treleigh Ladies Group** enjoyed Christmas lunch at Tehidy Golf Club on December 12th.

**Mothering Day service** will be on March 22nd at 11.15am with the usual distribution of flowers and simnel cake.

**Trish Rowe (01209 218416)**

## February 2020

1st	Sa	2pm	Christchurch Lanner	DSTeenybeenies*
		4pm	Christchurch Lanner	DSBeenies*
		7pm	Pencoys Hall	First Saturday Quiz

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### 2nd Su Candlemas

9.30am	Christchurch Lanner	Holy Communion
9.30am	St Andrew Redruth	Sung Holy Communion with Children's Sunday Club
11am	United Methodist Church	FLAPJACK Holy Communion
11.15am	St Euny	St Euny Feast/Candlemas and HC. Featuring St Euny Ukes
11.15am	St Stephen Treleigh	Sung Holy Communion
3pm-5pm	United Methodist Church	Lighthouse
6pm	Christchurch Lanner	First Sunday Event. Theme: Candlemas (Presentation of Christ in the Temple)

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3rd	Mo	12noon-1pm	Crypt	Garden Club
		1.30pm	Crypt	Crafty People
		2pm	United Methodist Church	Fellowship
		6pm	St Andrew Redruth	Healing Service
4th	Tu	8.30am	St Andrew Pencoys	Morning Prayer
		9.30am	St Euny	Holy Communion
		11am	St Euny	Yoga*
		2pm	Glencoe	Hymn singing
5th	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)
		11.30am	Christchurch Lanner	Growing Your Church course
		2pm	Tremethick	Hymn singing
		3pm	Crypt	TOAST (Year 6 and above)
		7.30pm	St Euny	Tower Bell Practice
6th	Th	9.15am	Crypt	Tiddlers Toddlers (to 11.15am)
		9.30am	St Stephen Treleigh	Morning prayer & Holy Communion
		9.30am	St Euny	Yoga*
		1.30-3.30pm	St Euny	Open Café. Everyone is welcome
		7pm	Crypt	Growing Your Church course
7th	Fr	10.15am	12 Mount Carbis Gdns	Book Club
		7pm	St Stephen Treleigh	Healing Service
		7pm	Pencoys School	Quiz and Barn Dance
8th	Sa	12 noon	Pencoys Hall	Jumblefood
		2pm	Christchurch Lanner	DSTeenybeenies*
		4pm	Christchurch Lanner	DSBeenies*

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### 9th Su Third Sunday before Lent

9.30am	Christchurch Lanner	CHAMP All Age Monthly Praise
9.30am	St Andrew Redruth	Informal Worship with Holy Communion

	11am	St Andrew Pencoy's	FLAPJACK Family Event
	11.15am	St Euny	Alternative Holy Communion
	11.15am	St Stephen Treleigh	Sung Holy Communion
	12.30pm	St Andrew Pencoy's	Said Holy Communion
	3pm	Christchurch Lanner	Said Holy Communion
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10th Mo	1.30pm	Crypt	Crafty People
	2pm	United Methodist Church	Fellowship
	6pm	St Andrew Redruth	Holy Communion in the Lady Chapel
11th Tu	8.30am	St Andrew Pencoy's	Morning Prayer
	9.30am	St Euny	Holy Communion
	11am	St Euny	Yoga*
12th 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)
	11.30am	Christchurch Lanner	Growing Your Church course
	3pm	Crypt	TOAST (Year 6 and above)
	7.30pm	St Euny	Tower Bell Practice
13th Th	9.15am	Crypt	Tiddlers Toddlers (to 11.15am)
	9.30am	St Stephen Treleigh	Morning prayer & Holy Communion
	9.30am	St Euny	Yoga*
	1.30-3.30pm	St Euny	Open Café. Everyone is welcome
	7pm	Crypt	Growing Your Church course
14th Fr			
15th Sa	10am-11am	Pencoy's Hall	Children's Clothing Bank ( <i>please note time</i> )
	2pm	Christchurch Lanner	DSTEenybeenies*
	4pm	Christchurch Lanner	DSBeenies*
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16th Su	<b>Second Sunday before Lent</b>		
	9.30am	Christchurch Lanner	Family Holy Communion
	9.30am	St Andrew Redruth	Sung Holy Communion with Children's Sunday Club
	11am	United Methodist Church	FLAPJACK Service of the Word
	11.15am	St Euny	Holy Communion
	11.15am	St Stephen Treleigh	Sung Holy Communion
	6pm	St Andrew Pencoy's	Sung Holy Communion
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17th Mo	1.30pm	Crypt	Crafty People
	2pm	United Methodist Church	Fellowship
	6pm	St Andrew Redruth	Holy Communion in the Lady Chapel
18th Tu	8.30am	St Andrew Pencoy's	Morning Prayer
	9.30am	St Euny	Holy Communion
	2pm	The Green	Hymn singing
19th 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)
	7.30pm	St Euny	Tower Bell Practice



20th Th	9.30am	St Stephen Treleigh	Morning prayer & Holy Communion
	1.30-3.30pm	St Euny	Open Café. Everyone is welcome
21st Fr	4pm	St Andrew Pencoys	DCC Meeting at Pencoys Hall
	7.30pm	Crypt	'Random Folk' an evening of songs & stories
22nd Sa	11am	United Methodist Church	Bangers & Mash
	7pm	Christchurch Hall	Shrove Saturday Supper and Quiz
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23rd Su	<b>Sunday next before Lent</b>		
	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	Methodist Morning Praise
	11.15am	St Stephen Treleigh	Sung Holy Communion
	4pm	Pencoys Hall	Family Teatime Celebration
	6pm	St Andrew Redruth	Breathing Space
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24th Mo	1.30pm	Crypt	Crafty People
	2pm	United Methodist Church	Fellowship
	4.30pm	Trelowan	Last Monday Bible Study
	6pm	St Andrew Redruth	Holy Communion in the Lady Chapel
25th Tu	8.30am	St Andrew Pencoys	Morning Prayer
	9.30am	St Euny	Holy Communion
	11am	St Euny	Yoga*
	7pm	St Andrew Pencoys	Moveable Feast of Prayer
26th We	<b>Ash Wednesday</b>		
	8.30am	St Andrew Redruth	Morning Prayer in the Lady Chapel
	10am	St Andrew Redruth	Holy Communion in the Lady Chapel with Ashing
	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)
	6pm	United Methodist Church	Holy Communion with Ashing ( <i>note venue</i> )
	7pm	St Stephen Treleigh	Holy Communion
	7.30pm	St Euny	Tower Bell Practice
27th Th	9.15am	Crypt	Tiddlers Toddlers (to 11.15am)
	9.30am	St Stephen Treleigh	Morning prayer & Holy Communion
	9.30am	St Euny	Yoga*
	1.30-3.30pm	St Euny	Open Café. Everyone is welcome
28th Fr	2pm	Christchurch Lanner	Snack and Chat
	6.30pm/7pm	Christchurch Lanner	Film Club
29th Sa	2pm	Christchurch Lanner	DSTEenybeenies*
	4pm	Christchurch Lanner	DSBeenies*

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

## Money and Statistics

There is a page to fill in this month's magazine and I have been asked to do this. If you ask an accountant to write something there is an inevitability that this will involve money and numbers.

As well as being the treasurer of St Andrew's Redruth I also look after the Benefice Fees Account which receives fees for funerals and weddings and these are then distributed to the churches with a portion of each fee going to the Diocese to partly cover the cost of the clergy taking the services. In 2020 the usual fee for a funeral including the cost of vergers and organist is £358, for a wedding it is £639 with an extra £126 if the bells are rung at St Euny. Weddings are always conducted by a priest but lay readers can also officiate at funerals and occasionally a Methodist minister will officiate as one of our churches takes the place of the now closed RMC.

Now for some statistics in 2019 there were 63 weddings and funerals which were spread across our churches as follows:

	St Andrew	Pencoys	St Euny	Lanner	Treleigh
Weddings	2	1	4		4
Funerals and interments	4	4	25	3	16

In addition to this our clergy and lay readers officiated at 28 separate cremations mainly at Treswithian.

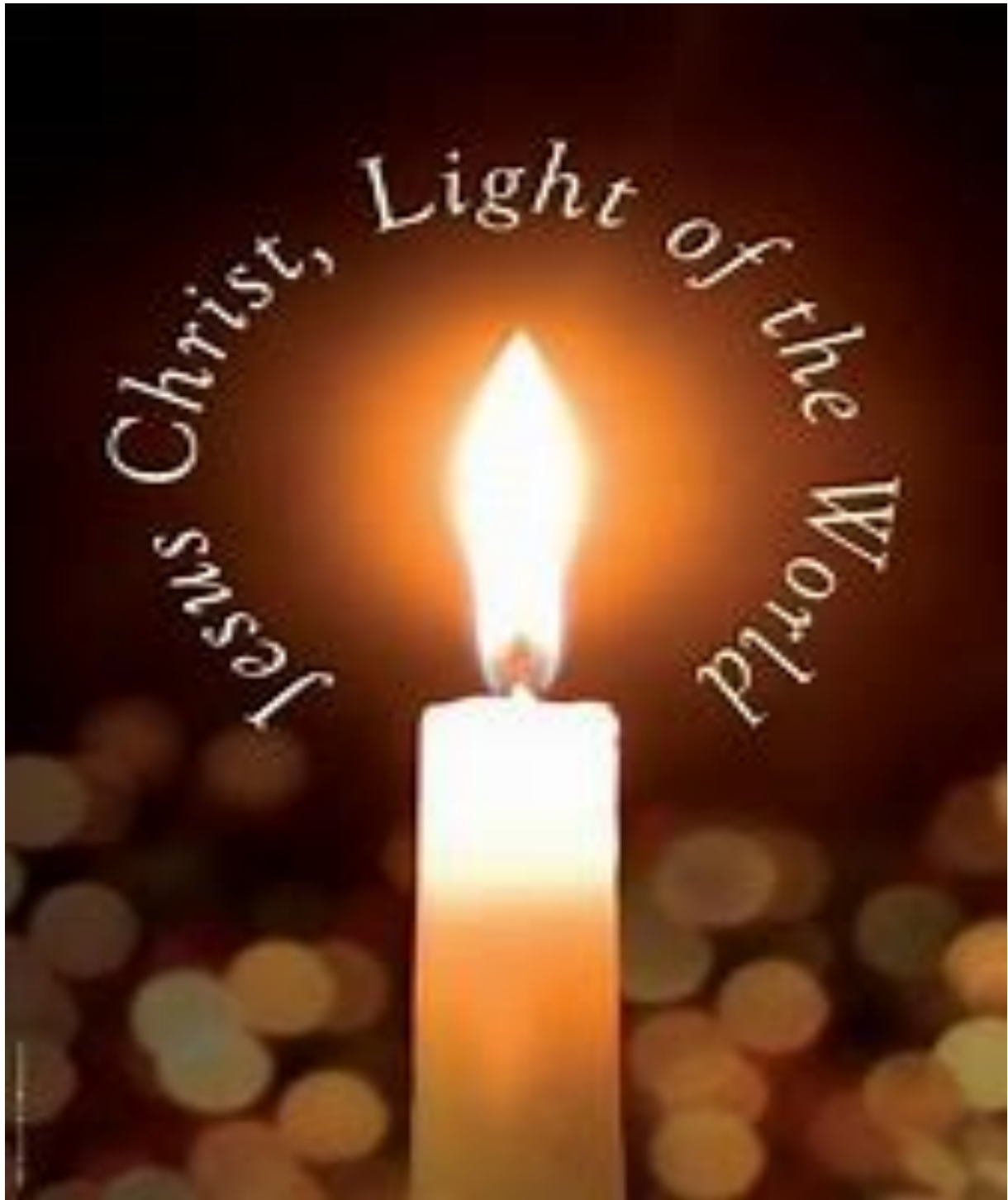
The other figures that seem to take up a large part of my time are relating to MMF (Maintenance and Mission Fund) which is the way the Diocese collects the costs of paying clergy from the parishes.

This is usually collected each month by direct debit and is the main cost your giving and the collection is used for. I also act as financial adviser to the Deanery so get to see the MMF collection figures for the whole Diocese. During 2019 this Benefice was able to pay 88% of the £97,342 that was due, a shortfall of £11,268 which compares favourably with the 79% paid across the Deanery and 72% for the whole Diocese leaving an overall shortfall of over £1.3 million.

I know we all work very hard to fundraise not only for MMF but the many other costs needed to keep our churches in operation but there is always a need for more and the current "Growing your Church" initiative is part of the strategy to make this less painful as hopefully more people equals more money.

**Richard Robinson**

# CELEBRATING CANDLEMAS ON 2 FEBRUARY



On the feast of The Presentation, we bless candles for use all year long. This is to remind us that Christ is the 'Light that enlightens all mankind.'

Christ is the 'Light of the World' who helps us to overcome evil and helps understand the ways of the Father.

Candles are used in religious ceremonies to remind us that Christ is the Light of the World and we Christians must strive to bring his light to the world.

## ST EUNY BELL RINGERS

Our Tower began the Christmas festivities by ringing on Christmas Eve at the service of Lessons and Carols. Clive represented the Tower by being invited to read one of the lessons.

Once again we rang on Christmas morning, being joined by a visitor from All Saints, Maidstone.

The bells once more rang out to welcome members from the Benefice at the United Service on 29 December.

*Clive Reynolds*



## ST EUNY BELL RINGERS

Pictured left to right are:

Charlie Green, Clive Reynolds, Bryan Llewellyn, Kath White( Maidstone), David Escott, Mel Brown and Matthew Ruddock.



# LENT COURSES

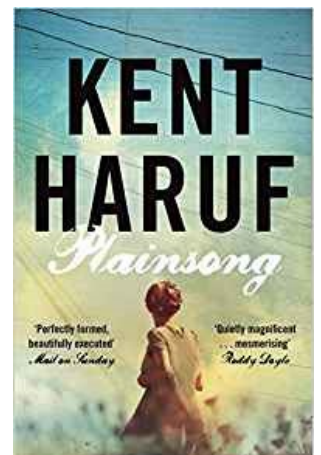
*Lent Courses will be running again this year in all of our regular home groups/upper room groups.*

*Watch out for more details in the weekly sheet...*



## BOOK CLUB

**Friday 07 February - Plainsong** will be Set in Kent Haruf's fictional landscape of Holt County, Colorado, *Plainsong* is a story of simple lives told with extraordinary empathy. Tom Guthrie is struggling to bring up his two young sons alone. In the same town, school girl Victoria Roubideaux finds herself pregnant and homeless. Whilst Tom's sons find their way forward without their mother, quiet and gentle Harold and Raymond McPherson agree to take Victoria in, unaware that their lives are about to change forever. A novel of haunting beauty from one of America's greatest writers of our time, *Plainsong* explores the grace and hope of every human life and mankind's infinite capacity for love.



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# *KENNAL VALE—PONSANOOTH*

*by Michael Tangye*

We are fortunate in Cornwall to have such a variety of scenery and locations in which to explore by walking, particularly on the peninsula of the Lands End and The Lizard. There are both long and pleasing routes to follow, but there is one suitable for those unaccustomed to long walks nearer to Redruth—the fascinating valley of Kennal Vale at Ponsanooth.

Some years ago it was privately owned by Mr Leonard Williams, at the time a churchwarden at St Euny church, who gave this writer and family unrestricted access to its beauty and to record the historical memoirs of the various mills of the former Kennal Vale Gunpowder Works of the nineteenth century. It was an ideal site with its dense woodland in a deep-sided valley which would restrict the blast of any explosion that might accidentally occur.

The fast flowing Kennal River passes down the valley in summer slow and peacefully, but in winter following heavy rainfall, as a seething mass of white, cascading over large granite boulders, with a roar so great that one can only converse by shouting. It was this water, re-diverted into a water-course along the north side of the valley, that powered the water-wheels of the several gunpowder mills of granite.

Its product became known throughout the world, where the Cornish dominated the mining scene with agencies in America, South America, Australia, South Africa etc. It was a dangerous environment for those employed in its production, one in which explosions occurred due to carelessness and ignoring any safety regulations—one spark often destroyed a mill and killed those working within or near it.

In the 1960's this writer was asked to conduct research and fieldwork and to produce lists of all archaeological features, both ancient and industrial for the parishes of Illogan, Redruth and Stithians. The latter was an enjoyable task which included photographing various fixtures on farms—round threshing houses at Kennal Barton Farm, Trewince Farm and Treweege Barton and gaining information about an earlier way of life in farming. It was then that a detailed study of Kennal Vale was done. Newspapers of the Victorian period spared no details when writing of the terrible injuries and deaths incurred by explosions in the mills; typical was one such in 1841 when a male worker “Martin was blown to pieces. His head was found a quarter of a mile away, and his entrails found dangling from branches.”

It is little wonder that stories of ghosts of the past arose quite frequently. In 2002 members of the Ghost Society apparently met at Kennal Vale and it was reported in the West Briton. Amongst them an ‘Elaine Flew’ a ghost hunter, and a medium who wished to remain anonymous. The latter apparently of great integrity, stated that ‘the deeper you move into the Vale, the more oppressive the atmosphere becomes’ and she stated that it resembled St Nectan’s Glen near Tintagel, one of the most haunted valleys in Britain. Trevor Kenward, one of the most experienced ghost hunters in the UK, told the late Michael Williams that he had seen a phantom here at very close range; no question of a shadow or trick of light and was convinced that ghosts of old workers do appear and reappear in the Vale. Choose a nice sunny day for a visit!

*(note:- check lists of the parishes of Redruth, Illogan and Stithians appear in “Cornish Archaeology”)*

## <<Talkabout>> - The Love of Books © by Tricia Rowe

We both love books and always have one on the go and others in the queue waiting to be read. Dave has what we laughingly call a “book-book” in which he lists all the books he has read, and I store all my book information in my head, which occasionally lets me down especially when a new edition of a book comes out with a different cover!

I have my own rules regarding books....I never turn the corner of a page down or scribble in the margin and until recently I have never read a book twice.

We both love the smell of a new book. The ink and the paper combined give you entry into a whole new world. I worked as a library assistant for many years, first in Liskeard and Looe libraries, then the travelling library in the Helston area and finally Redruth library so books are second nature to me. I am a fast reader scanning the pages so fast that I sometimes have to go back and see what I've missed whereas Dave reads slowly and doesn't miss a thing!

If someone is reading a book on a bus or train I find myself straining my neck to see what they are reading. It gives an insight into the person. Mind you it doesn't tell me a thing if they are reading on a Kindle!

If a book doesn't do anything for me in the first few pages I soldier on but by the time I reach a quarter of the way through and I am not gripped then it's 'curtains' for the book and I move on to the next one in the queue! If it's one of my favourite authors I am inclined to jump bits so that I quickly get to find out what the ending is!

I need to have another book lined up for when I finish the one on the go at the moment. Very often I miss the one I have just finished but sometimes it's good to leave a book behind and move on to pastures new.

Although I love books, the real thing, I have a kindle which is invaluable on holiday, but that's another story....



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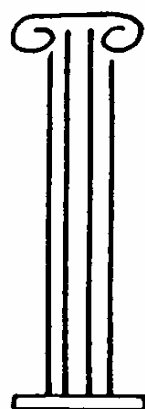
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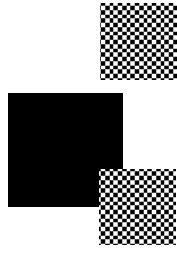
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