



KERRIER DEANERY NEWS

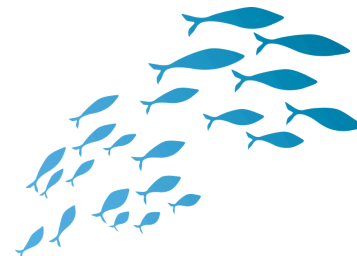


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DISCOVERING GOD'S KINGDOM
GROWING THE CHURCH

July 2026



Please send your Good news stories or information about events you would like to be included in the August Newsletter by Thurs 23rd July to kerrierdeaneryoffice@gmail.com
Thank you



DEANERY BRIEFING

- 1. We still await the decision of The Church Commissioners on the Proposed Pastoral Scheme for the Kerrier Team Ministry. When the outcome is made public, Heidi will write to all our PCCs and all our ministers.**
- 2. We have had applications for our third stipendiary post (associate priest with oversight of pastoral work). We have shortlisted, and will interview on July 9th, with parish visits the day before, Wednesday 8th July (details to follow).**
- 3. Closing Date for applications for 'House for duty' post is 17th August.**

FOOD DONATIONS PLEASE

- Tins of soup
- Tins of rice pudding / custard
- Tins of potatoes /vegetables
- Instant mashed potato
- Long life fruit juice / milk
- Coffee / Teabags
- Toiletries (toilet rolls/ deodorant etc.)

 **Helston & The Lizard
Foodbank**
Together with Trussell

Donate at:-
  
 

The Store Ruan Minor
Gweek Village Stores
Coverack Village Stores
Mawgan Stores

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

Thank you


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GOOD NEWS FROM AROUND THE DEANERY

Sam Buchanan - St. Keverne

Sam was born in Belfast in the late 1940s. He was one of eight children. His mother who had a great influence in his life was a strong Christian and from the age of four Sam attended the local Church of Ireland and then at the age of seven he attended Sunday school at the Presbyterian Church Sunday School where he had to learn all of the books of the bible by heart together with scriptural verses.

When he was eleven he attended the Church of Ireland Church with his Grandmother and was confirmed with his twin sister by the Bishop of Down in St Patricks Church in 1959. He still has his King James Bible which was given to him by his Grandmother on that day.

In 1964 Sam decided to join the Army in an Irish Regiment. He has had many adventures during his time of service - and I am sure that if you ask him, he will oblige and relate one of these experiences.

In 1967 he was ordered, together with his regiment to travel to The Lizard to help with the Torrey Canyon Disaster and here he was to meet his beloved Annette, a Christian who lived in the Lizard Village. She was to change his life. They were married and he and Annette set up home in Army Naval quarters. However it was not long before he was given the choice to stay or leave and he chose to stay and they settled down in Cornwall. They have three children and five grandchildren. For Sam family life is extremely important, both here in Cornwall and also keeping in contact with his large Irish family in Northern Ireland.

During his time in the Army Sam will say he lost his faith for a while, although he continued to attend church on parade. However, he would still, in times of trouble, read his bible and pray that God would help him.

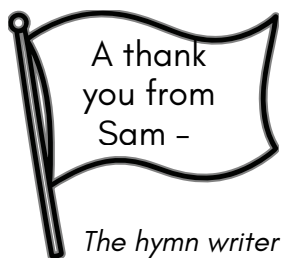
It was not until the 1985 when a mission team came to St Keverne led by a man called Rev Daniel Couzens that Sam finally accepted Jesus into his life. The mission was called Come Alive in 85 and Sam will certainly say that this was indeed true for him.

From 1993 Sam has been away from St Keverne on eighteen Through Faith Missions (the first one called Walk Cornwall) where he would do door to door mission, calling many people to faith in Christ which has been a great joy. He has been all over the country from here in Cornwall right across to Northern Ireland.

In due course Sam decided to become a Reader and has led and preached services throughout the Kerrier Deanery for many years. Sam will say that he has been blessed to see God at work in many people's lives, being healed of ailments and many coming to faith in Christ. Sam believes truly in the power of prayer.

After many years of service Sam has decided to retire from his Readership work, but will continue to be the bearer of good news.

Thank you Sam.



The hymn writer wrote:

*'Through all the changing scenes of life, in trouble and in joy,
The praises of my God shall still,
My heart and tongue employ'*



After 14 years of serving as a Reader in The Church of England, I have decided that the time is right to step down from this privileged position.

I won't be retiring as such, as we all know as disciples of Christ, we are called to serve in our churches and out into our communities -and beyond, with love, compassion and friendship to all those we meet.

Annette & I will continue to be very much a part of St. Keverne Church, The Spire & Light Benifice and The Deanery of Kerrier.

Thank you all for the support and love shown to us and we thank everyone in The Kerrier Deanery for the gifts that were presented to us at my last 'official' Service-Morning Prayer at St.Wynwallow Church (The Lizard) on 21st June.

As we all face changes in our lives, churches and communities, we pray that God will lead us all on our journey with righteousness and love as we worship and serve Him across this beautiful part of Cornwall.

*God bless you all,
Sam (Buchanan)*



FATHERS' DAY - BREAKFAST AND BELLS



Mullion Church decided to try something different this year for Fathers' Day, and offered a free breakfast for Fathers with an opportunity to try out our lovely church tower bells. We give thanks to Mary Cooper Brown and Liz Johnson for cooking over 45 breakfasts and for the many helpers who worked so hard to make the event such a success. We had over 44 of our community join us with at least 20 of that number being children. Families enjoyed a full English breakfast and the majority had a ring on the bells. We give thanks to Neil Gunnell our Tower Captain for his enthusiastic and calm manner in coping with the many children and adults who pulled a rope with him. Also thanks go to the bellringers who helped Neil.

Transition Beach Day



On Friday July 10th, we are hosting another activities day on Gunwalloe Beach for the Year 6 children moving on to Mullion School in September.

As well as setting up some outdoor games, we get them to think about the change ahead and their hopes and fears. There is plenty of fun with the added bonus of home made treats to keep them fuelled but we also aim to get them thinking about wider issues, including our faith.

If anyone wants to help or just come over to Gunwalloe to see what we do, please get in touch or just turn up from 9.30 am onwards. We will be there until 2.30. We are keen to expand the work with schools and always looking for volunteers.
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What's on in Kerrier Deanery and the Diocese

Mothers' UNION
Christian care for families

QUIET DAY

Hidden Treasure

Thursday 23rd July 2026

10.30am - 3.30pm

St Endellion Church and Hall

Teas and Coffees will be available throughout
the day

Please bring a packed lunch

ALL WELCOME



St Martin Church PCC
invite you
to a

CREAM TEA AFTERNOON

at St Martin Parish Hall

on Saturday 25th July

2.30 - 4.30pm



£5 per person

Raffle £1 per ticket

(proceeds from the event will go towards the upkeep of St Martin Church)

Everyone welcome!

Please book in advance by contacting Annabel Phillips
on 01326 231220 or 07729 778993

MAWGAN CHURCH SUMMER FETE



SATURDAY 8th AUGUST

2.00pm-4.30pm

at the Church

*Rain or shine!
(in Church if wet)*

**STALLS, GAMES, CAKES & PRODUCE
RAFFLES AND TEAS
AND ... TOWER TUMBLES!**
(remember to bring your Teddy Bear!)

ALL PROCEEDS TO MAWGAN CHURCH

Sea Sunday service at Gunwalloe

Sunday 12th July 3pm



Celtic communion service led by Susie followed
by a gathering on the beach to observe the
wreath being taken out to sea as we remember
all those who have been lost at sea and all
those who face danger as they work at sea.

Degibna Prayer Chapel Events

Sunday July 5th 3pm Oasis Service

Saturday July 11th 10am Summer Colours, a gentle circular walk from the Chapel. If rainy, check if still on!

Sunday 19th July 4pm Julian Meeting

Thank you to Revd Philip Sharp for this months prayers



Dear friends, this month we find our Sunday Epistle and Gospel readings continuing to lead us through Romans and Matthew. The concerns of the world, distractions from focusing on Jesus and falling back into old habits loom large and consequently we are reminded of our need to lean heavily into God and for the daily presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives. With these thoughts in mind, may I humbly suggest that we hold in our prayers:

Those struggling with their faith

The appointment of a Pastoral Minister to the Deanery

Those recently sworn in as Churchwardens in this ministry

The mission of the Church in Kerrier to all who are lost and searching

That our witness to visitors to our church buildings would be Christ like