

## The Benefice of Lann Pydar

St Columb, St Enoder, St Ervan, St Eval and St Mawgan



# Welcome

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2025

Fourth Sunday of Advent



Helen, David and all of the Lann Pydar team would like to wish you all a Blessed Christmas time and a Happy New Year. May we demonstrate and grow in God's love together in 2026.

## Our Services for the week ahead

### Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December

9:00am St Mawgan Morning Prayer

### Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas Eve

4:00pm	St Mawgan	Crib Service
6:00pm	St Enoder	Crib Service
6:00pm	St Ervan	Christmas Eve Communion
9:00pm	St Columb	Christmas Eve Communion
9:00pm	St Enoder	Christmas Eve Communion
11:30pm	St Mawgan	Midnight Mass

### Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas Day

8:00am	St Columb	BCP Communion
9:30am	Porth Beach	Carols on the beach
10:00am	St Eval	All Age Communion

## Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> December

9:30am St Enoder Benefice Communion

We continue to make Morning Prayer available online on Facebook: [facebook.com/lannpydarchurches](https://facebook.com/lannpydarchurches)

Our website is: <https://www.lannpydar.org.uk>

Churches in Lann Pydar YouTube channel:

[youtube.com/channel/UChRCoUqZtaXaLTqB8x9giw](https://youtube.com/channel/UChRCoUqZtaXaLTqB8x9giw)

## We remember all those who need our prayers...

We pray for...



Our Diocesan and Deanery Ministry Teams: Bishop David, Bishop Hugh, Archdeacon Clive and Revd. Helen Baber.

The Newquay Area Debt Centre and its Manager Bekah.

Our Worship Team: Helen (Rector); David (Curate); Lydia (Ordinand); Phil (Lay Minister); Alison, Andrew, Angela, Bryan and Mary (Assistant Priests); Kat, Jackie, Margaret and Ros (Worship Leaders).

Our Benefice and Churchwardens: as we work together with our Deanery and across our Diocese.

We pray for and celebrate with Alberto Rodriguez Fuentes and Amanda Harris who will be married at St Columb Church tomorrow.

We also remember those who are bereaved at this time, thinking of the family and friends of John Bennallick.

Years Mind: John Matthews, Lyn Miller, Barbara Wright, Ivan Powell, Peter Bristow and Malcolm Burley.

If you know of anyone needing prayer or pastoral care, please phone the Benefice Office on 01637 880252 or email [lannpydar@gmail.com](mailto:lannpydar@gmail.com). Please send any information for the Welcome from your parishes by 9:00am on Tuesday.

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## Announcement – Revd. David Smith

The Bishop of Truro, the Rt. Revd. David Williams is pleased to announce that the Revd. David Wesley Smith, at present Assistant Curate of the Benefice of Lann Pydar in the Diocese of Truro, is to be Priest in Charge with oversight responsibilities of the Benefice of All Saints Highertown & Baldhu in the Diocese of Truro. This is conditional on successful completion of all curacy requirements and on legal formalities being completed.

He will be licensed at a place and on a date to be arranged.

## TODAY: St Mawgan Community Carols Event

Come and join in the Carol singing led by the St Dennis band, the school and pop-up singers on **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 6:00pm at St Mawgan Church**. The Eccentric Gentleman will be doing the hot chocolate, mulled wine and mince pies and Santa will be there too! All profits to charity.

## Advent and Christmas Angels

Come and see the angels at St Columb Church - a sign of hope, peace, joy and love. Everyone is invited to make or contribute an angel and leave them in **St Columb church (open 10:00am to 4:00pm daily)**. For further details see posters or contact De Tremain ([stcolumbpcc@gmail.com](mailto:stcolumbpcc@gmail.com)).

## Christmas Open House

Pop along to the Rectory between 10:00am and 12:00noon on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December for tea, coffee, mince pies and a chat with Helen.

## Contemplative Prayer Group

New for 2026, used to be Julian meeting! This will be held on **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January at 7:00pm at the Rectory**. Come and meet for meditation, contemplative prayer and silence with God.

## Just Be

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> January at 2:00pm in the Vyvyan Room at the Columba Centre.**

Come along for tea, coffee and cake, bring a craft if you would like to, and just be.



## Messy Church

Our next Messy Church will be held **on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> January at 2:00pm at St Columb Church**. Messy Church is a way of being church for children, their families and everyone! It's based on creativity, hospitality and celebration! If you've not been yet just pop along and see what we do! It's such great fun!

## Foodbank

We're asking you to **consider supporting Foodbank by leaving your donations of food in our churches**. These will go to those in our communities who are facing hunger. Together we can make sure no one locally goes hungry in the cold months to come.

## Safeguarding

The Benefice of Lann Pydar takes the safeguarding of those who attend and visit our churches seriously. If you have any concerns or would like to talk to someone, please see our posters in all our churches for contact details, or contact Helen, the Rector, or Jackie Oglethorpe (07811 958851, [jackie.oglethorpe@gmail.com](mailto:jackie.oglethorpe@gmail.com)), the Benefice Safeguarding Officer.

## Next week's Readings

Isaiah 63:7-9, Psalm 148,  
Hebrews 2:10-18 and Matthew 2:13-23



## Old Testament: Isaiah 7:10-16

The LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test. Then Isaiah said: 'Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.

## Psalm: Psalm 80:1-8,18-20

Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, you that led Joseph like a flock;  
**Shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim, before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh.**  
Stir up your mighty strength and come to our salvation.  
**Turn us again, O God; show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.**

O Lord God of hosts,  
how long will you be angry at your people's prayer?  
**You feed them with the bread of tears;  
you give them abundance of tears to drink.**  
You have made us the derision of our neighbours,  
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.  
**Turn us again, O God of hosts; show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.**  
Let your hand be upon the man at your right hand,  
the son of man you made so strong for yourself.  
**And so will we not go back from you;  
give us life, and we shall call upon your name.**  
Turn us again, O Lord God of hosts;  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

## New Testament Reading: Romans 1:1-7

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord. Through Christ we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

## Gospel Reading: Matthew 1:18-25

The birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the

Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.' All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel', which means, 'God is with us.' When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

## Collect

Eternal God,  
as Mary waited for the birth of your Son,  
so we wait for his coming in glory;  
bring us through the birth pangs of this present age  
to see, with her, our great salvation  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

## Prayer Response

We call on your name, O God:  
**restore us and revive us.** *and at the end...*  
**Merciful Father, accept these prayers, for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen**

## Post Communion Prayer

Heavenly Father,  
who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary  
to be the mother of the promised saviour:  
fill us your servants with your grace,  
that in all things we may embrace your holy will  
and with her rejoice in your salvation;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

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