

April 2026



*Wishing you all the peace, joy and hope
of our risen Lord
With our love and prayers,
Heidi and Phil*

DEANERY BRIEFING

1. In the wider family, there are two appointments in the Diocese. Revd Dr Helen Williams will be Archdeacon of Bodmin, meaning that our Archdeacon Clive won't be working across two archdeaconries, and will be supporting us as before. Revd James Treasure is to be Suffragan Bishop of St Germans, sharing Bishop David's load. We pray for David and James, Helen and Clive.

2. In the Deanery, our news is that we have to labour on still very understaffed, without immediate new appointments. Both our third stipendiary role and our House for Duty role, unfilled, will be readvertised. We are also developing plans for the proposed schools and families post with advice from the Diocese. Meanwhile, the faithful persistence of your work in the parishes, already accompanied in places by fresh shoots and new outreach, awaits these shared resources. So we pray for each other as we journey in faith, hope and love

3. The hearing for the Proposed Pastoral Scheme for the Kerrier Team Ministry is scheduled for 13th May in Falmouth, and those who sent representations have been informed, and asked if they wish to attend. There will be no announcement of the decision on the day: once a decision has been reached, a 'Statement of Reasons' will be prepared and published 'at a later date'.

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

Grace and peace to you this Easter.

This is my first Easter as your Bishop. Thank you for the gracious welcome you gave, but much more so for the faith of the church across Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly - it has been a privilege to visit many of you over the last year. On Maundy Thursday I am inviting all clergy and LLMs to reaffirm their baptismal vows and ordination promises at Truro Cathedral at 10.30am. There is a warm invitation for any who would like to gather that day with me. On Easter Eve I will be baptising and Confirming candidates in Truro Cathedral, do speak to your priest if this is something you would like to take part in.

This season of Lent takes us to the oldest and truest story of hope the world has ever known. We will arrive at the great three days - at the shadow of the Cross and the dawning of the empty tomb - and we find ourselves standing within the oldest and truest story of hope the world has ever known.

On Good Friday, we see love poured out. We see Christ betrayed, abandoned, and nailed to a cross. We see darkness fall at noon. We hear the cry: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" It is a cry that echoes through every hospital corridor, every graveside, every anxious heart. Good Friday assures us that there is no suffering we endure that Christ has not experienced himself.

The cross tells us that God does not stand at a distance from pain. He comes into it; He bears it and He redeems it. And yet, if the story ended there, it would not be Gospel.

Easter morning begins in silence and confusion. The stone is rolled away. The tomb is empty. Tears turn to astonishment. Fear gives way to wonder. And in a garden at daybreak, the risen Lord speaks a single word: "Mary." Hope begins not as an idea, but as a name spoken in love. Easter proclaims that light is stronger than darkness, that love is stronger than hatred and that life is stronger than death. This is not sentimental optimism. It is resurrection truth.

In a world that can feel and often is fractured and uncertain, Easter gives us courage. It reminds us that even when we cannot yet see the full picture, God is at work. The stone has been rolled away. The future is opened. For us as a diocese, Easter calls us to be people of hope, not because circumstances are easy, but because Christ is risen.

We are called to be bearers of light in our communities: in our parishes and chaplaincies, in our schools and care homes and in our town centres and rural villages Where there is loneliness, we bring companionship. Where there is anxiety, we bring peace. Where there is weariness, we bring encouragement.

And we do so not in our own strength, but in the power of the risen Christ. Above all, Easter is the triumph of love. The cross is love stretched out. The resurrection is love vindicated. The Church is called to be love embodied. May this Easter renew your confidence in God's promises. May it rekindle your joy in the Gospel. May it strengthen you to live as people of hope, light and love.

Christ is risen.
He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

With every blessing this Easter,

Rt Revd David Williams

David Williams



New Bishop of St Germans announced by Downing Street

Downing Street has this morning announced that the next Bishop of St Germans is to be the Revd James Treasure.

James was ordained priest in 2017 and was previously a leader in a free church before his move back to the Church of England. He brings with him a wealth of experience in community engagement and growing congregations.

From 2018, James served as Vicar and Resource Church Leader at St Thomas and St Luke's (locally known as "Top Church") in Dudley. In this capacity, he spearheaded a major redevelopment and mission project, supported by significant grant funding, to revitalise the historic Grade II* listed building and expand its parish outreach.

In 2023, James was also appointed Team Rector for the wider Dudley parish. In this role, he maintained responsibility for four additional churches while continuing his leadership at St Thomas and St Luke's.

James is married to Esther, who is a curate, and they have three young adult sons.

James said: "I am absolutely delighted to be joining the Diocese of Truro, the land of the saints, at this exciting time and cannot wait to discover all that God is doing amongst you! I am especially looking forward to discovering more of the beauty of the Church across our diocese - in its worship, its communities, and its faithful presence in every place."

Welcoming his appointment, the Bishop of Truro, the Rt Revd David Williams, said: "I am so pleased to welcome James here as bishop-designate of St Germans. We are looking forward to James, Esther and their family joining us later this year.

"James has spent his whole working life in church leadership and will bring significant pastoral, preaching and strategic gifts to our team. I am delighted we have discerned a call for him and his family here."

James and his family will move to live in the Diocese of Truro in Spring. He will be consecrated as a Bishop on May 1 in St Paul's Cathedral, London, after which he will formally be welcomed to the diocese and will take up his seat in Truro Cathedral in a service on May 10 at 4.30pm. All are welcome. Further details will be available in the coming weeks.

**Please send your Good news stories or information about events you would like to be included in the May Newsletter by Tues 28th April to kerrierdeaneryoffice@gmail.com
Thank you**

GOOD NEWS FROM AROUND THE DEANERY

And the nomination
from
Kerrier is....



Mary Gilbert from Mullion receives the Cross of St. Piran Award

Mary's involvement in community activities beyond church, mean that Mullion Church also has a good link to other aspects of village life. Everyone in the village knows her, knows she is involved in the church and they love her for it. The Cross of St. Piran award is richly deserved and reflects Mary's dedication and commitment to so many.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2026

The theme of this year's service, prepared by the women of Nigeria, was "I will give you rest, come". During the service we heard the moving stories of four women - Chimo, Beatrice, Jato, Blessing, and of the insecurity, marginalisation, religious persecution, poverty they face in their daily lives. We also learnt of their trust in Jesus and of his unfailing love and power to transform and ended on the prayer "We go with faith, hope and love, to be your light in the world."
Afterwards we joined together for tea and cake and fellowship which was greatly enjoyed by all.





Bible Course Reunion

Heidi's first Bible Course group from Lent 2024 recently convened for their second gathering since completing the course. While we missed Lynne, Elizabeth, and Heidi, the conversation was engaging and diverse, covering subjects ranging from war and politics to birth and epitaphs!

It was lovely to catch up with each other, and the group is eager to repeat the occasion again later in the year.

What's on in Kerrier Deanery.

St Mellanus Singers

Stainer's Crucifixion

On Good Friday at 6pm in Mullion Church.



Soloists - Mike Fennellow & Russ Stanland

Organist - Ian Wass

MD - Mary Cooper Brown

We will be holding a retiring collection for the people of Ukraine via International Rescue UK

St Michael's Bellringers.

Sunday 26 April, 2026, following the Holy Communion Service at the Church, a short Dedication of the Training Bell ceremony (Bolland Bell) will take place at the back of the Church.

The newly installed Training Bell will be dedicated in the memory of Kate Bolland, a former St Michael's Bellringer & active Congregation member.

Rev. Emma Childs will be officiating the ceremony.

All persons who knew Kate & her input into the Church as well as personal lives are welcome to attend.

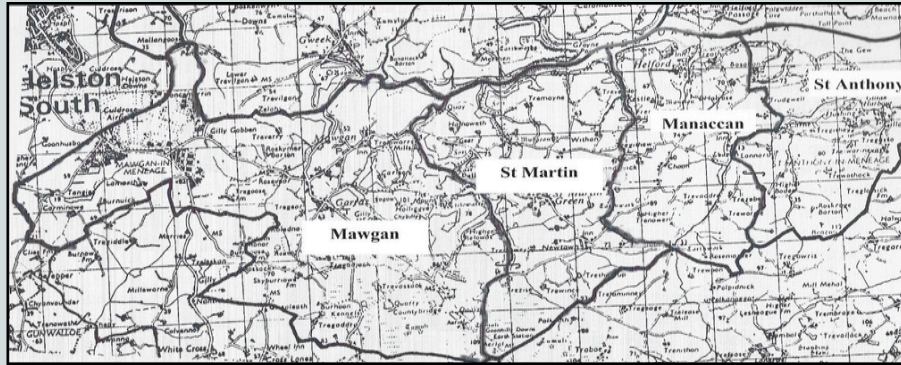
Following on from this coffee & refreshments can be taken in the Andrew Hall.

Those who wish to see the Training Bell in action then this will be available that morning.

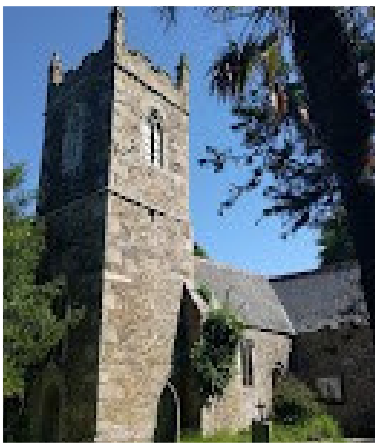
However, please be prepared to climb & descend the wooden steps leading from the entrance of belfry to the ringing chamber.

Bob. Captain of Bellringers.

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THE MEDIEVAL CHURCHES
OF THE MENEAGE
ON THE LIZARD PENINSULA**



EASTER MONDAY, 6th APRIL
Churches open 10am-5pm*
Refreshments available
Guided tours and self-guided tours
Walks and gardens nearby
Dogs on leads welcome



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ST ANTHONY TR12 6JW

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Cornwall Historic
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ST MAWGAN TR12 6AD



***ST MARTIN TR12 6BT 10am-2pm**



***Why are you a Christian?
Why do you go to church?
What difference has God made to your life?***



Would you like to be able to answer these questions with confidence?

**If so, come and join me for six sessions on the following Mondays:
June 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th and July 6th**

Mullion Church - 2-4pm

Tea and cake will be served!

It doesn't matter if you've been a Christian 5 or 55 years

ALL WELCOME!

Every blessing, Heidi

Please email kerrierdeaneryoffice@gmail.com if you would like to come along

FOOD DONATIONS PLEASE

- Small tins of cold meat - ham, corned beef etc.
- Tins of fish (except tuna)
- Packets of soup
- Powdered milk
- Long life fruit juice
- Small jars of coffee
- Dog food
- Washing-up liquid

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Thank you to Revd Mike North for this months prayers



Heavenly Father, we thank you for your love;
forgive us when we fail to share that love with others,
particularly with those who are the down-trodden, for whatever
reason.

Help us to smile when it would be easier to look away.

Help us to talk when it would be easier to just say good morning.

Help us to show kindness and generosity when we are temped by self-
interest.

Help us to be brave enough to speak truth to power, and not to join in
the moaning, but seek just outcomes.

In all this we need a brave heart Lord; help us to feel your presence
embolden our resolve, as we strive to make a difference in our crazy
world.

All this we pray, with our faith seeking understanding, and our hearts
on fire, and with the new life of Spring-time brightening our days.

Thank you Lord

Amen.