



# KERRIER DEANERY NEWS



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GROWING THE CHURCH

May 2026



Please send your Good news stories or information about events you would like to be included in the June Newsletter by Tues 26<sup>th</sup> May to [kerrierdeaneryoffice@gmail.com](mailto:kerrierdeaneryoffice@gmail.com)  
Thank you



## DEANERY BRIEFING

1. Susie has set up an information-sharing group (a WhatsApp group, and - possibly - half-term meetings) to share the various things you and she are doing in Children and Youth Work across the Deanery. Anyone who is interested in youth work, and in praying for it, could join ([kerrierpioneer@gmail.com](mailto:kerrierpioneer@gmail.com)).
2. The hearing for the Proposed Pastoral Scheme for the Kerrier Team Ministry is scheduled for Wednesday 13 May. The announcement of the decision will not happen on that day: a Statement of Reasons will be prepared and published 'at a later date'. We pray for all the participants, for the Church Commissioners, for our Bishop and Archdeacon.

## FOOD DONATIONS PLEASE

Tea & Coffee (small boxes or jars)  
Cartons of long life juice or milk  
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## GOOD NEWS FROM AROUND THE DEANERY



St Michael's Church, Helston  
Saturday, 28th March, 2026



What a wonderful opportunity, we had, to hear the wonderful musical talents of the ensemble gathered, on this beautiful, early, spring evening, playing and singing Bach's St Matthew Passion, in its original German! One of the greatest choral pieces in the repertoire, and a massive challenge! They were up for it!

The acoustics in the lovely St Michael's Church, lend themselves well to music making and Martin Palmer, Conductor, made the most of them. Placing the orchestra in the centre with the two choirs either side and behind, allowing for the double choir effect in some of the pieces, and soloists placed to the rear of the church, for the thundering opening, then moving to the front. This wonderful work uses the Evangelist, sung here by the lyric tenor, Mark Hounsell, as the Narrator, to tell the story, with other soloists and choruses providing the text from St Matthew. Mark is ideally suited to this role, having a clear, ringing, tone and beautiful musicality. It is fiendishly difficult and, no wonder, he is in demand for his mastery of it. The words of Christ, sung here by the bass Jacob Dennison, another beautifully produced, lyric voice, with great musicality. As with all sung pieces, diction is vitally important and all of the performers produced good, clear diction. Well done! There are many stand-out moments in this wonderful work, the beautiful Chorale which runs throughout, the arias, sung by the Soprano, Simone Hellier, with beautiful tone and passion, the Mezzo- Soprano, Elodie Lawry, also with beautiful tone and clarity. The Tenor, William Hammond and Bass, Lewis Cobb, sang their solos with commitment and musicality in the roles of Peter, Pilate and Judas, young voices to watch. Special mention, too, to the soloists, from the orchestra, who accompanied the arias, so beautifully, with real feeling. The choirs sang with great musical depth under Martin Palmer's direction, at all times accompanied by the many talents of the Helston Chamber Orchestra. At times sad and melancholy and other times angry and calling for crucifixion, both choir and orchestra worked together to produce the complex music to the absolute best of their ability. The last, exquisite, chorus, with the organ joining the ensemble, finishes the whole with a glorious, full sound, the weeping fully evident in Bach's final, expressive notes.

**Rehearsals begin for our summer concert on 16th April - the programme is largely 20th century music, so a complete contrast from Saturday's concert.**

**Should you want any more information about the Chamber Choir please contact [Helstonchamberchoir.org](http://Helstonchamberchoir.org)**



**Palm Sunday Service  
at Mullion Church**



### **Coverack Beach Good Friday**

**The service at St. Peter's was led by Revd John Ough, followed by the construction of the cross on the beach. Both events saw a great turnout.**

## Mothersing Sunday at Wendron

Once again, we held an Open Morning at Wendron and we're delighted by the number of people who came.

School provided us with pictures to display which showed the children's mothers in their favourite place. We served cake and drinks, provided dressing up and other activities related to working children in the past in order to help visitors understand the origins of this special Sunday. Our lovely bellringing team were on hand to let everyone have a go at this old art.

It was particularly encouraging to see people using our prayer station and lighting candles. This is now becoming a tradition for families from school and being amongst young people was uplifting for our congregation.



## Easter Experience

During the last 3 weeks of term, Wendron, Germoe and Breage have run Easter Workshop sessions for our local schools.

The children learnt about the triumphant entry into Jerusalem, waving palms, eating fig rolls and discussing the traditions of Ash Wednesday and how sins are always forgiven when you are truly sorry. They re-enacted The Last Supper and the arrest in Gethsemane as well as making Easter cards and taking part in Treasure Hunts that led them to the Easter Garden where they learnt about the resurrection and the hope it brings to us all.

Thank you to everyone who helped and the bellringers at Wendron who provided a very popular activity for the children.



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**Rev. Susie Templeton lighting the fire at Mullion Cove for the Easter Day Sunrise Service**

## Mullion Church



**The light from the fire being transferred, ready to transport back to the Church**



**The Pascal candle being lit in the Church**

From Friday 24 April until Sunday 26 April Free attendance, Porthleven Food Festival continues its proud tradition of celebrating Cornwall's rich food and drink culture, attracting visitors from across the region and beyond.



**Photo of one of the Day Teams**

The food festival angels were made up of two Teams covering 1pm to 6pm and 6pm to 11pm each day of the festival with Christians drawn from [Cafechurch](#), St Barts Church and Hope Church Porthleven, Baptist Churches Truro and Sutton Coldfield, Emmanuel Church Falmouth, and Light and Life Helston.

We spent our time:

- Chatting with people
- Giving away packs to children with games, quizzes and [really cool](#) stuff about Jesus
- Praying with people
- Providing a safe space for people who needed to get out of the crowds or just chill for a bit
- Answering questions and giving information about buses etc
- Providing hot drinks for security/stewards/helpers/people who had too much to drink
- Giving away lollies and sweets to children and adults
- Litter picking – there was always lots of this to be done
- Being a visible presence on the streets and a calming influence – we were representing Festival Angels when we had the pink high viz on!
- We had temporary tattoos for those who wanted them
- Walking around the harbour in twos at night with torches making sure no one was about to fall into the water
- Anything else that cropped up

In summary, it was an exceptionally positive and rewarding three days, serving Festival visitors of all ages and responding thoughtfully to a wide range of needs and behaviours. The atmosphere remained welcoming and safe throughout, thanks in no small part to the strong support and collaboration with security and policing teams. This was truly a collective Festival Team effort, where everyone played their part in creating a space that was both enjoyable and caring. Special thanks go to all who gave their time, energy, and compassion—their contribution made a real

## THE MEDIEVAL CHURCHES OF THE MENEAGE

On Easter Monday the four Medieval churches of the Meneage were open for exploration. These churches are all listed buildings (Mawgan, Manaccan and St. Anthony Grade 1 and St. Martin Grade 2) and can all trace their origins back to the 12th century although the current buildings are largely 15th and 16th century. Last October Dr. Joanna Mattingly, Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries and member of the Diocesan Advisory Committee, came out to look at the churches and advise on their architecture and since then the congregations have been researching the histories of the churches to put together the tour.

It is not only the craftsmanship of the actual buildings and the beauty of the windows, statuary, memorials and so on, but the history of the people and events they have witnessed that make them such important and fascinating places and, of course, for most of the last eight centuries they have played a central part in village life. To highlight just a few key events; In the 12th century St. Martin applied to the Pope to have its own graveyard as it was difficult to carry coffins across the creeks and bridges and up and down the steep hills for burial at Mawgan, the "mother" church. Mawgan has a sanctuary roof carved by the Pinwill sisters in the late 19th century. Titanium - originally known as Manaccanite - was discovered in 1791 by clergyman William Gregor in a stream at Manaccan and St. Anthony witnessed the last battle of the English Civil War.

In addition to the history, artist Zoe Freeman had lent a beautiful painting for display in St. Martin, the many literary links that the area has were celebrated and books by some of the local authors were for sale. The bells were rung at Manaccan, St. Anthony and Mawgan, there was music at St. Martin and Manaccan (as well as the display commemorating the 130 year history of Manaccan School) and Sue Garland spent some time in the afternoon sketching for her new book about churches. And inevitably there were plenty of refreshments available at each church.

And if that wasn't enough, the sun shone!

The monies donated will be divided between the Cornwall Historic Churches Trust - a very valuable organisation which gives grants towards church building projects - and the individual churches.



The Carminow effigies,  
Mawgan Church. (Sir Roger and Lady  
Joanna - crusader with Edward I, d. 1308)

Some of the original 16<sup>th</sup>  
century roof bosses in  
Mawgan Church





## **Children, Youth and Families Work Updates**



If you use WhatsApp and would like to be kept in touch with our growing Children, Youth and Families ministry across the Deanery, we are setting up a new group for updates. This will be a group for the team to share information only, not for everyone to contribute to, so it won't get overwhelmed with notifications! There is a lot going on around the Deanery, so we want to share the joys and challenges of what's developing, and encourage prayer support for our plans. If you would like to join, please email Ann B or Susie, confirming your mobile phone number for this use.  
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We are also planning to meet together in person to share and pray, once a half term. The summer dates are Wed 3rd June 1230 and Wed 15th July 1230. More details to follow!

### **Kerrier Wild Church - connecting with God through nature, stories and play.**

This month at Wild Church we were celebrating Easter! We warmed up with a puzzle challenge which turned out to be a big cross, and of course we shared the Easter story and thought about how Jesus's story didn't end on the cross, and God's love was bigger than the tomb. Our craft activities reflected the idea of new life by making a pipecleaner caterpillar and a fluttery butterfly - and we had great fun exploring the churchyard on an Easter Egg hunt! Wild Church always involves hot chocolate and a fire pit to toast marshmallows which everyone enjoys. 🙏 We meet at Mullion, Germoe and St Keverne once a month and value your prayers for all the families who come along.



### **Kerrier Schools Ministry - a flourishing school means a flourishing community**

We had a busy time at the end of term, with Henrietta running Easter Workshops in church for Wendron, Breage and Germoe schools - lots of fun telling the story of Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter. We were delighted that both Breage and Germoe approached us as they remembered this ministry from before the pandemic. We also had a number of schools coming to church for an Easter service and were particularly delighted with the return of Porthleven school to this habit, with a wonderful service looking at the events of Holy Week.

🙏 Pray for our schools as they settle into the summer term and for those preparing for Ofsted inspections.

# What's on in Kerrier Deanery and the Diocese



*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](mailto:kerrierdeaneryoffice@gmail.com) if you would like to come along

**Craft Fair**

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May  
1030 - 1600  
at  
The Methodist Hall  
High Lane, Manaccan

art, ceramics, jewellery  
pretty things, books, tea  
coffee, cakes, soup, rolls

*Ascension Day  
Thursday May 14th  
Services in Kerrier*

10am - St. Bartholomew Church, Porthleven  
7pm - St. Michael's Church, Helston

*Thy Kingdom Come, a global prayer  
initiative*

This movement focusses activities and prayer in the days between Ascension Day and Pentecost, 14th -24th May. Please will you join Susie and Heidi in prayer for friends and family members who do not yet know the love of God, that they may come to know the love of Jesus Christ in their hearts. Some of our churches have ordered resources to share some ways to join in. You can also do this individually: 'Resources' tab on their website, [www.thykingdomcome.global](http://www.thykingdomcome.global).

# Thank you to Reader Joy Gunter for this months prayers



## Morning Prayer

Most Holy O most sacred Three,  
enfold us all in your Trinity,  
Encircle us with your love and your  
power.  
Keep us safe in your arms in danger's  
hour.  
With your Spirit as sword, with your  
love as our balm,  
May we rejoice in our God who  
protects us from harm.  
So we praise now the Spirit, we  
praise now the Son,  
We praise our Creator in whom all  
are One. Amen

## Noon Prayer

Lord give us a vision for our country  
May it be a land of justice and peace,  
Where people do not take unfair  
advantage of each other,  
Where all have sufficient  
And poverty and vice will have no place  
to fester;  
Where seeking to serve others  
Means more than honours and success;  
Where order does not rest on force;  
Where faith, hope and love flourish,  
And all work for the will of God. Amen

## Night Prayer

Watch dear God with those who  
wake or watch or weep tonight,  
And let your angels protect those  
who sleep.  
Tend the sick, refresh the weary,  
Soothe the dying, calm the  
suffering, pity the distressed.  
We ask this for the sake of your  
love. Amen

## Prayer for Protection

Holy God, we ask for your protection  
and guidance.  
May your love surround us,  
May your wisdom inspire us,  
May your will direct us,  
May your strength sustain us;  
And may your holy angels guard,  
protect and defend us in all that we  
do.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus our  
Lord. Amen