

# The Godrevy Light



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*The Parishes of Phillack with Gwithian,  
Gwinear, St Erth and Hayle St Elwyn*



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## Resurrection .... The Jesus of faith..... Fr Malcolm

It is problematic attempting to make a historical reconstruction of Jesus. The only Jesus we can know and love is the Jesus of the Church and the Gospels.

Historical reconstructions are entirely dependent on the person who is attempting to research the original events that occurred in first century Palestine. It's a hit or miss procedure, more miss than hit.

Although the creeds make a number of assertions about Jesus, Christian faith isn't just about facts, no matter how feasible or seemingly accurate. Christian faith as a living experience is love for the Jesus who God raised from the dead by the power of his Holy Spirit. We don't live facts.

Jesus isn't just a figure from the past like Julius Caesar, but a living God who we encounter in the worship and sacraments of the Church. This is especially true of the Eucharist or Mass.

We cannot explain or intellectualize about the Risen Christ because it is an event beyond our earthly understanding. In other words, only God's Holy Spirit can enlighten us regarding the Resurrection of our Lord.

The most meaningful resurrection appearance of Jesus for many, and me, included is that of the two disciples on the road to Emmaus.

(Luke 24:13-22.) The two disciples don't recognize Jesus until he breaks the bread and only then are their eyes opened. Our Lord is given back to those two disciples. Emmaus ends with lovers meeting. This happens at every Mass.

This wondrous event stands out above all the rest in the accounts given by the four evangelists. The resurrection is a giving back of Jesus to his loved ones by God...to you and me living in 2020.

The Crucified Risen Lord is given back to Peter, who denied him, to the disciples, who all forsook him and fled, and to the women who loyally followed him his ministry to Calvary and the tomb. This brings us to the Holy Spirit and Pentecost. What the Holy Spirit gives us is the whole life and death of the Risen Lord.

The only Jesus we can know and love is the Jesus of the New Testament and who comes to us in the Eucharist.

Christian faith as a living experience is a response to the Real Jesus who God raised from the dead. He isn't just a figure from the past, but a living reality who we meet daily in the Hebrew Scriptures, the Gospels, Epistles, and above all in the Eucharist.

Alleluia, Christ is Risen. Alleluia, He is Risen indeed. Alleluia.

**Father Malcolm**

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### NOAH? NO AH... JUST A FLOOD

It's not a pleasant thing to wake up and find that you are all soggy, not even for a mouse. To wake up and find you are sleeping in a large lake them - a very tasty dwelling.

## PHILLACK CHURCH MICE 88

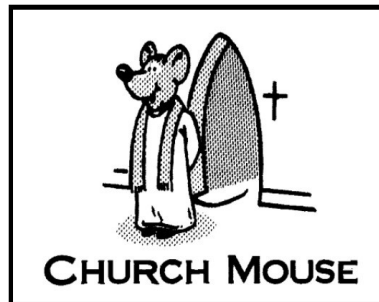
### A PELICAN & JESUS

'Look what I have found in this book,' said Philip Phillack to the other church mice and he showed them



'It's a stone sculpture on the altar of an old church,' he said. 'But I don't know the what or why about the funny bird.' Brother Charlie who wasn't much into books as they were so full of words did look because it was a picture. He laughed. 'It is a funny bird isn't it. I haven't seen one like that before - nor even on Copperhouse Pool.' Philip scratched his big flappy ears with his paws and frowned. 'Do you know?' he

asked looking at his mother and father. They both smiled. 'We do,' said Father Phillack. 'Oh! Then please tell us,' said Philip who really wanted to know. 'I think it would best if your mother told you the story,' Father Phillack replied looking at her and nodding his large wise old head. 'Ah! Well, to begin with, the bird is a pelican.' 'A pelican!' shouted Charlie. 'I thought that has a thing with red and green lights that the humans use to cross the road.' 'No! That's something else, Charlie,' she replied. 'What is the pelican doing?' she asked. 'She... is she a she?' asked Philip. His mother nodded her grey head. 'Then she is feeding her babies,' he said. 'Indeed, she is, but what is she feeding them with?' Charlie and Philip both gazed at the picture and tried to be cleverest brother. 'I know,' said Charlie. 'Worms!' 'No! Not worms,' replied his mother smiling. 'Well, Philip?' she said. Philip puckered up his forehead, sighed and then said 'I don't know but... what are those funny dark marks on her body? Are they to do with it?' Mother Mouse smiled a big smile this time. 'Good! They are indeed.' Philip tried to not seem triumphant whilst Charlie thought I'm still better than him at adventuresome things. 'There is an ancient medieval story that says that during times of famine - you know what famine means don't you boys?' They both nodded. 'Well, it was told that to



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save her babies from death in famine times, the pelican would strike her breast and feed her babies with her own blood.' 'Gosh!' said the boys together. 'And in saving her babies she lost her life.' Both the little mice looked at the picture again and Charlie said, 'She was very brave and kind.' 'Well said, my son,' said Father Phillack and Charlie felt quite redeemed. 'So... can you see why the early Christians used the image of the pelican? Who might the pelican represent?' Charlie looked bemused but Philip's face suddenly lit up. 'Jesus!' he shouted. 'Jesus gives his life for... the babies in the picture... who are really everybody.' 'Exactly,' said Mother Phillack. 'And Jesus continues to feed us with his blood at the eucharist.' 'Wow!' said Charlie. 'You were right about Jesus being good and kind,' said Father Phillack. Will Shakespeare writes in one of his plays:

*'To his good friend thus wide, I'll open my arms,*

*And like the kind, life-rendering pelican,*

*Repast them with my blood.'*

'And Jesus' arms are open wide on the cross, aren't they?' said Philip Phillack, 'Open wide, to save us, to gather us in and welcome us to Him... at Easter.'

C.B.

### AN EASTER CAROL

*Spring bursts today,*

*For Christ is risen and all the earth's at play.*

*Flash forth, thou Sun,*

*The rain is over and gone, its work is done.*

*Winter is past,  
Sweet Spring is come at last, is come at last.*

*Bud, Fig and Vine,*

*Bud, Olive, fat with fruit and oil and wine.*

*Break forth this morn*

*In roses, thou but  
yesterday a Thorn.*

*Uplift thy head,*

*O pure white Lily thro' the Winter  
dead.*

*Beside your dams*

*Leap and rejoice, you merry-making  
Lambs.*

*All Herds and Flocks*

*Rejoice, all Beasts of thickets and of  
rocks.*

*Sing, Creatures, sing,*

*Angels and Men and Birds and  
everything.*

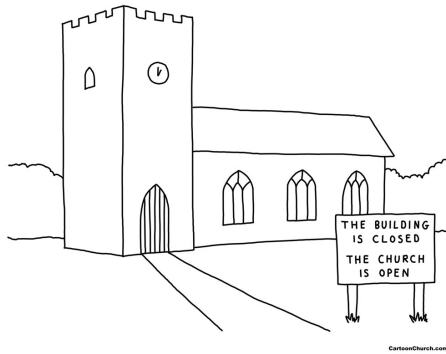
*All notes of Doves*

*Fill all our world: this is the time of  
loves.*

C.B. *Christina Rossetti (1830-1894)*

A wonderful poem about freedom... Spring freeing nature from winter's grip and Jesus' resurrection freeing us from the bondage of sin, IF WE ACCEPT HIS OFFER!

C.B.



### BISHOP PHILIP MESSAGE

Bishop Philip has signed an instrument, whose general effect is to extend the time for parishes to hold their APCMs to the end of October, with current office holders (churchwardens, deanery synod representatives and PCC members) remaining in office longer than they would otherwise do so. In particular, deanery synod representatives elected in 2017 will remain in office until 30 November 2020 (instead of 30 June 2020).

### CORNWALL RECYCLING SITES

All 14 Household Waste and Recycling Centres will now be CLOSED until further notice. Collections of waste and recycling continue, so please place your bags and recycling out for your usual collection times.

### GODREVY TEAM ONLINE

We will continue to upload, readings, sermons and communion services to the team Facebook page each Sunday.

An online home group has been set up on a Tuesday evening at 7 pm. This is taking place on messenger as a group live chat. We are studying Isaiah and praying. The system can take up to 6 users, so far 6 of us have met as 4 users. If you would like to join in please send a message to Roz Vickers and you will be added to the group. If the group grows we will set up an additional day.

### HAYLE FOOD BANK

Hayle Food Bank will need our help now more than ever. We have nowhere to leave donations of food now, but we CAN still help. The food bank will accept BACS transfers. If you don't want to use online banking, please put your donation in a clearly marked envelope and post it in the St Erth Church Hall letterbox in the hall kitchen door.

**The Hayle Food Bank** bank details are:

Sort code **30 13 88**  
Account number **18553660**

***Please tag your donation with the name of your church.***

### Gwinear & District Footpaths & Bridleways Association

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2020**  
**- Bosparva, Gwinear Downs,  
Callose, Bezurrel**

There was light rain in the morning yet the afternoon was dry for our walk starting from the former Reawla Stores. We took the footpath up passed the children's playground and were soon climbing over a stile into a field, left fallow. The path goes diagonally across the field, over another stile and across another field. Over to the

right is Lemin Farm and its wind turbine. Eastwards the view is over to Praze and Crowan and beyond.

Another two adjacent stiles across a track then across another field down into a valley where it is extremely wet and we cross a fast-flowing stream then up to Lower Bosparva Farm. We stay on the farm track to join Bosparva Lane and head south west passed Drewollas Farm towards Leedstown. This brings us to the Praze-Leedstown road by Genesis Farm and we stop for our group photograph.



Turning west we follow the bridleway skirting the north of Leedstown, across Trennerth Road and on to Lambo, adjacent the Hayle/Helston Road. We take another bridleway north west going steeply down into the valley at Callose and its much-expanded holiday park. Round by the swimming pool and behind the clubhouse we climb up some steps and into a field where the footpath heads north east to Trennerth.

The "home stretch" of our walk takes us north west, a hundred yards along the Deveral Road then back into fields and over several stiles towards Bezurrel. From here the farm track takes us to Relistian Lane and then a short stroll back into Reawla.

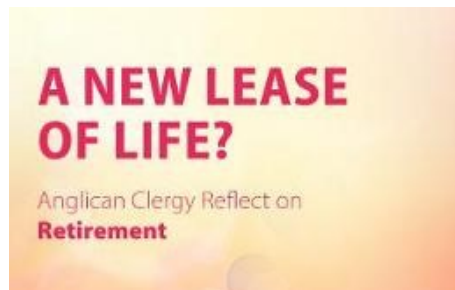
A quiet afternoon with very few folks around! Our pleasure walk was 4.4 miles and comfortably done in two hours.

**Next walk - TBA**

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**A New Lease of Life?  
Anglican Clergy Reflect  
on Retirement  
(Paperback)  
Tony Neal (editor)  
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**'Howlers' from Church Magazines**

Sunday School Teacher: 'What must we do before we can expect to be forgiven for our sins?'  
Johnny: 'Sin?'

*This week we give thanks for the many volunteers in the parish, particularly those who drive the elderly from their homes.*

Next month the vicar is on holiday. Massages can be given to the church secretary.

*The Men's Group will meet at 6pm on Friday. Steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, bread and dessert will be served for a nominal fee.*

(Supplied by Enid Ashley)

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**PRAYER**

Loving God,

We pray for all those who are suffering because of the coronavirus, may they know your healing power.

When we are afraid for ourselves and our loved ones, give us your strength and courage.

When we feel alone and isolated, reassure us with a sense of your presence.

Give wisdom to those in authority and may our community work together for the good of all.

We give thanks for those who care for others and ask you to bless them in all they do.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, healer and physician,

Amen



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GROWING THE CHURCH