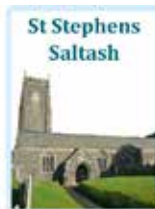
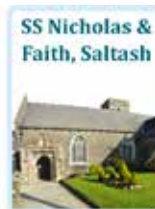
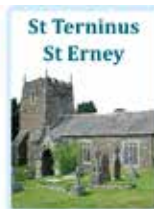
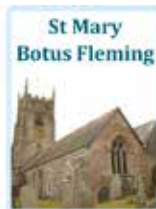


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DECEMBER SERVICES

Sunday 6 December

St Stephen-by-Saltash

9.30am Holy Communion

St Michael, Landrake

9.30am Family Service

St Nicholas & St Faith

11am Holy Communion

St Mary, Botus Fleming

11.15am Family Service

Sunday 13 December

St Stephen-by-Saltash

9.30am Holy Communion

St Michael, Landrake

9.30am Holy Communion

St Nicholas & St Faith

11am Holy Communion

St Mary, Botus Fleming

11.15am Holy Communion

Sunday 20 December

St Stephen-by-Saltash

9.30am Holy Communion

6.30pm Evensong

St Michael, Landrake

9.30am Holy Communion

St Nicholas & St Faith

11am Holy Communion

6.30pm 9 Lessons & Carols

St Mary, Botus Fleming

11.15am All Age Service

St Erney, Landrake

11.15am Holy Communion

Sunday 27 December

St Stephen-by-Saltash

9.30am Holy Communion

St Michael, Landrake

9.30am HC (may not take place)

St Nicholas & St Faith

11am Holy Communion

St Mary, Botus Fleming

11.15am Holy Communion

Every Wednesday

St Stephen-by-Saltash

2-4pm Open for private prayer

A meeting has been called on...

During the early days of my retirement people would ask me what I liked best about retirement. I would respond, 'no more meetings'. One of my training incumbents always said that a committee was the unwanted, appointed by the unwilling, to do the unnecessary.

The other night I had a most confusing dream. I dreamt that the original Christmas event had been organised by a committee. It went something like this:

Minutes of a special meeting of the Heavenly Executive Council held in time, somewhere in eternity.

The Meeting opened with a brief introduction and explanation by G O Divine, who spoke of the urgent need to restore the relationship between Province and Human Collegiate plc. He felt that over the years such relationships had become strained and had deteriorated to such an extent that diplomatic relations may cease. It was felt that, due to the current recession, a breakdown was imminent; The Prophetic Trust Society has carried out a number of surveys and, following advice by its middle-man (A. Mos), felt it was difficult to suggest a viable solution. However, G O Divine was hopeful that a solution could be found and members were invited to look at the following possible ways forward.

- to fix a date when a senior delegate could be sent to confer with all parties,
- that a suitable venue for such an engagement be selected,
- a sub-committee be appointed to explore the sociological implications of such action and what refreshments would be required, if any.
- to choose a project leader who would present a feasibility study prior to any action being embarked upon.

SERVICES AT CHRISTMAS

Christmas Eve

7pm St Mary

Nine Lessons and Carols

(will be pre-recorded for YouTube if it's not possible to hold the service with a congregation)

11pm SS Nicholas & Faith

Midnight Mass

(Service will be recorded live & ready by 11am)

11.30pm St Stephen

Midnight Mass

Christmas Day

9.15am St Michael

Holy Communion

10.30am St Stephen

Holy Communion

11.15am St Mary

Holy Communion

11.15am St Erney

Matins

St Stephen's Day

10am St Stephen

Holy Communion



There followed a general discussion during which the following points were given due consideration.

i Date.

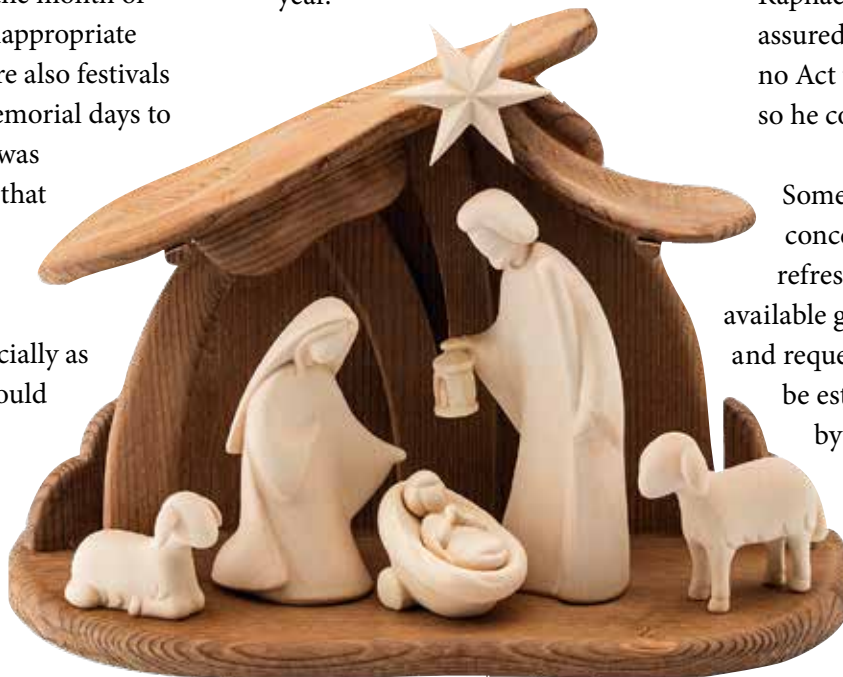
There much discussion as to the most convenient date when such a visit would be undertaken. S T Michael (CEO Angelic Member's Club) Requested that the month of September be avoided as he had a special festival that month and quarterly rents had to be collected., and three members pointed out that the month of November was inappropriate because there were also festivals and two other memorial days to contend with. It was unanimously felt that the month of December would seem the most appropriate; especially as reminder cards could be sold. It was proposed and seconded, that midnight would seem a good time as this would not clash with outdoor singers who would have ceased and it would not put pressure on the Cherubim and Seraphim (Grade III) Guild, whose members would be available and the Angelic Member's Club felt that they could find personnel to be on hand to act as interpreters.

ii Venue.

At the end of an inordinately long debate a shortlist of two possible places was considered; Cornwall and Israel. The former was favoured by a member of the AMC as he had a dwelling

there, as did a number of other members, which meant that they could easily be on hand. However, the inclement weather was a draw back as was the general lack of public transport.

It was finally decided that Israel would be the better of the two as it was the area where previous excursions has taken place which meant that the majority of staff knew where it was. Also, the weather was more trustworthy at that time of the year.



iii Sociological implications.

A number of names were submitted to serve on the sub-committee to look into this aspect of the event. It was reported that a high civil servant (Augustus Caesar) had already planned a census of the population which would ensure movement of the people at the time. The matter of parentage was also raised and after discussion it was felt that a 'single parent unit' on this occasion was deemed inappropriate. Most present felt

that the official church party would be unwilling to condone such an action – not that it would be consulted. In order that no misunderstanding should occur, it was proposed, seconded and agreed nem com, that S T Gabriel (AMC) be requested to advise B V Mary accordingly. Further he should ensure that Joseph Carpenter (her betrothed) is acquainted with the decision. The rights of the child were raised by S T Raphael [AMC] but S A Tan assured members that there was no Act that has been formulated, so he could foresee no problem.

Some members were concerned that insufficient refreshments would be available given the time of the day and requested a working party be established to report back by 6 January. After careful thought, this idea was abandoned due to the fact it was felt that it was unlikely that very many people would be about, apart from a few wandering shepherds, and the provision of lamb sandwiches was thought to be insensitive.

At this point I awoke – thank goodness!

The word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory of the father's son, full of grace and truth.

John 1:14

Have a blessed Christmas and peace for the New Year.

Rev Brian Anderson

Greetings from France

Rob and Mary Furse



Greetings to you all, we hope you are safe and well.

Our village has escaped the virus so far, although it has come close. Nevertheless, we are all in second lockdown with similar restrictions to you, but also, we must carry a document whenever we go out stating where we are going and why. Our local family can see us as we are classed as vulnerable, but happily we remain in good health.

Our family in the UK are also OK, most of them working from home. Our granddaughter, Tamar, did well in her A levels and is now studying psychology at university in London.

Chris and his girlfriend Lynn spent a week with us in August, our only visitors this year. We had planned to visit England but, in the end, have not been anywhere – fingers crossed for next year.

We have been here for six years come Christmas. We love our bungalow and this year, finally, our garden has been fenced and grassed so we can now start planting things.

I mowed my new grass for the

first time the other day. There is a third of an acre so we had to buy a ride on mower. Since I (Mary) can no longer drive the car due to some sight loss, I insist on being the only one who gets to play with it!

We haven't been able to go to church since March, but Judy has linked us into the virtual service from her church, where we have worshipped when visiting. Meanwhile down the road, Betty joins her Saltash Wesley friends on Zoom. Good old internet!

Today is 11 November, Armistice Day in France, a public holiday when there would normally be a civic ceremony at the war memorial attended by local dignitaries and in which schoolchildren would have a part. This year we cannot do it. We have kept a grave silence on our own doorstep out of respect for the men whose beautiful land we now live on.

'Bon Courage', as we say here, to all of us as we face the coming winter.

Our very best wishes to you all for Christmas and let us hope that 2021 will be a brighter year for us all.

Christmas Tree Festival 2020



Opening Times

**Saturday 5 December to
Friday 18 December**

**Saturdays
10am to 4pm**

**Sundays
2pm to 6pm**

**Monday to Friday
2pm to 6pm**

**Mon, Wed & Thurs
6pm to 8pm**



- **Grand Christmas Draw**
- **FREE Entry**
- **Donations Welcomed**

St Nick's Nine Lessons & Carols

**Sunday 20 December 2020
6.30pm start**

South West Chamber Music Choir
will be coming to join us.

Christmas Wordsearch

A	B	Y	M	E	L	C	H	I	O	R	R	E
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Christmas Tree

Decorations

Holly

Reindeer

Tinsel

Manger

Baby

Joseph

Jesus

Shepherd

Kings

Star

Stable

Santa Claus

Advent

Carols

Angel

Crib

Holy

Noel

Mary

Balthazar

Melchior

Caspar

Gold

Frankincense

Myrrh



With no fairs or events this year I've had numerous requests to look through my card box, especially during the first lock down when the card shops were shut for a long period.

I've recently done a stock take and would like to thank everyone who bought cards across the year, this has raised £154.23 for Church Funds.
Steve Hookway



Many thanks to everyone who supported this year's Samaritan's Purse Shoebox Appeal. I was overwhelmed by the response, especially in the current situation.

Boxes were packed and are on their way, other boxes were filled online and generous donations of money were received. Your kind gifts will bring joy and happiness to children all over the world and I will let you know their destination when I receive details.
Margaret Dell

Parish Meal

The Parish meal booked at Elizabeth house on the 10 January has been cancelled and a new date will be decided later in the year.

Ray Wills

What about Christmas?

This has been a phrase we have heard from every source recently. As I put pen to paper to write a few words for this newsletter it is mid-November and we are all currently undergoing lockdown number two!

Once again, we find ourselves witnessing high numbers of people affected by Covid-19 and its associated implications. Our thoughts and prayers are with all affected and all who are dealing with this pandemic.

So what of Christmas 2020? This is the question of many.

Yes, what about Christmas? It is a question I have put to many over the years in ministry. What is CHRIST-MASS really all about?

It has been my experience, along with many others maybe, that the true meaning and celebration of CHRIST-MASS all too often comes way down the list of priorities to acknowledge in the whole picture of Christmas.

The gift of the Christ child is often so hidden, so lost and so ignored in the ever increasing secular scene of 'XMAS' celebrations, as it is mostly termed.

No room at the Inn and so often no room for Christ in CHRIST-MASS!

This year, amid the restrictions, strains, stresses and battle against a pandemic, we are given a chance to embrace and to focus our

thoughts on what this coming season of Advent and Christmas is really all about. Things will have to be very different in order to observe safety one with another.

There will be perhaps more time and space in our lives without the usual enforced activities to give more than a nod to the Christ Child, to put Christ back

We don't know as yet, but what we do know is that our hearts and minds can always be open and available to use in prayer, in worship and praising God and most importantly to give thanks for all we have.

Throughout history, throughout wars and conflicts and times of great uncertainty and yes also

other pandemics the Christian pilgrim has always journeyed on using resources as available and giving thanks to God wherever and whenever.

As we journey through Advent and onward to Christmas facing the unknown, what we do know is that we are known to God, each and every one of us and with God journeying with us we embrace what we have rather than bemoan what we can't have.

This is the time to put CHRIST back into CHRIST-MASS without some of the distractions, and as individuals, each and every person has the opportunity to mark the real gift of CHRIST-MASS, that of welcoming

the CHRIST, the Saviour of the world in a time of crisis. Never has this world needed it more.

Happy Christmas and a Good New Year one and all.

*Nadelik Lowen ha Bledhen
Nowyth Da onen hag oll.*

Blessings,
Revd Josephine Lobb

Prayer for Advent and Christmas

Gracious God, giver of light, giver of hope, giver of peace, come to us we pray in our Advent journey of preparation for Christmas.

Open our hearts to receive the abundance of your love given in your Son, sent to redeem a broken world.

Help us to see and to count our blessings rather than to lament our restrictions.

Help us to celebrate our joys and to receive the gift of Christ-Mass with outstretched hands and, in our hearts and minds to share that gift with others.

Gracious God, constant in love, steadfast in your promises to us, we give you thanks for journeying with us.

Stay close we pray to all who turn to you in faith, now and always.

Amen.



into the centre of the festival.

Nothing has changed about the Christmas story over centuries, it is us as human beings that have changed – but Christmas this year can and perhaps will be different.

What will be our restrictions of meeting others?

Will our churches be open for worship?

From Cornwall to the Fens

Sarah and Mark Hawker

It is good to be able to say hello, and bridge the social distance.

It is fifteen months since we moved from Saltash to East Cambridgeshire and we are living in a new way, enjoying new jobs and getting to see our sons and daughters more – much as we miss you all, we have had plenty to celebrate in setting out on this new adventure.

We were given a lovely send off for which Sarah and I thank you: leaving Saltash was very hard, and we still keep in mind the work and worship at SS Nicholas and Faith, Churches Together, Foodbank and the Saltash Team Churches and pleasures of Sunday visits to worship 'away'.

We have been happy with our boat life aboard Lily Rose, a big, beautiful, wide-beam barge and we feel permanently becalmed at sea, with the fenland open skies, the sounds of the water and wind, birds everywhere, and nature all around (and occasionally inside!). We are reminded every day that God's creation is good, and in moving we have reduced creaking by downsizing (why did we have all that stuff?) and increased counting blessings as we lay this very new path from the too-easy groove of the life we had established in Saltash. We are slowly building up new relationships

and finding more friends, and have been challenged on the way by the very different and special cultures of Cambridge and Suffolk to Cornwall.

The week after the arrival to our new home, we enjoyed the wedding of our youngest George to Debbie, at Holy Trinity Church, progressively

of the emerging generation.

Some of you may remember Tom, our middle-cheeky son. He was inducted as the Baroness Hale Law Fellow at Girton College last month, and continues to enjoy teaching and lecturing on the rules.

Our eldest Hannah and her

partner, Rowan, are now based in Norwich. Hannah is working at Hellsden Hospital, having qualified as a psychology practitioner, working with patients to improve mental health.

We had a socially distanced, rule of six Halloween and fireworks combo gathering, in which for a few short hours outside, the world seemed normal, a pure delight of an evening.

Sarah is making great progress with her new Headship at Park St C of E Primary School in Cambridge. The school is very much in and a part of the city, located next to Jesus College and its large public green where outdoor

activities can take place. The pupils and their parents are a wonderfully diverse and energetic bunch. There are townfolk and gownsfolk and lots of world-bright folk.

I have been enjoying being a part of the community at St Edmundsbury the Cathedral Church of Suffolk, working as a verger there. Bury St Edmunds is a lovely place



Anglican, in the heart of Cambridge, where both son and new daughter worship and met while students (and now help to lead as graduates). The place was packed to the rafters with family and an extraordinary congregation of friends. Praise, laughter and a forest of hands raised in joy during the service filled me with awe and wonder at the energy

and the Cathedral, Abbey Gardens and town are well worth a visit. I'm part of a team looking after clergy, lost property, the setting of services, the ringing of bells, the flying of flags, the candle stock, lost members of the public, and plenty of polishing and cleaning. Of course, when the difficult times arrived last March the cathedral had to close its doors. Being furloughed was difficult (I've never not worked) but I found some volunteering work with the Red Cross based at RAF Alconbury. However, this did not fill all of my time, and I came to realise that in many ways, it has been a good year to hide away in the Fens.

We are getting to know the Fens well, especially with lockdown walking. They cover an area of low-lying agriculture land that stretches across parts of Norfolk, Cambs and Lincs. Today, it provides some of the most fertile farming

land in the country but originally the area was covered by marshes, reed-beds and dykes and was frequented only by wild-fowls and fishermen.

Ely is also very beautiful, and has the Cathedral for the Diocese which covers much of Cambridgeshire. We can see the ancient 'Ship of the Fens' from our place on the river at the junction of the rivers Cam and Great Ouse. We have made river journeys in Lily Rose, navigating our barge on some tricky and interesting passages. Beneath the biggest of blue

skies, we've squeezed under crooked bridges, dodged into ox-bow lakes to avoid boats incoming and slipped through reeds and rushes where coots, graylag geese and bright blue dragonflies are oblivious to our world of worries. In many places the river level is actually higher than the surrounding land and it seems the river banks lift us up both physically and spiritually. It is good new sights can freshen the eyes and remind you to carefully see the real colours.

Being here has helped us with the challenges in our work. We both pray for a return to a world where there is less worry about classes gathering and where bread and wine

can be properly shared followed by those lovely conversations.

I was reminded, while trying to space pews and place signs to encourage congregation's distancing, that the building had seen off quite a few plagues in its time.

And the Dean

reminded us all that for this time, just for a twinkling of God's eye, for the sake of our love for each other – do **not** cluster in the cloisters!

But we also pray that in returning to a closer world – where things which having been spaced apart, or stretched, or slowed... and in doing so have given everyone a glimpse of what is truly of value – the revealed good things will better endure. I miss seeing mouths. Perhaps in the future I'll better listen to their words and appreciate other opinions more!



Nave Altar at St Edmundsbury Cathedral

JANUARY SERVICES

Sunday 3 January

St Stephen-by-Saltash

9.30am Holy Communion

St Michael, Landrake

9.30am Family Service

St Nicholas & St Faith, Saltash

11am Holy Communion

St Mary, Botus Fleming

11.15am All Age Service

St Erney, Landrake

11.15am Matins

Sunday 10 January

St Stephen-by-Saltash

9.30am Holy Communion

St Michael, Landrake

9.30am Holy Communion

St Nicholas & St Faith, Saltash

11am Holy Communion

St Mary, Botus Fleming

11.15am Holy Communion

Sunday 17 January

St Stephen-by-Saltash

9.30am Holy Communion

6.30pm Evensong

St Michael, Landrake

9.30am Holy Communion

St Nicholas & St Faith, Saltash

11am Holy Communion

St Mary, Botus Fleming

11.15am All Age Service

St Erney, Landrake

11.15am Holy Communion

Sunday 24 January

St Stephen-by-Saltash

9.30am Holy Communion

St Michael, Landrake

9.30am Holy Communion

St Nicholas & St Faith, Saltash

11am Holy Communion

St Mary, Botus Fleming

11.15am Holy Communion

Sunday 31 January

St Stephen-by-Saltash

10am United Service

Every Wednesday

St Stephen-by-Saltash

2pm-4pm Open for private prayer



St Stephen's Church Social Committee 2021 Events

Following a meeting over the internet, the committee have agreed the following dates for next year praying that some normality will be in place and Covid 19 be under control.

Saturday 27 March – 10am to 1pm

Hot Cross Buns and Easter Fun

Friday 9 April – 7.30pm start

Concert (Choir tbc)

Saturday 3 July – 10.30am to 2.30pm

Summer Fair

Saturday 13 November – 10am to 1.30pm

November Fair

Friday 26 November – 6.30pm to 9pm

Christmas Shopping Evening

Friday 3 December – 7.30pm start

Christmas Concert by

The Tamar Valley Male Voice Choir



Our latest needs are:

- Washing Up Liquid
- Toothbrushes
- Shaving Foam or gel
- Deodorant
- Milk Powder
- Sponge Puddings
- Hand Sanitiser
- Chocolate & sweets
- Savoury biscuits
- Hair conditioner

Make a difference!

Please donate food at Waitrose, Lidl or the Co-op and/or donate money via the Saltash Foodbank website: <https://saltash.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-money>



Reflections of Childhood Christmas by David Coot

The winter evenings are drawing in
It is feeling so much colder
I try to think of younger days
Now that I am much older.

My thoughts turn to Christmas
All those years ago
What would we all be doing
And would there be snow?

The children would make paper chains
And dad would find a tree
And then we would all decorate
with happiness and glee.

The church was filled with flowers
The tree standing tall
Candles were shining brightly
And glowing on the wall.

The church choir in the village
Sang cheerful Christmas carols
Thankful for mince pies and wine
Or beer from out the barrels.

The children did a nativity play
Which people flocked to see
Parents made the costumes
How good would it all be.

On Christmas eve it was early to bed
Hoping Father Christmas would come
Carrot left for reindeers to be fed
And milk for Santa before he headed home.

In the morning we woke and saw that he had been
Our stocking filled with fruit and nuts
Sometimes a selection box would be seen
There were no complaints, no ifs or buts.

We all sat round to eat our dinner
And ate what we were given
We later played games (was never a winner)
And after watched television.

It all seems so much different
From things that I remember
How will it all turn out for us
With the virus this December?

Advent, Christmas and Epiphany

Brenton Blandford

Advent

The advent of something means that it's finally here. You might be waiting for the advent of a new iPhone or for the advent of the end of the Pandemic (we all want that) or the introduction of something important. Advent is a season of the liturgical year, observed in most denominations of the Christian Church as a time of expectant waiting and preparation for both the celebration of the Nativity of Christ at Christmas and the return of Christ at the Second Coming. Advent is the beginning of the liturgical year in Western Christianity, the Nativity of Christ at Christmas and the return of Christ.

The term adopted from Latin *adventus* 'coming; arrival', is translated from the Greek *paraousia*. In the New Testament, this is the term used for the Second Coming of Christ. Thus, the season of Advent in the Christian calendar anticipates the 'coming of Christ' from three different perspectives: the physical nativity in Bethlehem, the reception of Christ in the heart of the believer, and the eschatological Second Coming.

In the Roman Rite of the Catholic

Church, the Western Rite of the Orthodox Church, and in the Anglican, Lutheran, Moravian, Presbyterian, and Methodist calendars, Advent commences on the fourth Sunday before Christmas – the Sunday nearest to St Andrew's Day (30 November). It can fall on any date between 27 November and 3 December. Practices associated

Since approximately the thirteenth century, the usual liturgical colour in Western Christianity for Advent has been violet.

Christmas

We now move on from Advent to Christmas. Will we be having Christmas with our families in the bubble and trying to remember the real reason why we celebrate Christmas (or Feast of the Nativity)?

This is an annual festival commemorating the birth of Jesus Christ, observed primarily on December 25 as a religious and cultural celebration among billions of people around the world. A feast central to the Christian liturgical year, it is preceded by the season of Advent or the

Nativity Fast and initiates the season of Christmastide, which historically in the West lasts twelve days and culminates on twelfth night.

The traditional Christmas narrative, the Nativity of Jesus, mentioned in the New Testament says that Jesus was born in Bethlehem, in accordance with messianic prophecies. When Joseph and Mary arrived in the city, the inn had no room and



with Advent include keeping an Advent calendar, lighting an Advent wreath, erecting a Christmas tree and lighting a Christingle.

It is not known when the period of preparation for Christmas that is now called Advent began – it was certainly in existence from about 480 – and the novelty introduced by the Council of Tours of 567 was to order monks to fast every day in the month of December until Christmas.

so they were offered a stable where the Christ Child was soon born, with angels proclaiming this news to the shepherds.

We do not know the month and date of Jesus' birth, the church in the early fourth century fixed the date as December 25. This corresponds to the date of the winter solstice on the Roman calendar. Most Christians celebrate on December 25 in the Gregorian calendar, which has been adopted almost universally in the civil calendars used in countries throughout the world. The celebratory customs associated in various countries with Christmas have a mix of pre-Christian, Christian, and secular themes and origins.

Popular modern customs of the holiday include gift giving; completing an Advent calendar or Advent wreath; Christmas music and carolling; viewing a Nativity play; an exchange of Christmas cards; church services; a special meal; and the display of various Christmas decorations, including Christmas trees, Christmas lights, nativity scenes, garlands, wreaths, mistletoe, and holly. In addition, several closely related and often

interchangeable figures, known as Santa Claus, Father Christmas, Saint Nicholas, are associated with bringing gifts to children during the Christmas season and have their own body of traditions and lore. Because gift-giving and many other aspects of the Christmas festival involve heightened economic activity, the holiday has become a significant event and a key sales period for retailers and businesses. The economic impact of Christmas has grown steadily over the past few centuries in many regions of the world.

Epiphany

The final part of this message is Epiphany. Epiphany is a Christian feast day that celebrates the revelation of God incarnate as Jesus Christ.

In Western Christianity, the feast commemorates principally (but not solely) the visit of the Magi to the Christ Child, and thus Jesus' physical manifestation to the Gentiles. It is sometimes called Three Kings' Day, and in some traditions celebrated as Little Christmas.

Moreover, the feast of the Epiphany, in some denominations, also initiates the liturgical season of Epiphanytide.

The traditional date for the feast is January 6. Those Eastern Churches which are still following the Julian calendar observe the feast on what, according to the internationally used Gregorian calendar, is January 19, because of the current thirteen-day difference between the Julian and Gregorian calendars. In many Western Christian Churches, the eve of the feast is celebrated as Twelfth Night (Epiphany Eve).

The Monday after Epiphany is known as Plough Monday. It is customary for Christians in many localities to remove their Christmas decorations on Epiphany Eve (Twelfth Night), although those in other Christian countries historically remove them on Candlemas, the conclusion of Epiphanytide.

On behalf of my wife Catherine, who is still in hospital as I write this article for the Newsletter, and myself we would like to wish everyone a Happy and Blessed Christmas and a Healthy New Year or in the Cornish, *Nadelik Lowen, Ha Blythen Nowyth Da!*

Believe everything happens for a reason. If you get a chance, take it. If it changes your life, let it.

Nobody said life would be easy, they just promised it would most likely be worth it.



Hilda Blatchford

Hilda, who has sadly died, came to Saltash in 1964 as I did and we attended St Stephen's Church together from then on.

She was a long time member of Mothers' Union and contributed to church activities for many years.

She was a kind generous lady and is greatly missed. Cynthia Keigwin



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