

CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER 2007

1	12noon	Drinks Lindum House, St Tudy
3	2.30pm	St Tudy Country Dance Club - fortnightly Mondays
	7.00pm	St Maby'n Salsa Club - every Monday
	7.30pm	Michaelstow Table Tennis Club - every Monday
	7.30pm	St Tudy Bellringers - every Monday
	7.30pm	Cam Awn Singers Christmas Concert Trelights Chapel
4	9.00am	Yoga St Tudy Village Hall - every Tuesday
	7.00pm	Allen Valley Singers - every Tuesday
	7.00pm	Short Mat Bowling - St Tudy Village Hall every Tuesday
5	6.30pm	St Tudy Football Club - every Wed
6	8.00pm	St Tudy Old Time&Mod Seq Dance Club - every Thursday
7	2.30pm	Short Mat Bowling St Tudy every Friday
	7.30pm	St Maby'n Christmas Party Many Views, St Maby'n
8	10.00am	Coffee Morning St Kew Highway Allen Valley Singers
	10.00am	Coffee in the Clink St Tudy St Petroc's Society
	10.00am	Magazine Deadline
	1.30pm	Mistletoe Fair St Maby'n Village Hall
	5.30pm	St Tudy Village Hall Christmas Fair
10	7.30pm	St Tudy GPA AGM
11	10.30am	Treveighan Coffee Morning
	2.00pm	St Tudy School Christmas Fair
12	7.30pm	St Maby'n Garden Club Christmas Party
13	12.30pm	St Tudy Luncheon Club Christmas Lunch
	7.30pm	Christmas Concert Allen Valley Singers St Tudy Methodist Church
14	7.00pm	St Tudy W I Christmas Meeting
15	12noon	Geoffrey Gibbons 80th birthday celebration St Tudy Village Hall
17	6.30pm	Carol Singing St Maby'n School
18	7.00pm	St Maby'n School Christmas Play
	7.00pm	Carol Singing St Tudy
19	7.00pm	Carol Singing St Tudy
20	2.30pm	St Tudy Afternoon Club Christmas Party
	7.00pm	Carol Singing St Tudy
21	7.00pm	Carol Singing St Tudy
23	7.00pm	Carol Singing St Tudy
1 Jan	12noon	New Year's Day Concert St Tudy Church

CALENDAR OF CHRISTMAS SERVICES

1	12noon	John Brendon-Cook's service to celebrate 25 years of ministry
2		ADVENT SUNDAY CW Year A begins Isaiah 2: 1-5, Rom 13: 11-end
	11.05am	Joint Service of Dedication of William Bligh Memorial
	4.00pm	Advent Carol Service at St Mabyn
5	9.30am	Morning Prayer at St Mabyn (and every Wednesday)
9		THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT Isaiah 11: 1-10, Rom 15: 4-13
16		THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT Isaiah 35: 1-10, James 5: 7-10
	9.30am	Nine Lessons and Carols at St Mabyn
	11.00am	Nine Lessons and Carols at St Tudy Chapel (Joint Service)
	6.00pm	Joint Carols Service at Treveighan Methodist Chapel. No morning service at Michaelstow
20	7.30pm	St Mabyn Young Farmers Carol Service
21	1.15pm	School Christingle at St Mabyn
	6.30-8pm	A Celebration of Christmas Carols St Tudy Church. Just come along and sing for fun.
23		THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT Isaiah 7: 10-16, Rom 1: 1-7
	3.00pm	Nine Lessons and Carols St Tudy Church
24		CHRISTMAS EVE
	3.00pm	Crib Service (with donkey) at St Mabyn
	5.00pm	Christingle and Crib Service (with donkey) at St Tudy (Children, please feel free to come dressed in nativity costume) Readings: Isaiah 52: 7-10, Heb 1: 1-4, John 1: 1-14
	10.00pm	Bethlehem Mass St Mabyn (MLM)
	11.30pm	Midnight Mass Michaelstow (JBC)
	11.30pm	Midnight Mass St Tudy (MLM)
25		JESUS THE SAVIOUR IS BORN CHRISTMAS DAY
		Readings: Isaiah 62: 6-end, Titus 3: 4-7, Luke 2: 1-20
	9.30am	Holy Communion and carols Michaelstow (MLM)
	10.00am	Holy Communion and carols St Mabyn (RU and PC)
	11.05am	Holy Communion and carols St Tudy (MLM) Children please feel free to bring one of your presents to show us
30		THE FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS Isaiah 63: 7-9, Heb 2: 10-end
	10.00am	Joint Benefice Service at Michaelstow

ST TUDY METHODIST CHURCH

There is a warm welcome to everyone to join us on all or any of the following dates:

Sunday 2nd December	11.00am	Revd Stella Long. Holy Communion
Sunday 9th December	11.00am	Service conducted by Chapel members
Sunday 16th December	11.00am	Our Anglican friends join us for a carol service
Sunday 23rd December	11.00am	Revd Bryan Ede
Sunday 30th December	11.00am	Mr Donald Bannister

There is no Soup & Sweet this month, but we look forward to the next lunch on Tuesday 8th January 2008 at mid-day.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE Would all other organisations in the village please note that the Methodist Chapel will be holding a Flower Festival over the Spring Bank Holiday weekend, Saturday 24th, Sunday 25th and Monday 26th May 2008. Proceeds to renew the carpet in the Chapel. More details later.

We wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful year to come.

PLEASE NOTE

... the earlier deadline for the January Magazine will be Saturday 8th December.

The calendar for this month has been moved to the centre of the Magazine in order that the details of the Christmas services may be pulled out and kept.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Holy Baptism St Mabyn

4th November Isabel Jade Masters

18th November Poppy Louise Dingle Jenna Louise Dingle

25th November Alfie John Best Mitchell Philip Keat

Rest in Peace

16th November Margaret Ellen Marshall of Treveighan

ST TUDY VILLAGE HALL: Saturday 15th December

We look forward to seeing you all at the Village Hall at anytime between 12pm and 2pm to have a celebratory glass of wine with Geoffrey to mark his 80th birthday. By special request no gifts!!

HAZEL GIBBONS

ST TUDY SCHOOL

MARDI GRAS IN ST TUDY St Tudy turned into a Caribbean village on Friday 26 October, as the children dressed up for a Mardi Gras parade around the centre of the village. Children in Class 2 are currently studying St Lucia as their topic and, as part of their music lessons, have been learning about Caribbean songs and music. It was decided to teach the children how to samba, and be able to dance along to the music. The children grouped themselves and took on themes like: water, fire, animals, ice and birds. They then designed their own costumes and also a flamboyant mask. What a brilliant afternoon! Everyone enjoyed themselves —watch out Strictly Come Dancing — St Tudy children are on your tails!

FOOTBALL MATCH V LANDULPH PRIMARY After much discussion about where to find Landulph, the school football team braved their way to Landulph, near Saltash, for a football match for the Cornwall Centenary Shield. The winners would go through to the next round of the competition! The St Tudy team were buoyed up by the arrival of their new blue/navy football kit. All looked smart, with everything matching and in the correct size! Once St Tudy arrived at Landulph, it was discovered that their team also wore blue, so St Tudy wore a red bib over their new kit! Landulph had a mixture of ages of children in their team, just like us, and also some girls playing, also just like us. It looked to be an evenly matched game. By the end of the first 10 minutes, St Tudy were losing 3-0. But then in quick succession, we began to catch up. During the second half, with a change of goalie, the scores were nearly level 4-3. St Tudy frantically played to even up the score —but with just a few minutes to go, Landulph scored the winning goal. The final score was 5-3. Although St Tudy lost, it was a thrilling match to watch. Many of the St Tudy players were congratulated by the opposition coaches for their skill. Well done St Tudy — better luck next time!

CHRISTMAS FAYRE St Tudy school will be holding its Christmas Fayre on Tuesday 11 December 2:00-3:30pm in the village hall. Everyone is welcome. Do come along and share in the festivities with the children.

DESPERATELY SEEKING CAST OFFS!

St Mabyn Home School Association (HSA) is helping St Mabyn School to raise money to make a 'sense of place' garden in the school grounds. This garden will be used to support the children's schoolwork and also provide them with a quiet place for play. The HSA has enlisted help from Bag2School, a company which buys clothing and other goods for re-use. They will pay us for any re-usable items from this list: adults/children's clothing, bedding, curtains, soft toys, shoes, belts and handbags. The more we collect, the more money we'll get. Please help us. It's a good excuse for a clear out before Christmas!

They are providing us with special blue bags, which we will receive at the end of November. We will distribute these to all the school children and all the houses in St Mabyn with a covering note. If anyone who lives outside the village would like to contribute, there will be spare blue bags available at St Mabyn

School. Bag2School will send a lorry to the school to collect all the bags on Friday 21st December at 9.45am. Please help us to raise as much money as possible. Thank you!

We would also like to invite everyone to carol singing in the playground at St Mabyn School on Monday 17th December at 6.30pm. Come along, bring your family and sing your favourite carols around the Christmas tree whilst

enjoying mulled wine and roast chestnuts. There will be a raffle with a wonderful Christmas Hamper as first prize. If the weather is bad we'll move indoors!

JANE MCDONALD VICE-CHAIR

ST TUDY VILLAGE HALL

The Management Committee wish to thank all those helpers who worked to make the Bonfire Night celebrations an enjoyable success. This includes the fireworks team who selected the fireworks, attended a safety course, set up the fireworks and let them off and collected fuel for and attended to the bonfire. Also thanks to those who made and sold the hot soup, those who collected and sold the cold drinks and hot pasties, the young lady collecting at the gate and the doctor in attendance. Thanks also to those who lent us the horse boxes for the evening. And thanks to the children who made the guys and to the guy judges and to any other helpers not mentioned here.

You are reminded that the St Tudy Village Hall Christmas Fair will be held on Saturday 8th December starting at the Christmas tree at 5.30pm. Come and then follow Father Christmas and his sledge to the Hall. There will be various stalls, a raffle and refreshments to tempt you.

MARGARET SHELLEY

ST MABYN PRE-SCHOOL CELEBRATES

The Pre School held its AGM on 17 October and a new committee was elected: Chairman Gillian Molesworth-St Aubyn, Secretary Gemma Parsons and Treasurer Christina Cross. Angela Jones is the Supervisor and Irene Trewin, the playgroup assistant. Incoming Chairman, Gillian, held a party in the Village Hall and invited all the parents of the current children and as many as possible of those who had been involved previously to celebrate the granting of £5000 from Lloyds TSB. This is to pay for much needed admin support and expert advice with updating policies, making the most of the grant monies and also marketing. Jenny Ahern, from the North Cornwall Pre-School Learning Alliance, helped with this application and can now be retained for further help and support, which will free up Angela from a lot of paperwork. Gillian also announced that the Pre School now has its own page on the St Mabyn Village website and handed out the brand new Newsletter, The Babblers, which will be distributed via the village shop and also the school, as well as going home with the Pre Schoolers. Gillian hopes before too long to restart the Toddler Group too. They will have a stall at the Mistletoe Fair and hope that any parent interested in the Pre School and attending a session before committing will have a word then, or ring Gillian on 841453.

ST MABYN GARDEN CLUB

From the West Country to the Lake District, Wales, Ireland and then on to Africa was where we were taken on our trip 'Learning from Gardens of the Past', with Martin Pallett on Wednesday evening. Beautiful gardens, mostly of grand houses, with gardens designed by famous designers. We completed the tour in Martin's own garden, which is planted with many exotic plants just to show we can grow tropical plants in our own gardens. A fascinating talk with superb slides expertly shown by John, who was promoted to projectionist for the evening. Martin had also brought plants for sale, which is always appreciated. The evening ended as always with tea and biscuits, the raffle and a good deal of chatter.

The next meeting on 12th December is the Christmas Party. Please remember to bring a Christmas decoration, in a cup and saucer, a wine glass, pen and food.

See you there.

SUE KNIBB

CAPTAIN BLIGH (continued)

The fact that William Bligh's baptismal records are in St Andrew's church, Plymouth is in no doubt, but that does not mean that he was born there. There is a local story that in fact Jane was sent home to St Tudy to give birth, as there was plague in Plymouth at that time. Also, why did the Pitcairn Islands commission a commemorative stamp in 1992 for the 175th anniversary of Bligh's death, showing a picture of Tinten Manor, and stating on the stamp 'Bligh's birthplace, St Tudy, Cornwall'. A few years ago, Rolf Harris made a TV film about Bligh and Maurice Bligh, great-great-great grandson of William, took Rolf to Tinten to show him his 'ancestor's birthplace'. Various Cornish history sites and many others on the internet state that St Tudy was Bligh's birthplace; there are probably more references to St Tudy than there are to Plymouth. Rev. Richard Polwhele records in his 'Biographical Sketches' that "Bligh (as he himself informed me) was a native of St. Tudy" In my own family my two sons were born in Hampshire but baptised in Watford, Hertfordshire and my grandson was baptised at the church where his parents married, in Hertfordshire, but he was in fact born in Cleveland. So as you can see, baptismal records do not necessarily prove place of birth. We all know that local legends are never 100% accurate, but there is always a grain of truth, so I feel, and I know many other people feel the same, that we should still be proud to claim St Tudy as Bligh's birthplace.

SUE DIBBLE

ST MABYN CHRISTMAS PARTY

This enjoyable annual event will be held on Friday 7th December at Many Views, home of John and Anthea Lobb, at 7.30pm, with entertainment, delicious savoury supper and very good company! Tickets cost £7.50, available from 01208-841581, and this year all proceeds go to the Restoration Appeal.AKH

NEW YEAR'S DAY CONCERT

At 12 noon on 1st January Geoffrey Gibbons will play music suitable for the Season in St Tudy Church. The occasion will last for no more than 45 minutes. It is hoped that it may help to dissipate the "dissipation" of the last days of the Old Year and the start of the New. There will NOT be a retiring collection!!

THANKS

Ivy and Sid would like to express their sincere thanks to everyone who sent cards and messages of sympathy on the sudden death of Ivy's mum. May Halls; also to everyone who attended the funeral and gave donations in lieu of flowers. Special thanks to Rev Stella Long, Brian Parkinan, the bearers Terry Burden, Peter Button, Roy Cotton and Gerald Wilton and organist Amelia Wadge.

Thank you to everyone who sent me messages, cards and gifts. I think how lucky I am to live in such a wonderful village.

RUTH POYNTON

FANTASTIC COLLECTION FOR ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL BY ST TUDY PEOPLE FOR 2007

The Hon organiser Margaret Lobb reports the results as follows: St Tudy village collection £712.27, St Tudy Church collection £273.63, wreath given by St Tudy Parish Councillors £16.50. Grand total of £1002.40 – an increase on 2006 by £350.90.

Very grateful thanks to collectors Diana Richards, Jennie Muir, Lillian Lamerton, Val Smith, Jim & Patsy Kempthorne and Ruth & Brian Greany at the Post Office.

Also my grateful thanks to Brian Lamerton, Stephen Richards and Andy Muir for their help counting and bagging all the money. Well done everyone who collected and gave – a great result!

MAGGIE LOBB

ST TUDY THURSDAY AFTERNOON CLUB

On 15th November we had the pleasure once again to have a visit from Peter Davies giving us his expert and interesting presentation on the history and interests of Bodmin, a thoroughly entertaining and educational subject.

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday 20th December in the Village hall at 2- 30pm. This is the 3rd Thursday of the month. This will be our usual Christmas Party afternoon, with a 'Beetle type Angel Drive'?? Should be good fun. Please bring a small plate of food and a present - wrapped - at a cost of about £1-50p. Other catering needs will be supplied by the Club.

ST PETROC'S SOCIETY FOR THE HOMELESS

A Coffee Morning will be held in the Clink at St Tudy on Saturday 8th December from 10.41.30am. Please come and support it. Raffle prizes would be appreciated.

ANDY MUIR

LOVELY SEASONED FIREWOOD FOR SALE

We are pleased to offer more of our seasoned firewood for sale this year. A lovely mix of hard wood, which burns beautifully, so stock up now as the weather is getting colder. Price is £40 per 1 cubic metre load. We also have kindling for sale at £2 per carrier bag. Free delivery within a five mile radius of St Tudy. Please phone David on 01208 850638.

A CELEBRATION OF CAROLS: FRIDAY 21ST DECEMBER 6.30 TO 8.30PM

Do you belong to a church choir, a singing group or larger choir? Do you love singing Christmas carols? If so please join us on 21st December. If your group would like to perform an item as an individual contribution, please let us know and whether you need accompaniment by organ or piano. We would like to reach 150 voices of singers and audience combined. Please contact Rosie Richardson at 07971 169335 (daytime), 01840 212818 (evenings), email

condolden@aol.com or The Old Farmhouse, Condolden, Tintagel, PL34 OHJ if you would like to take part in this special occasion.

SERVICE OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS

On Sunday 23rd December at 3pm in St Tudy Church there will be a Service of Nine Lessons and Carols for Choir and Congregation. An augmented choir will sing a number of carols and the congregation will be asked to join in others in addition to which representatives of the Churches in the Benefice will be reading the lessons. The whole service will last about one hour.

PLEASE NOTE

The telephone number for the Secretary of the Methodist Church, Mrs P Sanders, recently printed in our Regular Meetings and Parish Contact Numbers was incorrect. The correct number is 850311. Also there is no Methodist Junior Church.

CAROL SINGING IN AID OF MOUNT EDGCUMBE HOSPICE

All welcome to join us for the annual Christmas Carol singing round the village on the following evenings:

Tuesday 18th December at 7pm. At the village centre with Zoe and choir. Thursday 20th December at 7pm. Round Redvale, The Glebe and Tremeer. Friday 21st December at 7pm. On to Hengar Lane and Bodinnick. Sunday 23rd December at 7pm. Wadebridge Road. Please meet each evening at the village bus shelter.

TREVEIGHAN METHODIST CHURCH

We would like to thank all those who came to our recent Coffee morning / Christmas Fayre at Treveighan Methodist Church. The Community room was packed with friends and neighbours who had come along to support the occasion. The sum of £314.15 was made for Chapel funds. We would also like to thank our band of helpers and wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

PAT HARRIS/MARY WATKINSON

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY IN ST MABYN

A large congregation attended the Remembrance Sunday service in St Mabyn and were pleased also to see the 1st St Mabyn Scouts and Cubs on Church Parade. Peter Coster led the service in the Church and preached the sermon and Prebendary Roger Urwin led the ceremony at the War Memorial, when wreaths and poppy crosses were placed.

ST TUDY PARISH COUNCIL

The St Tudy Parish Council met on 31st October. Cornwall County Councillor Colin Brewer and two members of the public were present. There were

concerns about the high speeds along the Wadebridge Road achieved by some local and some through traffic. It was doubtful if a speed limit of 20mph would have much effect and traffic calming schemes were not popular. This subject is an ongoing problem brought up regularly. The matter was unresolved at this meeting.

There were no development applications.

Development plans, the Local Development Framework are being made which will effect development in North Cornwall in the next ten years. Councillors were asked to attend presentations on this subject in the next few days and the majority of the Parish Council would attend.

Crime in the village since September reported by the police was one burglary at Hengar Manor. The St Tudy village map has been made and may now be seen in the bus shelter. The Chairman and the Parish Councillors take this opportunity to wish all in St Tudy a happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

MEV SHELLEY

ST TUDY GARDEN PRODUCE ASSOCIATION

On Monday 15th October Angela Roose gave us an exciting demonstration of how to arrange flowers. Always a joy to listen to, we watched as she deftly produced four very different and stunningly clever arrangements in a little over an hour. These were raffled off at the end of the evening to four lucky and delighted members. Then on Monday 12th November Peter Hollett came with his slide show of his 16 years as the gardener on the tiny Channel Island of Herm. He had started off there with an almost blank canvas and developed the island into beautiful gardens and planted areas, which tolerate the winds and salt inevitable in such a place. It was fascinating to learn how the island has come to be so dependent upon tourism – he compared it to the Scillies in its remoteness, lack of natural water reserves and climate. Both evenings were extremely interesting.

The Garden Club has been persuaded to have a stall this year at the Christmas Fair in the Village Hall on Saturday 8th December. We should have several garden-related things for sale. Please support us!

Our AGM falls on Monday 10th December – the meeting being preceded by a glass or two of wine. As always, Brian will endeavour to make the meeting as brief as possible, after which David Chapman will once again be with us with his superb photos entitled "Wildlife of Cornwall". If you missed David last time he visited us I really do encourage you to come along – he's one of the best speakers and photographers we've had. At the end of the evening will be the usual mince pies . . . etc...!

HAPPY CHRISTMAS – JANE KING

ST MABYN PATRONAL FESTIVAL

The celebration of the Patronal Festival of St Mabena was an enjoyable and uplifting day. The service was led by the Reverend Margaret Millson, assisted by Prebendary Roger Urwin, the Reverend John. Brendon-Cook and the Archdeacon, the Venerable Clive Cohen preached the sermon. Worshippers from St Tudy and Michaelstow were also present and the service was followed by a splendid luncheon at Levalsa Mere, home of Churchwarden Colin Hyde and his wife Joanne who led the team of talented cooks. In the afternoon a wonderful concert was performed by members of the Cadon Chamber Choir, accompanied by Steven Tyrrell and with instrumental pieces played by flautist Joel Dowling and violinist Joanna Milner accompanied by Sue Uglow on harpsichord. The retiring collection was in aid of the Restoration Appeal.

ST MABYN MISTLETOE FAIR

The Mistletoe Fair on Saturday 8th December will be opened at 1.30pm at the Village Hall by the Mistletoe Mayor and the Mistletoe Mayoress, accompanied by the Village Crier. Mistletoe and holly will be on sale and there will be many interesting stalls. You may be able to find some different Christmas presents and goodies to eat. There will be teas to keep you going until the fair closes at 4.30pm.

We need your generous help to make it go with a swing. Please would you make a cake or preserve or other Christmas goodies to be sold or some mince pies or biscuits for the teas? Prizes for the raffle and tombola stall would also be appreciated. Any of these gifts may be brought to the Village Hall between 10.30 and noon on 8th December while the stalls are being set up, or be given before the day to Molly Dyke, or be brought along to the Village Coffee Morning in the Hall on Friday

If you would be willing to give a hand on the day we would also be glad to hear from you. Please contact Molly Dyke (841704). Do come along and enjoy yourselves, admission is free and if there are any profits from the Fair they will go to support the Village Hall. Many thanks.

MOLLY DYKE

ST TUDY W I

The November meeting was chaired by our President, Mrs Judith Jasper. Members were reminded of events to come. The St Tudy W I Birthday luncheon was to be held on 25th November in the Village Hall. Our Christmas shopping trip to Plymouth was scheduled for 29th November. A visit to Truro Cathedral on Tuesday 4th December is planned for a carol service commemorating ninety years of the WI in Cornwall.

Our speaker was Marguerite Day who gave an interesting slide show of her trip to Mali. This highlighted the difference in living standards between the poor Africans and the wealthy. A vote of thanks to Ms Day was proposed by Mrs M Lobb. Mrs Jennie Harris won the raffle competition. The flower arrangement was won by Mrs M Lobb. Flower of the month: 1st Mrs Lobb, 2nd Mrs B Starr, and 3rd Mrs N Harris. The competition: 1st Mrs J Muir, 2nd Mrs M Lobb, and 3rd Mrs S Dibble.

The next meeting will be held on Friday 14th December at 7pm, our Christmas meeting. 7th at 10.30am.

FROM REVEREND MARGARET

Margaret Marshall, who died peacefully at home on 16th November will be sadly missed by the congregation at Michaelstow and her many friends in Michaelstow and Treveighan. She showed great courage in her fight against the cancer, which finally caused her death. Margaret had in the past served as Churchwarden for many years. Our prayers and sympathy go out to Jem and the rest of the family at this difficult time. May she rest in peace.

Remembrance Sunday at St Tudy was truly memorable this year as we received into our safe keeping the standard of St Mawgan Royal Naval Association. It was a very moving occasion. I should like to take this opportunity to thank all who took part in the service and particularly Anthony French-Blake for his inspiring address.

The beginning of December is a very busy time. On 1st December at 12 noon there will be a service of Thanksgiving as Rev John Brendon-Cook celebrates 25 years since he was ordained Priest. You are all invited to the service at St Mabyn Church and to refreshments afterwards. Congratulations John and a very big thank you for all that you do to help me and the Benefice. May God continue to bless you in your Ministry. 2nd December is the day on which the memorial to William Bligh (one of St Tudy's famous sons) will be dedicated. The service, which will be a joint service, will be attended by members of the Bligh family and the Preacher and Celebrant will be the Bishop of St Germans.

The children from St Tudy School will be taking part in the service. 2nd

December is also Advent Sunday, the beginning of the Christian year and the beginning of the season of Advent, which precedes Christmas. It is a season which, because of the hype of Christmas tends to get forgotten, yet it is very important as a time to prepare for the coming of the Christ Child and for the coming of God's final day of judgement and his final kingdom on earth. Advent means "O Come, O Come". Perhaps we might spend a little more time in our prayers so that we are ready for when the Christ Child comes.

As you will see from the Magazine, there are all the usual services taking place before and during Christmas, so there is plenty of choice for young and old and in-betweens to come and worship. (I hope that I have included them all.) You may have noticed that I have named the 10pm service on Christmas Eve as the Bethlehem Mass. It is another way of saying "Midnight Mass" because in Bethlehem it will be midnight. I do hope to see you all during Advent and Christmas and may the Peace of God, which passes all understanding fill your hearts and minds this Christmas. God bless you all.

HELP FOR HEROES APPEAL

A gentle reminder about our Open Invitation to Lindum House on Saturday 1st December between 12 noon and 4pm, to raise a glass as well as funds for improvements to the tri-service facilities at Headley Court - see last month's "Magazine"!

BOB KING

ST MABYN CHURCH RESTORATION APPEAL RECEIVES BOOST

Pat and Richard Danielson have donated £2500 to the Appeal, in memory of Pat's parents, Gweneth and Donald Hoskin, and Gweneth's parents, Mr and Mrs Hoskins. Both couples in turn kept the St Mabyn Stores and Post Office, for a total unbroken 60 years and all four are buried in the Churchyard. Pat Danielson, and her two brothers Christopher and Jeremy Hoskins (who both still live in the Bodmin area) were all baptised there, as were the Danielsons' two sons in their turn. Pat was written to as part of the letter-writing campaign to all Brides who had been married there - and also to all the babies who had been baptised there. Richard and Pat felt that their contribution was a proper reflection of the part the Church had played in all their lives but in fact it isn't their only donation. Some years ago, shortly after the acquisition of an extension to the graveyard (now in the care of the Parish Council) they paid for a brick path to be laid and a sturdy wooden seat, made by local craftsman Tony Dickinson, installed also in memory of Pat's parents and grandparents.

Pat is just one of the Brides to whom we have written and as our deadline grows ever closer we do hope that some of the others will decide to help us too; the Cornish Guardian is keen to publicise any events which are held in aid of the fund-raising, and take pictures! Though so far

the Brides have simply (and very kindly) sent us a cheque and a Gift Aid form, making £100 actually worth £128 for the Appeal.

Other good news is the donation from St Mabyn Young Farmers Club of £1000 (St Mabyn YFC hold their services in the church) and the wonderful offer of a grant of £5000 by the Cornish Historic Churches Trust. This makes the total still to raise just £17000 before the end of the year and thereby being given the go-ahead by English Heritage, as it is a condition of their grant that our separate £85000 is raised. We are all immensely grateful to all our generous benefactors and we are SO close to achieving our target may 1 make one last request to those out there who have been meaning to make a donation not to wait any longer?! Thank you very much.

ABIGAIL KIRBY-HARRIS

CARN AWN SINGERS

Musical Director - Mary Hooper, Accompanist --Maureen Wakeham

Over the next few weeks the Singers will be singing at some private venues and the next public concert will be the Annual Christmas Concert at Trelights

Chapel on Monday 3rd December at 7.30 pm. This will include Christmas Carols, readings and some favourite musical items.

ALLEN VALLEY SINGERS

We are joining with the Tintagel Orpheus Male Voice Choir in their evening of carols on 6th December, in the Social Hall in Tintagel. On the 8th December, at the St. Kew Highway Community Hall, from 10am to noon, the choir has a Coffee Morning in aid of the Karin Dom Foundation in Bulgaria. This organisation was the first volunteer Centre for the, 'rehabilitation and social integration of children with Special Needs and their families in Bulgaria, introducing a change to the old system, whereby children with any physical disability, mental problems and learning difficulties were called 'invalids', 'non-educable' or 'brain damaged' and hidden away in institutions with poor standards of service'. (Taken from their brochure received from a member of staff whom I met on my recent visit to Bulgaria.) Please join us on 8th December and help raise funds for these children and their future.

The choir will be performing their Christmas concert in the St. Tudy Chapel on 13th December at 7.30 p.m. This event is always enjoyable and sets the scene for Christmas. Do join us.

There is always happy and successful carol singing round the streets of St. Tudy each year and members of the Allen Valley Singers are joining in the singing on 18th December. On 21st December, we have been invited to join the Cadon Singers in their Christmas celebration of carols. Details of times and venue, please contact the Musical Director. We finish the year with our visit to Eden on 29th December, which is a good way to complete a busy year. A very Happy Christmas to everyone and all best wishes for a fulfilled and peaceful 2008.

Newcomers are always welcome to apply to our Musical Director, Janette Man, Telephone 01208 841784. Bookings for the choir can be made by contacting Jennifer May. Telephone 01208 880131. Other enquiries to Secretary, Telephone Jenni Tarring 01208 841329. Publicity Officer, Dr. Joyce Hargrave-Wright Telephone 01209 264004