



KERRIER DEANERY NEWS

August 2025



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DISCOVERING GOD'S KINGDOM
GROWING THE CHURCH



St.Martin Church,
Meneage Benefice



Gweek Mission Church

DEANERY IMPLEMENTATION TEAM BRIEFING

1. At Deanery Synod on 16th July, Archdeacon Clive answered questions on the revised plan to give us a third stipendiary minister, and a youth worker. Synod members voted unanimously in favour of the revision.

We have not always been of one mind, so our unanimity was heartening. On 23rd July, three of us met with the Board for Change and Renewal, chaired by Bishop Hugh: they approved our plans, unanimously and supportively. We will now work with the Diocese so as to be able to advertise for the stipendiary post at the beginning of September.

2. Archdeacon Clive also explained and answered questions about the 'Pastoral Reorganisation', which will give us the structure of a benefice, with a Team Rector (Heidi), and a Team Vicar (Susie), and, with the revised plan, another acting Team Vicar. The reorganisation proposal has had a long period of internal consultations, and will now go out for wider public consultation.

3. A warm welcome back to Heidi. We pray that she and Phil are refreshed from a period of restoration and renewal. 'Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.'

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IMPORTANT DATE FOR YOUR DIARY



BISHOP DAVID TO VISIT KERRIER SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 7TH

The plan for the day is as follows.
He will spend the morning with United Benefice of West Kerrier.
In the afternoon all are invited to the Deanery tea and service.

8.30/9.00am (TBC) - Prayer Breakfast -

Sithney Church

10.30am -United Benefice of West Kerrier service -

Sithney Church

3.30-Bring and Share Deanery Tea

St.Mawgan Church

5PM - DEANERY SERVICE

ST.MAWGAN CHURCH

Please put this date in your diary
and come along to help give
Bishop David a warm Kerrier
welcome.

The sun shone down on Helston's Civic Parade.

Reverend Anne Newport welcomed the new Mayor of Helston Cllr Nicola Boase our church treasurer to St Michael's church on Sunday 29th June. Nicola was accompanied by the Town Clerk, Town Councillors and her family including her consort her daughter Mrs Felicity Blight. Performing in the service were St Michael's church choir and Helston Youth Band. Helston town band accompanied the Hymns.

The congregation consisted of over 200 guests, including Helston Town band who led the parade and Helston Youth Band who are the Mayor's charity. Other organisations represented by young people with their standards included: Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Scouts, Sea Scouts and ATC. It was glorious to see a well-attended parade. Other towns in west Cornwall were represented by their Mayors and Consorts. Refreshments of tea and cake followed in the Godolphin club.



St Keverne History Society presents the story of Emily Hobhouse, Cornwall's forgotten heroine, told through drama and song, at St Keverne Church, Saturday 9th August, at 7pm.

Entrance will be £5, a glass of wine included, and a warm welcome to 'one and all'.



The Good Friday
Cross on the Beach
at Coverack

Sea Sunday

There was a very good service held at Gunwalloe on Sea Sunday. Some great sea hymns (Eternal Father strong to save, Will your anchor hold? and Lead us Heavenly Father lead us o'er the world's tempestuous sea".) were sung, led by organist Andrew Woods. After the service, which included many references to the sea in the reading, the prayers and in Rev Susie's sermon, we were led behind the church to the cliff edge. After praying for all seafarers and after a few minutes of silence, Rev Susie cast the wreath into the sea. A very poignant moment.



MAWGAN CHURCH SUMMER FETE



**SATURDAY 9th AUGUST
2.00pm-4.30pm
at the Church**

*Rain or shine!
(in Church if wet)*

**STALLS, GAMES, CAKES & PRODUCE
RAFFLES AND TEAS
AND ... TOWER TUMBLES!
(remember to bring your Teddy!)**



ALL PROCEEDS TO MAWGAN CHURCH



COME AND TAKE PART IN THE 'MULLION HEART'!

Sunday 3rd August

4p.m. in the Parish Churchyard

Professional
Aerial
Photography from
Duncan Scobie

Wear
something RED/
BRIGHT
and bring an
umbrella!

Come and help form a human, heart-shaped chain around the Parish Church and pose for a historic aerial photograph and video! Help us celebrate over 750 years of history at the centre of our village. At least 120 volunteers required - families welcome.

Floral Memories - a celebration of Country Gardens

Mullion Church - August 1 - 3

Everyone is invited to bring a vase of flowers (or even weeds) from their garden. If you like, you can bring them in memory of a loved one or even accompany them with a photo of your garden. The idea is to fill Mullion Church with flowers from our Country Gardens.

Flowers may be brought to the church in a vase from Thursday afternoon (July 31) onwards. The earlier on in the celebration the better, then more people will be able to appreciate them.

The event is inspired by a verse of a poem by Dorothy Frances Gurney

The kiss of the sun for pardon
The song of the birds for mirth
One is nearer God's heart in a garden
Than anywhere else on earth

Floral Memories - a celebration of Country Gardens

Timetable of events

Friday August 1 - 10am - 6pm

Refreshments available all day.

At 6pm there will be a glass of Pimms available while the St. Mellanus Singers perform Floral Songs!

Saturday August 2 - 10am - 4pm

Refreshments available all day.

Guided tours of the Church

Sunday August 3

10 - 11am - Service of Celebration of Country Gardens

12 noon - 4pm - refreshments will be available

3pm Wild Church will take place in the Churchyard

At 4pm we hope as many people as possible will come to the Churchyard dressed in red, so we may form a red heart all around our church - an aerial photo will then be taken



Our exhibition will close with a repeat of the Pimms and floral songs at 4.30pm

Entry to the event will be free, any donations will go towards a massive piece of renovation work that we must do - repointing the outside of the building and installing new drainage to solve damp inside the church.

Invitation to join us for Lammas Lunch

On Sunday 3rd August our United Benefice Service will be at St Germoe Church followed by Lammas Lunch in the Church Hall.

Traditionally at Germoe, Lammas Lunch comprises bread and a selection of cheeses and fruit, with a glass of cider or apple juice.

We hope you will all join us



For catering purposes do please let us know if you would like to stay for lunch or if you have any food intolerances.

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Lammastide is a Christian Harvest Festival celebration on August 1st. It marks the blessing of the first fruits of the harvest, with a loaf of bread made from the newly harvested grain often brought to church. The name Lammastide comes from the Old English “half-maesse” meaning “loaf mass”, referencing the Eucharist and the first loaves of the season.



1 Corinthians: Paul's teaching then and now Rev. Dr Robert Evans

I plan to lead another series of sessions on New Testament theology and discipleship. The focus will be 1 Corinthians which offers so many issues that mattered then and that matter now: leadership and worship, spiritual gifts, divisions within congregations, the Eucharist, questions about marriage, questions about resurrection etc. Like the series last year, these are for anyone who wants to deepen their understanding and refresh their engagement with Scripture.

They will be held in the lovely Degibna Prayer Chapel, fortnightly on Wednesdays, 3pm–4.30, on these dates: September 10, September 24, October 8, October 22, November 5, November 19. (If we choose, we can add December 3.) Degibna Chapel (TR12 7PR) benefits from a free National Trust carpark, access ramps at the door when required, comfortable seating, heating, a WC.

To set up the sessions, I need to know who plans to come. Please email me message4revans@outlook.com as soon as you like but before the end of August. I can answer any questions you have, and keep in contact with everyone. You need not commit to being able to attend all sessions, but it is, of course, easier to attend and then stop, than it is to join in after missing the first sessions.

St Bartholomew's Church Porthleven



On Saturday 16 August 2025 the Porthleven Community are celebrating 200 years of our Harbour, built where previously there was a marshy valley. The increase of the population of the village following the building of the harbour prompted calls for Porthleven to have its own Anglican Parish Church and the building work started in 1839.

We welcome all to Porthleven and include a visit St Bart's between 10.00am and 3.30pm where you can view the Church interior, browse photos of St Bart's and people past and present then enjoy a cup of coffee or tea and a piece of cake and delight in the live performances by *Bagas Crowd* Cornish Folk Tunes at 12 noon and 2.00pm for which there is no charge

Esther Brown and Mike Horne, Churchwardens

**Celebrate 200 Years
of Porthleven's Harbour!**
at St Bartholomew's Church
Church Row
Porthleven



August 16 10.00am - 3.30pm

Join us at St Bart's as we mark **two centuries** since the construction of our beloved harbour, transforming what was once a marshy valley into the heart of our village!

- Explore the beautiful interior of St Bartholomew's Church
- Enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and a slice of cake
- Browse fascinating photographs of past and present residents

Delight in live performances by Bagas Crowd
— Cornish Folk Tunes at 12 noon & 2.00pm
— Free of charge



All ages are welcome — come celebrate our history and community.

26 members of the congregations of the UBWK gathered on 19th July for a coffee morning at Breage Vicarage with Rev'd Anne. Many thanks to Kim and Lucy for their help, and to all who provided cakes



WILD CHURCH - ST GERMOE - 19 JULY 2025

On Saturday the 19th of July, we gathered for our July session of Germoe Wild Church, "God's Garden".



We started the session by searching for signs of life in the churchyard, whilst collecting organic material to build the BUG hotel.

Susie then told the captivating story of how the world was created. She used a felt backdrop, wooden figurines and various ephemera as visual cues which the children loved investigating.



Another activity the children relished was decorating compostable pots and planting seeds with the opportunity to pray to God for good to grow in their lives.

The BUG hotel was looking really effective by the end of the session and it will continue to grow and evolve through the seasons.

As the session came to a close, we toasted marshmallows over the firepit as well as enjoying a feast of delicious homemade cake and hot chocolate.

Gunwalloe Year 6 Beach Day

On the last Friday of the school year, we welcomed 55 primary school leavers from The Lizard to St. Winwaloe Church in order to mark their transition to Mullion Secondary School. I am indebted to all those who came to help and we were blessed with beautiful weather. The children gathered together in the ancient church and were able to reflect on the other changes people have experienced during their lives in that sacred place.

We played water games, skittles and enjoyed home made cakes and biscuits but also had time to reflect on more significant things. Rev Susie led them through a labyrinth where their worries were metaphorically eradicated in a central firepit and later she blessed stones with hopes and prayers written on them. We challenged them with making compassionate decisions about dilemmas that might face them in their secondary school years.

It was worthwhile and enjoyable but demanding so many thanks to the 8 helpers who definitely earned a good night's sleep. We hope to run it again next year with all the schools attending but thanks to Mullion, Grade Ruan, St. Keverne, Coverack, Mannacan and Wendron for enabling their Year 6 children to come.



Susie, Sarah, Kim, Joan, Clare,
Mary, Henrietta and the dog, Meg.

Meneage Messenger helps keep the Cornwall Air Ambulance flying!

A cheque for £1000 from The Meneage Messenger was presented to Cornwall Air Ambulance at the charity's Helifest event which was held in the grounds of Scorrier House, Redruth on Saturday 19th July. The Meneage Messenger is a long established, monthly community magazine containing news and information relevant to the local parishes of Manaccan, Mawgan, St Anthony, St Martin and more recently St Keverne with Coverack. Editorial duties are shared between Prue Towner, Mary Harris and Jane Horwood, and they, together with the chair of meetings Andrew Woods, handed over the cheque to two of the ambulance crew.

Helifest celebrates the work of not only the Cornwall Air Ambulance but also other frontline services including Cornwall Blood Bikes, the RNLI, HM Coastguard, West Cornwall Search & Rescue, the Police, the British Army, the NHS, and Cornwall Fire & Rescue Service. This year's event was extra special with the arrival of Cornwall Air Ambulance's brand new second helicopter, and queues quickly formed as people were eager to take a close up look at both the inside and outside of the helicopter.



Revd Anne's Theological Book Club



Our next book is John Pritchard 'Living Faithfully'. This book explores how we can integrate our faith into daily life. The book is readily available second hand on the internet. The meetings to discuss this will be 7th August at 7.30pm and 8th August at 2pm. All are welcome. I have 2 spare copies at £4 each.

Helston & The Lizard
foodbank
FOOD SHORTAGE PLEASE

August 2025

Long life fruit juice	Long life milk
Tins of fruit	Tins of peas
Tins of tomatoes	Small tins of cold meat
Instant mashed potato	
Tins of rice pudding	Tins of custard
Small boxes of tea-bags	Small jars of coffee

Drop-off point: **ms** Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays 10am - 2pm
mustard seed

or donate at: **Sainsbury's**
Store Ruan Minor Store
£ poundstretcher
mustard seed

Thank you
Registered Charity Number 1127110

Home Group at Breage Vicarage



Several people have mentioned to me that they would like me to start a home group. I would envisage it being held fortnightly on a Thursday evening 7.30pm at Breage Vicarage. If anyone would like to be involved, please could you email me. Once we have, say, six people interested, we can get this underway.
Every blessing, Anne
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Thank you to Reader Becca for this months Deanery Prayers



I was talking to a member of our congregation about the madness that seems to be going on globally. And we reflected that it can be hard to know what to do in response. We so often feel helpless, hopeless and defeated. How can one person have any impact against conflict and the effects of climate change?

But we are not on our own. God is always with us, and we have each other. When we pray in faith, God both hears us and speaks to us. He wants to hear our petitions. As we read this newsletter we come together as one voice, praying for the same things. God knows all and is in all. He sees the big picture of a world in chaos and at the same time he sees us and knows us intimately in our individual daily lives.

So, let us join together as we pray,

Almighty God, we come before you with heavy hearts, seeking your comfort and peace in the midst of chaos and turmoil. We pray for an end to violence and hatred, both within our communities, and nationwide.

We ask for your guidance and wisdom to lead us towards reconciliation and understanding of each other. Bring calm where there is conflict, hope where there is despair, and love where there is hatred.

We know that you are the source of peace, and that it is only through your grace that true peace can be achieved. Fill our hearts with your love and compassion, so that others will see your presence shine through our actions and our words.

We pray for our leaders, that they may be guided by your wisdom and compassion in the decisions they make. That they may work tirelessly towards a world where all people can live in harmony with one another. Help them see the world from all perspectives and not solely from their own.

As we reach out to those who are suffering, help us to listen with empathy and understanding and offer comfort and support where it is needed. Give us the courage to go out in your name, as peacemakers in a broken, fractured world.

We ask for a peaceful and united world. And an end to suffering and violence.

We offer these prayers in the name of your own Son, the Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ. Amen.

I will be holding a silent vigil for peace, every Thursday afternoon from 4pm to 5pm. Please join with me in person at the Parish Church in St Keverne, or pray with me wherever you are. With love and blessings,
Becca.