



Mount's Bay Benefice Bulletin

September 2025

Church life might appear a bit quieter than usual at the moment, but there's a lot of paddling going on under the water. We continue to be grateful to all who have taken on extra work to help keep us afloat, and have sometimes discovered gifts they—or we—didn't know they had!



The transition team, too, are beaver-ing away, preparing to advertise the post of Rector. Much of the content for the

Benefice Profile has now been assembled, ready for the professionals in the diocesan office to put it together and make it look attractive with the photos supplied.

The Vision statement, mentioned here last month, is gradually emerging. This is not a Benefice Strategy for the next 10 years—that's a job for the new Rector when he or she has got to know us and had time to figure out which way God is leading us. But applying for a new job takes time and energy, so to have some insight into where we'd like to be heading helps potential applicants to decide whether they might be a good match.

The team also have to come up with a 'person specification' which needs to be a balance between 'someone highly skilled and extremely experienced' and 'young, enthusiastic, energetic and willing to learn'. That person is out there. Keep praying!

The Bishop who came twice....!



Bishop David at the Benefice Campsite Service on 3rd August..

..and on 14th at St Hilary for the Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary



Lizard and Mount's Bay Christians Against Poverty is part of a national Christian charity, helping people to find their way out of debt. Debt coaches visit clients, taking with them a volunteer befriender, both as safeguarding, and in hope that the befriender might offer an invitation to a local church. If you would be interested in finding out about being a befriender, please email Estelle from the local CAP group estelle.turner1@btinternet.com or talk to Hilda Burnett at Ludgvan Church.

MARAZION

Every Wednesday
10am Morning Prayer

2 & 9 September

2-4pm Afternoon teas, in church

4pm Sacred Space, in church

6 September 2pm Gorsedh Bardic Ceremony, Folly Field

7 September 3pm

Gorsedh service, in Chapel

14 September 2pm

Pet Service on beach

16 September 2pm PCC

17 September 7.30

Orpheus Choir concert, in church

20 September 10-2

Community Breakfast, Church Hall

20 & 21 September

Seaweed Festival



Our Tuesday Tea & Cake afternoons prior to Sacred Space have welcomed many visitors. September will bring the **Gorsedh** with a full programme of activities from 2nd-7th. The Bardic Ceremony on 6th will be held on Folly Field, or if wet, in the Community Centre. Please note that our only service on 7th will be at 3pm at the Chapel.

On 14th at 2pm, we have an additional service on the beach below the Sailing Club, for **People and Pets**, with Penzance Silver Band providing the music and a collection in aid of the Wheal Alfred Pet Rescue centre, Hayle. At the end of the month we have the Seaweed Festival. Watch out for more details.

We welcome the Penzance Orpheus Ladies Choir who will be giving a **concert** in church on 17th.

LUDGVAN

Every Thursday

10am Morning Prayer

2-4pm Sewing group, Hall

8 September 2-4pm

Board Games, in the Hall

14 September 10.30 Harvest Festival at Crowlas Chapel

27 September

Wedding of Mark Crew and Rebecca Hart O'Neill

28 September 10am

Harvest Festival in church, followed by lunch in Hall

29 September 7pm

Deanery Synod at Paul Church

We look forward to resuming some of our regular activities this month. Although it still won't be possible to have a midweek communion service, **Morning Prayer** will be held at 10 on Thursday mornings.

The **Sewing Group** will meet every Thursday afternoon in the Murley Hall, and will be pleased to welcome anyone who'd like to drop in for a chat. Similarly, a monthly **Board Games** afternoon will be available in the hall on the 2nd Saturday of every month - it's a fun way to meet new people, so please do come along.

September is also **Harvest-time** in Ludgvan. We'll be joining our Methodist friends in Crowlas on 14th (there'll also be an 8am Communion in church); and our own Festival service is on 28th, with lunch afterwards in the Hall. Lunch tickets from Anne Tilly are £10, £5 for children aged 5-12. Numbers need to be limited to 50, so don't delay!



'Art in the Cathedral' Exhibition at Truro Cathedral opens with a Preview evening of Art and Music, and Meet the Artists: 6.30-9.00 on 28 September. Tickets £10 from the Cathedral website. The Exhibition runs until 12 October with free entry. All the artworks are for sale - 35% of the revenue will go to Cathedral Funds.

ST HILARY

Every Wednesday

10am Said Eucharist

11-4 Heritage Centre

12.00 Welcomers in church
2-4 Tea and cake, in church

Every Thursday

from 18 September

Open the Book Team in school

18 Sept. 7.00 PCC

21 September 2.30

IMS Concert, church



We were all invited to a delicious tea after celebrating the wedding of Elizabeth and Paul.

It was a joy to welcome Bishop David and his wife, and clergy from the deanery and beyond, to celebrate the Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary in a full church. During the Eucharist, David, Melanie and Sue treated us to beautiful reflective music. Over supper there was time to meet and mix - it was a joyous occasion.



Revd Sophie, our former curate, has been appointed Associate Priest for the Benefice of Cookham in the Diocese of Oxford, where her focus will be on children, families and community engagement. We wish her well.

The Young Explorers had a busy August, including visits to the Helston Steam Railway and the Rogue Theatre in Tehidy Park. September meetings to be announced soon.

On 21 Sept. at 2.30 pm there is a **concert** with the International Musicians Seminar. Tickets are available from www.minack.com/IMS-events 01736 810181 £10 - £25 under 25s free.

PERRANUTHNOE

Every Tuesday

10am Stitchers, church room

Every Thursday

10.30 Drop-in, church room

3pm Celtic Evening Prayer, in church

20 September

Wedding of Chris and Jodie

5 October 11.30

Harvest Festival

What a treat to have Bishop David encouraging us, and young people singing and taking part in the drama at our Campsite Service; *and* a cream tea afterwards, served by friends from Ludgvan. So good to see the benefice churches together out of doors!



The concert given by the Maen Du Strings was another great pleasure for a packed church, with a special bonus of three young soloists singing their hearts out for us. Thank you to all these musicians, who donated their time and talent—and cake—to raise £300 for church funds.

we welcome into God's family

Beatrice Lily Grace and Lucy Alice Hermon,
baptised at Ludgvan on 24 August

we congratulate

Elizabeth Curnow and Paul Hayward

married at St Hilary on 1 August

Hilary Lily Lorys and Tobias Costelloe

married at St Hilary on 9 August

we commend to God's care

Kenneth Cyril Wood (Kenny), aged 81,
whose funeral service was held at
Treswithian Crematorium on 29 July

Carol Ann Hocking, aged 81, whose ashes
were interred in Ludgvan Churchyard on
15 August, following her funeral on 9 July

Mount's Bay Parish Churches Information

	St Hilary	Marazion	Ludgvan	Perranuthnoe
7 Sept	9.30 Sung Eucharist	3.00 Gorsedd Service in Chapel	10.00 Holy Communion	11.30 Holy Communion
14 Sept	9.30 Sung Eucharist	9.45 Holy Communion 2.00 Pet Service on the beach	8.00 BCP Communion 10.30 Harvest Service in Crowlas Chapel	11.30 Holy Communion
21 Sept	9.30 Sung Eucharist	9.45 Holy Communion	10.00 Holy Communion	11.30 Holy Communion
28 Sept	9.30 Sung Eucharist	9.45 Service of the Word	10.00 Harvest Family Service	11.30 Holy Communion



The Samaritans National Walk 2025

27 September 10am-4.30pm

A new Cornish Celtic Way Walk from Breage Church to Gunwalloe Church Cove via Porthleven. Approx 9 miles with some challenging sections. Car support will be available to enable people to do only part of the walk.

This walk is planned in conjunction with the Samaritans National Walk 2025, which the Truro branch is hosting this year. Please bring a donation for the Samaritans.

More info: Penny Marns 07881 791914
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Sunday Readings



7th Deuteronomy 30. 15-end; Philemon 1-21;
Luke 14. 25-33

14th Exodus 32. 7-12; 1 Timothy 1. 12-17;
Luke 15. 1-10

21st Amos 8. 4-7; 1 Tim. 2. 1-7; Luke 16. 1-13
OR for St Matthew's Day Proverbs 3. 13-18;
2 Corinthians 4. 1-6; Matthew 9. 9-13

28th Amos 6. 1a, 4-7; 1 Timothy 6. 6-19;
Luke 16. 19-end

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