KERRIER DEANERY NEWS

November 2026

WELCOME TO REVD STEWART AND HEATHER

We are taking the next step on our journey...

A MESSAGE FROM THE SHAWS

Heather and I would like to thank everyone for your support, love and prayers as we start to share ministry in the Deanery.

I have been in post now for almost two weeks and have met many from the Deanery, with more to meet. Navigating the roads and lanes, and tasting the delights of cream teas with jam first. It's getting easier, remembering the Sat Nav will take you off the beaten track.

I am looking forwards to meeting more during Sunday Worship especially during the coming weeks during Remembrance Service across the Deanery. Then into the Advent Season. With our first winter in Cornwall.

God richest blessings on you all and your families

Stewart and Heather

Meeting with the good folk of Gweek Mission Church.

Elaine Bawden who looked after the supper table at Stewart's Licensing service with Bishop David.

GOOD NEWS FROM AROUND THE DEANERY

MULLION CHURCH PET SERVICE

Sadly, only dogs represented the animal kingdom, but all were very well behaved with no accidents recorded!

GERMOE HARVEST FEAST

As befits a rural and agricultural village, Germoe takes "Harvest" seriously. Having already celebrated "Crying the Neck" and later worshipped at Harvest Festival, the third and final celebration was a glorious Harvest Feast. The Germoe Village Hall was packed to capacity for a sumptuous meal as the evening drew-in and set the scene for those autumnal and wintry evenings. There were baked potatoes with a magnificent array of fillings and side-dishes and a wonderful selection of puddings.
John Owen ran a busy bar and Rosie and her band of helpers organised a lucrative raffle.

GOOD NEWS FOR ST.BARTHOMOEW CHURCH, PORTHLEVEN

Saturday 3rd October at 3.30pm at St Illogan Church Redruth was a lovely sunny day to join with other churches in the Diocese for the annual Creation Care Service.
This service is always held during Creation tide during the month of September, when the church celebrates and reflects on Creation. The uplifting and thoughtful service was led by the Revd Mark Balfour, supported by Andrew Negus Organist together with the Kea Church Music Team which greatly added to the lovely traditional and contemporary worship songs chosen for the occasion The Address was given by Bishop David, the theme being Living Water with reference to the bible readings from Ezekiel 47: 1-12 and Revelation 22: 1-5
The climax of the service included the Commissiong of Leaders for Creation Care, the Celebration of Eco Church 3 Silver and 18 Bronze Awards, Kernow Green Church Award and Schools Green Flag Awards. From our Deanery both Wendron Church and St Bartholomew's Church were awarded Bronze awards.

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GERMOE SCHOOL
HARVEST FESTIVAL IN ST GERMOE CHURCH

On Wednesday, St Germoe Church was full to capacity and welcomed some 150 children, parents, grandparents, friends, teachers and staff to the School Harvest Festival.

Rev'd Susie led the celebrations, which included poetry readings and songs by all the children, accompanied by Gwynneth on the organ.

In her meaningful address about harvest, there was a theme of THANKFULNESS and GENEROSITY - Rev'd Susie emphasised that we should all be thankful to God for our farmers and fishermen, shopkeepers, and everyone involved in providing our food. We should also be generous and give to those who do not have enough for their daily use.

After the final harvest song, the children took their offerings to the altar – and what a wonderful amount there was. Susie ended the service with a prayer.

Head Teacher Paula Milburn then thanked everyone concerned, and especially Susan, from Helston Food Bank who was also present, and would take all the contributions back to Helston.

Another lovely celebration with the children from School.

Cornwall Historic Churches Trust

invites you to our

Christmas Drinks Party

Boconnoc House, Lostwithiel, PL22 0RG

Thursday 17th December 2026

6.30 pm - 8.30 pm

Champagne and Canapés

Tickets £30

To apply for tickets by post email chair@chct.info

To buy tickets online visit https://www.tickettailor.com/events/cornwallhistoricchurchestrust/2352238

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Children, Youth and Families Work Updates

December activities

We all know how incredibly busy December can be,especially for the clergy. One aspect of our pioneering work is to make as much contact with schools as possible.Many schools are already booking services which is brilliant news.

Advent Adventures will be underway and schools are showing an interest in coming. It would be great to expand it but we do need more volunteers.

If you think that your own church might like to run them and you are not quite sure what goes on ,feel free to come to any of our sessions and see for yourself.

We have not got a final list of dates yet but if you email me or ring me,I'll be able to let you know.

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

In October at Wild Church we have been thinking about St Francis and his special connection to animals, which has given us an opportunity to celebrate the special animals in our own lives. We made "Pet Blessing Bunting" proudly displayed in each church, and had lots of fun making bird feeders from apples and lard. The weather was beautiful for each of our sessions, and we enjoyed the return of the fire pit with marshmallows! We are also thankful for new families joining us as Wild Church grows.

🙏 Pray for Wild Church as we try to create moments of connection for our families - connection with God, with nature, with the church and with each other.

Kerrier Schools Ministry - a flourishing school means a flourishing community

October means one thing in schools... Harvest Festival! We were involved in celebrating harvest in schools and churches across the Deanery. It's a great opportunity to talk about being thankful and being generous, and so important in such an unstable world. Sithney School invited us in to do a Wild Church session for the Early Years in their outdoor learning space - and we talked about the apple harvest, all the ways in which God blesses us, and made Wild Church style bird feeders from apples to help look after the wild birds as winter comes.

🙏 Pray for our schools on half term break, and for all the hard work teachers are putting in to prepare for the next couple of months. We pray that everyone returns to their classes refreshed and ready to learn!

What's on in Kerrier Deanery and the Diocese

'An Lysardh Christmas Choir'
Candlelit Carol Service
Sithney Parish Church
Monday 14th December at 7pm

Singers from across the area are joining together again to form 'An Lysardh Christmas Choir' (conducted by Andrew Woods) for a traditional candlelit 'Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols' at Sithney Parish Church on Monday 14th December at 7pm. Since the inaugural service in 2015 at Trelowarren Chapel, the choir has sung at a number of local churches. This year the retiring collection will be for church funds and The Farming Community Network. Everyone is welcome at the service and refreshments will be available afterwards. Further details will be published in the December edition of the Kerrier Deanery News.

Bibles & religious books

I have been given a box of Bibles and various religious books to dispose of.
If anyone is interested, please contact me and arrange to come and have a look through.
Sorry, but I don't have time to type up a list!
Will go to secondhand bookshops if not wanted.

Thank you,

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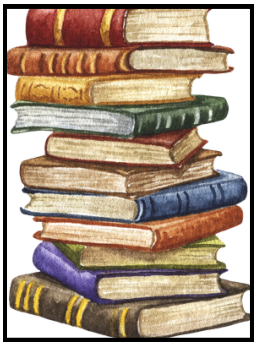

Please send your Good news stories or information about Christmas events you would like to be included in the December Newsletter by Mon 23rd November to kerrierdeaneryoffice@gmail.com
Thank you

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

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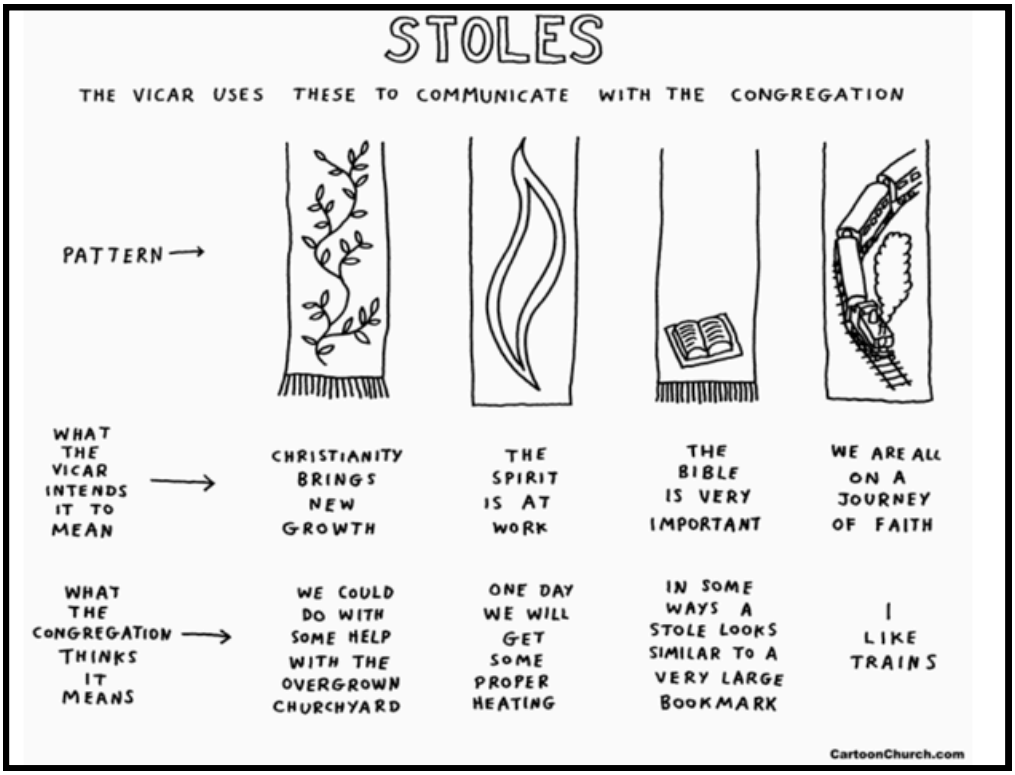
Dates for the diary' -

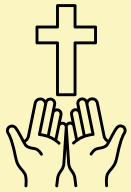
November 25 - December 10 - the UN's '16 Days of Activism' campaign against gender-based violence is supported by Mothers' Union. Our theme is 'Together for Dignity and Safety'. Further details to follow.

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.dp@gmail.com



Thank you to Reader Claire Thomson for this months prayers



Dear Father,

As we enter into the month of November, we see the leaves on the trees turning to burnished reds and browns. The wind has turned, coming from colder directions and getting stronger. The rain is coming down heavier We thank you that we are able to wrap up warm in our coats, scarves and gloves – and go out to enjoy the colours and fruits that Autumn brings.

November is a time of reflection and thankfulness, we thank you for the place where we live where we can come home and shelter from the cold wind and rain. We pray for those who have no homes, who have to find shelter where they can. Thank you for the people and charities who go out to help, to bring warm soup and comfort. We pray for refugees wherever they are in the world. We thank you for all the different charities and agencies which are there for those who are in the greatest need. Thank you God that you are amongst them with your love and protection.

We thank you Lord and pray for everyone who needs to travel during this season.

For the rescue services. For those who have to work outside.

For our fishermen and farmers.

NHS Workers and those caring for others

For the Kerrier Ministry Team as they travel around our deanery and beyond, visiting the sick, taking services, funerals, weddings and so forth.

Postmen, delivery drivers, refuse collectors and so forth.

Please protect all who need to work and travel both on land and at sea.

November is also a time of remembrance. We remember all those who are suffering or have suffered as a result of conflict. Lord, we pray for the service men and women who have died in the violence of war. We pray for all members of the armed forces, both serving and retired. We also pray for Peacemakers and Peacekeepers who seek to keep the world secure and free.

We pray for all who bear the burden and privilege of leadership, political, military and religious, we ask for them to have the gifts of wisdom and resolve in the search for reconciliation and peace.

We are grateful for the gift of faith, for the hope that sustains us, and for your abiding presence. As we journey through November and beyond, may our hearts overflow with thankfulness for your unwavering love and grace.

Amen