



KERRIER DEANERY NEWS



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September 2026

DEANERY BRIEFING

- 1. The Church Commissioners' decision is for a Team Ministry for Kerrier Deanery, with a Team Rector and two Team Vicars. See Heidi's letter about this below.**
- 2. Rev. Stewart Shaw will join us as our third stipendiary priest, and he will be licensed in Constantine Church, 7pm Monday 19th October. At the same service, Heidi and Susie will be licensed as Team Rector and Team Vicar of the Benefice of Kerrier. More details nearer the time.**

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

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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**

 **Mullion**

The Store Ruan Minor

Gweek Village Stores

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

Thank you

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Dear friends,

As many of you will know, we have received the decision of the Church Commissioners regarding the Deanery Reorganisation Scheme, making Kerrier Deanery into one benefice of sixteen parishes, with a Team Ministry of three stipendiary clergy: a Team Rector and two Team Vicars.

We had already created a third stipendiary post from the funding available to us, but we had only been able to confirm this for three years (and then make a bid for more funding). The Commissioners' amendment to the proposal makes permanent the third stipendiary post, as a second Team Vicar.

I shall be Team Rector (and Rural Dean). Susie will be Team Vicar (and Pioneer Priest). The third post will be filled by Revd Stewart Shaw in the role of Pastoral Priest (and Acting Team Vicar). The inclusion of the third post in the Measure means that when Stewart's interim post of three years expires, we keep a stipendiary post, a second Team Vicar, to fill according to the needs of the Deanery at that time. Revd Stewart Shaw will work as a full-time priest and will lead services on Sundays.

The Revd Susie Templeton, the members of the Deanery Implementation Team (DIT) and I acknowledge the decision of the Church Commissioners regarding our Deanery Plan. We believe that it ratifies the planning of the last few years, and that it honours the work of everyone in Kerrier Deanery. We believe too that it has made a substantial contribution (the permanency of a third post) to these efforts. Essentially, we have been ministering in this fashion for the last three years but without a full staff and without certainty of being able to continue in this way. Now the way forward is clearer.

We recognise that this process has prompted strong feelings across our communities. People care deeply about their local churches, and that commitment is something we value and respect.

We are committed to listening carefully, working collaboratively, and moving forward in a way that reflects both our shared faith and the distinct identity of each parish.

Our priority now is to continue serving our communities, ensuring that local worship, pastoral care, and community life remain at the heart of what we do.

This is the Church Commissioners' decision regarding the Deanery Reorganisation Scheme, as they have published it:

The Measure has been approved with the following amendment:

The Scheme provides for the cure of souls in the new benefice to be shared by a team rector and two team vicars, for the appointment of the team rector and one team vicar, the housing arrangement for one of the team vicars and for the future patronage arrangements for the new benefice.

The Church in Kerrier has a long history of adapting to meet the needs of its communities, and we approach this next stage with faith and hope, with realism, and with a commitment to serve all.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Revd Susie Templeton or me.

Every blessing,

Heidi.



GOOD NEWS FROM AROUND THE DEANERY

Children, Youth and Families Work Updates

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

August saw our very first "Wild Church Altogether", where our three parish based groups met up together for a lovely picnic and some Wild Church fun. We thought about Lammastide, the first wheat harvest, and blessed some bread and wine to share as communion together. We told the story of feeding the 5000, and thought about what we were thankful for. There were sheep and pigs at the place we met, so we had great fun feeding them too!! And everyone was thankful for an ice lolly and a cold drink after sitting out in the sun. As we couldn't light the fire, we made fire collages for the fire pit and gathered around them to give thanks, as well as some salt dough creations to take home. A lovely afternoon, making new friends and showing a truly inter-generational Wild Church with three families bringing grandparents, parents and children!

🙏 **Pray for the growing community of Wild Church, and those families who are finding it a safe space to explore spirituality together**



Kerrier Schools Ministry - a flourishing school means a flourishing community

As the school holidays draw to a close, we start to think about the new school year and the busy autumn term! There is a lot of opportunity as our relationships with schools develop, but we are limited in our capacity of volunteers. In August we ran a training course in Out of the Box storytelling, which uses stories to reflect and engage in our emotions and experiences. Susie has been piloting this with small groups in some schools - Grade Ruan, Cury and Breage. Now we have more people trained, we can reach more schools, which is very exciting!

🙏 **Pray for all our schools as they return for the new year, that teachers, staff and children are refreshed and ready to learn. We ask God for opportunities to be present and support the growing need for emotional and spiritual resilience among our children.**



What's on in Kerrier Deanery and the Diocese

Forgotten Cornish Heroines

A talk by Terry Faulk

**7pm, Thursday 3rd
September**

Gweek Mission Church

Donations towards the upkeep of the
Mission Church will be welcomed

ST.MARTIN PARISH
CHURCH

HARVEST FESTIVAL EVENSONG

with Rev.Mike North

FRIDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER 7PM

ALL WELCOME!

REFRESHMENTS AFTERWARDS

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



**EVENT
CANCELLED**

The Gospel of Mark: then and now
Rev. Dr Robert Evans

In the next series for the Deanery of study of New Testament theology and discipleship, we will work through the Gospel of Mark, in six sessions. They are for anyone who would benefit. Mark is the lectionary Gospel for Year B, starting this Autumn, so this could be helpful material for some of our preachers and worship leaders as well. We'll tackle it in six chunks, but will also explore the 'pull-through' of the themes and message through the whole, and especially Mark's call to discipleship.

Wednesdays, 2.30 - 4pm
October 21st, (then a gap, not Oct 28th), November 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th, December
2nd
Degibna Prayer Chapel, TR12 7PR



To know that we have room for everyone, I do need to know who plans to come. Unless you have already told me (and over 20 are signed up) please contact me message4revans@outlook.com to tell me that you plan to attend. We might exceed the capacity of Degibna Chapel and I will either have to put a cap on numbers or find a bigger venue.

If there are people who want this sort of study but who cannot attend daytime and weekdays, or just not these advertised times and dates, I can see if we can set up a repeat series, or something more condensed using evenings or weekends. Let me know (by email) if this is you.

Thank you to Revd Heidi for this months prayers



Loving God, you are always more ready to listen than we are to pray; please hear the cry of our hearts as we pray especially for:

- Our local farmers: for a rich harvest and healthy livestock
- Our school children returning for a new academic year: may they be supported and encouraged in their studies
- Our teachers and teaching assistants: that they will not be overwhelmed by bureaucracy and enjoy imparting learning on their students
- Revd Stewart and Heather moving into Constantine: may they feel welcomed and quickly settle into their new home

