

# Mount's Bay Benefice Bulletin

## May 2024



*Pentecost*

*A letter from the Rector,  
Canon Nigel Marns*

Are you fascinated by Space and Space travel? Like me, many people around in the 1960's and '70's will have been captivated by the possibilities of Space, watching all those Apollo take-offs and the first man stepping foot on the moon. It led to a huge rise in science fiction—*Dr Who*, *Star Trek*, *Star Wars*; and popular songs— *Starman* and *Space Oddity* are still two of my favourite David Bowie songs, as is *Rocket Man* by Elton John—and dreams of possible futures that still fascinate me.

This month, we celebrate Jesus' Ascension. What is the Ascension? Did Jesus rise from the mountaintop like a NASA rocket?

Ascension is a most mysterious festival, how can we make sense of it? After his resurrection from the dead, Jesus appeared to his disciples on numerous occasions—in the garden, on a road, in the upper room and on a beach—when they were able to touch the scars on his hands and feet, and eat breakfast with him.

But there came a time when these

resurrection sightings came to an end. Jesus took his disciples to a mountaintop, commissioned them to spread the good news of his love and salvation to the whole world and disappeared from their sight. The disciples realised that they would not be seeing Jesus again. I don't think Jesus literally ascended like a rocket. I prefer to stay with the Biblical account that 'a cloud passed over him' and when it had passed he was no longer present. Jesus had gone back to the Father.



This year I invite you to celebrate Ascension Day together at Ludgvan Church on Thursday 9 May at 10am. If the weather is good, some of us will go up to conduct part of the service from the Tower, while those on the ground look up. Afterwards, bacon rolls will be available for 'brunch'.

Jesus' Ascension is a mysterious and awe-inspiring event in our Christian calendar. It is literally shrouded in mystery and, like space travel, raises both questions and wonder.

Happy Ascensiontide! Nigel

A great deal of thought and creativity went into the planning of **Holy Week** this year, and the events in the days following the Palm Sunday procession were all helpful and appreciated. In particular, the re-enactment of The Last Supper during the course of a very good meal, brought the original event to life in a new way, which enhanced the more formal reminder at the Maundy Thursday service.

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will be a **Plant and Book Sale** in the Square on 4th; a **Seaweed Festival** on the weekend of 11-12th, with events around the town, and a Festival Service for all at 10.30 on the Sunday in the Chapel. In All Saints Hall on 18th, there's a

**Community Breakfast:** and **Café Church** in the Community Centre at 10am on 1 June.

There are two United Benefice services this month. On Thursday 9 May at 10am, there's an **Ascension Day** service at Ludgvan, followed by Brunch. And on 26 May in Perranuthnoe Church at 6pm there'll be a **Choral Evensong**. All are very welcome.



*The slow-cooker brigade did a fantastic job!*

Thank you to everyone who contributed money and effort to our Lent Appeal. We raised a magnificent £1,934 for Solar Aid—138 lights!

At the Annual Church Meeting in Perranuthnoe, Sheila Baker was warmly thanked for her 6 years of service as Churchwarden.

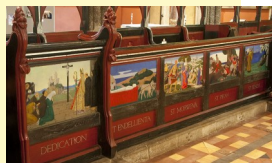
Revd Kirsten is proud to announce that Jamie completed the London Marathon in 3 hours 37 minutes, raising over £5000 for the Royal Cornwall Hospital.



### Coming up in May

It's all happening in Marazion! There

St Hilary Church is a treasure trove in plain sight. To learn more about it, you might like to join the Friends of the Cornwall Historic Churches Trust in the church on 16 May at 2pm for an illustrated talk by Owen and Carrie Baker on '**St Hilary Church:** its rich and celebrated history and collection of unique artwork'. £10 for the talk and a cream tea.



Deanery Synod meets at Ludgvan, at 7pm on 8 May.

The **Cornish Celtic Way** walk on 25th May will be from Fowey to St Blazey, starting at 10am.



## Marazion News

### Sunday Services

**5 & 19 May 9.45**

Holy Communion

**12 May 10.30** Seaweed Festival Service, in the Chapel (no service in All Saints)

**26 May 9.45**

Holy Communion, followed by Annual Church Meeting

### Every Wednesday

10am Morning Prayer

10.30 Holy Communion

### Every Wednesday & Thursday

10-4 Artisan Craft Fair, in Hall

**4 May** from 9am

The Greenwood-Penny Plant and Book Sale, in the Square

**11-12 May** Seaweed Festival around the town

**18 May** from 10am Community Breakfast, Church Hall

**29 May 2pm** Wedding Blessing for Paul & Anne Marie Martin

**1 June 10am** Café Church  
Marazion Community Centre

On Easter morning, brave souls were up before dawn, heading for the beach. As we prepared to start singing, the rain came down! Thank you, Marazion Chapel, for welcoming a dripping group of worshippers to a beautiful Sunrise Service in the dry.

At the second **Café Church** in the Community Centre, Methodists, Anglicans and others came together to enjoy croissants and coffee, singing and reflecting on the theme of the Good Shepherd. This is a new, informal way to worship, open to all and worth giving a try. The next one is on 1 June at 10am.

Summer activities are beginning: the **Craft Fair** is back on Wednesdays and Thursdays in the Hall; and the Apollo Choir gave a well-attended varied concert, the first of the season.



On 26 May, after the morning service, we will be holding the **Annual Parochial Church Meeting**, to elect Church Wardens and PCC members, and to celebrate what we have been doing, and share new ideas and points of view.



## St Hilary News

**Every Sunday**

**9.30** Sung Eucharist

**Every Wednesday**

**10am** Said Eucharist

**from 15 May 11-4**

Heritage Centre open

**4 May 1pm** Wedding  
of Samantha Trike and  
Samuel Jones

**9 May 10am** Ascension Day  
Service at Ludgvan, with Brunch

**16 May 2pm** Cornwall Historic  
Churches Trust Annual Friends'  
outing at St Hilary Church

**19 May** approx. 11am (following  
the 9.30 Eucharist) Annual  
Parochial Church Meeting

**26 May 6pm** Benefice Choral  
Evensong, Perran Church

**we congratulate**

Simon and Lucy Elliott, whose  
marriage blessing took place on  
13 April 2024.

The Easter Day Eucharist was joyous, the church being beautifully decorated with candles and flowers. We were delighted to welcome many visitors who helped make the Easter celebrations very special.



Our **Annual Parochial Church Meeting** will be held in church on 19 May after the 9.30 am service. This meeting considers the overall life of the Church and is an opportunity to look at its challenges and initiatives. Officers of the Church will also be appointed. Open to all. Coffee before the meeting starts at approx. 11am

As part of Cornwall Churches Day, the Cornwall Historic Churches Trust are visiting St Hilary for their Annual Friends Outing on 16 May at 2pm, for **an illustrated talk** by Owen and Carrie on St Hilary Church: its rich and celebrated history and collection of unique artwork. £10 for talk and cream tea.

The Heritage Centre re-opens on 15 May and every Wednesday thereafter, 11-4.

Churchwardens: Roger 763311 Carol 719044 Schoolroom bookings: Roger 763311



## Ludgvan News

### Sunday Services

5 May 8am BCP Communion

All Sundays 10am

Holy Communion

19 May will be a Family Service

19 May 6pm Baptism

26 May 6pm at Perran Church

Benefice Choral Evensong

Every Thursday

10am Morning Prayer

10.30 Communion

11 May 10am Plant Sale, Hall

16 May 4.30 Fishers, in church



*re-enactment*

**we commend into God's care**  
Rex Fullman, who died aged 93,  
and whose burial took place in  
Ludgvan Cemetery

Following the Palm Sunday procession, **Holy Week** was very busy. On the Wednesday we welcomed 3 classes from Ludgvan School for their Easter Service, with a Maundy Thursday theme. Each class visited 3 stations: the font, to have their feet washed; the altar, to taste some Passover food; and the Prayer Station, to think about Jesus in the Garden of Gethemane and to write prayers.

Many of us joined in the excellent Last Supper re-enactment at Marazion Community Centre. Then it was Maundy Thursday at Ludgvan, with many hands and feet washed. On Good Friday we welcomed over 20 children to our Fishers Good Friday Project, which included creating an Easter Garden and practising the Gospel Drama for Easter Day.

It was wonderful to welcome so many people to the church, beautifully decorated by Lynn Curnow and her team, on **Easter Day**. Twenty children hunted for Easter eggs after the service.

The church **Lighting Appeal** has raised enough for 57 of the 70 lights we need. The Spring Concert will have brought in more. Just one last push!

All are welcome at the **Ascension Day** service on 9 May. And gardeners should not miss the **Plant Sale** on 11 May!



**Perranuthnoe Parish News**  
(Goldsithney, Rosudgeon and Perranuthnoe)

**Sunday services**

**11.30** Holy Communion

**26 May** 6pm Benefice  
Choral Evensong at Perran

**Every Tuesday 10am**

Morning Prayer, in church  
Stitchers, in Church Room

**Every Thursday** (not 2 May)

**10.30** Drop-in for coffee,  
Church Room

**3pm** Celtic Evening Prayer,  
in church or churchyard  
weather permitting

**2 May 7pm** PCC

**9 May 10am**

Ascension Day Service at  
Ludgvan, with Brunch

**18 May 10am** Community  
Breakfast, Marazion Ch. Hall

**1 June 10am** Café Church  
Marazion Community Centre

Thank you to all who helped to make Holy Week and Easter extra special this year. The re-enactment of the **Last Supper**, with the drama interspersing an excellent meal, served as a vivid demonstration of what it might have been like to have been there. We also appreciated a particularly moving meditation at Perran on Good Friday.



*Ed, Kenny, David and Mark re-enact the washing of Peter's feet*

And then we had a joyful **Easter Day**, with a good number of visitors in church, including children who enjoyed hunting for the many Easter eggs hidden in the building.

At the **Annual Church Meeting**, Sheila was warmly thanked for her 6 years of devoted service as churchwarden, and Dee, for the same—and for agreeing to continue in her role a little longer. She will be aided and abetted by all who volunteer to undertake the various regular tasks which keep the church running smoothly.

# Mount's Bay Parish Churches Information

Sunday	St Hilary	Marazion	Ludgvan	Perranuthnoe
<b>5 May</b>	9.30 Sung Eucharist	9.45 Holy Communion	8.00 BCP Communion 10.00 Holy Communion	11.30 Holy Communion
<b>12 May Christian Aid Sunday</b>	9.30 Sung Eucharist + Baptism	<b>10.30</b> in Marazion Chapel, Seaweed Festival Service	10.00 Holy Communion	11.30 Holy Communion
<b>19 May Pentecost</b>	9.30 Eucharist + Annual Meeting	9.45 Holy Communion	10.00 Family Service 6.00 Baptism	11.30 Holy Communion
<b>26 May Trinity Sunday</b>	9.30 Sung Eucharist	9.45 Communion + Annual Meeting	10.00 Holy Communion	11.30 Holy Communion
6pm United Benefice Choral Evensong Perranuthnoe				

## Sunday Bible readings

### 5th

Isaiah 55. 1-11  
Acts 10. 44-end  
John 15. 9-17

### 12th

Ezekiel 36. 24-28  
Acts 1. 15-17, 21-end  
John 17. 6-19

### 19th

Ezekiel 37. 1-14  
Acts 2.1-21  
John 15. 26-27 and  
16. 4b-15

### 26th

Isaiah 6. 1-8  
Romans 8. 12-17  
John 3. 1-17

## Ascension Day 9 May 10am

Benefice Holy Communion at Ludgvan followed by Brunch

### Midweek Communion

Wed. 10.00 St Hilary  
Wed 10.30 Marazion  
Thurs 10.30 Ludgvan

### Celtic Evening Prayer

Thurs 3.00 Perran



**YOU ARE INVITED  
TO OUR OPEN DAY**

22 MAY 2024 · 12 - 4PM  
FREE BBQ, CREAM TEA & CAKES  
TAKE A TOUR - SEE OUR FLATS  
& SPACES AVAILABLE TO HIRE

RSVP BY 10 MAY

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