

SERVICE COMMEMORATING THE PRAYER BOOK REBELLION OF 1549

**St Petroc's Church Bodmin
Saturday 17th August 3.00pm**

Please join Bodmin Old Cornwall Society and members of the 'Old Cornwall' movement in this service of commemoration

In 1549 the Church of England issued a book of common prayer in English, until then people in Cornwall spoke Cornish and had their church services in Latin. The Cornish rebelled against the new prayer book and other factors in 1549 and were defeated by the King's army.

There are 900 flags for each Cornishman who was murdered in the Clyst Heath Massacre on 17th August 1549. Altogether over 5,500 men lost their lives during this Rebellion, a large proportion of the young men of Cornwall.

The loss of life and subsequent reprisals as well as the introduction of the English Prayer Book is seen as a turning point in the Cornish language for which a bible translation was not produced.

Bodmin Old Cornwall Society welcomes other Old Cornwall Societies to this Service and to participate in a parade of banners in the Church. Refreshments will be available after the service. Bodmin Parish Church has welcomed the reinstatement of this Service so we would like to show our full support in return.