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For the past few weeks I've really regretted not living in the village. Not just because of all the lovely people who live there, but to be around when the Cambridge students are staying in the hall. Apart from all the lovely money they pay us for their stay, which helps to pay a lot of the bills for the rest of the year, they bring with them such energy and enthusiasm, dedication and talent, and just a fantastic buzz. I'm still not sure how they all fit in the hall, but they do, and seem to do so with great good nature and politeness.

And the music they make, both instrumentally and vocally, really does make the hairs stand up on the back of the neck. I missed their singing in church this year but in the past, sitting in the choir stalls you literally feel the wave of high octane musical power and beauty - real lump in the throat stuff.

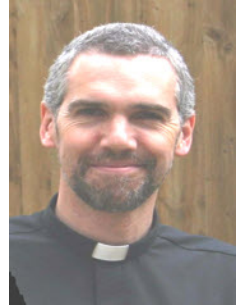
So many thanks to them for coming again, and we're looking forward already to seeing them next year. And for those of us who aren't quick enough off the mark or can't make it to the Minack, next year if they let us know when they're doing a full run through in the church lots of us would love to rehearse the role of audience!

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Dear Friends,

There was a certain man who did not like the X Factor. But his wife and children liked it and sometimes he would sit and watch it with them because he liked to share their enjoyment and it was good to sit and watch television together as a family.



And there was a woman who started a free pre-school playgroup with her friends to help the parents in the village. And they would sing the children the songs that they had heard when they were children. The woman had to go on a long journey and while she was away the children started at school and new children came who no longer understood the words of the old songs and asked their parents not to make them go to the playgroup. But the woman's friends so loved singing the old songs that they carried on even though fewer and fewer children came. When the woman returned her friends thought she would be happy that they were still singing the old songs - but instead she was sad that they had forgotten who the playgroup was really for.

And there was another man who didn't like fish. But his wife loved it so he encouraged her to cook it for the family every now and then. He always ate it with them because it wasn't very often and he believed it was very important for the family to sit and eat together (deep down he also knew the fish was good for him).

And there was another man who liked old, black and white, Russian films. He knew they were beautiful but he also knew that many people (especially those who were younger or who didn't have much experience of old films) found them confusing or boring. Sometimes when the family had guests they would all watch a film together, but never an old Russian film as that would make the evening uncomfortable and the guests would probably never want to come again. The man had some friends who liked old Russian films though, and

sometimes they would meet (usually without the rest of the family) just to watch one together.

At our All Age Service on October 2nd our theme will be “parables” and as we experience how they can both entertain and enlighten, hopefully we will understand more deeply just why Jesus used them so often. Perhaps there is a place for more use of modern parables, and I offer you the four above both as an introduction to the theme and as a different slant on the other thing that will be happening that morning – the publication of the results of our worship questionnaire.

Believe it or not we now want you to fill in yet another voting form and return it to us to assess the results. This one should be a lot easier and a lot more fun however. On the second Sunday of Feast (the 16th) our 10.30am service is going to be a “Songs of Praise” service. We would like everyone to vote for their three favourite hymns or worship songs - and the ones which get the most votes we will sing that morning. If you also have a reason or a story why a particular hymn is your favourite then please add that too and we will read some of them during the service.

Former Archbishop of Canterbury William Temple famously described the Church as “the only society that exists for the benefit of those who are not yet its members.” This is very true and needs not to be forgotten – but that doesn’t mean that the current members can’t sometimes have fun in the process!

God Bless,

Tim

Paul Feast . . . plus

Mousehole Male Voice Choir's Paul Feast concert in Paul Church will be a little later than normally expected and will take place on Sunday 16th October when they will share the event with their guest choir, the St. Neot based singing group, "Canoryon Lowen", under the musical directorship of Nick Hart, with their accompanist, Sarah Scott.

This mixed voice choir of 28 singers was formed in 2002 by Nick Hart and his wife Jenny. Nick is a fine musician, a former head teacher who retired as Head of Educational Professional Development in Cornwall. Somehow, along the way, he managed to fit in musical directorships with the Loveny Male Voice Choir, the County of Cornwall Male Voice Choir, Liskeard Operatic Society and Tamar Youth Jazz Orchestra.

In only nine years, the Canoryon Lowen choir has built a reputation for being highly entertaining and singing to a terrific standard, performing music from a wide repertoire, including classical, church music, rock ballads, spirituals and musicals - from Tallis to Tavener, Beatles to Broadway, and everything in between. As well as concerts in Devon and East Cornwall, the choir has sung in Prague, Venice and Cortina. This is their first visit to Paul; it's a treat in store and you will be sorry if you miss it.

Mousehole Male Voice Choir, led as ever by Stephen Lawry and accompanied by Annette Turton, will include some of the old favourites and some of the new favourites which they have recently added to their repertoire.

The concert will start at 7.45pm and, if you have previously attended the Paul Feast concerts, you will know that there will be a big audience and you will need to get there early to get a good seat for your £5 admission price.

There will be a lot of extra traffic in the village that evening and, if you know of people coming by car, please ask them to park so that the buses and emergency vehicles can get through without difficulty.

Stay-at-home Christmas?

Are you staying at home for Christmas? Would you open your home and share Christmas with a student from China, India, or some other part of the world, who would otherwise be stuck at an almost deserted UK university? HOST invites you to give Christmas, perhaps for the first time in their life, to someone who is a guest in this country, who would love to experience your way of life and make your stay-at-home Christmas special.

HOST will match you with one or two guests to suit your household. More volunteer hosts are urgently needed for 1-3 days at Christmas, and weekends all year round.

Please see www.hostuk.org or call your local voluntary organiser for a chat: Margaret Stevens 01736 719090.



QUIZ TIME

1. What is a corn cockle?
2. What makes stainless steel stainless?
3. Where on your body is your philtrum?
4. Who was the first musician to be made a life peer?
5. Which ship sent the first SOS?
6. Sabine and Saladin are types of what?
7. When was the first race meeting at Royal Ascot?
8. Where is the Marsh of Sleep located?
9. Batrachophobia is the fear of what?
10. Who invented the cannon?

Answers on page 20

Sad reflections

Whilst driving to Reading to visit our daughter I was horrified to see how quickly the Oak trees are succumbing to a deadly virus. Every hedgerow and copse seemed to have one or more of their sad skeletons. My favourite trees used to be the great Elm trees of East Anglia. They all died of Dutch Elm Disease in the late 60's and early 70's. We drove on to our other daughters in Hertfordshire and there and in the surrounding eastern counties the devastation of the Oaks seemed even more severe.

This brought to mind a ballad that was quite popular during and just after the war. It was one of those songs that boosted our morale during those dark years. It was called;

*'I left my heart in an English garden,
Safe where the Oak and Elm trees grow.'*

Well, all the Elms have gone and so very shortly the Oaks will only exist in our memories and as for safety, where has that gone? Lawlessness is rife on all the streets of our major cities and towns. We recently saw anarchy in the form of the riots. Murder, stabbings, muggings and burglary are common place. You cannot pick up a daily paper without reading of these events and other crimes like rape, drug trafficking and paedophilia. The police seem to be fairly impotent.

We who are fortunate enough to live in our quiet corner of Penwith should put our hands together and give thanks to God for our good fortune. All things go in cycles and my fervent hope is that morality will soon return and that once again we will see Britain as a safe green and very pleasant land.

All this must make me sound like a really grumpy old man, which normally I am not. But I spent a good deal of my childhood in East Anglia and worked there before I retired. I lived in Tottenham until Sylvia and I were married and then we set up home in Enfield and lived there for many years until I retired and we moved permanently to Paul. When we married we bought a lot of our furniture and carpets from the store on Tottenham High Street which the rioters burnt down.

..... and good news about the Children's Hospice.

On a happier note, the Cornish children's hospice is now built. During October and November there will be 'thank you' tours for all who wish to view this magnificent gift from the people of Cornwall and Plymouth to the life limited children of our area. Do make a visit if you can, you will be delighted and emotionally moved by what you have helped to build. The first patients will stay at the hospice in December.

To arrange a tour of Little Harbour ring 01726 871800.

Alf



Honeysuckle

At dusk the scented fingers stretch
Like fragrant horns
Towards the wall.
And tall
And fibrous woody stems
Entwine themselves like cord
Where insects crawl.
And hidden quiet moths
Take rest
From all
The heat and movement of the day.

The blue-backed leaves just move
As moths take flight.
When crescent moon appears,
The light
And countless beatings of their wings
Waft scent-filled air.
From white
And red-cream blooms.
A trace of purple
Thread-like runs
Through tapered perfumed tubes,
Their colours shaded
Only by the tones of night.

Rosemary Horne

“Out of the mouths of babes and sucklings”

The Children’s Visitors Book

This book was instituted in June 2006 for visiting children to write or draw in while their family wrote in the Church book. If you have not looked inside you may be interested to read some of the “gems” the children have given us.

August 2006 - Emily (age 14):

“Mousehole is a lovely picturesque town and I find it so terrible that 8 wonderful men died. I have every respect for them and find them truly inspiring. God bless them and their families!

PS The church is nice and I think some of the windows have lovely art in them”

October 2006 - Inny (age 9) from Canterbury, Kent:

”This is a peaceful church and so far the best I’ve been to! (this is accompanied by a charming small drawing of the church).

February 2007 - L Peterson:

“I was confirmed today! I loved it, the Bishop made me feel really comfortable & relaxed so I could feel @ home”.

August 2007 - Becky (aged 13) from Broadwoodkey, Devon:

This church has the same name as my brother! But I think the lifeboat was a lovely idea! And I love the cow chair! Keep up the good work!

August 2008 - Raphael Geldsetzer (aged 5):

”I likd the doors on the pues and the stain glas windoe”.

July 2008 :

”Ike & Tara visited & prayed for a safe journey. Very peaceful church. X”

June 2009 - Mary (aged 11):

“I think the flowers are beautiful and the church smells lovely!!!

July 2009 - Jacquie, Essex:

l”t is lovely to see a church open. Ours has to be locked unless we have someone to sit in. Thanks.

Also in 2009 - Kelly:

Today I came to the church with my sister Bethany and Hannah and we played a game & it was fun very fun.

God loves everyone but some people do naughty thing but God always forgives you but it is better if you don’t do naughty things. So do good things and be rewarded. Amen.

October 2010 - Abbie:

This church is beautiful, it was worth all the mud and trekking.

March 2010 - Bethany:

I feel very at home in this place,

I feel very calm in this place,

I feel happy in this place

I feel loved by the Lord and so should you!

If you would like to read some more 'gems' the young people have left for us you (and they) can find the book on the bookstall by the North Door.



Prisons Week 2011: 20th-26th November
Do you see me? Or are you just looking?

Prison numbers are currently very high and the system is under pressure because of a reduction in central funding.

Prison Fellowship, through its much celebrated Sycamore Tree initiative, is committed to reducing the cycle of re-offending.

Please visit the Prison Fellowship website now for more information about our work www.prisonfellowship.org.uk

Join Prison Fellowship (England & Wales) in praying for and supporting all those currently in prison, their victims, their families and all those working in the prison service.

We hope that your church, church school, youth group or you personally will be able to support us through prayer and action.



A monkey on the table: by Trevor Walker.

I have just been watching another film about the Battle of Britain which included (for me) the familiar scenes of the control room where tin-hatted WAAFs were plotting the movement of German enemy aircraft and the allied fighter planes sent up to deal with them. They were working in a very high risk situation in surface buildings with little protection from high explosive bombs.

Only seven years after that war, it was the first job I had when I was conscripted into the RAF in 1952. The big differences in my experience were that we were mostly blokes, we were working 150 feet underground in a (theoretically) atom-bomb-proof control room, using a much bigger plotting table with a map stretching further eastwards because the perceived enemy of the day was the USSR. Nobody told us what happened to us if the balloon went up and the food supplies and breathable air were exhausted.

Granted that we had some moments of excitement when Russian aircraft came on a look-see snooping operation but I was never sure how serious a threat they posed. We had more trouble with American aircrews with their total disregard for RT procedures and lack of consideration for the UK civilian population as they broke the sound barrier in steep dives with their Sabre jets. We had complaints from farmers who had lost poultry and cattle livestock and from a cinema where the audience had ceiling plaster falling on them during a screening.

But, for the most part, boredom was the big enemy, especially since we had to work shifts day and night, throughout the year, with very little really happening.

Just as in wartime, plotting was done with small, arrow-shaped steel counters, in various colours for identification; these you picked up with an aluminium rod with a magnetic head. There were two lengths of rod: the short rod was used to plot the movements on the table near to you; the long rod was used for the plots nearer the centre of the table. The rod had a trigger to release the counter and we became adept at flicking the rod and catching the counter in flight. The really skilful operators could catch the counters in the mouthpiece of the headset.

We learned to listen to several radar operators speaking simultaneously through a two-way headset and pick out the voice we needed to hear; it saddens me that, in my old age, I can't hear one voice properly on the telephone if there is any other talking or distraction going on

On our watch was a lad called Brian Hall from Haltwhistle in Northumberland and, inevitably, called "Geordie". He had a very strong Tyneside accent and once asked me (or so I thought), "How do you spell 'weird'?" I gave it to him, letter by letter. "Doesn't look right", he said. "Well, that's how you spell it", I said, "But what are you trying to say?". He said, "Ah'm writin' to me Mam, an' tellin' her Ah weighed mesen today".

Brian was only half-an-inch over 5 feet tall, a cheeky lad who was a constant butt of our humour, all of which he took in very good part. On what we thought was a quiet time, late one evening, when "Geordie" was alongside the control table, moving counters at a distance with a long rod, we switched radar tellers on his headset and started to feed him plots under his nose, knowing that he didn't have a short rod near him. He struggled with the rod which was taller than himself but gave up, pulled out his headset jack, and got a short rod. By the time he had plugged the headset back in we had switched tellers again so that he had plots in the centre of the table again. Realising he was being mucked about, and not to be outdone, he climbed on to the control table and, on hands and knees, continued plotting with the short rod.

Unknown to us, our AOC, Air Commodore Widdowson had come into the Sector Operations Center, accompanied by some very distinguished visitors. Suddenly the voice of authority thundered over the loudspeakers, "Get that ***** monkey off my table".

At the end of our shift, we were ordered to muster in the rest room and not to proceed to the waiting transport. The Squadron Leader in charge of that shift gave us a great tongue lashing, singling out Brian - but knowing full well that he had been set up - and then directed our attention to the state of the rest room which he said was an absolute mess. Brian stepped out of line, looked around and said, "He's absolutely right - its a ***** pig sty!". Brian's cheek and that thick Geordie accent were just too much; our Squadron Leader was laughing as hard as we were. He waved his arm to dismiss us.

Are you going to be a part of Team Santa?

The streets of Cornwall look set to be awash with Santas again this year as Cornwall Hospice Care launches its annual Santa Fun Runs. The charity is calling out to those Cornish folk up for some festive fun to get involved – men and women, boys and girls, young and old – everyone is welcome to join the Christmas fundraiser. Entrants can choose to run, jog or walk around the route with a choice of two distances at all locations.

“Last year we held Santa Runs in Padstow and Falmouth and this year we are delighted to be adding another run at Land’s End. After we had so much fun last year everyone is really excited about them coming around again. We had over 300 runners last year and this year we want to smash that number and get over 600!” said Karen Holman of Cornwall Hospice Care.

There will be festive music at the start, before the Santas take to the street for a lively warm up to get them in the mood and there will be mince pies and a warm drink to greet the runners when they finish.

Every entrant will receive a free Santa suit, so there really will be a sea of Santas by the seaside - a sure way to get into the Christmas spirit and to help raise some vital funds for the charity which provides adult hospice care across Cornwall.

Radio Cornwall is supporting the charity runs not only by entering a team of runners but also with some of their well loved presenters setting the jolly Santas on their way.

Anyone interested in joining one of the Cornwall Hospice Care Santa Fun Runs as a runner or as a volunteer can register by email - santa@cornwallhospice.co.uk; online www.cornwallhospicecare.co.uk and click on ‘Events and Challenges’; or by contacting Karen on 01726 66868 or email kholman@cornwallhospice.co.uk

All runs start at 1pm

Saturday 26th November – Land’s End

Saturday 3rd December – Padstow

Saturday 10th December - Falmouth

Open the Book Training Day.

4th November 10am-3pm. Paul Church Hall.

Courses always seem to take place 'up county' don't they, making it difficult for us to get to, but as several people have shown an interest in taking part, I've arranged with the Diocesan organiser that she will hold a special training day here in Paul for us and any others from the Penwith area who would like to attend.

OpentheBook training isn't an absolute requirement, but actually I wouldn't call it formal training, more of an introduction and practice day, which does give some interesting background and ideas.

So why not come along if you're interested in finding out more about volunteering with OpentheBook - it's on the doorstep, and there's no obligation to 'sign up' or anything.

I do need an idea of numbers, so please let me know if you'd like to come.

Nancy (01736 731608)



Quote of the month

‘Working with dying has taught me about living. It’s made me realize the enormous potential people have at the end of their lives. Valuing the individual and his or her experience is central to the palliative care movement. Indeed, its philosophy is: “You matter because you are you, and you matter until the moment you die.”’

*Dame Cicely Saunders,
the founder of the modern hospice movement.*



If you've a favourite quotable quote you'd like to share - let me know!

PCC Meeting - 19 September

Ongoing issues

Following a presentation about ***Open the Book*** at the September family service around ten people had said they were interested in helping. A training day will be held on Friday 4 November in our church hall. The ***Food Bank*** project is progressing well and will be launched from premises in Treneere very shortly. We would be contributing non-perishable harvest festival donations. The proposed ***2012 art/craft/music event*** had been advertised in the August magazine with a limited response. We (Nigel and others) would contact potential contributors directly.

Tim's report

Tim confirmed that Chris Osborne had agreed to take on a publicity/public relations role for the church. He had liaised with other churches in Penwith over Back to Church Sunday and three had joined us in funding an advert in The Cornishman. He was also providing information about other events and activities such as Harvest Festival and Food Bank, and Feast Week. This should provide free publicity. Tim had been interviewed about Back to Church Sunday on Radio Cornwall.

Tim also reported that eight people were coming to confirmation classes, though not all had decided whether to be confirmed. The service, led by Bishop Tim would be on the evening of Feast Sunday.

Churchwardens, Treasurer and other reports

Nancy and Mary reported on a range of issues. Amongst these were that they were looking into the possibility of installing photovoltaic panels (super-solar panels) on the church roof. The diocese has had so many enquiries from different churches that they are producing guidance on the subject. The PCC agreed that research should continue. They also agreed that we should commission Pendeen Pottery (John and Gemma Swan) to produce a limited number of Paul Church mugs in time for the Christmas Fair.

Roger reported that income was up over last year but given

inflation and the increase in the Common Fund we were in a similar financial position.

Margaret reported that Mousehole School was planning an open day to celebrate its 100th anniversary and the completion of the new buildings. She would publicise the event when a date had been fixed

Worship and Consultation

The main discussion of the meeting was about the outcome of the questionnaires. The response rate was around 50%, perhaps less than we had hoped for, but the timetable had been extended and everyone in the congregation had been given the opportunity to contribute to the debate. The response to the changes that had taken place in the content and pattern of our services had been very positive. This was not to say that everyone was happy - that would be impossible to achieve. The PCC agreed that:

- The results, and all the individual comments, would be posted up in church on 2 October, and copies would be available for members of the congregation to take home
- Tim would spend some of that service outlining our future pattern of worship
- The PCC would consider the individual comments in more detail at its next meeting.

Tim thanked Margaret, Pam (Jones) and Mary for their work in collating, analysing and producing the results, and thanked the PCC for concluding what had seemed, at times, a long drawn out process. We could all now look to the future with more clarity



**PAUL COMMUNITY OUTREACH GROUP
FEAST AFTERNOON TEA
THURSDAY 13th OCTOBER AT 3.00pm
IN THE CHURCH HALL, PAUL
ALL WELCOME**

Diary for October 2011

(Church Services are at Paul unless stated otherwise)

Sunday 2nd October – 15th Sunday after Trinity

8.30am Holy Communion
10.30am All Age Service
11.00am Methodist Service at Mousehole
Preacher: Mr P Misselbrook
6.00pm Evensong

Monday 3rd October

2.30pm Mousehole House Group meets (2. Porth Enys)

Wednesday 5th October

10.15am Holy Communion
10.30am Coffee Morning and Market in the Hall

Sunday 9th October – Paul Feast Sunday

8.30am Holy Communion
10.30am Paul Feast Civic Service.
No service at Mousehole Methodist - all are invited to Paul
6.00pm Feast Communion and Confirmation Service

September 9th-16th is Paul Feast Week (Full Events Diary on Pages 20,21)

Tuesday 11th October

2.30pm Paul House Group meets (Devonia House)

Wednesday 13th October

10.15am Holy Communion
10.30am Coffee morning and Market in the Hall

Sunday 16th October – End of Feast

8.30am Holy Communion
10.30am Feast Morning Worship 'Songs of Praise'

11.00am Methodist Service at Mousehole
Preacher: Mr C Appleby
6.00pm Feast Evensong

Monday 17th October

7.30pm PCC Meeting in the Church Hall

Tuesday 18th October

7.30pm Newlyn House Group Meets (2, Forbes Close)

Wednesday 19th October

10.15am Mothers' Union Corporate Communion

10.30am Coffee Morning and Market in the hall

Thursday 20th October

7.30pm Anglican Methodist Liaison Meeting

Sunday 23rd October – Last Sunday after Trinity

8.30am Holy Communion

10.30am Parish Communion

11.00am Methodist Service at Mousehole

Preacher: Mr G Bodilly

6.00pm Evensong

Wednesday 26th October

10.15am Holy Communion

10.30am Coffee Morning and Market in the Hall

Sunday 30th October – All Saints & All Souls

8.30am Holy Communion

10.30am All Saints Morning Prayer

11.00am Methodist Service at Mousehole

Preacher: Mr FA Uren

6.00pm All Souls Service

Paul Feast Week

Sunday 9th October

- 8.30am Holy Communion
10.30am Civic Feast Service Guest Preacher : Major Martin Hill, Head of The South West Area of The Salvation Army
6.00pm Confirmation Service presided over by the Right Revd Tim Thornton. Followed by refreshments in the hall

Monday 10th October

- 9.30am Meet of the Western Hunt, stalls and coffee in the hall and car park.
1.00pm Mousehole School Feast Sports on the school field. Feast Cup to be presented.
ALL ARE WELCOME

Tuesday 11th October

- 7.30pm Paul Cricket Club Euchre Drive in the hall
7.30 - 9.00pm "Fun Feast Quiz" in the Kings Arms

Wednesday 12th October

- 7.30pm Concert Evening in the Church with refreshments.
Contributions from Mousehole School, Paul Church Choir, John Harry and others.

Thursday 13th October

3.00pm Community Outreach Afternoon Tea in the church hall - £2

ALL ARE WELCOME

7.30pm An evening of stories, songs & Mrs Puckey's jam hosted by Anna Murphy. Bring along old pictures of Paul Parish. In the church hall.

Friday 14th October

7.00 - 9.00pm Under 14's Disco in the hall £2

Saturday 15th October

3.00pm Mousehole versus Paul Boules Match in the church car park.

7.30pm Feast Dinner in the hall
£6 Tickets from Roger Bond 731057

Sunday 16th October

7.45pm Mousehole Male Voice Choir Concert in church.

Guest Mixed Voice Group
Canoryan Lowen led by Nick Hart £5

For those who missed it, on 28th August Sharon Chalcraft included this lovely prayer at the end of her sermon.

People are often unreasonable,
illogical, and self-centred.
Forgive them anyway.

If you are kind,
people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives.
Forgive them anyway.

If you are successful,
you will win some false friends and some true enemies.
Succeed anyway.

If you are honest and frank,
people may cheat you.
Be honest anyway.

What you spend years building,
someone could destroy overnight.
Build anyway.

If you find serenity and happiness,
people may be jealous.
Be happy anyway.

The good you do today,
people will often forget tomorrow.
Do good anyway.

Give the world the best you have,
and it may never be enough.
Give the world your best you have anyway.

You see, in the final analysis,
it is between you and God.
It never was between you and them anyway.

~This version of the prayer is credited to Mother Teresa .~

For those of you who haven't had enough of questionnaires and analysis of opinion, here's another 'fix'

BRIN (British Religion in Numbers - www.brin.ac.uk) is hosted by the University of Manchester, at the [Institute for Social Change](#). ISC examines the causes and consequences of social change, both within Britain and internationally.

The website has a breakdown of religious statistics derived from the results of a census of British life and attitudes conducted earlier this year by [YouGov@Cambridge](#), a collaboration between pollsters YouGov and the University of Cambridge's Department of Politics and International Studies. The survey involved online interviews with a representative sample of 64,303 adult Britons aged 18 and over (although most questions were put to sub-samples).

BRIN's synopsis of the results is as follows: *'All in all, these data point to a society in which religion is increasingly in retreat and nominal. With the principal exception of the older age groups, many of those who claim some religious allegiance fail to underpin it by a belief in God or to translate it into regular prayer or attendance at a place of worship. People in general are more inclined to see the negative than the positive aspects of religion, and they certainly want to keep it well out of the political arena.'*

40% of adults professed no religion, 55% were Christian and 5% of other faiths – age made a major difference, with only 38% of the 18-34s being Christian and 53% having no religion, whereas for the over-55s the figures were 70% and 26% respectively

74% of respondents had been brought up in some religion (including 70% as Christians, implying a net 15% leakage from Christianity over time) and 25% not, the latter figure rising to 39% among the 18-34s

35% described themselves as very or fairly religious and 63% as not very or not at all religious – there were no big variations by demographics (even by age), but Londoners (41%) did stand out as being disproportionately religious, doubtless reflecting the concentration of ethnic minorities in the capital.

34% believed in a personal God or gods (ranging from 28% among the 18-34s to 42% of over-55s), 10% in some higher spiritual power, 19% in neither, with 29% unsure or agnostic

11% of respondents claimed to attend a religious service once a month or more, 27% less often, and 59% never – non-attendance was higher among the young (62% for the 18-34s) than the old (54% for the over-55s) and among manual workers (62%) than non-manuals (56%), while London had the best figure for monthly or more attendance (16%)

16% claimed to pray daily, 12% several times a week, 4% once a week, 7% several times a month, 4% once a month, 24% less often, and 29% never – men (34%) were more likely not to pray at all than women (24%)

Religion is a cause of much misery and conflict in the world today. 79% agreed and 11% disagreed.

Religion is used as an excuse for bigotry and intolerance 72% agreed and 15% disagreed, with a high of 81% in Scotland where sectarianism has often been rife.

Religion is a force for good in the world 35% agreed and 45% disagreed, dissentients being more numerous among men (50%) than women (41%).

Religion should be a private matter and had no place in politics. 78% (82% of the over-55s) agreed and 12% disagreed.

Christians and the Church should have more influence over politics in the country 16% agreed and 70% disagreed – only among the over-55s did the proportion in favour of the proposition scrape above one-fifth.

Organized religion is in terminal decline in the UK. 61% agreed and 18% disagreed – the over-55s (67%) were most prone to agree and Londoners (21%) to disagree.

The decline of organized religion has made Britain a worse place. 40% agreed and 40% disagreed – the over-55s (54%) were twice as likely to agree as the 18-34s (27%).

All religions are equally valid. 51% (57% in Scotland) agreed and 32% (37% among men) disagreed.

Some religions are better than others. 34% agreed and 49% disagreed, men (39%), the over-55s (38%), and Londoners (38%) being disproportionately likely to agree.

It is good for children to be brought up within a religion. 49% agreed and 29% disagreed – among the 18-34s opinion divided at 36% each (whereas for the over-55s 64% agreed and 22% disagreed).

Religion is incompatible with modern scientific knowledge. 40% agreed (rising to 46% of men and 44% of 18-34s) and 39% disagreed.

There are some things in life which only religion can explain. 29% agreed and 54% disagreed, the over-55s (35%) placing more trust in religion than the 18-34s (24%).

And now, you have my word, no more questionnaires or statistics for a very long time!!

November Mag Deadline 20th Oct 24

The Women's Institute



October's meeting of Sheffield and District WI should be of particular interest this month as Gill Joyce will be talking about "My island home, growing up on the Mount". As we live so close to such a unique place it will be wonderful to get an insight of life there.

The competition will be for an image of St Michael's Mount.

Because of Paul Feast the meeting will be a week earlier than usual, on Thursday October 6. In the church hall, beginning at 7.30pm. As always new members and visitors will be most welcome.

For more details contact Liz Anderson on 01736 731206.



Answers to the **QUIZ TIME** questions on page 7.

1. A flower; 2. Chromium; 3. Groove between nose and lip;
4. Benjamin Britten; 5. The Titanic; 6. Lettuce; 7. 1711;
8. On the moon; 9. Reptiles; 10. Archimedes.



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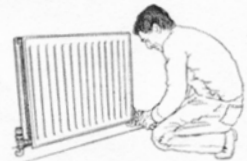
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Readers and Lessons for October 2011

Morning

Evening

2nd Oct	1st	<i>John Harry</i> Matthew 21 v 33 - 41	<i>John Dancy</i> Proverbs 2 v 1 - 11
	2nd		<i>Diane Bond</i> 1 John 2 v 1 - 17
9th Oct	1st	<i>Chairman of Cornwall Council</i> 1 Kings 8 v 22 - 30	<i>Nigel Haward</i> To be chosen
	2nd	<i>Mayor of Penzance</i> Matthew 21 v 12 - 16	<i>David Carpenter</i> To be chosen
16th Oct	1st	<i>Tish Andewartha</i> To be announced	<i>John Harry</i> Proverbs 4 v 1 - 18
	2nd	<i>Nigel Haward</i> To be announced	<i>Diane Bond</i> 1 John 3 v 16 - 4 v 6
23rd Oct	1st	<i>Jane Osborne</i> 1 Thessalonians 2 v 1 - 8	<i>Nigel Haward</i> Ecclesiastes 11&12
	2nd	<i>Richard Chaplin</i> Matthew 22 v 34 - end	<i>Elizabeth Stubbings</i> 2 Timothy 2 v 1 - 7
30th Oct	1st	<i>Sue Snell</i> Revelation 7 v 9 - end	<i>Lil Carter</i> Wisdom 3 v 1 - 9
	2nd	<i>Lil Carter</i> Matthew 5 v 1 - 12	<i>Bob Harrison</i> John 5 v 19 - 25

Sidespersons Rota For October

Morning

Evening

2nd Oct	J. Starling, R. Starling, J. North, C. Iles Welcomer R. Varlow	Diane
9th Oct	G. McClure, L. Friggens, S. Glendinning Welcomer E. Williams, J. Haward	John D
16th Oct	T. Renfree, R. Chaplin, M. Griffiths Welcomers J. Ball. C. Rowland	Nigel
23rd Oct	R. Burton, B. Robinson, M. Walsh Welcomer S. Varlow, N. Haward	Lil
30th Oct	R. Bourne, P. Jones Welcomer A. Steggles, A. Castle	Roger

Rotas for October 2011

Intercessions Rota	2nd Oct	Rob and Sue
	9th Oct	Mary and Eryl
	16th Oct	Tish
	23rd Oct	Nancy
	30th Oct	Antony
Administration of the chalice	9th Oct	Nigel and Julie
	23rd Oct	Diane and Roger
Church Hall Cleaning Rota	2nd Oct	Steve
	9th Oct	Roger and Diane
	16th Oct	Jane
	23rd Oct	David
	30th Oct	volunteer please
Sunday Service Coffee Rota	2nd Oct	Diane, Roger and Bev
	9th Oct	Pat and helpers
	16th Oct	Marlene and Dominique
	23rd Oct	Diane H and Genie
	30th Oct	Angela and Derek
Church Cleaning Rota	2nd Oct	Alan and Richard
	9th Oct	Sue V, Sue H and Bob
	16th Oct	Marlene, Goff and Betty
	23rd Oct	Mary and Eryl
	30th Oct	Richard and Pauline
Brass Cleaning Rota	9th Oct	Betty and Bridget
	23rd Oct	Lorna and Gordon

Monday Post Office Service

3rd Oct	Roger
10th Oct	David
17th Oct	Pam R
24th Oct	Peter/Bev
31st Oct	Pam J/Margaret

Wednesday Market Refreshments

5th Oct	Nancy and Betty
12th Oct	Melvia and Julie
19th Oct	Bev and Mary
26th Oct	David and Utee

My song is love unknown,
my Saviour's love for me,
love to the loveless shown,
that they might lovely be.
O who am I, that for my sake,
my Lord should take frail flesh and die?

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no story so divine;
never was love, dear King,
never was grief like thine.
This is my friend, in whose sweet praise
I all my days could gladly spend.

Samuel Crossman (c.1624-1684)alt.