

CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER 2006

1	7.30pm	Camhayle Theatre Club - The Odd Couple
	6.00pm	Christmas Fair St Tudy Village Hall
2	7.30pm	Camhayle Theatre Club - The Odd Couple
		FOR CHRISTMAS & ADVENT SERVICES see next page
4	6.30pm	St Tudy Governors
	7.30pm	St Tudy Bellringers - every Monday
	7.30pm	Michaelstow Table Tennis Club - every Monday
5	9.00am	Yoga - St Tudy Village Hal
	12-1.00pm	Advent Prayer Group and sandwich lunch at the Rectory
	7.00pm	Clergy Chapter
	7.00pm	Short Mat Bowling - St Tudy Village Hall
6	6.30pm	St Tudy Football Club - every Wednesday
7	2.30pm	St Tudy Thursday Afternoon Club - Christmas Party
	3.15pm	Sunshine Club Meeting St Tudy
	8.00pm	St Tudy Old Time & Mod Seq Dance Club - every Thursday
8	2.30pm	Short Mat Bowling St Tudy Village Hall
	7.00pm	John Lobb's Christmas Party
9	10.00am	Coffee in the Clink - St Petroc's Society
	10.00am	Magazine Deadline
	1.30pm	St Mabyn Mistletoe Fair - Village Hall
11	2.30pm	St Tudy Country Dance Club - fortnightly Mondays
	7.00pm	Choir Practice St Tudy
	7.30pm	St Tudy GPA AGM
12	10.30am	Treveighan Coffee Morning
	12-1.00pm	Advent Prayer Group and sandwich lunch at the Rectory
	7.00pm	Whist Drive St Tudy Village hall
13	7.30pm	St Mabyn Garden Club
14	12.30pm	St Tudy Luncheon Club
		St Mabyn School Performance
		St Tudy Sunshine Club Christmas Party
	7.00pm	Allen Valley Singers St Tudy Methodist Church
15	7.00pm	St Tudy W I
	7.00pm	Victorian Evening Michaelstow Holiday Village
16	10-4.00pm	Christmas Tree Festival Michaelstow Church
17	12noon	Christmas Tree Festival Michaelstow Church
	6.00pm	Carol Singing round St Tudy (and also 19 th and 21st)
22	7.30pm	Concert by the Cadon Chorus in St Mabyn Church

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SERVICES

3	6.00pm	ADVENT SUNDAY Year C begins Jer 33: 14-16, 1 Thess 3: 9-end
		Advent Carol Service at St Tudy with Methodist Church
10	7.00pm	THE- SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT Mal 3: 1-4, Phil 1: 3-11
		Christmas Concert St Breward Silver Band St Tudy Church
17		THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT Zeph 3: 14-end, Phil 4: 4-7
	11.00am	Combined Carol Service at St Tudy Methodist Church
	4.00pm	Christingle at Michaelstow
	6.00pm	United Carol Service with Methodist Church at Michaelstow
20	7.30pm	St Mabyn Young Farmers Carol Service at St Mabyn Church
23	3.00pm	St Mabyn Crib Service
	5.00pm	St Tudy Crib and Christingle Service
24		THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT CHRISTMAS EVE Micah 5: 2-5a, Heb 10: 5-10
	9.30am	St Mabyn Shortened Holy Communion with Carols (MLM)
	11.05am	St Tudy Shortened Holy Communion with Carols (MLM)
	12.30pm	Michaelstow Holy Baptism (MLM) CHRISTMAS EVE Isaiah 9: 2-7, Titus 2: 11-14
	10.00pm	St Tudy Bethlehem Mass (MLM)
	11.30pm	St Mabyn Midnight Mass (MLM)
	11.30pm	Michaelstow Midnight Mass (JBC)
25		CHRISTMAS DAY Isaiah 52: 7-10, Heb 1: 1-4
	9.30am	Holy Communion BCP Michaelstow (MLM)
	10.00am	Holy Communion St Mabyn (RU)
	11.05am	Holy Communion St Tudy (MLM)
31		THE FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS 1 Sam 2: 18-20, 26, Col 3: 12-17
	10.00am	United Benefice Holy Communion at St Mabyn

TREVEIGHAN METHODIST CHURCH

On Christmas Eve, you are invited for tea/coffee and mince pies in the Chapel at 5.30pm, followed by a few carols and Christmas reading; an informal occasion for friends and neighbours to get together during the festive season.

ST TUDY METHODIST CHURCH

Welcome to our Services in December. We look forward to sharing fellowship with you on the following dates.

Sunday 3rd December	11am	Mr P Parsons
	6 pm	United Carol Service in the Parish Church
Sunday 10th December	11am	Mr H Huntley
Sunday 17th December	11am	Rev Stella Long United Service of 9 lessons and Carols in the chapel
Sunday 24th December	11am	Fellowship Service
Thursday 14th December	7pm	Candlelit Carol Concert with the Allen Valley singers, followed by Tea/coffee and mince pies.

SERVICE OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS — CADON CHAMBER CHOIR

Cadon Chamber choir is returning to the benefice, this time to St Mabyn Church on Friday 22nd December at 7.30pm. The choir, who have performed several times at St. Tudy and Michaelstow, will be presenting a service of nine lessons and carols. There will be some traditional carols for all to sing and lessons that will be familiar to most and also some readings that are not texts from the bible but are within the Christmas message, and some carols that you may not have heard before. So do come along and prepare for Christmas with this service, the tradition of which goes back to Christmas 1880 at Truro Cathedral (when the nave was still a large wooden shed!) under Bishop E.W. Benson, and later, in 1918, to be adopted by Kings College Chapel in Cambridge where it has been an event every Christmas eve since.

ST MABYN COFFEE MORNINGS

These are held in the village hall on alternate Fridays and average attendance now averages around twenty - just good neighbourly conversation and coffee and biscuits provided by a rota of helpers, in aid of Village hall funds. Dates for December are: 1st, 15th and 29th, and a very warm welcome to all.

PLANS FOR PRE-XMAS EVENTS AT MICHAELSTOW CHURCH

15th December	Afternoon	Decorating church with Xmas trees.
15th December	7.00pm	Victorian evening at Michaelstow Holiday Village. Choir and carols. Please bring plate of food
16th December	10am-4pm	Christmas Tree Festival. A Victorian Xmas, with friends from Lanhydrock, Father Xmas, Story Teller. Delicious afternoon teas available in the Church.
17th December		Church opens at 12 noon. Christingle and Nativity.
	6.00pm	United Carol Service with friends from Treveighan Methodist Church.

CAROL SINGING AROUND ST TUDY

Once again we shall be raising money for Mount Edgumbe Hospice (now Cornwall Hospice Care) by carol singing around the village of St Tudy and we would like as many people as possible to join us! We are meeting at the Bus Shelter at 6pm on Sunday 17th, Tuesday 19th and Thursday 21st December and on Christmas Eve after the Christingle Service. Song sheets are provided so just bring yourselves and a torch. Enquiries to 850008 or 851540.

ST TUDY THURSDAY AFTERNOON CLUB

On Thursday 9th November, we all enjoyed an interesting presentation on Cornwall Nature Sites by Rachel Young, Senior Countryside Officer, from County Council, with a further extra interesting presentation of her recent travels to Nepal.

The next meeting of the Club will be on Thursday 7th December, the 1st Thursday of the month, when we will have our usual Christmas party, with a Beetle Drive. All members and

any other parishioners are welcome and are politely requested to bring a small plate of food and a wrapped present. All are welcome.

Our diary for 2007 already shows we have some more interesting speakers on a wide range of subjects.

RON HEATH, CHAIRMAN

ST TUDY GARDEN PRODUCE ASSOCIATION

Brian Hiley gave us a super slide show and lecture in November. He and his wife retired to Ponsanooth about five years ago after running their own nursery called Woodcote in Surrey. He needed no notes to illustrate the unusual and extraordinary plants they had grown for exhibitions such as Chelsea and Hampton Court. They searched and found plants in such diverse places as Wisley and WI jumble sales; some they had developed themselves; often they had "swapped" with others. They had formed an arrangement with Hill House Nursery in Devon so if a particular plant was lost and the other had the same variety, to replace it. He had many anecdotes such as at one Chelsea Flower Show he received a handwritten note from Christopher Lloyd asking for one of his beautiful orange "Durban" canna lilies. These are now widely available! A very well respected authority and a true plants man; we were privileged to have him.

The Christmas meeting and AGM will take place on Monday 11th December at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. The AGM is guaranteed to be brief (as always!) after which David Jasper will be telling us all about Dahlias. There will be the usual raffle and Christmas refreshments. Do come along!

JANE KING

ST TUDY PARISH COUNCIL

The full Parish Council met on Wednesday 25th October at 7pm in the Village Hall. There were no members of the public present.

A planning application for the renewal of the roof of a listed building at 1 Church View was supported by the Council.

The pump and granite trough at the Old Forge has been insured against possible damage costing up to £500.

Cllr J Kempthorne had represented the Council at a meeting called in support of St Michael's Hospice.

A draft contract to be used for the supply of services to the village was agreed.

The Parish Council Chairman and Councillors take this opportunity to send their warm greetings to all in St Tudy and wish you all a Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

MARGARET SHELLEY

ST PETROC'S SOCIETY FOR THE HOMELESS

A Coffee Morning will be held in the Clink at St Tudy on Saturday 9th 11 December from 10-11.30am. Please come and support it. Raffle prizes would be appreciated.

ANDY MUIR

ST TUDY W I

On a very stormy rainy night, Judith Jasper, our President, welcomed many members to our October meeting. But it was worthwhile braving the elements to hear Mr Clayton Irons talk "On a Wander Around Wadebridge". We saw wonderful old pictures of churches, bridges, quays, pubs and breweries and listened to his reminiscences of evacuees, life during the

war and many others. His descriptions of boats and barges coming up the Camel brought early Wadebridge to life. A thoroughly entertaining evening. He was thanked by Mavis Kingdon. During the business meeting we had finalised our arrangements for our 85th birthday celebrations at the Metropole in Padstow, discussed the Primestock Show, our trip to Plymouth for shopping, the Group Meeting and our Christmas Dimmer. Pat Hodge gave a very entertaining and full account of the Autumn Council Meeting and Judith had thanked everyone who helped in two Coffee Mornings. Competitions: an old photograph of Cornwall was won by Maggie Lobb. Flower of the month by Mavis Kingdon.

ST MABYN CHURCH RESTORATION APPEAL

BUY A SLATE - Many of you will have enjoyed an excellent evening at The Potter's Barn, where Ruth Ellery kindly hosted the Launch Party for 'Buy A Slate'. Those of you who missed this very enjoyable occasion but wish to make a donation can do so by completing the cut out form in this month's magazine –donations of any size are always welcome – thank you.

CHRISTMAS PARTY - The successful combination of food, drink, raffle, quiz and general merriment enjoyed by so many over the years at the home of John and Anthea Lobb, will be taking place again this year at their Christmas Party. The Party is on Friday 8 December, with festivities starting at 7.30pm, Many Views, St Mabyn. Tickets, at £6 each, are available from John Lobb (841581).

The opportunity to 'Buy A Slate' will also be available at the Party. Proceeds from this annual party have historically been donated to the general upkeep of St Mabyn Church, a cause dear to the heart of the Lobbs given John's tireless efforts at carrying out ongoing repair works and maintenance. This year, all monies raised will go specifically towards the Restoration Appeal. All will be assured of a warm. welcome.

THANKS - specifically go to Ruth Ellery and her team of helpers for hosting and catering at the 'Buy A Slate' Launch Party, and to Jo Hyde for all her efforts in making the evening such a success. Thanks also to Richard Jenkins, who has given so much of his time in procuring, arranging, printing and producing tickets and other stationery materials for the Appeal, and also to Audrey Cooke for her sterling efforts in the design and production of posters.

THE MOTLEY CREW - For those not already aware of who exactly makes up the Appeal Committee, they are:

Abigail Kirby-Harris	Chairman	Helen Barratt	Website Liaison
Jenny Tarring	Secretary	Richard Jenkins	Member
Jo Hyde	Treasurer	Alan Millson	Parish Council
Margaret Millson	Patron	John Lobb	Churchwarden
Jenny Trethewey	School Governor	Helen Payne	Publicity
Colin Hyde	Friends of St Mabyn Church		

THANKS

We would all like to thank everyone for their kindness, words of sympathy, cards and flowers after the sad loss of our dad and granddad. Also to thank Rev Margaret for the lovely funeral service and all the donations to FLEET.

JANINE, GRAHAM, COLIN, SONIA AND MORRIS

I would like to say a big thank you to everyone who sent me cards, flowers and gifts following my accident and for all the good wishes and prayers. They certainly aided my

recovery and I am glad to say I am well on the way to being back in the swing of things!
Thank you St Tudy.

NANCY WILLIAMS

A very big thank you to everybody who supported the Coffee Morning for Breast Cancer Research. A grand total of £211.53 was raised. I would particularly like to thank Pat, Anna and Jenny for their help on the day and everybody who donated raffle prizes, bring and buy, cakes and money. I completed the 10K walk at Lanhydrock and would thoroughly recommend it. Look out for details next year as you need to book early as places fill up quick. Check out the web site www.cancerresearch.org/breastcancer

SARAH NORTHCOTT

Frank and Pat have now sold HOP Oils and would like to thank all their customers for their support over the years.

What a wonderful response to our appeal for books for the book sale. Very many thanks to everyone who helped us to raise £273.30 shared between Shelter Box, Children's Hospice South West and St Tudy Church.

JENNY & ANDY MUIR

CAMHAYLE THEATRE CLUB — THE ODD COUPLE (FEMALE VERSION)

A comedy written by Neil Simon and directed by Pam Gannon. Wadebridge Town Hall on Thursday 30th November, Friday 1st December and Saturday 2nd December. All performances start at 7.30pm and tickets are £5 in advance, £6 on the door. Available from Wadebridge Bookshop and Cottage Crafts.

MICHAELSTOW

On 9th November at Treveighan Chapel Community room, a lunch in aid of Mount Edgcumbe Hospice was held and the sum of £70 was raised. I would like to thank those who came, especial thanks to the kitchen staff, Wendy, Joyce, Josie, Priscilla, Lyndsey and Mike. Many enjoyed the Sticky Toffee pudding made by Audrey Baxter. Here is the recipe they requested! 8ozs chopped dates, 1 cup of boiling water, 1 teaspoon bi-carb – soak for 1/2 an hour. Cream 2ozs butter and 1 cup caster sugar; add 1 1/2 cups plain flour and 1 egg. Mix in well with date mixture. Bake for 35 mins at 180 degrees until firm in the middle. 6 tablespoons brown sugar, 2/2 tablespoons of butter and 3 tablespoons of single cream. Boil together and pour over the pudding.

ST TUDY METHODIST CHURCH

... are delighted that the Allen Valley Singers will again be giving a Christmas Concert in the Chapel on Thursday 14th December at 7pm. Do come along and enjoy this taste of Christmas and stay for coffee and mince pies afterwards. Admission is free, but there will be a collection, which will be shared equally between Cornwall Hospice Care (Mount Edgembe Hospice) and the Chapel.

DIARY NOTES FROM A ST MABYN CORRESPONDENT

<http://stMabyn.blogspot.com/> : www.stmabyncomwall.co.uk Andy Titcomb

You might well ask, what is the difference between a `blog' and a web site?. A blog is organised into a series of posts, with the newest one at the top. Most other websites are not organised the same way. Blogs are great for up-to-date news and views - they give precedence to the most recent change- whereas websites tend to be more static. Andy's website is being used to promote all that is great about St Mabyn and we want to have regular news from the Scouts, the Young Farmers Club, the Memorial Hall, the Church Restoration, the Parish Council, the Pre-School, the School etc. I'll be in touch with many of you over the next few days. Did you see the 'St Mabyn' article in `Down Your Way' in the Cornish Guardian 15th Nov?

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FROM THE EDITOR

Please note that the deadline for receipt of copy for the January Magazine will be earlier than usual – 10.00am on Saturday 9th December.

It is very helpful for us to receive articles by e-mail and it would be even more helpful if they could be sent to both Anna, the Editor and also copied to Joy, the Secretary.

There were a few mistakes in last month's Magazine for which we apologise. Perhaps we should run a regular competition to spot the mistakes (deliberate or otherwise)!!

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

The search for former residents of the Parish is finding old friends all the time!

The Reverend Roger Gilbert, the last Rector of St Mabyn has been in touch from

France where he now lives with his family and as well as sending a donation for the Appeal also sends warmest best wishes to all who remember him. Similarly Carol Hicks, one of the sons of the former schoolmaster, who with his five siblings was brought up in School House (now part of the offices!) has also asked to be remembered to former school friends (he told me how he remembered walking through from his bedroom to the infants class!) and he and his brother Colon intend to support the Appeal from where they now live in Bodmin. If anyone has news of other residents, we would love to get in touch so let me know on 850651.

ABIGAIL KIRBY-HARRIS

ST TUDY VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

... will be holding the Christmas Fair on Saturday 2nd December. Father Christmas will leave the Chestnut Tree and arrive at the Hall at 6pm. More information will be on posters in the village.

The next Hall business meeting will be held in the Hall on Monday 15th January 2007 at 7.30pm. The Committee take this opportunity to send their warm greetings to all in St Tudy who use the Hall and wish you a Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

MARGARET SHELLEY HON SEC

FROM REVEREND MARGARET

November proved to be a busy month with the special services being well attended. My re-licensing and dedication of the refurbished organ proved to be a wonderful occasion and it was lovely having Bishop Bill with us as well as Dr Robin Gibbons, who gave an inspiring address. The superb prayers were led by Rev John Bradford, another long time friend of Geoffrey's. All the Remembrance Day services went well and were very privileged in St Tudy to hear a challenging and courageous address from Brigadier Gage Williams. Thank

you to everyone who helped on these very special occasions. Now our thoughts must turn to Advent and then to Christmas. I am finding it very difficult to accept that Advent is just around the corner. Where has 2006 gone?

Advent Sunday marks the beginning of the Christian year and is a time of repentance and preparation for the things to come. It is often overlooked in the commercial hype to Christmas but it can prove to be a very useful time of reflection and preparation for the joy of Christmas. On the first two Tuesdays in Advent therefore, I am planning to hold a short prayer time followed by a sandwich lunch at the Rectory. You are all welcome. I feel that the whole world is very much in need of prayer at this time.

All the events leading up to Christmas are in the Magazine calendar. I shall try to put extra notices in the churches, chapels and shops, so everyone has access to all our service times. In addition to the usual carol and crib services, there are extra happenings in all the churches. There is a concert by St Breward Silver Band in St Tudy. There is a visiting choir at St Mabyrn and Michaelstow are holding a Christmas Tree festival on the weekend before Christmas. On Friday 15th December, there will be a Victorian evening at Michaelstow Holiday Village. The Cadon. Choir will entertain and you are asked to bring a little food to share. There is no admission charge. It is simply a social occasion. On the Saturday in Michaelstow Church, Father Christmas is hoping to visit along with some of the Victorian staff and household members of Lanhydrock. They will help the children experience a Victorian Christmas and a storyteller will be there also to entertain the children with stories. The Blackburn family will be supplying the music. Finally on the Sunday afternoon, the children will be involved in mime and nativity and we shall finish with a Christingle service followed by a joint carol service. Naturally there will be food and drinks available. Anyone who is willing to help in any way, please contact either Maureen Narraway, David Ford, the Churchwarden or myself I do hope to see you all over the Christmas period at the events and services. May the love and peace of God be with you all this Christmastide. Every blessing.

REVEREND MARGARET

ST MABYN GARDEN CLUB

I wonder if the sales of houseplants will increase in the local garden centres after the very interesting talk given by Elizabeth Reeves on Wednesday evening. Elizabeth is the Manageress of Goonhavern Garden Centre and a very knowledgeable plants woman. It seems we buy very few houseplants compared to our European counterparts, who treat them more as cut flowers and throw them out and start again when they begin to ebb whereas we hang on to them until the last of life drains away. We had a very informative talk on the first greenhouses, going back 2,500 years before glass was invented right up to how to look after plants and how to treat pests and diseases. The most important points were not to drown them, let them have a rest period and give them lots of light. We then saw some super slides of beautiful plants from cacti to orchids with ideas on how best to display them. A new member was welcomed to the club, but **WE REALLY DO NEED SOME NEW MEMBERS**. It's only £5 for a year's subscription and we have some very interesting speakers. Why not give it a try! The evening ended as usual with refreshments and a raffle and the sale of plants, which members had brought.

SUE KNIBB

ACTION LONGSTONE

The recent serious road accident, culminating in the death of Blisland resident, Brigadier Edward-Collins, has left residents of Longstone wondering how many more accidents and

fatalities will there have to be before County Highways recognises the need for major road safety improvements to the Longstone crossroads.

This is not just a problem for Longstone residents; this is something that affects anyone who travels this piece of the B3266. With just a few weeks to go before Christmas this possibly is not the right time to form an action group but any time is the right time to put pressure on our Parish, District and County Councillors when it comes to road safety and the saving of lives. If you are interested in joining an action group or if you have constructive suggestions as to how this campaign should proceed, please do not hesitate to contact me. Your help and support will be needed if we want to bring about significant changes to this accident black spot.

Jenni Tarring 841329

LET'S MAKE OUR VILLAGES "CLIMATE FRIENDLY"

Sir Nicholas Stern's recent report on climate change paints a very bleak picture of where global warming will lead for us, our children and our grandchildren. Let's make our villages "Climate Friendly". A climate friendly village is one that uses energy and resources more efficiently. Using energy more wisely will bring many advantages for households and the community in general, including financial savings on heating, travel and other domestic costs.

"We are in a giant car heading for a brick wall at 100 miles an hour and everyone in the car is arguing where they want to sit. For God's sake, someone has to put the brakes on and turn the wheel." (Quote by Dr David Suzuki, Canadian broadcaster and environmentalist.)

The climate friendly village is about improving the quality of life for everyone in the community (now and for generations to come). If anyone wants to become involved in this project please contact us for a chat.

MIKE AND YVONNE AT ST MABYN ON 841762

POETRY ON THE WALL BOOKLET Why not buy one for Christmas?

Thank you so much to all those who very kindly sponsored the printing costs, I managed to cover the whole cost so all the money received from sales will go back into the village. If you have not got your copy yet, then hurry — there were only 300 printed and once they are gone, they are gone! The only way to read them after that will be on CD, available for the same price of £2.95. To get your copy, book or CD, contact Sue Dibble at Cavalier Cottage, St Tudy or telephone 01208 850748.

ST MABYN PLAYING FIELDS FOOTBALL GOALS

At the November Parish Council meeting, the purchase of the two new junior football goals was approved after Cllr Ron Heath presented the details of the new type and design of goals complying with the correct specifications and recommended by the FA representative, Paul Allsey and football coach, Darren Halpin. They will now be ordered and hopefully be delivered within a few weeks. When delivered they will be erected in the playing fields for all to use on the condition that the grass playing surface is cut short enough on a regular basis for safety reasons, in keeping with the conditions laid down by the Parish Council.

RON HEATH PARISH COUNCILLOR

ALLEN VALLEY SINGERS

The bonfires were out, the burgers (made with fresh meat of course!!) eaten and the fireworks doused. The time then came to remember all the sacrifices made in the world in an effort to defend the peace that is so fragile today and to hope that one day, sense will prevail, with the realisation that wars solve nothing. What of the Allen Valley activities during November? Our coffee morning at St. Tudy raised another substantial amount of money, towards our contribution to a new sanitation unit for the Kebele 16 School in Ethiopia. We then started to rehearse in earnest for our Annual Concert in the Camelford Hall. What an enjoyable feast of music was produced from the choir and our guests. We welcomed 'Harmony', a group of ladies, who had formed part of the choir with whom we had enjoyed singing, when we visited the Llynfi Valley in South Wales in 2005. Our other special guest was Leo Tarring, who now has a successful career in music, in which he writes, produces arranges and sings his own songs. As a teenager, in the early days of the choir, Leo not only accompanied the choir but also directed the singers, from the piano! Solo items too, were of the highest order as always, by Steve Tyrrell, our accompanist and pianist in his own right. So all in all, a triumphant evening. Many thanks to our Musical Director, whose enthusiasm and hard work ethic, provides the professional training that we get week after week.

We look forward now to Christmas concerts at Otterham Church on 8th December, the Old Inn, St Breward, on Tuesday 12th December, St. Tudy Chapel on Thursday 14th December and Bederkesa Court in Bodmin on Tuesday 19th December. Concerts start at 7.30 pm, except for St. Tudy, which commences at 7.p.m. We have been invited to sing at the Eden Project, on Friday 29th December, in the Temperate Bio-Dome, in conjunction with local choirs, including the Eden choir. The evening promises to be very exciting, with more singing round a bonfire outside the Biome, after the concert itself has concluded. We have had a full, and very enjoyable 2006. We send Christmas good wishes to our friends and supporters and in fact, we wish 'Goodwill to all Men' (and women!!). Let us hope for a more peaceful world for 2007. Certainly we know that we will be singing. To paraphrase a song, so often sung by choirs – 'What would we do without our music.' Happy New Year!

We have been gaining new members week by week and if you would like to join the Allen Valley Singers, please contact our Musical Director: Janette Man. Tel. 01208 841784. For bookings, please contact Jennifer May: Tel. 01208 880131. Choir rehearsals take place on Tuesday evenings at 7.15 p.m. at the Music Suite (West End), Sir James Smith's Community School, Camelford.

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