

## **A view from the Rectory Window May 2026 - He is risen indeed!**

Over the last few months, we have had several events which all in their way represent the living truth of the risen body of Christ, that is the living breathing - through the Holy Spirit - Church, which is the body of Christ incarnate on earth. The most recent took place on April the second at Treborough, where Bishop Michael continued his Easter pilgrimage. I describe this moment as representing the living Spirit-filled Church for two reasons. Firstly, as Bishop Michael eloquently articulated in St Peter's before setting off, there are now a lot of people in our local community and beyond, with a heartfelt vision and Spirit for St. Peter's church to find its vocation as a place of pilgrimage, national heritage and sacred space for all. Secondly therefore, our prayer for St. Peter's that we, as Bishop Michael described will be a Spirit-led church, incarnate wherever and whenever the Holy Spirit rises within us in love, praise and worship.



Similarly in May we will be continuing our time of prayer, fellowship and thanksgiving in Roadwater village hall. Again, a time of coming together as one, incarnating the risen body of Christ through the fellowship of the Holy Spirit and the love of God. I firmly believe the words of **I Corinthians Chapter 12 verse 27** where we are told that as a pilgrim Church, risen (and walking) in the Holy Spirit whenever and wherever we gather we **'are the body of Christ and individually members of it'** Amen.

Therefore, whether on pilgrimage or stopping for a rest, **may the road rise to meet you. May the wind be always at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face. The rain fall soft upon your fields. And until we meet again. May God hold you in the palm of His hand.** Traditional Celtic blessing

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