



KERRIER DEANERY NEWS



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DISCOVERING GOD'S KINGDOM
GROWING THE CHURCH

August 2026

Please send your Good news stories or information about events you would like to be included in the September Newsletter by Wed 26th August to kerrierdeaneryoffice@gmail.com
Thank you



DEANERY BRIEFING

1. Good news!

The Bishop of Truro, the Rt Revd David Williams is pleased to announce that the Revd Stewart James Shaw, at present HM forces chaplain in the RAF, is to be Interim Pastoral Priest for a period of three years in the Kerrier Deanery in the Diocese of Truro. As this is a deanery wide position, he will be licensed as Assistant Curate of the benefices of Constantine, Helston and Wendron, Meneage, Mullion and Cury with Gunwalloe, St Keverne, St Ruan, with St Grade and Landewednack and the United Benefice of West Kerrier, to be known locally as "Pastoral Priest."
This is conditional on legal formalities being completed.
He will be licensed at a place and on a date to be arranged.

Stewart will take Sunday services across the Deanery. His distinctive role within the team will be to develop our pastoral work with lay pastoral workers, and to have oversight of our funeral ministry, with the associated pastoral work.

2. 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.

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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:-

 **TESCO**

 **Sainsbury's**



 **£ poundstretcher**

 **88 Mullion**

The Store Ruan Minor

Gweek Village Stores

Coverack Village Stores

Mawgan Stores

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

Thank you

 **mustard seed**

Registered Charity Number 1127110

GOOD NEWS FROM AROUND THE DEANERY

Cream Tea Afternoon held on Saturday 25th July in aid of St Martin Parish Church

Alison and Annabel thank the PCC, Congregation and many friends in the village for all their hard work in making the Cream Tea so successful.

We raised the magnificent sum of £455.04 for the up keep of our church.

Special thanks go to Brenda who ran the Raffle with great success and good humour, Alison who collected the Tea money, Clement who played his guitar so beautifully, Vicky for publicity, all who provided the food and to all who came to the Parish rHall to enjoy the afternoon with us.

Thank you all very much indeed.

Alison and Annabel



Rev Lisa led the service of Matins in St Martin on Sunday 26th July. This was the last service Rev Lisa was to take in our Meneage Benefice.

After the service we presented to her, a bowl, which we commissioned Pippa Good (Nee Alston) to make, a bouquet of flowers and a card. Then light refreshments were served, which everyone enjoyed and we had a chance to say our own thank you and goodbyes to Lisa.

Rev Lisa has enjoyed her time in the Meneage and we have all benefitted from meeting her and worshipping with her. Naturally, we are sorry that she is leaving and wish her continued success as she develops her Ministry in Marazion, Ludgvan, St Hilary and Perranuthnoe. Her new parishioners are truly blessed to have a Rector of such a high calibre. We wish her well.





Wendron Church is celebrating achieving a Bronze Eco Award status. This is a national award scheme run by a charity known as a Rocha UK, which wants churches to try to become more aware of the impact that we are having on Creation and the Environment. We carried out the survey which covers five key areas of church life:

Worship and teaching

Buildings and energy

Land and nature

Community and global engagement

Lifestyle

Wendron Church is a Medieval Grade 1 Listed building, with no insulation, solar panels or obvious environmental advantages. But we can still do our bit, by trying to replace lighting fixtures with more economical LED bulbs, submitting our electrical consumption returns to the diocese, managing the grounds and trees in a respectful way, encouraging car sharing, and joining in new initiatives like the celebration of Creationtide, between 1st September and 4th October.



MULLION CHURCH - CORNWALL ROCK CHOIR

On 17th July we were treated to a unique concert given by the Cornwall Rock Choir with 60 singers taking part including Alyson, one of our Church Wardens. The evening was open to our community here in Mullion and it was lovely to see the church full of people of all ages. There was singing, dancing and refreshments and both choir and audience thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

The concert was organised by Alyson in order to raise funds for Mullion Church repairs and the amount raised was in excess of £800. Our sincere thanks go to the Rock Choir for freely giving of their time to support this worthwhile cause, and to Alyson for suggesting it. We also thank all the helpers, both from the church and also the wider community, without whom this event would not have been such a success.

SENS KERNEWEK NEWS



We had our final Sens Kernewek last evening and were blessed with a beautiful evening. By way of a closing celebration of this years Sens Kernewek, Bishop David and Helen personally hosted us on their lawn and patio and after dinner, we had our usual study and reflections session with + David joining us throughout and providing the closing prayers and blessing.



+David cooked a terrific BBQ and his wife, Helen made some fantastic deserts. Some of the other ladies also brought fair which was also gratefully received (and consumed)....lol . A lovely evening but sad fair-wells at the end so we have all agreed to keep meeting from time to time and in each other's communities.

The final reading we considered was Mark 15, 33 to 47 and in our reflections, we thought it rather fitting. The reading took us through Christs final moments and up to the point when the stone was rolled into place at Christ's tomb. In our quite lengthy and enjoyable reflections, one of many conclusion reached was, this could be seen as the end of one journey and the start of the next and how fitting it was for all of us as we finish Sens Kernewek and go out to work within our churches and communities with all the sustenance and fellowship SK has provided.

It has been a truly golden opportunity over the past four months with such a lovely group of people from all around Cornwall. Fantastic leaders in Rev. Jane and Isaac and such gracious and generous hosts, throughout in +David and Helen. A life experience that will never be forgotten and I am sure will often be recalled in one's inner thoughts.

Allan Loveday (Wendron)

THE MEDIEVAL CHURCHES OF THE MENEAGE: UPDATE

You may remember that on Easter Monday the four churches of the Meneage were open for exploration and the money raised was to be divided between the Cornwall Historic Churches Trust and our own churches. I am pleased to say that we have now been able to make a donation of £348.00 to the CHCT.

CHCT is a charity which has been in existence for 70 years and every year holds a variety of fund raising activities including fabric sales, jazz evenings, open gardens and the annual Ride, Stride & Sail Event which will take place on 12th/13th September this year.

Grants are made to all denominations of Christian places of worship and last year a total of 36 grants were made amounting to £159,250.

More information about CHCT can be found on their website:

www.chct.info

Lindsay Hockley

Transition Beach Day

July 6th

On a swelteringly hot day, we hosted children from 5 primary schools on The Lizard. We were a little harassed by the need to keep the children hydrated and cool without getting totally submerged.

My heartfelt thanks go to Rev Susie and Mary Cooper Brown for running a reflective session based on an Out of the Box story along with a race challenge that encouraged co operation. I also am so grateful for Kim and Gill for braving the scorching beach whilst running the skittle games and Sara and Nancy for organising the bucket race without losing any children in the sea. With the 8 Year 10 mentors from Mullion School, we had 70 children in all.

Amidst the general chaos and cake eating, I managed to talk for 5 minutes about the lovely church and all the prayers it must have heard for hundreds of years. I also explained our reason for holding the day and little about faith.

I was really pleased that they listened so well and hope they remember the message about the church always being there for them in the future.

If this annual event is going to flourish, we really need as many volunteers as possible next year so that those involved are not too hard pressed.

Please let me know if you would like to help in the future.

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St Bartholomew's - Good News Report

There has been much to be thankful for at St Bartholomew's Church this year.

Our parish church, built in 1841, has been experiencing significant water ingress caused by failing high-level guttering, roof defects, and the deterioration of our three large south-facing stained-glass windows. These problems were dramatically worsened during Storm Gorretti, when major sections of the deteriorated guttering were torn away.

The good news is that essential emergency repairs have now been successfully completed. This has included repairs to the roof and guttering, together with the conservation and restoration of our three beautiful south-facing stained-glass windows.

These vital works have been made possible through the generous support of the Truro Diocese Repair Fund, together with two grants awarded by the Truro Diocese through our Quick Wins application. We are deeply grateful for this financial assistance, which has helped safeguard our historic church for future generations. As part of our Quick Wins application, we also enrolled in Eco Church, an environmental programme run by A Rocha UK. We are delighted to report that St Bartholomew's has now achieved the Bronze Eco Church Award, recognising our commitment to caring for God's creation.

We give thanks to everyone whose generosity, encouragement and practical support have made these achievements possible.

"You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God."

2 Corinthians 9:11

Mike Horne

CONSTANTINE NEWS

In a very large marquee Constantine hosted a weekend of events (17-19th July) culminating in the amazing Brass on the Grass Brass Band extravaganza with Camborne Town, St Stythians, Helston Town & St Keverne Bands. The first event of the weekend was a fashion show on behalf of the village 'Good Will' charity shop, and local folk volunteered to model items from the shop, which then became available to purchase along with many other items. Money raised from donated items to the shop is used to support many local groups. It was such a hoot to see last year that I couldn't resist offering to be involved this year. Sadly, offers of a modelling contract has so far not materialised!

Revd Mike North



Saturday 8 August	Bal West Sunday School TR13 9TE	10.00 am – 12 noon	Brunch/Coffee Morning and Fairtrade stall
Friday 14 – Saturday 15 August	6 Parc An Gew, Pendeen Park, Helston, TR13 0SH	10.00 am – 6.00 pm each day	Fairtrade at home (partly in the garden if weather permits) All welcome
Friday 21 August	Wesley Hall, Central Methodist Church, Helston, TR13 8EL	9.00 am – 12.00 noon	Small stall part of Community Market (open to all). Advance orders welcome.

What's on in Kerrier Deanery and the Diocese

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

Degibna Prayer Chapel Degibna Lane, Helston TR12 7PR



Invites you to our

'Grand Afternoon Tea'

on Saturday 8th August
2.30 – 5.00pm

Tea & Coffee, Cakes & Chat!

Please join us at any time

**Donations for 'local Climate Action
Youth Event' (South Kerrier Alliance)**

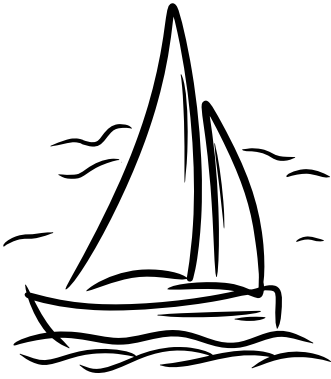


**Church card machine training
session/trouble shooting**
with Christine Salaman, Truro
Diocese Generous Giving
Advisor

Wednesday September 9th 10am
Mawgan Recreation Hall
**Bring your card machine and
your log in details**
**Please let Ann know by August
31st if you will be attending.**
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JESUS AND THE SEA EXHIBITION - WENDRON CHURCH



This Summer, we are trying something new at Wendron, using the church as a drop in centre where children can explore some of our well known gospel stories.

The church will be open for visitors to come and take part but it will not be manned so families are free to do activities when it suits them.

As well as looking at pictures and stories, we have magnetic fishing, paper boats to make, dressing up, making fishes and lighting a prayer candle.

If you have young visitors, please take them along and see what's there. It will fill half an hour up on a rainy day whilst they learn a little more about the life of Jesus.

Mothers' UNION

Diocese of Truro



Love in Every Stitch Banners of the Mothers' Union

Love in Every Stitch is a fascinating display of more than 50 historic banners from all over Cornwall, celebrating the 150th anniversary of the founding of Mothers' Union in 1876.

Every banner is hand-stitched, and represents love for families and love for God. At the core of Mothers' Union is our belief that faith and compassion can transform lives.

During the period of the exhibition, on Wednesday August 19th (10.00 – 15.00) there is the annual free [Family Fun Day](#) for under-10s, organised by Mothers' Union.

Choral Evensong celebrating 150 years of the Mothers' Union at Truro Cathedral 4.00 – 5.15pm on Sunday 9th August 2026.

Thank you to Reader, Kim Dooley for this months prayers



Heavenly Father, as the school year comes to a close, we come before you with grateful hearts. We thank you for all teachers, teaching assistants and volunteers who work in all the schools in our Deanery. Grant them this time of respite during the school holidays that they may rest their minds and bodies. May they find solace in quiet moments and replenish their energy. Help them to use this break wisely, not only for physical rest but also for spiritual renewal. Amen.

Loving Lord, in the warmth of summer, families gather like the petals of a flower. We thank You for these precious moments. May our family gatherings be filled with laughter, love, and shared memories that last a lifetime. Amen.

Healing Lord, we pray for those who, for reasons of illness or financial restrictions cannot travel to meet those love and miss during this Summer break. We ask that You would fill their hearts with Your peace and joy. Grant them comfort and let this time be a time of reflection and renewal. May they know Your blessing and may their spirits be strengthened by Your presence. Amen.

A Celtic Blessing for those Travelling

May the road rise up to meet you.
May the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
the rains fall soft upon your fields,
and until we meet again,
may God hold you in the palm of His hand.