



KERRIER DEANERY NEWS



DIOCESE OF TRURO
DISCOVERING GOD'S KINGDOM
GROWING THE CHURCH

October 2026

DEANERY BRIEFING

Licensing service for Revd Stewart Shaw

Monday October 19th - 7pm at St. Constantine Church, TR11 5AW
Service to be led by Bishop David and Archdeacon Clive

Let's give a warm Kerrier welcome to Revd Stewart and his wife, Heather.
During the service Heidi and Susie will be re-commissioned as Rector and
Team Vicar.

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

FOOD DONATIONS PLEASE

- Soup (tins or packets)
- Long life fruit juice
- Small jars of coffee
- Small boxes of tea bags
- Rice pudding
- Custard
- Dog food

THANK YOU!

 Helston & The Lizard
Foodbank
Together with Trussell

Donate at:-
  
 

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

 Mondays, Wednesdays
& Fridays 10am - 2pm

Donate with
JustGiving



mustard seed

www.mustardseedhelston.org.uk
Registered Charity Number 1127110

Food donations from Harvest
services can be dropped off
at The Foodbank depot
behind Light and Life Church
in Helston, Mon/Wed/Fri
10am-12noon
OR to The Mustard Seed on
Wendron Street,
Mon/Wed/Fri 10am - 2pm

GOOD NEWS FROM AROUND THE DEANERY

CRYING THE NECK AT ST GERMOE

After such a long, hot summer and an early harvest, it was disappointing that the ceremony had to begin in the rain in the churchyard.

Even so, 23 villagers braved the weather for the first part of this much-loved tradition.

Mike Jacka went to his field to cut the last ears of corn, known as "the Neck", and brought them back to the gathered supporters.

Kim, our Reader, together with Sarah Tresidder, a Cornish Bard, then opened the celebration of the traditional ceremony of Crying the Neck.

Sarah briefly explained that Crying the Neck is an ancient harvest custom. It marks the cutting of the final sheaf of corn, gives thanks for the harvest, and seeks a blessing for harvests still to come.

Although the ceremony is now observed in only a few villages across the West Country, it remains especially meaningful locally. It reminds us how essential good harvests are for our food and our communities.

The Neck was presented in turn to the four points of the compass:

Mike presented the Neck in English, and everyone responded.

Sarah then presented it in Cornish, with the responses also given in Cornish.

We still did not quite get it right, adding rather too many "hurrahs" – but the extra enthusiasm only added to the occasion!

After the outdoor ceremony, everyone retreated into the church for a short service led by Kim, during which the Neck was laid on the altar.

The new Neck has now been hung over the north door, where it will remain until it is replaced next year.

The old Neck has been taken down and returned to Mike, to be ploughed back into the field in keeping with tradition.

At the end of the service there was a very welcome pasty and cup of tea in the Church Hall, along with plenty of conversation.

It was a lovely evening. Spirits were certainly not dampened by the weather, and the occasion was thoroughly enjoyed by all who value the importance of maintaining and preserving our traditional ceremonies.



MULLION CHURCH

We held a late summer lunch with delicious home made food, plenty of cakes, bric-a-brac, books, toys and The Friends of St. Mellanus had a stall selling lots of gorgeous items.



'Hit & Miss' (sea shanty group) who performed to a sell out audience on 5th September.

The event was organised by The Friends of Mullion Church, and a great evening was thoroughly enjoyed by all, with delicious Cornish pasties served in the interval. It was such a joy to see Mullion community filling our church. We give thanks to the Friends who are planning lots more exciting events for us.



Tea and Toast has started again at Mullion Church for the new term!



St.Martin wedding joy!

Lovely wedding took place on 12th September between two farming families at St Martin. The Bryants and Darks

Wendron Church and Creationtide

On Sunday 6 September, the Rev Emma Childs, in her joint service with St Michael's congregation, at Wendron Church, introduced the theme of Creationtide, that runs from 01 September (World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation) to 4 October (the feast day of St Francis of Assisi, who was known for his care of animals and creation). In our diocese, Living Water is the theme this year, inviting us all to celebrate the world in which we live.

On Saturday 3 October, Allan and Clare will attend the annual Creation Care Service at St Illogan Church, Illogan. Bishop David will be there to announce the churches who have attained environmental awards, such as the Kernow Green Church Award and the A Rocha Eco Church Award, which we, at Wendron Church, achieved in July. So, we are looking forward to receiving our official plaque from Bishop David, on that day.

We are also holding a Pet Service, at 11.15 on Sunday 4 October, the feast day of St Francis. We are inviting all pets to come along and attend a short, and possibly slightly chaotic service of thanksgiving for the love and friendship that pets give us. Well behaved owners are very much invited to come along as well. Afterwards, we will have fresh homemade cake, biscuits and other refreshments.



Morris dancing in Mullion!

Mullion Church would like to express their thanks to both Amy Martin who kindly volunteered to guide the Morris dancing and also Martin Willey for acting as our Auctioneer for the Auction of Promises.

Also, thanks to the Friends of St. Mellanus for providing a licenced bar and to all our brilliant Mullion businesses and community for donating to the event.

Finally, James and Liz who entertained us!



Mullion Church

Harvest Home bring and share meal with an Auction of Promises and comic entertainment at 6pm on Sunday 27th September, involving 2 sketches, some singing, eating and an Auction of Promises.



Children, Youth and Families Work Updates



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

It's all change in September as families head back to school, and so in Wild Church we looked at "New Beginnings" using the parable of the mustard seed - a tiny tiny seed that grows into a tree so big that birds can make their nests in it! So we thought about what we would like to grow in during this new school year - and planted cress seeds as a promise for growth. We also thought about what makes home feel safe when things are changing, and how we can make safe places of welcome for other people who need them.

🙏 Pray for Wild Church as it is growing, and for all our members settling back into new routines.

Kerrier Schools Ministry - a flourishing school means a flourishing community.

The autumn term is always a busy one with lots of opportunities to engage with schools. Our churches will start welcoming school groups in for Harvest, Remembrance (and soon Christmas!) and we are busy booking everyone into the schedule.

🙏 Pray for all the plans being made to celebrate and commemorate this term. Please also pray for those schools with changes to their staff, particularly both Mullion primary and Breage who have new headteachers this year.



What's on in Kerrier Deanery and the Diocese

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.

Kerrier Deanery Contact Details

Rural Dean

Revd Heidi Huntley 01326 334370
heidiruraldean@gmail.com

Pioneer Priest

Revd Susie Templeton
kerrierpioneer@gmail.com

Deanery Administrator

Ann Bradbury 07586 833056
kerrierdeaneryoffice@gmail.com

Coverack:

AN EVENING OF FLUTE MUSIC

ST PETER'S CHURCH

FRIDAY 2ND OCTOBER

7PM

Tickets:

£10

available from the
Community Shop or
on the door

Participants of the Roderick Seed Flute Retreat
HyunJeong Hwang, piano



The Parish of St Ruan with St Grade

St Grade Church



PET SERVICE



A service of thanksgiving and blessing
for our pets & animals

Sunday 4th October

3pm

All pets welcome!
(& their owners!)





Mothers Union

29th October 2.30pm at

Mullion Parish Church

Talk about MU by our President

Mrs. Kirsten Lewis and

Presentation of long service certificate

Tea to follow

Everybody very welcome

Wendy Williamson- branch leader- wendywhisker@gmail.com- 01326 240865

Blasts from the Past - Mothers' Union, Truro Cathedral, Thursday 15th October 2pm, Chapter House

Mothers' Union nurtures faith and friendship - and one way of doing this is through our favourite songs! October's meeting at Truro Cathedral is an opportunity to re-live happy times from our schooldays. If you remember a cracking song from Assembly, please send your suggestion, and why you chose it, to Beverlyhulme@trurocathedral.org.uk As many songs as possible will then be selected for a singalong (with piano accompaniment) in the Chapter House.

As usual, there is no charge, guest attendees are welcome and refreshments will be served. Unlike at school, singing is not compulsory!

Alternative short version if space is limited -

Blasts from the Past - Mothers' Union, Truro Cathedral, Thursday 15th October 2pm, Chapter House (free). All welcome to sing along to favourite songs from our schooldays. Expect tea and cake!

Dates for the diary' -

Diocesan Mothers' Union Meeting - 19 November 10.00 - 16.00, Truro Cathedral. Morning - Eucharist and Speaker (Julia Jameson, Zonal Trustee, Mothers' Union); Afternoon - AGM. Please bring packed lunch. Tea & coffee available all day, plus fair trade stall. All welcome.

November 25 - December 10 - the UN's '16 Days of Activism' campaign against gender-based violence is supported by Mothers' Union. Our theme is 'Together for Dignity and Safety'. Further details to follow.

Thursday 10 December - annual Mothers' Union Advent Carol Service, Truro Cathedral (time tbc)

Finally, Mothers' Union is celebrating 150 years this year, and your prayers would be very much appreciated for its worldwide gathering is being held in Durban, South Africa from 30 Sept - 3 Oct. Diocese of Truro Mothers' Union is being represented by our Diocesan President, Kerstin Lewis. Enquiries about Mothers' Union and its work in the Diocese can be sent to her at mu.truro.dpegmail.com

Thank you to Revd Emma Childs (PtO) for this months prayers



**'Let us thank the Earth
That offers ground for home
And holds our feet firm
To walk in space open
To infinite galaxies.'**

John O'Donohue, 'In Praise of the Earth' in To Bless the Space Between Us

As Creationtide draws to a close we find ourselves at a turning point in the year: summer softens into autumn, we are settling back into familiar rhythms, and new beginnings appear alongside the need for rest.

So, in this season of thanksgiving and transition, we pray to God

For creation and harvest: for the beauty and abundance of earth, sea and sky, and for all that creation gives us – food, shelter, beauty and wonder. We give thanks for those who grow, gather, fish and farm, and pray that our gratitude may lead us to care for creation with respect and generosity.

For the land and sea: as harvest is gathered and the land enters a quieter season, we pray for blessing on our fields, gardens and hedgerows as they rest, recover and regenerate. May we resist the temptation to take continuously from the earth, and instead allow land and sea, river and mine, time to breathe, renew and flourish.

For this county of Cornwall in which we are set: as the busyness of summer gives way to a different pace and familiar rhythms return, may there be opportunities for rest and refreshment. We pray especially for those whose work has been demanding through the summer, and for those beginning again after a season of change.

For those who care for others: remembering St Luke, we pray for doctors, nurses, carers, paramedics, therapists and all who work in health and social care. Give them wisdom, compassion and strength, and places where they too can be cared for and renewed.

For our ancient churches: as we celebrate dedication festivals, we give thanks for the churches and chapels of Kerrier – for their saints, stones and stories, their beauty and simplicity, and for all the generations who have worshipped and prayed within them. We give thanks for those who have gone before us, whose faith and faithfulness still speak through these places.

For those who minister among us today: for clergy, lay ministers, churchwardens, musicians, pastoral teams, volunteers and all who quietly give their time and gifts. May they know joy in their calling, courage when the way is uncertain, and grace to rest when they need to.

For new beginnings: for churches, schools, families and communities entering a new season. Give us courage for what lies ahead, patience with what takes time, and openness to the possibilities that are emerging. Help us to trust that not every new beginning needs to be rushed.

An evening prayer:

Heavenly Father and Lord of Life,
you have created the heavens and the earth,
the sun and the earth, the moon and the stars.

Grant that as now we take our rest,
we may awake strengthened to serve you
in the care of your good creation. Amen



For those I've not yet met....

I'm a coach and self-supporting minister, and am delighted to be serving in Kerrier. After more than 25 years in parish ministry in Cornwall, I now combine ministry with coaching, offering space for people to pause, reflect and listen for what might be emerging in their lives, vocation, and work.

I have a particular love of the sea and the ways that being alongside water and in nature can help us to slow down, notice and reconnect, and volunteer with British Divers Marine Life Rescue as a marine mammal medic.

I'm looking forward to getting to know more of you sharing in the life and ministry of the deanery in this new season.

Revd Emma Childs