



## **An amazing exhibition at St.Martin's Church, Liskeard TREE OF LIFE + OPEN HEAVEN**

**An amazing exhibition of textiles and embroidery – normally only seen in cathedrals due to its size - is on display in St Martin's Church Liskeard. This is its first visit to Cornwall.**

The artist, Jacquie Parkinson, has had her work displayed in most of the cathedrals of England. She designed the glass screen and south door in St.Martin's.

**Now you can see two spectacular displays by her at St. Martin's on show from 28th April to 7th June. This is a rare opportunity to see her breathtaking work.**

### **A million stitches expressing God's love!**

**Tree of Life** consists of three huge stitched silk panels on a subject that runs through the bible. It took eighteen months and a million stitches!

Visitors find it moving and uplifting - and there's lots to interest children too.

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The three panels retell the story of the Garden of Eden and Adam and Eve's fall, in the first pages of the bible; the Crucifixion; and the promise of a new heaven and earth in the last pages of the Bible.



At the start of the bible, the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil stood in the Garden of Eden: Adam and Eve fatally bit into a piece of forbidden fruit. The first panel shows this part of the story. In the Garden was also the Tree of Life. It's described again at the end of the bible in the book of Revelation. This third panel depicts the scene, in a most spectacular image of a restored Garden of Eden, in a New Heaven and New Earth.

For the middle panel, Jacqui created a remarkable image of crucifixion. It uses the idea of the cross as the Tree of Life, because Jesus died to offer life over death. So the Tree of Life is presented in three key scenes, beautifully and dramatically - through astonishing stitching.

## Meet a Messiah!

**Open Heaven** is totally different, and again very dramatic and thought provoking. It's an installation, a kind of sculpture.

It's not often we are face to face with a Messiah! Jacqui Parkinson's installation aims to give you just that feeling. 'Open Heaven' has a life size figure of Christ hanging from a huge rope ladder. The idea here is of Jesus reaching towards us, inviting us to heaven, summing up the Gospel. It's very moving.



**St.Martin's Church, Church Street, Liskeard, Cornwall, PL14 3AQ**

**Tree of Life** with **Open Heaven** are on show from 28th April to 7th June, open during the week from 9 to 12 on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. Special group visits can be arranged through the Church Office - 01579 347411. See more of Jacqui's work at [www.jacqui-textile.com](http://www.jacqui-textile.com)