

December 2025

Dear friends,

For many reasons it has been another challenging year, and I want to thank you all for your hard work and support. It is humbling to see the passion and enthusiasm which exists in our church communities. I want to encourage you to stay strong in the faith, to remember that the God who calls us is faithful, and I am convinced that he is working his purposes out for us here in Kerrier Deanery. So, as we prepare to once again celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, I pray you will know the peace and joy of our infant King in your hearts this Christmastide.

With my love and prayers, Heidi



DEANERY BRIEFING

The Deanery Briefing this month is a message from Heidi:

I am sharing the difficult news that there have been no applicants for our recent advertisement for a third stipendiary minister. It is sad news, but we will readvertise in January. I don't know why it is, but a lot of jobs are filled on the second time of asking. We have got to have the right person and maybe that person isn't free just yet. I encourage you not to give up hope. The God who calls us is faithful. We will all be learning important lessons during this time of waiting and perseverance: God doesn't waste anything. As Paul wrote, "Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer" (Romans 12:12). With my love, thanks and prayers, Heidi.



Christmas in Kerrier

Christmas Services

Christmas Eve

3pm Manaccan - Family Carols
3pm St.Keverne - Christingle
3pm Germoe - Crib Service
3pm St.Michael's, Helston - Christingle
4pm St.Wynwallow, The Lizard - Christingle
4pm Wendron - Crib Service
6pm St.Keverne - Carols around the tree
6pm Germoe - Carol Service
6pm Cury - Carol Service
7pm Sithney - First Mass of Christmas
8.30pm Gunwalloe - Holy Communion
11.30pm St.Mawgan - Midnight Mass
11.30pm St.Peter's, Coverack - Midnight mass
11.30pm Breage - Midnight Mass
11.30pm St.Michael's, Helston - Midnight Mass

Christmas Day

8.30am St.Anthony - Holy Communion
9.30am Germoe - Holy Communion
9.30am St.Michael's, Helston - Holy Communion
10am St.Wynwallow, The Lizard - Holy Communion
10am St.Keverne - Holy Communion
10am St.Peter's, Coverack - Morning Worship
10am Mullion - Holy Communion
10am Porthleven - Crib Service/Family Christmas Celebration
10.30am St.Martin - Holy Communion

December 28th

9.30am Porthleven - Holy Communion
9.30am St.Michael's, Helston - Holy Communion
10am Mullion - Holy Communion
11am St.Martin - Matins
11.15am Manaccan - Holy Communion
11.15am Breage - Service of the Word
3pm St.Anthony - Nine Lessons + Carols



**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**



A PRAYER FOR BLUE CHRISTMAS

Lord, you created and fashioned us,
you know us and search us out,
you abide with us through light and dark:
help us to know your presence in this life
and, in the life to come, still to be with you;
where you are alive and reign
God, for ever and ever. Amen.



MAWGAN CHURCH

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR SATURDAY 6th DECEMBER

2pm MAWGAN CHURCH

Cakes: Stalls:
Raffles: Teas:
Arts & Crafts:
Tombola:
Children's Games:

and ...

*Suzanne Furness will
be signing copies of
her new book*

*"The Accidental
Adventures of Jack Potts"*

*Plus special appearance
by Santa and his Elf!*



ALL PROCEEDS TO MAWGAN CHURCH



SATURDAY 13th DECEMBER

CAROLS WITH GWEK BAND

at 4.30pm

in MAWGAN CHURCH

PLUS MULLED WINE AND MINCE PIES

ALL WELCOME



'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 15th December at 7pm. Since the inaugural service in 2015 at Trelowarren Chapel, the choir has sung at carol services at a number of local churches over the years. There will be a retiring collection for church funds and St Petrocs. Refreshments (mulled wine, fruit juice and mince pies) will be available after the service. Cury Parish Church is located just off the road (opposite the school) in the centre of Cury village. TR12 7BW
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Everyone is welcome to join us for the service!
Andrew Woods



Helston & The Lizard
foodbank

December 2025

FOOD SHORTAGE PLEASE

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Small tins of cold meat - ham, corned beef etc.
Instant mashed potato Jars of pasta sauce
Crisps Tins of veg.
Tins of custard Tins of rice pudding
Tins of fruit Sponge puddings
Small boxes of teabags Small jars of coffee

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

or donate at: **Sainsbury's**
the store m **Ruan Minor Store**
poundstretcher **LIDL** **Mullion**
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Will Keating
& Special Guests
Winter Candlelit Concert Tour 2025

St Peter's Church
Coverack

Thursday 11th December 2025
7pm
Tickets £12

www.willkeatingcornwall.com/tickets

Including guest musicians - John Dowling on banjo + Ben Sutcliffe on fiddle

Mothers' UNION

 Christmas is coming! 
Wednesday December 10th 2.30 pm

ADVENT CAROL SERVICE

You are warmly invited to celebrate
Advent with the Mothers' Union.

Favourite carols, candles round the crib,
and refreshments afterwards.

Truro Cathedral. Free entry. All welcome.



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JOY

'Where do I find joy at Christmas?
*Of course, in the birth of Jesus ...
But also in the other stuff ...
The tree. The presents. THE FOOD ... '*

Join **Nicholas Papadopoulos**,
Dean of Salisbury, for daily meditations
on **Twelve Joys of Christmas**
between Christmas Day and 5 January.
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REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR - HELSTON & LIZARD FOODBANK

Helston and Lizard Foodbank were so delighted to receive food and household items from Kerrier Deanery Churches in early January 2025, that they asked if we would like to repeat the same Reverse Advent Calendar for **delivery** in January **2026**, when their supplies are running seriously low. Twenty-four bags individually labelled 1-24 with the item required on each, could be placed in your church where anyone can donate. Each week a list should be sent out with the items wanted. Alternatively, people can collect their own bags of the listed items and deliver these to a collection point in their church. Then when all 24 bags have been filled, all supplies should be delivered to the Foodbank in Helston in early January.





Reverse Advent Calendar

Please put aside one item each day for 24 days in December and then donate to Helston & The Lizard foodbank in January.
Thank you!

1 Tinned soup	2 Shampoo	3 Tinned meat	4 Tinned tomatoes	5 Rice	6 Deodorant
7 Packet of biscuits	8 Washing-up liquid	9 Tinned fish	10 Small jars of coffee	11 Jam / honey / peanut butter	12 Breakfast cereal
13 Packs of 40 or 80 tea bags	14 Sponge puddings	15 Long-life fruit juice	16 Instant mash potatoes	17 Tinned vegetables	18 Cooking sauces
19 Tinned potatoes	20 Soap / shower gel	21 Toilet rolls	22 Rice pudding	23 UHT long-life milk	24 Tinned fruit



CHRISTMAS HAMPER APPEAL



**PLEASE INCLUDE ITEMS THAT ARE
FREE FROM GLUTEN, DAIRY & NUTS**


cranberry/apple sauce

tinned veg	Christmas pudding
stuffing mix	custard
gravy mix	cakes
bread sauce mix	biscuits
crisps	non-alcoholic drinks

Please check the best before dates

Donate at:-
TESCO **Sainsbury's** 
poundstretcher  **Mullion**

The Store Ruan Minor
 Gweek Village Stores
 Coverack Village Stores
 Mawgan Stores
 The Shipyard Market Porthleven

 **Mondays, Wednesdays
& Fridays 10am - 2pm**

Please donate by
19th December
Thank you


 www.mustardseedcharity.org.uk
 Registered Charity Number 1127110

Sithney School Visit to church - The Jesse Tree

On Tuesday 25th November Years 1 and 2 from Sithney School visited Sithney Church to find out about what we do in Advent as we prepare for Christmas.

We talked about the colour of the Altar frontal and the colours of the Advent candles.

Esther explained that each week we light another candle as we count down to Christmas; on the third Sunday it is the pink one and the white one at Christmas.

The verses of the hymn we sing as we light the candle remind us of: - all God's people, the prophets, John the Baptist, Mary, and then Jesus on Christmas Day. The children explored the church looking for the items we had talked about, and Lucy showed them the crib.

As a concluding activity they coloured in printed pictures to make a Jesse Tree.

Esther explained that this was like an Advent calendar and told the story of the Bible from creation to the birth of Jesus. Sets of numbered pictures were provided for the children to take home so they could colour one each day and build a Jesse tree to count down the days to Christmas.

The tree is displayed near the Altar in the side chapel as part of our Advent decorations.



LANTERN MAKING WORKSHOPS

IN MULLION PARISH CHURCH

25 November at Tea & Toast 3.30 - 5pm
for 11-16 yrs. olds and younger children accompanied by an adult

26 November at 10 - 1130am
for everyone

Come & make a Lantern to be used at the Mullion Village Light Procession on 6 December immediately after the Christingle Service meet in Churchyard at 5.30pm

Christmas Wreath demo + last LANTERN MAKING WORKSHOP

29 November at 2 - 4pm



Some of the beautiful lanterns made at the workshop.



NOVEMBER 11TH 2025



**They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old.
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun, and in the morning
We will remember them.**



Despite adverse weather warnings, a hardy band of parishioners from Balwest and Germoe trekked to the summit of Tregonning Hill and the Germoe War Memorial. At the eleventh hour an Act of Remembrance was led by our Reader, Kim Dooley and terminated with the reading of the names of the "Fallen" and singing of the National Anthem.



BREAGE CHURCH – REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

This was the first time in many years that the Remembrance Service had to be held in the Church, and not at the War Memorial, because of the appalling weather.

Reverend Robert Evans pictured here with the standards from the Royal British Legion, The Royal Naval Association and the Association of Wrens, led the service with the hymns being played by Breage Brass Band and Trefor on the organ.

The most important point is that we remembered those whose lives were lost in the two world wars. Let's hope for good weather next year and the veterans will be able to march to the church once more led by the band and standards – a very moving sight.

CAROL SERVICES

IT IS TRADITIONAL FOR THOSE WHO ATTEND CLERGY GATHERINGS TO DISPLAY THE NUMBER OF CAROL SERVICES THEY EXPECT TO TAKE THIS YEAR



THOSE WITH SINGLE DIGIT FIGURES ARE FROWNED-UPON MERCILESSLY

Thank you to Revd Anne for this months Deanery Prayers



Dear Lord as we once again approach the stable in Bethlehem this year, help us to pause outside, only there, God has left for us if we look closely, a great big rubbish bin.

Help us Lord to stop right there and to offload all the burdens we are carrying, the worries, the hatreds, the jealousy, the unkindness, the envy.

Help us Lord to drop it all in the bin so that we might enter that stable with new and clean hearts, so that we might be in a fit state to view the innocent babe.

'What can I give him poor as I am,

If I were a shepherd I would bring a lamb,

If I were a wise man I would do my part

Yet what I can I give him – give him my heart'

As we leave the stable Lord, help us only to pick up what we must, and leave the rest with God. That way Lord, we might just receive the peace that is beyond all understanding.

We pray at this time for all who feel their burdens are just too much to carry. We remember particularly families in trouble where there will be no peace this Christmas, and all those with mental health issues, praying that they might receive the help they need.

We remember those around the world living in war zones, with no food, clean water and shelter, those homeless in this country, and we thank God for all the many charities who are working throughout the world to care for others.

Help us Lord to dig deep into our pockets this Christmas to support these charities.

Help us to remember Lord that Jesus wants our presence, not our presents, so help us to seek out the lost and lonely who might be home alone this Christmas, and to give them that hospitality that Jesus offers to us every day.

Above all Lord we pray for peace for ourselves, for those we love and for those we don't yet know.

Amen

Please send your Good news stories or information about events you would like to be included in the January Newsletter by Sat Jan 3rd to kerrierdeaneryoffice@gmail.com
Thank you