

Pentecost is the birthday of the church. The weekend of 17 to 19 May 2013 was a weekend of celebration and church events for Liskeard.



PENTECOST 2013

St Martin's Church, Liskeard

What is Pentecost?

Pentecost was a prominent feast in the calendar of ancient Israel celebrating the giving of the Law on Mount Sinai. In the Christian calendar it celebrates the Holy Spirit descending on the disciples after the resurrection of Jesus and his ascension into heaven. At the time they were following Jesus' instructions and were waiting and praying in Jerusalem. Whilst they were praying there came from heaven a sound as of the rushing of a mighty wind that filled the house in which they waited. Then what seemed to be tongues of flame appeared and rested on the heads of each disciple filling them with the Holy Spirit. Following this they went into Jerusalem and spoke with power to the Jews who had gathered there for the Pentecost feast. About three thousand Jews became Christians that day, and the Christian church was born.



Friday evening saw the weekend of celebration launched with an evening service of praise and worship. Our guest speaker was Rev David White. David was the priest in charge of St Austell parish church before moving to St Andrew's church in Chorleywood, the spiritual home of New Wine. David still plays an active part in New Wine ministry, as a speaker and as a leader.

On Saturday we welcomed Bishop Tim Thornton, the Bishop of Truro to Liskeard. During the day Tim was out and about in Liskeard town centre to meet and speak to local residents, visiting some

of the local housing estates to speak to people in their own streets. As the birthday of the church our Pentecost celebrations would be rather dull without presents. As he went around the town and estates Bishop Tim's team handed out invitations to free cream teas and to a free concert in the evening.

The Pentecost 13 birthday party started with free cream teas in the church centre from 2.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.

In the evening there was a free concert in St Martin's Church with both Java 5 and the Liskerrett Male Voice Choir performing. Java 5 is an 'a cappella' vocal harmony group based in south east Cornwall. Founded in 2004, their repertoire includes songs by the Ink Spots, The Drifters, The Platters, The Beatles, Elvis, James Taylor, Darts, The Marcells etc. with an increasing focus on 'doo-wop'. The Liskerrett Male Voice Choir performs regularly in and around Liskeard, but also travels to perform, with a performance in Worcester Cathedral recently. In November they are off to the Albert Hall to sing in the Cornish Federation Concert – hopefully 650 voices! Bishop Tim was our guest speaker during the evening, and during the concert interval we served complimentary glasses of wine, soft drinks and some nibbles.

To finish our weekend celebration Bishop Tim led a combined service in St Martin's Church. This combined service involved music from St Martin's choir and the worship band and so provided something for everyone.