

## **KERRIER DEANERY NEWS**

# DIOCESE OF TRURO DISCOVERING GOD'S KINGDOM GROWING THE CHURCH

### 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

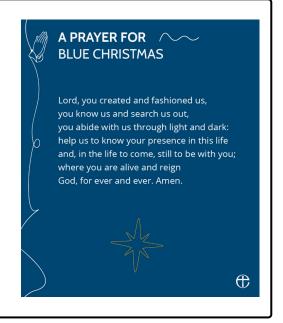
3pm St.Anthony - Nine Lessons + Carols



# 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



# 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 GWEEK BAND at 4.30pm in MAWGAN CHURCH

PLUS MULLED WINE AND MINCE PIES

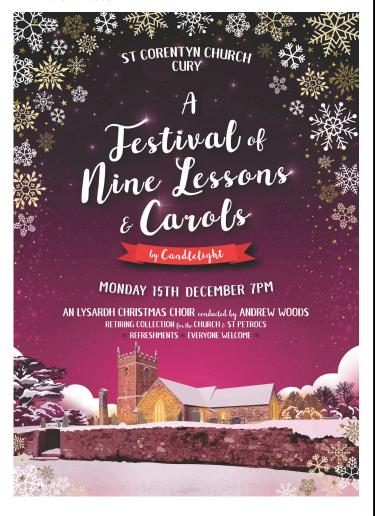
ALL WELCOME





'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 What3Words - ///maps.freely.consoled Everyone is welcome to join us for the service! Andrew Woods







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





#### 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.





#### <u>Sithney School Visit to church - The Jesse Tree</u>



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.





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 trecked 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.

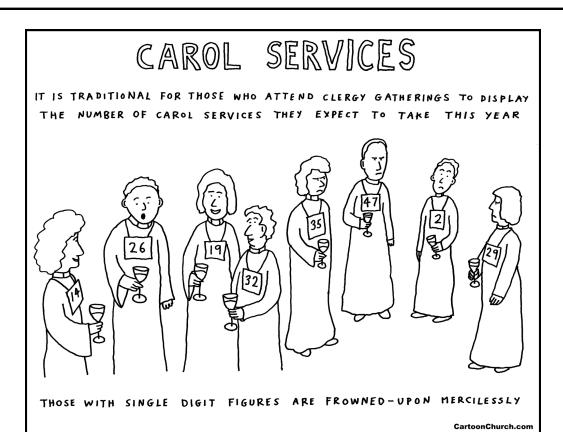




BREAGE CHURCH - REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY This was the first time in many years that the Remembrance Service had to be held in the Church, and not at the War Memorial, because of the appalling weather.

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.



#### 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 <u>Sat Jan 3rd</u> to kerrierdeaneryoffice@gmail.com Thank you