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St Mylor and All Saints', Mylor Bridge

PARISH MAGAZINE

December 2009



*Church of the Holy Nativity, Bethlehem
(taken from Manger Square)*

And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, art not the least
among the princes of Judah:
for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my
people Israel.

**A monthly magazine for the Parish Church of St Mylor
and All Saints' Church, Bells Hill, Mylor Bridge**

Services for December, 2009

Regular services

Sundays

8am Holy Communion, 1662, St Mylor.

9am Holy Communion, CW, All Saints

10.30am Parish Eucharist, St Mylor

Plus every 2nd and 4th Sunday

4pm 'All Saints & Sinners' Family Worship, All Saints.

Plus every 1st and 3rd Sunday

4pm BCP Evening Prayer

Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays

9am Morning Prayer, All Saints, Mylor Bridge

Wednesdays

9am Morning Prayer, All Saints Mylor Bridge

10am Holy Communion, St Mylor

11am Holy Communion, All Saints, Mylor Bridge

ADVENT SUNDAY SUNG EVENSONG 1662

in the Parish Church of Saint Mylor
4pm December 6th



A Special Service
to Celebrate the Contribution to our
Parish Worship
of All who Provide the Flowers
and Clean and Polish the Fabric
so that our Church is a Worthy Place
in which to Glorify God.

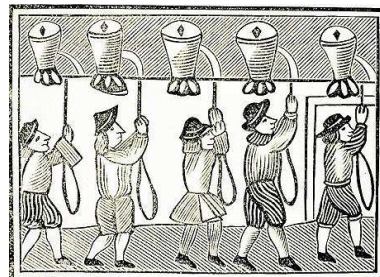
Carols by Candlelight

Come and join us for our

Christingle

St Mylor Church
Thursday December 24th at 4:00 pm

Ring out the old, ring in the new!



Holy Communion at All Saints, Bells Hill
to welcome in the New Year
followed by refreshments

Diary for November/December, 2009

Sat 28 - Coffee Morning (Tremayne Hall) Mylor film launch
Sat 5 - Christmas Market (Tremayne Hall 9:30-12:00) Friends of St Mylor
Sun 6 - Advent Sunday Sung Evensong (St. Mylor 4:00)
Mon 7 - Christmas Lights switch on and carols (Lemon Arms car park 7:00)
Thu 10 - Mothers Union Carol Service (Mawnan Smith 2:00)
Sat 12 - B.A.T.S. (Blind at Sea) Coffee morning (Tremayne Hall 10:00)
Sun 13 - Singing Carols Old and New (All Saints 6:00) Everybody welcome
Mon 14 - Mylor Gardening Club—*Perennials* (Ord-Statter) Tracy Wilson
Wed 16 - Mylor Ladies Choir Concert (Tremayne Hall 7:00)
Thu 17 - Concert with Kay Deeming (All Saints 7:30)
Sun 20 - Carol and Readings (All Saints 6:00) Everybody welcome
Thu 24 - Christingle (St Mylor 4:00)
Thu 24 - Midnight Mass with incense (St Mylor 11:30pm)
Fri 25 - Holy Communion (All Saints 10:30)
Thu 31 - Holy Communion 'Watch-Night' Service (All Saints 11:30pm)

January, 2010

Wed 6 - History talk—The Bude Canal (Tremayne Hall 7:00) Alan Cox
Sat 9 - Candlemas Lunch (Penmere Manor Hotel 12:30pm)

In November

Baptisms:

Nicolas James & Rebecca Lynne: son and daughter of James & Margot Standley
Emily Florence Martha: daughter of Chris & Nicky Wood

Marriage: Michael Seviour & Sonya Ferris

RIP : Lilia Mary Smith whose funeral service took place at All Saints Church on Thursday October 22

Our thoughts and prayers are with the large and loving family she leaves.

December at All Saints Mission Church, Bells Hill

Every Sunday morning at 9am: Holy Communion (said)
Every Wednesday morning at 11am: Holy Communion (said)

Christmas Day: Holy Communion at 10.30am
New Year's Eve: Watchnight Holy Communion at 11.30pm

Sunday Evenings

6th (Advent 2) Evensong at the Parish Church
13th 6pm Special Carol Sing-along with David Eastburn & Friends
20th 6pm Friends' Service of Readings & Carols
27th 4pm *All Saints & Sinners*

Vicar's letter

I am writing this in mid-November on the Feast of Elizabeth of Hungary. I don't expect many of you to know about her, born so far away so many years ago (in 1207) on this earth so little time (just 24 years) – yet revered still for the devoutness of her life and her work with and for the poor and destitute.



She found herself at the age of twenty, penniless, a widow with two children, pregnant with a third; she found refuge on Good Friday, 1228 with the Franciscans at Eisenach, in the monastery she herself had had a hand in building only a few years before. Here she became one of the first members of the Third Order of St. Francis, devoting herself to the poor and sick. She died worn out only a few years later at the age of twenty-four. Her connection with St Francis, whom she revered for his humility and devotion to the poor, is a good introduction to the seasons of Advent and Christmas.

Why do we remember St Francis particularly in this season of St Nicholas? One good reason is that without him we should not have the joy of our Christmas cribs. Not that re-enactments of the scene in the cave started with Francis – but with his usual common touch Francis ignited a tradition which has lasted until today. The idea seems to have occurred to him suddenly in the Advent of 1223. He sent for his friend, a landowner of Greccio where Francis had a favourite hermitage: "If now it seems good to thee that we should celebrate this feast together, go before me to Greccio and prepare everything as I tell thee. I desire to represent the birth of that Child in Bethlehem in such a way that with our bodily eyes we may see what He suffered for lack of the necessities of a newborn Babe and how He lay in a manger between the ox and ass."

Francis' whole life centred on poverty and humility. He told his friars not to be ashamed to beg, "since God himself became poor for our sakes .. Poverty is the heritage which our Lord Jesus Christ has acquired for us."

We read that on that night in Greccio 'by the grace of God through His servant blessed Francis, Christ was awakened in many hearts where formerly He slept.' Let us pray that many hearts are so touched this Christmas.

Have a truly blessed and peaceful Christmas.

Roger



That the great Angell-blinding light should shrinke
His blaze, to shine in a poor shepherd's eye;
That the unmeasured God so low should sinke
As pris'ner in a few poore Rags to lye.
That from His Mother's breast He milke should drinke
who feeds with Nectar Heav'n's faire family;
That a vile manger His low bed should prove
Who in a throne of stars thunders above.

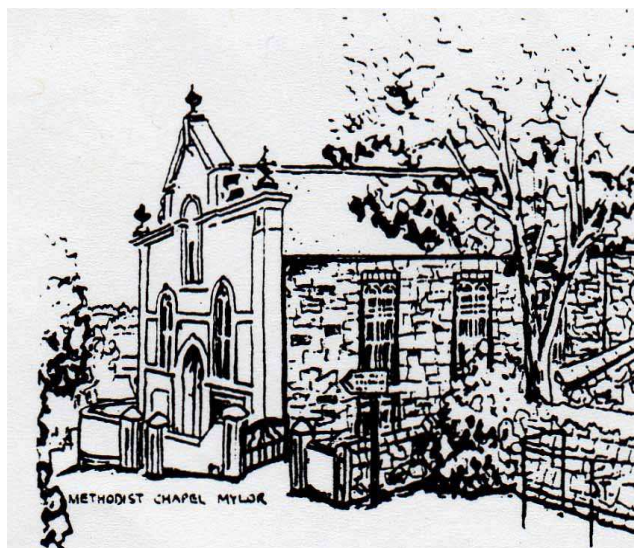
Richard Crashaw 1613-1649



Chapel Chit - Chat

With the storm force gales the previous day, we expected a poor turnout for our coffee morning, but in the event the result was just the reverse. Thank you to all those stalwarts who supported us.

Hopefully, by the time you read this edition, the scaffolding will be down and you will be able to appreciate the hard work carried out by the roofing, repair and decorating personnel that advertise in this magazine. We hope that the rosy coloured doors reflect the warm welcome you will receive inside the Chapel.



Christmas Services at the Chapel:-

Sunday 20th December at 4:00 pm; Christingle Service.
Worship led by the Lighthouse Club.

Christmas Eve, 24th December; Tableaux and Carols.

Meet in the Lemon Arms carpark at 6:30 pm. Please bring a torch.

Christmas Day, 25th December at 9:30 am; Short service of Worship.

Did you know that when Oliver Cromwell became Lord Protector, a law was passed to cancel Christmas? It was designed to curb the festive excesses. Shops would stay open but churches would remain shut so that worship was restricted to remain within the home. Parties and any jollity was banned. However, five years later a small number of people met for a secret Communion Service in Exeter. But the secret was leaked. Soldiers surrounded and entered the building. While the brave communicants took bread and wine, muskets were held against them. They bravely faced imprisonment or death.

May we not forget the thousands and thousands of oppressed people who are continually denied the freedom to worship as they would wish.

Joy to the world, the Lord has come!



Wishing all our readers
A Very Happy Christmas

More Than A Christmas Carol

Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*, published in 1843, is one of the best-loved stories to be associated with Christmas. Although a familiar tale, it's worth closer inspection as we ask what it has to say to us in the 21st century.

The book's main character is the mean and intimidating Ebenezer Scrooge, who lives to make money and little else. He particularly detests Christmas, which he views as *'a time for finding yourself a year older, and not an hour richer'*.

Scrooge is visited on Christmas Eve by the ghost of his former partner, Jacob Marley, who died seven Christmas Eves ago. Marley, a miser like Scrooge, is suffering the consequences in the afterlife and hopes to help Scrooge avoid his fate. He tells Scrooge that he will be haunted by three spirits: the ghosts of Christmas past, present, and future. They succeed in showing Scrooge the error of his ways and reforming him.

Christmas morning finds Scrooge sending a Christmas turkey to his long-suffering clerk, Bob Cratchit, and spending Christmas day in the company of his nephew, Fred, whom he had earlier spurned. He goes on to raise Cratchit's salary and assists his family, including Bob's crippled son, Tiny Tim. In the end Scrooge became *'as good a friend, as good a master, and as good a man, as the good old city knew'*.

In the 21st Century we can fall into a similar trap as Scrooge, despite the credit crunch! We can see money, and the things it buys, as the answer to our problems. We can lose sight of the value of relationships; consistently choosing our career over family and being driven by an insatiable desire for success.

Like Scrooge, the dawn of Christmas morning can be an opportunity for us to change our perspective, as we remember the birth of the hero of the greatest Christmas story, Jesus Christ. Just as the spirits of Christmas wanted Scrooge to change for good, so God knows us better than we know ourselves, and loves us enough to help us to change and make a difference.

We have the opportunity to receive God's forgiveness, renew our faith, release our fears and rebuild friendships. Yet, like Scrooge, we have to choose to change! In fact, Jesus alone can give us a new outlook on life, as we commemorate the past, consecrate the present and contemplate the future.

The Rev Paul Hardingham.

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Christmas Carols & Readings

All Saints Church

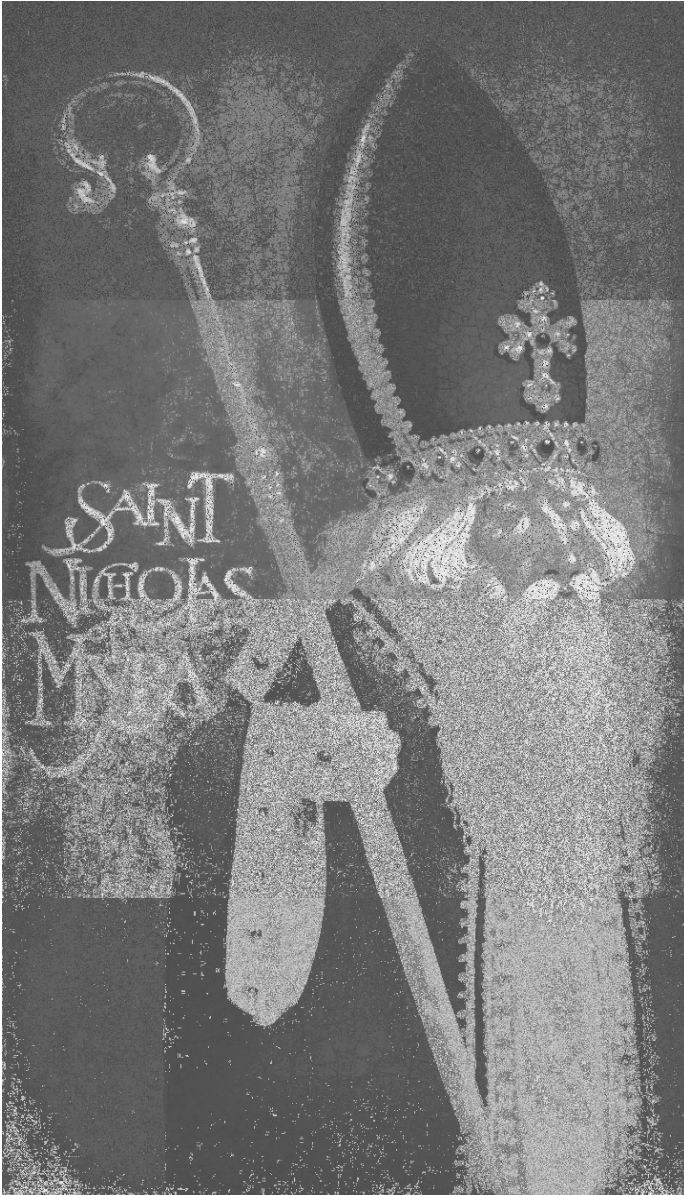
Sunday 20th December at 6.00 p.m.

followed by Mulled Wine & Mince Pies

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St Nicholas of Bari—Bishop of Myra

Father Christmas seems to be as old as Europe. Once he was Woden, lashing his rein-deer through the darkness of northern midwinter. Then he encountered the Church, and She transformed him into a saint, the much-loved Nicholas, Bishop of Myra (in south-west Turkey) in the fourth century. St Nicholas became the patron saint of children, and was given 6 December as his day.



Since the 6th century St Nicholas has been venerated in both East and West, though virtually nothing is known of his life. Some believe he may have been one of the fathers at the Council of Nicea (325), imprisoned during the Emperor Diocletian's persecution.

According to legend, Nicholas was an extremely generous man. He revived three schoolboys murdered by an innkeeper in a tub of pickles. He rescued three young women from prostitution by giving their poverty-stricken father three bags of gold. (Hence the use of three gold balls as the pawnbroker's signs.)

Over the centuries many, including children, sailors, unmarried girls, pawnbrokers and moneylenders have claimed him as their patron.

Perhaps it was on account of S Nicholas' generosity that in recent centuries children began to write little notes sometime before 6 December, to tell him about the toys they specially wanted. These notes were then left on the windowsill at night - or else on a ledge in the chimney.

But St Nicholas Day chanced to lie in the magnetic field of a much more potent festival.... and after awhile his activities were moved towards Christmas. Then in Bavaria the children still left their notes on the window sill, but they addressed them to Liebes Christkind - Krishinkle as they knew him - and the saint's part in the matter was simply to deliver the letters in heaven.

The most popular result of the cult of St Nicholas has been the institution of Santa Claus. He is based on Nicholas' patronage of children and the custom in the Low Countries of giving presents on his feast. Santa Claus has reached his zenith in America, where the Dutch Protestants of New Amsterdam (New York) united to it Nordic folklore legends of a magician who both punished naughty children and rewarded good ones with presents.

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Year Of The Child
with children from Mawnan School**

**St Michael's Church, Mawnan Smith
Thursday 10th December at 2.00pm**

All welcome

Deadline dates for Copy for 2009/10

December	—	Nov 20th
January	—	Dec 18th
February	—	Jan 15th
March	—	Feb 20th
April	—	Mar 20th
May	—	April 17th



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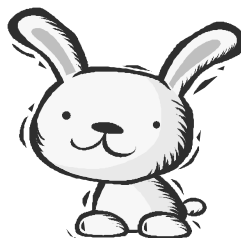
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Notices of forthcoming village events

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Local articles of no particular religious significance

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Reports of past events (fundraising, Friends etc)

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Diary dates

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In the last 3 issues (October, November, December), which piece of

news/article interested you the most?

Any other comment?

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Mulled Wine, soft drinks, mince pies etc



All Saints' Church, Mylor Bridge at 6:00 pm

Sunday 13th December, 2009

Dress: casual, carol-singing gear or fancy dress
(i.e. wear anything you want!)



*Birthplace of Jesus
Church of the Holy Nativity, Bethlehem*

Bethlehem

.... of noblest cities, none can once with thee compare!

Nobility was hardly our first impression as we arrived in Bethlehem, on Christmas Day, 1982.

After the obligatory swim in the Dead Sea, Judith and I had travelled with our party of some forty students up the long winding Road from Jericho to Jerusalem. On the way, we passed biblical shepherds minding their goats, and then, just as we sighted Jerusalem, the city set on a hill, we turned right off the main road towards Bethlehem.

Bethlehem was something of a surprise. I suppose the carol concert I had conducted the previous evening aboard the S.S Uganda (*O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie*) had put us in the mood for a small calm and holy place. What we found was a noisy, hot, grubby – not to say shabby – Arab township, with little resemblance to the Bethlehem of our imagination.

In the heart of the city, is the ramshackle edifice of the Church of the Holy Nativity set back a little in Manger Square. The church is one of the oldest continuously operating churches in the world the building having been started by St Helena (mother of the Emperor Constantine) in 327. That building was largely destroyed in the Saracen Revolt of 529 but rebuilt in its present form by the Emperor Justinian in 565. The structure is built over the cave that tradition marks as the birthplace of Jesus, and it is considered sacred by followers of both Christianity and Islam. As early as the beginning of the third century, the site was already attracting the faithful; In his *Contra Celsum*, Origen of Alexandria (185-254AD) describes early tourism: "*In Bethlehem-the cave is pointed out where He was born, and the manger in the cave where He was wrapped in swaddling clothes. And the rumor is in those places, and among*

Foreigners of the Faith, that indeed Jesus was born in this cave who is worshipped and revered by the Christians".

To enter the church, one must stoop very low to pass through the Gate of Humility (the doorway shown centre right in the picture on the front cover), but once inside, the church appears larger than expected with a fine wooden roof over the nave donated by the English King, Edward III.

However, the main attraction lies in the grotto; one passes in a procession down one set of stairs pauses briefly by the manger and then returns to the nave above. The actual spot on the floor where Jesus is said to have been born is marked by a great silver star, and I was astonished that the six-foot rugby-playing Cornish lad in front of me knelt to kiss the centre of the star – it was to prove his moment of conversion.

Once out of the Church, it was back into the coach for the short drive to Jerusalem where we were deposited outside the gate into the bustling, narrow streets of Jerusalem's old city – a city apparently unaware of Christmas but full of the sights, sounds and smells of an Arab casbah.

Having followed the marvellously ancient route of Jesus as he carried his cross to the "Place of the Skull", we moved over to the cooler and more restful Garden of Gethsemane where, among the ancient olive trees, we were able to admire, in the gathering dusk, the view across to the Dome of the Rock on Temple Mount. These olives, some over 2000 years old, are among the oldest trees in the world...silent witnesses in a beautiful garden. In Jesus' time this would have been an olive grove where an olive-oil press was located. (In Hebrew Gath-shamma means "oil-press".)

The calm of Gethsemane was a welcome respite from the urgency of the city and proved a fitting end to our visit. Truly, a Christmas Day, to remember!.

David Eastburn

Christmas Presence!



Cheryl Brendish
Soprano

Kay Deeming
Soprano

Paul Drayton
Piano

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- A Conversation with Liz Calvert
- A Conversation with Minnie May
- The Lemon Arms. A Conversation with Alan and Leanne
- Len and Margaret Simpson
- An interview with Mary Young
- A Service of Thanksgiving and Remembrance at the Ukrainian Memorial
- Mylor School Christmas Plays 2008
- Nine Lessons and Carols at All Saints Church 2008
- The Christingle Service at St Mylor Church 2008

All the above are available (£8 each) and might make good Christmas presents. Orders to Jill Quillian 01326 376403

STOP PRESS—Mylor Film (see opposite) also available—price £10

Friends of St. Mylor Church

On Wednesday 11th November, the Friends held their Beetle Drive, which is now becoming an annual event. A good time was had by all with lots of laughter and lots of prizes were won. During the course of the evening we had a pasty supper with wine which everybody enjoyed, my thanks to all for your support.

On the 20th November a Coffee Evening was held at "The Hive" once again a very successful evening with Exclusive Hive Cards there was a Cake Stall and Raffle, thank you Barbara and Dorrit for opening your home to us.

The next events on the Friends Programme is our Christmas Market and Christmas Carols and Readings as advertised in this Magazine and we look forward to seeing you at these forthcoming events.

Pamela Cartwright, Chairman



Battling Beetlers

Mylor Film launch

After two years of detailed camera work and editing, the film of Mylor is going on sale in time for Christmas 2009. It lasts two hours and costs £10. This is the work of Penryn Video Editing Club (PVEC) working in conjunction with Mylor Local History Society. Under the direction of Sheila Ternan, they began to film people, places and events to create a picture of life in Mylor in 2008. A Coffee Morning on Saturday 28 November at the Tremayne Hall in Mylor will give everyone a chance to see excerpts from the film and put names down to order copies.

PVEC was shocked and saddened by the sudden death in 2009 of their chairman Barbara Dean, wife of Hugh Scully, whose inspiration had been behind the planning of the project. In addition, the death of John Watkins one of the camera crew was a further blow. Despite these tragedies PVEC continued to work and it is due to the perseverance of everyone, encouraged by Hazel Cracknell, one of the team from Mylor, that the finished film is now ready. It is with deep gratitude that we thank Hugh Scully, who kindly agreed to introduce the film in memory of his wife.

The film is divided into chapters that cover some of the wide variety of activities in this busy village. Mylor Local History Society has been making voice recordings for several years, in particular when doing research for the Book of Mylor, which was published in 2004. This latest and highly professional addition to the village archive, along with the individual interview DVDs will make a most welcome addition to their growing collection of material. They would like to offer their sincere thanks to all those involved in the making of this film.

Val Jeans-Jakobsson—Mylor Local History Society chairman

Christmas Presence!

On Thursday December 17th All Saints Church, Bell, Hill, Mylor Bridge, will ring out with some of your favourite Christmas music.

Kay Deeming and Cheryl Brendish (sopranos) with Paul Drayton (Piano) will give their annual Christmas concert, in a beautiful setting decorated for Christmas.

Music will range from 'Panis Angelicus', traditional Christmas carol arrangements and lighter music such as 'Sleigh bells in a Winter Wonderland'.

Mulled wine will also be served, so we do hope you will come and join them in Christmas cheer and have a social evening with your friends.

The 12 days of Christmas

On the twelfth day of Christmas, my true love gave to me:

Twelve parsons preaching
Eleven Christmas piskies
Ten Western Greyhounds
Nine nannies knitting
Eight Cornish pasties
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Anna and her daughter Sonya at St Ives

Sitting across the table from me in St Mawes, my new friend turned from her cream tea to gaze out of the window. 'I feel as though I'm in one of those Agatha Christie films I used to watch at home in Moscow,' she said. 'Thank you for bringing me here.'

Anna had come to London to work for a PhD. Somebody told her about HOST, which introduces international students at UK universities to people throughout Britain who enjoy inviting them for a short visit. I have been a host for nearly 20 years, sometimes inviting several students a year, sometimes only one. I am also the voluntary regional organiser for HOST in Cornwall, responsible for matchmaking the student applicants with the 70 volunteer hosts here.

These days there are many Chinese students, who are still curious about life in the West. All guests are adults, mostly in their 20's and 30's. Some are in mid-career, and have a wide knowledge of their own countries. Every encounter is a two-way cultural exchange.

Anyone with a heart for hospitality can be a host. If you have no spare room, you may like to meet students from the local universities just for a day. If you can welcome one or two people for a weekend, Easter or Christmas, there are plenty happy to make the journey to Cornwall. Your guest is hoping to be treated as a family friend, joining in with your activities at home and in the community, chatting, eating, going on an outing. Sometimes, you may find you have indeed made a new friend, as I did with Anna, who made two return visits with her daughter before she left the country.

If this idea interests you, please give me a call on 01326 341212. You can find more information at www.hostuk.org.

Margaret Stevens

HOST

Are you thinking about who might come for Christmas this year? Some of the adults from overseas who are currently studying at UK universities would love to spend a couple of days in a real home, rather than on a deserted campus. HOST is a registered charity backed by the Foreign Office and many universities. For more details, see www.hostuk.org or call Margaret Stevens, who has been HOST's voluntary regional organiser in Cornwall since 1990, on 01326 341212. Thank you!

Crossword answers:

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Nicholas Trefusis

Approaching Trefusis along the half-mile drive, I had plenty of time to muse on the history of this family who have been living in the same spot at least since the 12th Century. This sense of history is further enhanced by the family motto, *Tout vient de Dieu*, All comes from God, carved above the front door, and the splendid 17th century open hearth in the hall.

However, Nick Trefusis himself is a thoroughly modern man. Educated at Truro High School, Sherborne and Lincoln College, Oxford, he entered the Royal Navy as a cadet at Dartmouth in 1964. After serving in minesweepers as a midshipman, Nick was commissioned as a sub-Lieutenant serving on a number of ships and postings around the world including Fiji where he did important work as a hydrographer. In 1977, he was posted to Denmark where, as a self-taught computer expert he was able to assist the Danish navy in writing hydrographic and navigational programmes.



In 1972, Nick's ship had been on an official visit to Brest. As is common on these occasions, various official receptions and such like are held to entertain the officers of visiting ships. At one of these, a young Breton lass, Servane, with a prejudice against naval officers in general, British ones in particular and bearded men most of all, found herself in the company of a handsome (but bearded) young officer. Nick did not reveal what artifice he used to win her over – perhaps he serenaded her on his accordion – but within a year they were to be married in Landévennec. He nearly didn't make it, as the light aircraft carrying the best man and the Revd. Keith Atkinson, who was to perform the Anglican part of the ceremony, got lost. Fortunately, Kerensa, Nick's sister, noticed in time that the navigator was using an ordinary atlas opened to show Moscow and its environs instead of Morlaix!

In 1981, now promoted to Lieutenant Commander and Senior Officer Inshore Survey Squadron, Nick retired from the Navy in order to return to Trefusis and care for the estate which had become his on the death of his father. He enrolled as a YTS student at Camborne where, along with a group of sixteen year olds, he learned the rudiments of agriculture. Then followed some happy years getting "down and dirty", gaining experience of muck-spreading and becoming something of an expert in castrating cattle.

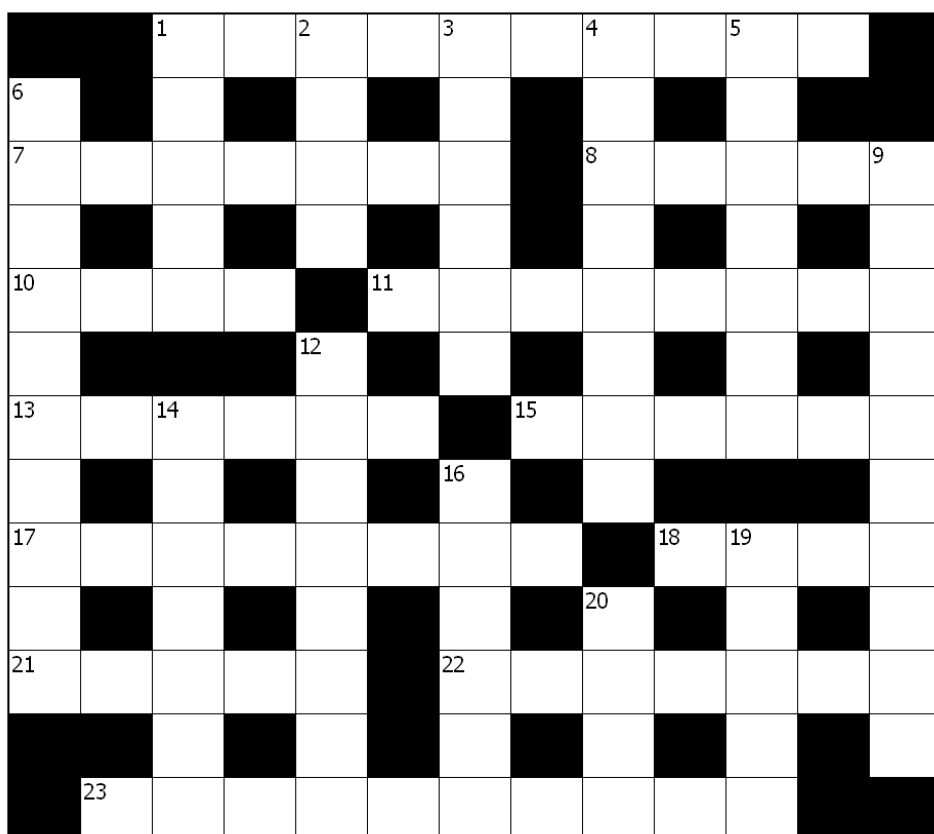
As well as bringing up their children, Tamara and Jan, and managing the Trefusis estate, Nick and Servane have taken a great interest in local affairs, both becoming involved as governors of local schools. In addition, Nick has been a Justice of the Peace for Cornwall and is currently Deputy to the Lord Lieutenant. He is very fond of music and is the President of the Cornwall Music Festival founded by his grandmother, the late Lady Mary Trefusis. His idea of a perfect holiday is to go on a canal boat in the French wine district and he is very much looking forward to the birth of two more grandchildren in the New Year.

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Crossword

Answers on page 19



Across

- 1 Provisional meeting place of God and the Jews (Exodus 25:9) (10)
- 7 David's third son, killed when his head got caught in a tree during a battle with his father (2 Samuel 18:14–15) (7)
- 8 They ruled much of the west coast of South America in the 15th and early 16th centuries (5)
- 10 Small deer of European and Asian extraction (4)
- 11 Seized control of (Numbers 21:25) (8)
- 13 Terror (Luke 24:5) (6)
- 15 First World War heroine shot by the Germans in Brussels, Nurse Edith — (6)
- 17 Stormy (8)
- 18 A bitter variety of this, together with lamb and unleavened bread, was the Passover menu for anyone 'unclean' (Numbers 9:11) (4)
- 21 Arson (anag.) (5)
- 22 How John Newton described God's grace in his well-known hymn (7)
- 23 Habitation (Isaiah 27:10) (10)

Down

- 1 '— and see that the Lord is good' (Psalm 34:8) (5)
- 2 'The wicked man flees though no one pursues, but the righteous are as — as a lion' (Proverbs 28:1) (4)
- 3 One of the exiles, a descendant of Parosh, who married a foreign woman (Ezra 10:25) (6)
- 4 He escaped from Nob when Saul killed the rest of his family and joined David (1 Samuel 22:19–20) (8)
- 5 City and lake in Central Switzerland (7)
- 6 'Offer your bodies as living —, holy and pleasing to God' (Romans 12:1) (10)
- 9 Pouches carried by horses (Genesis 49:14) (10)
- 12 One who accepts government by God (8)
- 14 Aromatic substance commonly used in Jewish ritual (Exodus 30:1) (7)
- 16 He asked Jesus, 'What is truth?' (John 18:38) (6)
- 19 Are (Romans 13:1) (5)
- 20 'You are to give him the name Jesus, because he will — his people from their sins' (Matthew 1:21) (4)

Rotas for December 2009 at St Mylor

	6th	13th	20th	25th	27th
Flowers	Jean Marsden, Glynis Robinson & Dorothy White	Jean Nicholls/Sue Prout	Hazel Car-ruthers		
Readers	Barbara Baker & Dorrit Smith	Tony Deacon & Gerald Grundy	Ron Hill & Judy Menage	Pauline Bryant & Ailsa Martin	Andrew & Hazel Car-ruthers
Sidesmen	Sue Prout & M Pellow	Ailsa Martin & Eileen Humphrey	Janet Payne & Mavis Parker		Hazel Car-ruthers & E Cock
Bells	Jonathan Humphreys & Janet Payne	Andrew Car-ruthers	Cyril and Jean Cowell	John & Rosemary Spooner	John Robinson, M Dale & Mavis Parker
8 o'clock	Christopher Whiteley	Prue Evans	Tony Smith	Wendy Reid	Christopher Whiteley
Coffee	Pamela Cartwright	Jean and Eric Nicholls	Jill & Tony Deacon		Margaret Pellow & Mary Dale
Intercessions					
	7th	14th	21st	26th	28th
Cleaning	J Deacon M Parker M Pellow	F Collins J Payne W Reid	P Evans, J Hambly	S Prout D White J Shool-braid	A John-son M Bray O Ware

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Some saints' Days in November:

3rd—St Francis Xavier
6th—St Nicholas
25th—Christmas Day
26th—St Stephen
28th—Holy Innocents

A Christmas Carol

Carols by candlelight
The warm incense of the hearth
Chestnuts popping
Gift-wrapped parcels hug the gilded tree.

A small child
Alone with his Mother
In a far-off land
Destitute.

There lies our joy and our salvation.

M.I. Lawbridge

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