

# St Piran's Celebrations 2017

## Bodmin OCS







## Bude & Stratton OCS

Bude Stratton & District Old Cornwall Society celebrated St Piran's Day with their annual service of Readings and Music which this year was kindly hosted by the PCC and Churchwardens of St Marwenne's at Marhamchurch.

It has now become a tradition for the event to follow the pattern initially arranged by the Rev Peter Abel when he was Rector of St James the Great at Kilkhampton, together with Mr Michael Richardson in charge of the music representing Cornwall.

With St Piran's flag flying from Marhamchurch tower in a very stiff breeze we assembled in the church. The service was conducted by Rev Alison Hardy with Mr Gary Holdcroft providing the music as Organist.

To the music of 'Cornwall Forever', the Banner of the Society was Paraded by our Chairman Mr Alan McIntosh escorted by Mr Owen May and Mr Peter Hillenbrand.

Readings were given by our President Mr Owen May, who read the passage 'Let us now praise famous men' from Ecclesiasticus followed by Mr Jim Long reading the Legend of St Piran. Mrs Angela Grills, Churchwarden of St Marwenne's gave an interesting insight into the history of Saint Marwenne, the church and the village. After which Mrs Janet Ward read one of Sir John Betjeman's evocative poems of Cornwall.

The readings were interspersed by the singing, about the Cornish saints including St Piran. Rev Alison then gave us an inspiring talk, lifting our spirits and encouraging us in the fact that we can all be saints in the way in which we live our own lives.

We were then provided with a 'Tea' to send us on our ways. Many thanks to everyone who came and took in part in Celebrating St Piran's Day.

# Liskeard

Celebrating the arrival of Christianity in Cornwall by St Piran in AD 450

St Piran's Day was celebrated at Liskeard on Sun 5 Mar 17 at the Liskeard Methodist Church courtesy of the Rev Mark Pengelly, with readings from the book of Deuteronomy reflecting on this land of plenty and with copper, and minerals in its hills, read in Cornish, by Mr Mike Smith, (St Cleer), followed by an English translation read by Mr Duncan Paul Matthews, of the Liskeard Old Cornwall Society.

Her Worship the Mayor of Liskeard, Cllr Jane Pascoe and consort, were in attendance and apologies received from Mrs Sheryll Murray MP. Also in attendance was Mary Watters, President of the Torbay Cornish Association and the support of Mr and Mrs Ernie Reynolds, President of the Saltash Old Cornwall Society.

Following a period of worship and thanksgiving conducted by rev Mark, with Graham Bray at the organ, all were entertained to a concert directed by Miss Heather Taylor, with her Choir 'Levow Kesson' (Harmonic Voices), with Mrs Anne Hughes (Harpist), Miss Lerena Cooper, (Soloist) and Bradley Richards (Piano). The concert began and ended with 'Harmonious Bells' with four pieces by the Choir Members on the Bell Plates.

The concert concluded with the singing of 'Trelawny', but too early to be included in the Worldwide Trelawny Shout, scheduled later that evening.

At the reception following all had the opportunity of viewing a display by 'The St Piran Trust' courtesy of their Chairman, Mrs Angela Penrose.

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**MULLION O.C.S. ST.PIRANTIDE DINNER: MONDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2017**



**GOOD FOOD, WITH FRIENDS, HAVING FUN.....PROPER JOB!!**

