

Peter and Paul

Apostles & Martyrs - 29th June

Tom, 11yrs old, sat staring at the stained glass high in the chancel of the little timber country 'Church at the Crossroads' at Tregeagle. Then turning wide-eyed Tom exclaimed: "Look Mum! They're high-fiving!"

In spite of their differing career paths, academia and primary industry, Peter the fisherman and Paul the scholar, shared in common an abiding confidence in Jesus to whom they looked as Lord and Saviour. Even the casual observer could not fail to see the artist's window work as a modern interpretation of the Biblical characters in mid greeting. Their probable difference in height may have made a high-five greeting unlikely, however their theological differences, initially quite divisive were dealt with openly (*Gal 2.11 ff*) and amicably (*2Pet 3.15*)



This sense of hope portrayed in the artist's work is expressive of the deep bond shared by all those who have experienced the grace of Christ. Peter and Paul came from 'different sides of the track' yet both experienced divine revelation (*Mt:16.17 & Act:9.5*) Each struggled through a crisis of learning to become powerful preachers of Christ's resurrection. (*Acts 2.22 ff Peter & Acts 17.30 ff Paul*). Their examples of apostleship and martyrdom challenge us today.

Whether our experience is akin to Paul's 'Damascus road sudden switch' or to Peter's gradual forward/back step by sliding step determination, let's rise to the visions and dreams that call us out of our 21st century complacency and comfortable discipleship. Any meaningful celebration of this red-letter day requires nothing less.

Reverend John Kidson

An Open Invitation:

The congregation of St Peter & St Paul's Tregeagle will celebrate their patronal service a little early : on 24 June 2018. That's today! Come and join us for our relaxed country feel service at 10.00am! If you are able to bring something to share for morning tea ... great!