

## **KERRIER DEANERY NEWS**



### November 2025

Congratulations to Kirsten and Jamie on the birth of their beautiful baby boy, Perran.



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### DEANERY BRIEFING

The advertisement is published for our new stipendiary post – with responsibility for developing pastoral work.

With the integration of that work, our strategic priorities for growth look like this:

- 1. Lay Ministry
- $\cdot$  We will foster discipleship, and train lay leaders.
- · We will train teams of pastoral workers.
- · We will train lay pioneers and assistants in work with schools.
- 2. Mission and Outreach
- $\cdot$  Within our congregations, we will help each other to live our faith and to express our faith.
- · Beyond our congregations, we will use chiefly the approaches of Pioneer Ministry.
- · 'Across the threshold', we will offer the hospitality of our churches to the community and to strangers.
- 3. Children and Families
- · Children and families are the main focus of current Pioneer activities.
- · They are one focus of our Hospitality strategy.
- Our Baptism Policy is designed to connect families with the faith community.



#### **Helston Chamber Choir sings MOZART**

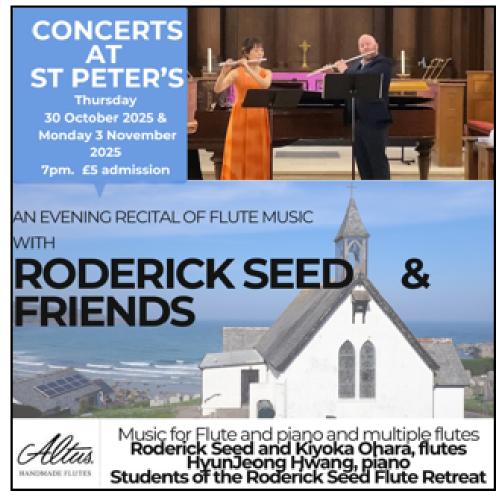
Rehearsals are well under way for Helston Chamber Choir's winter concert which this time is an all Mozart programme.

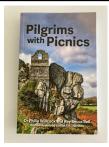
The main work being performed is the famous 'Requiem', together with 'Laudate Dominum' from the 'Vespers', the 'Gloria' from the 'Coronation Mass' and the well known and beautiful 'Ave Verum Corpus'. These shorter pieces were part of the Choir's 'Come and Sing 'event at Helston Old Chapel in the summer.

The choir, which includes singers from Helston and a large surrounding area will be joined by an orchestra and soloists. In addition, Charlotte Osman will perform Mozart's Flute Concerto in D.

The concert will take place on Saturday 29th November at 7.30pm in St. Michael's Church, Helston. Tickets are £15.00 each (including refreshments) and as usual admission for students and under 18s is free. Tickets are available from The Helston Bookshop, 77 Meneage Street and from Choir members.

Further information about the choir can be found at www.helstonchamberchoir.org





May we please draw your attention, once again, to St Germoe's great project: Pilgrims with Picnics. All our own work and whole purchase price £12.00 goes to St Germoe. 28 glorious days out across Cornwall and Scilly, taking you to gorgeous, seldom-visited and fascinating churches. Great picnic venues for each day and thoughts and prayers for each day. Great presents, fits in an anorak or the car's glove box. Only available from Phil Shute on 07776 088 441 or pshute@aol.com. Add £3.00 p&p but locally most are deliverable by hand.



Table sauces - ketchup, brown sauce etc.

Jars of jam

Small boxes of tea-bags

Small jars of coffee

Sponge puddings

Tins of potatoes Mashed potato

**Tinned peas** 



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Mullion Church Poppy Diusplay
She Dunn has very kindly organised our poppy appeal again this year, and lovely volunteers from our Mullion community have helped knit/crochet more poppies for the VE Remembrance displays.

Our special thanks go to Sarah and Nicola Kew who produced both door designs.









### **Taylor Swift comes to St Grade!**

It was such a wonderful surprise to welcome Taylor Swift to the Pet Service at St Grade Church on Sunday 5th October. However, rather than Ms Swift wearing an outfit by Versace, Stella McCartney or Ralph Lauren, she actually came in her birthday suit! Revd Deirdre, who led the service, explains: "'Taylor Swift' was, in fact a 20-year-old tortoise – the first tortoise to come to this our Annual Pet Service, which has been held in St Grade Church since 2011."' 'Swift' - by name but not by nature - joined other pets: lots of dogs and a (very relaxed) cat to mark both the Feast of St Francis and Animal Welfare Sunday.

Throughout the service there was a notably stilled hush from the pets (and their people) – almost as if St Francis himself was present and asking them to be still and listen to the word of God. Each one of the pets remained perfectly still as they received a blessing. There were no growls, hisses or bites (well yes, there was the occasional exuberant 'bounce'!).

After the service, there was the usual opportunity for a group photo, but unfortunately the celebrity - a very shy 'Taylor Swift' - had retreated into her shell and was not available for a photo shoot.







### **Advent and Christmas**





'An Lysardh Christmas Choir' Candlelit Carol Service St Corentyn Parish Church, Cury Monday 15th December at 7pm

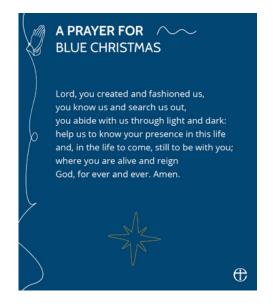


Singers from across the area are joining together again to form 'An Lysardh Christmas Choir' (conducted by Andrew Woods) for a traditional candlelit 'Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols' at St Corentyn Parish Church, Cury on Monday 16th December at 7pm. Since the inaugural service in 2015 at Trelowarren Chapel, the choir has sung at a number of local churches. This year the retiring collection will be for church funds and St Petrocs. Everyone is welcome at the service and refreshments will be available afterwards. Further details will be published in the December edition of the Kerrier Deanery News.

Blue Christmas Service St Mawgan in Meneage Church Saturday 20th December @3pm.

This service is for those who may be suffering from loss, loneliness and anyone who may struggle during the Christmas Season.

A chance to reflect, remember and find a sense of peace



# <u>Thank you to Reader Claire Thomson for this months Deanery</u> <u>Prayers</u>



Heavenly Father, as we enter the month of November, we first of all bring to mind that these coming days are a time of remembrance.

All Saints Day reminds us of those who have gone before us in faith- not as perfect people, but as witnesses reflecting the grace of God. We thank you Father for happy memories and the reassurance of eternal life.

Remembrance Sunday is a time for us to pray for those who have suffered as a result of conflict, we ask that God may give us all peace. We pray for all who have died in the violence of war, each one remembered by and known to God. We pray for the peacemakers and the resolution of conflicts throughout the world.

Our hearts are full of gratitude for the area in which we live. As we look around our Deanery from the rugged cliffs around the Lizard, to the tranquillity of the Helford River on a crisp Autumn day and then onto the hustle and bustle of Helston and Porthleven; the peaceful hamlets around our area from Germoe; Gweek to Gillan to name but a few. To the sight of the fishing boats in the harbours and coves around our area, safe from the winter storms.

Thank you for the beauty and peace of this place - Your gift to us. Help us to be responsible custodians of your land, relying on the gifts you have bestowed upon us all.

Thank you for the changing seasons which remind us of Your faithfulness, and for the opportunities that lie ahead. As we journey on through the final weeks of the year help us let go of our burdens, focus on the blessings which God endows and embrace the Holiness of His joy and love. We are grateful for the gift of faith, for the hope that sustains us, and for your abiding presence. As we journey through November and beyond, may our hearts overflow with thankfulness for your unwavering love and grace.

Amen.

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