



Mount's Bay Benefice Bulletin

March 2024

Letter from Revd Linda Garthwaite

March 2024 – what a month! It's bookended by the restrained and reflective period of Lent and the jubilant and joyful celebration of Easter. In between, our Benefice will revisit the extraordinary events of Holy Week in innovative and time-honoured ways, beginning with a Palm Sunday procession through Marazion. Later in the week, we enjoy food and fellowship in a re-enactment of the Last Supper. Our traditional Holy Week services then lead us into our Easter morning celebrations.

For many, these celebrations will involve the consumption of an Easter egg (or two!) and perhaps a hunt for them. It's thought that the tradition of the Easter egg hunt originated in Germany and was introduced by the Protestant reformer, Martin Luther: the men would hide the eggs and the women would search for them. This was said to reflect the fact that it was women who were the

first to discover the empty tomb and the first to see the risen Christ.

The egg is an ancient symbol of life and for Christians, it came to represent the resurrection of Jesus and the new life he offers - not only life after death, but fulness of life *now* - no matter how dark times may seem. There was life in the darkness of a Bethlehem stable and life in the darkness of a Jerusalem tomb. That's the message and hope of Easter : 'The light shines in the darkness and the darkness can never extinguish it.' (*John 1:5*)

With love and every blessing
Linda



around mount's bay

The benefice Candlemas Evensong was enhanced by the choir kindly assembled by David Ball.

Pancakes again proved very popular in Marazion on Shrove Tuesday.

Coming up in March

The **World Day of Prayer Service** this year has been prepared in Palestine—remarkable, in that these locations are chosen many years in advance of current events. All are welcome on 1st March at 2pm in All Saints Marazion.

The next **Cornish Celtic Way** walk is on 23 March, starting from Seaton at 10.30 and walking to Lamana Chapel. Dogs welcome. Bring lunch. Lifts back to cars.

For those interested, there is a meeting with the national founder of **Save the Parish**, Alison Millbank, on 5 March, 2pm, in Penzance Old Library.

Bishops are following one another to the benefice this month. St Piran's Feast will bring Bishop Hugh to Perran on 3rd March at 11am (nb time). St Hilary will welcome back Bishop Graham, to their Easter Day Eucharist.

Lent lunches continue in St Hilary Church (Wednesdays) and Perranuthnoe Church Room (Thursdays) for the first 3 weeks of March. Why not pop along,



meet friends from across the benefice, have a tasty bowl of soup, and boost the Lent Appeal with your donation?

On **Palm Sunday** we'll be taking the church outside, with a Procession starting from Marazion Community Centre at 10am. For those less able to walk, we'll be reaching All Saints at about 11/11.15 for Communion. Please stay for a pasty afterwards.

In Holy Week we are commemorating Jesus' last meal with his friends in two special ways. Everyone is invited to a **Re-enactment of the Last Supper** in Marazion Community Centre at 7pm on 27th March. Food will be served. Please buy your ticket in advance. And on **Maundy Thursday** there will be the usual Benefice service with foot-washing at 7pm in Ludgvan, when the preacher and president will be the Very Revd Christine Wilson.

Please remember our Lent Appeal for Solar Aid. £14 provides one solar lamp for an African family without electric light—we are aiming for 1000 lamps!

Administrator needed to work closely with the Rector in the admin and accountancy of running a busy benefice, handling enquiries, services and events. Office in Ludgvan. Office hours: 3 hours on 3 weekdays (9 hours total). Closing date for applications: 31 March. For Job Description, please email: mountsbaychurchoffice@btinternet.com



Marazion News

On Sundays (not 24th)

9.45 Holy Communion

24 March 10am Palm Sunday
Procession, Community Centre

On Tuesdays 4.00 Sacred Space

On Wednesdays (not 27th)
10am MP 10.30 Communion

On Fridays 8, 15, 22 March 7pm
Lent Course at 2 Bankfield,
Trevenner Lane

1 March 2pm World Day of
Prayer, in All Saints

6 March 2pm Marazion Wives in
Church Hall—gardening topic

16 March 10-2 Community
Breakfast in the Church Hall

27 March 10-12.30 Hospice
Coffee Morning, Comm. Centre

27 March 7pm Last Supper Re-
enactment, Community Centre

28 March 7pm Maundy
Thursday service, Ludgvan

Good Friday 10-12 Messy
Church, in church **2pm** Hour at
the Cross, in the Chapel

Everyone enjoyed the Benefice Candlemas Choral Evensong, which was held in All Saints. Our Pancake Day was very well attended and we raised £150 for the Solar Aid appeal. An Ecumenical Café Church was held at the Community Centre at 10am on a Saturday morning. Although not many attended it was felt that the format is worth trying again

Our Lent Study continues but please note there will be only one group meeting in Marazion now, in Revd Sophie's home at 7pm on Fridays.

The World Day of Prayer is in All Saints on 1st March 2pm and will be even more moving than usual. Mothering Sunday is on 10th March.

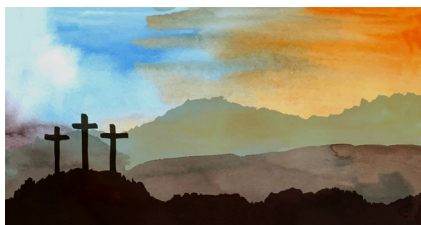
We have another Community Breakfast on 16th in the Church Hall, so please come and enjoy meeting people over a bacon bap and a coffee. Profits will go to our Lent Appeal.

We look forward to all the special events from Palm Sunday to Easter Day. See the list on the left and on p4. Note that there will be pasties after the Palm Sunday Communion; and that booking is required for the Last Supper Re-enactment.

We commend into God's care

David Mark Wilcox (known as Mark) who died on 20 November 2023, aged 65

Churchwardens: Julia 710577 David 710240 Hall bookings: Julia 710577



On Sundays

3 March 8am BCP Communion

10am Holy Communion

10 March 10am Mothering Sunday
Family Service

17 March Holy Communion,
followed by lunch

24 March No service in Ludgvan

10am Palm Sunday Procession at
Marazion Community Centre

31 March 10am Holy Communion

On Tuesdays 4pm Sacred Space
in All Saints Marazion

On Thursdays 7, 14, 21 March

10am Morning Prayer

10.30 Communion

2pm Lent Course in Murley Hall

1 March 2pm World Day of
Prayer, All Saints Marazion

12 March S&F Committee

27 March 7pm Last Supper in
Marazion Community Centre

28 March 7pm Maundy Thursday
Benefice Service in Ludgvan

Good Friday 29 March

10-12 Ludgvan Fishers

We were delighted to welcome local Methodist Minister, Revd Rebecca Fugill, to preach at Ludgvan Feast Service, and to the Feast Supper of delicious cottage pies prepared by 6 cooks, and a wonderful array of puddings.

Ludgvan continues to give away 10% of its income to local and international charities. On Mission Giving Sunday, 2 of our 5 Mission Partners came to speak: Kate Jarvis about caring for the young homeless at YMCA Penzance; and Sandy Lawrence, who brought some children along to tell us about Cornwall Accessibility Activities Programme.

At a simple lunch after the service on 18 March, Revd Linda will be speaking about her Christian journey. Proceeds from this will go to our Church Mission Society partner, Aaron Stanbury.



Aaron

All the **Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter** services and events are listed on the left and elsewhere in this bulletin. Ludgvan Fishers meet from 10-12 on Good Friday.

Thank you to for your generosity towards our **Lighting Appeal**. We now have enough for 45 of the 70 lights, which cost £160 each.



On Sundays (not 24th)

9.30 Sung Eucharist

24 March no service in St Hilary

10am Palm Sunday Procession,
Marazion Community Centre

11.00 (approx.) Communion at
All Saints, followed by pasties

On Wednesdays

10am Holy Communion

11am Lent Course, in church

12-1.30 Lent Lunch, in church

1 March 10am Morning Prayer

Holy week

26 March 7pm

Stations of the Cross

27 March 7pm Last Supper

Re-enactment, Marazion
Community Centre (advance
booking please)

28 March 7pm Benefice Maundy

Thursday Service, Ludgvan

Good Friday 2pm

Last Hour at the Cross, in church

30 March 7pm Vigil

Our Lent Course and Lent Lunches have both got off to a good start. It's not too late to join in with either or both. If a daytime session of the course is not convenient, please remember there are evening sessions on Fridays in Revd Sophie's home in Marazion, where you will be very welcome.

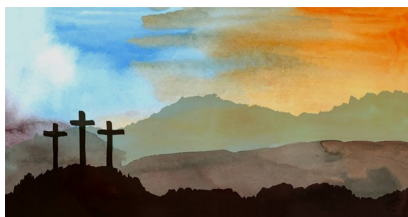
The lunches are raising funds for St Hilary's contribution to the Lent Appeal. You can also support the appeal for Solar Aid by putting your contribution in an envelope and placing it in the collection on a Sunday.

Tickets will be available in mid-March for the Last Supper Re-enactment on 27 March 7pm in Marazion Community Centre.

Father Jeff and Gary have been experiencing rain and cloudy skies in the Pacific. Also a little disappointing has been news of changes to the ship's itinerary due to the dangerous situation in the Middle East and the Red Sea.

This photo of a band playing in Tahiti doesn't look too bad, though.





Perranuthnoe Parish News
(Goldsithney, Rosudgeon and Perranuthnoe)

Sunday services

3 March 11am St Piran's Feast

10, 17 and 31 March

11.30 Holy Communion

24 March 10am

Palm Sunday Procession and
Communion, Marazion

Every Tuesday

10am Morning Prayer

10am Stitchers, in Church Room

Thursdays 7, 14, 21 March

12-1.30 Lent Lunch, Church Room

2pm Lent Course, Church Room

3.30 Celtic EP, in church

1 March 2pm

World Day of Prayer,
in All Saints Marazion

27 March 7pm

Last Supper event for all, in the
Marazion Community Centre

28 March 7pm Maundy Thursday

Service, with foot (or hand)
washing, Ludgvan Church

29 March 2pm Good Friday

Hour at the Cross, in church

Our Lent course and Lent lunches continue during the first 3 weeks of March, and it's not too late to come to either or both.

Please see the item on p3 about the **World Day of Prayer** on 1st March—it promises to be a very poignant service this year and all are welcome.

It's **St Piran's Feast** on 3 March. Bishop Hugh will be with us for the service, which starts at **11am**. This will be followed by lunch in the Church Room—do please stay for that.

Holy Week events are listed on the left. On Palm Sunday, we go to Marazion for the Palm Sunday procession and communion in All Saints, followed by pasties. Please see p3 for more information about the Last Supper event on 27 March—this is for everyone, but booking is required. After the service on Easter Day we'll have an Easter Egg hunt in the churchyard—participation is not limited to children!

Please help us contribute to the Lent Appeal for Solar Aid—donations in labelled envelopes can be put in the Sunday collection or handed to a churchwarden.

We commend into God's care

Barrie Smith, who died on 20th January, aged 86

Mount's Bay Parish Churches Information

Sunday Bible readings

3rd (different at Perran)

Exodus 20.1-17

1 Cor. 1. 18-25

John 2. 13-end

10th (not in all churches)

Exodus 2. 1-10

Romans 15. 17-21

Luke 2. 33-35

17th Jeremiah 31. 31-34

Hebrews 5. 5-10

John 12. 20-33

24th Isaiah 50. 4-9a

Philippians 2. 5-11

Mark 11. 1-11

31st Isaiah 25. 6-9

Acts 10. 34-43

John 20. 1-18

Sacred Space in All Saints

Every Tuesday 4-4.30pm

Music, silence, readings,
prayers for the world



Lent Course in the first 3 weeks of March

Wednesdays 11am St Hilary Church

Wednesdays 2pm Ludgvan Murley Hall

Thursdays 2pm Perran Church Room

Fridays 7pm 2 Bankfield

Trevenner Lane Marazion TR17 0BL

Events in Holy Week

Tues	4pm	Sacred Space	Marazion
26th	7pm	Stations of Cross	St Hilary
Wed	7pm	'Last Supper'	Marazion
27th			Community Centre
28th	7pm	Maundy Service	Ludgvan
Friday	10.00	Messy Church	Marazion
29th	10.30	Easter Fishers	Ludgvan
	2pm	Hour at the Cross	Ludgvan, St Hilary, Perranuthnoe & Marazion Chapel
30th	7pm	Vigil	St Hilary

Sunday Services

Sunday	Ludgvan	St Hilary	Marazion	Perranuthnoe
3 March	8.00 Communion	9.30 Sung	9.45	11am Communion
St Piran's Day	10.00 Communion	Eucharist	Communion	with Bishop Hugh
10 March	10.00	9.30 Sung	9.45	11.30 Communion
Mothering	Family Service	Eucharist	Communion	
17 March	10.00 Communion	9.30 Sung	9.45	11.30 Communion
Passion Sun.		Eucharist	Communion	
24 March	10.00 Palm Sunday Procession and Communion in Marazion			
31 March	10.00 Communion	9.30 Sung	9.45	11.30 Communion
Easter Day		Eucharist with Bishop Graham	Communion	

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