

Cardinham Church

The Grade 1 Listed Cardinham Parish Church of St Meubred dates back to the 15th century, and is dedicated to the little known saint who was a missionary said to have been the son of an Irish King and companion of St Mancus and St Wyllow. He travelled to Cornwall to preach to the moorland folk but ended up being beheaded in Rome. His body was later returned and buried in the Parish. St Meubred's feast day is the Thursday before Whitsunday. The present building which comprises nave, chancel, north and south aisles, porch and three staged granite bell tower with lovely ring of bells, superceded a chapel dedicated in 1085 to St Mewbredus the Martyr that was demolished during the reign of Henry VIII.



Cardinham Church has a 14th century Easter sepulchre or Meubred's tomb with niche above in the chancel, and is noted for its Norman and Georgian fonts, the original wooden wagon roofs with carved bosses to 15th and 16th century bench ends, including the five Glynn family, and a pronged eel spear arms of the local colourful Glynn the east end of the century brass plaque monument of 1699 at south aisle. A 15th commemorates Thomas Awmarle, Rector from 1356 to 1401. He is represented wearing a gown with an anelace or short sword by his side, and the translated inscription reads "I ask you, brothers, to pray for me and I will pray for you as much as I can". There is also a letter of ca 1660 from King Charles I to loyal Parishes painted on boards, and one of the best plaster Royal coats of arms in Cornwall of 1661.



The churchyard contains two particularly fine Cornish crosses. The one outside the south porch is perhaps the finest interlaced key condition to the the 15th century, memorial cross "arathi". The head of which was in Roman capitals reads in two lines "*Rancoro Fili Mesgi*". The Church was damaged during World War II by German bombs intended for Bodmin, and the chancel windows destroyed and replaced with modern glass, the work of Christopher Webb. The churchyard was closed for burials in 1909, and the current cemetery and War Memorial are close by down the road.



St Meubred's became the first Cycling Church in the UK early in October 2017 when Bishop Chris of St Germans dedicated the newly installed had been gloriously decorated by pupils from Meubred's Church wanted to make it known cyclists and walkers who are enjoying the countryside. People are invited to bring their Prayer Station by tying ribbons to the bicycle luggage labels. The original idea came from a who sadly lost a close friend who had been passionate about cycling.



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