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A Joyful Day for Caroline at Truro Cathedral



Saturday 3rd October was a very special day as Readers and clergy from across the Diocese gathered at Truro Cathedral for the annual Readers' Service and the admission and licensing of new Licensed Lay Ministers.



It was an especially joyful occasion for the Moorland, Egloskerry and Lanstephen Benefice, and Trigg Major Deanery as Caroline Stone was admitted and licensed as a Licensed Lay Minister. Caroline made her promises and was licensed for this new chapter of her ministry, surrounded by those with whom she had trained, together with clergy, Readers, family and friends from across the deanery. It was wonderful to be there alongside her with our very own Readers, Dr Brian Davies and James Wonnacott, to support her and share in such an important moment. Caroline has worked tremendously hard throughout her training, and we are enormously proud of all that she has achieved.

Licensed Lay Ministers bring a rich variety of gifts to the life and mission of the Church through preaching and teaching, leading worship, pastoral care and helping the whole people of God to discover and live out their own calling. Caroline will now continue that ministry among us, across the eight churches of the Moorland, Egloskerry and Lanstephen Benefice.



There was something particularly lovely about seeing the Cathedral filled with Readers and clergy from across Cornwall, celebrating those beginning both this new chapter, and the faithful ministry of those who have served their churches and communities over many years. It was a reminder that ministry is never something we do alone, but something shared, with each of us bringing our own gifts in the service of God and one another.





Huge congratulations to Caroline, and to all those admitted and licensed at the service. May God bless them in all that lies ahead, and may their ministries be a blessing to the churches and communities they are called to serve."

Article by Revd Tina Parry.

Priest-In-Charge of Moorlands, Egloskerry and Lanstephan Benefice

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A Warm Cornish Welcome to Our New Archdeacon of Bodmin



On Sunday 4th October, clergy and lay ministers from across the Diocese gathered

at Truro Cathedral for Choral Evensong with the installation of

The Revd Dr Helen Williams as Archdeacon of Bodmin.

Helen was welcomed by the Bishops of Truro and St Germans, alongside representatives of church and civic life, including the Lord-Lieutenant of Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly. The Cathedral was filled with music and prayer, and the sense of celebration was tangible, as Helen formally began her new ministry among us. It was a joyful occasion, with all the colour and ceremony of a Cathedral service.

There was something particularly special about the journey that had brought Helen to this moment. Eighteen years ago, she was herself licensed as a Licensed Lay Minister; now she stood in Truro Cathedral to begin her ministry as Archdeacon of Bodmin. This was a lovely reminder of the many different ways in which vocation can unfold and develop throughout our lives.

In her sermon, Helen reflected on St Francis and reminded us that the qualities we admire in him are ultimately reflections of God, in whose image each one of us is made. Helen also drew on the words of the prophet Micah which offered a wonderfully simple pattern both for ministry and the Christian life: to do justice, to love mercy and to walk humbly with our God. During the service we sang “Lord, for the Years”, and Helen spoke about the line, “past put behind us, for the future take us” - words which she told us she meant “with every fibre of her being”,

because whilst none of us knows exactly what lies ahead, we trust in the God who goes before us.

As Helen begins her ministry among us, we are delighted to offer her a very warm Cornish welcome to the Bodmin Archdeaconry, and look forward to getting to know her, sharing in ministry with her and discovering together what this next chapter will bring.





May God bless Helen, watch over her, guide her and keep her close to his heart in all that lies ahead. Amen.

Thank you, Revd Tina, for this second article you have kindly supplied for the 6th edition of the Deanery Newsletter, regarding the installation of AD Helen.

If you would like to see more photos and the Diocesan coverage, please click on this link: Diocesan Website

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A Letter from Revd Mary Williamson, explaining her role as a 'PTO' within Trigg Major Deanery

Dear Friends,

I have been asked to share something of my ministry as an ancient retired priest in this deanery. I should, perhaps, explain that the Church of England has a retirement age for priests of 70 and so, when a priest reaches that age, they are retired. As a priest who had only been in ministry for a few years (I'm a late developer!) and also non stipendiary (unpaid), I did find this rather bizarre and frustrating. However, on my 70th birthday, I ceased to be licensed but was granted "Permission to Officiate" (PTO). The Diocesan Bishop grants the permission which allows the priest to continue taking services as requested by licensed clergy in the diocese. As such, I have been able to continue taking some regular services and also standing in to cover holidays and sickness. Another privilege is taking what are called "Occasional Offices"; baptisms, weddings and funerals. A priest with PTO can only take these services at the request or agreement of the priest in charge of the relevant parish.

A large part of my ministry is in local residential homes. Currently, I visit five of the local residential homes on a monthly basis and in each of the homes, the residents' needs and abilities are very different and so the nature of ministry is different. One of the homes is not "dementia registered" and so the residents are able to participate in a Holy Communion service. In all of the homes, we hold a simple service based predominantly on singing 3 or 4 hymns, prayer, including the Lord's Prayer, and a blessing. Even residents a long way along the dementia road, will usually join in singing the hymns and one can see the lips moving of those who have become non-verbal when the Lord's Prayer is prayed. Hymn accompaniments are provided either by CDs (I don't really do technology) or the wonderful services of Sally or Sarah on a keyboard. Bill accompanies me in some of the homes but other members of congregations would be very welcome.
Mostly, after the gathered service, the Home's Activities Co-ordinator will take me to rooms of individuals who are unable to join the service but would like to see "the vicar".

I am also sometimes called into a home when the end of a resident's life seems near, and I anoint and/or pray with or for them.

Visiting Residential Homes and being able to take Church to those who are no longer able to join the congregations of which they used to be a part is an enormous privilege, and I should be very happy to share experiences with any of you who would be interested. With love and prayers,

Mary



New Compline Online Service available to everyone in Trigg Major Deanery

Revd Olive Stevens, Assistant Rural Dean, and Revd Jess Lancaster invite you to join them for a ZOOM COMPLINE SERVICE.

8pm Thursdays for 30 mins.

Please feel welcome to join whenever you can do so- this is a Trigg Major Deanery Compline Service. Prayer Requests are welcome. Please send requests to Revd Olive, so that prayers can be included whether you are able to join or not.

If you would like to join in follow the link -It will remain the same link each week

Olive Stevens is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.
Join Zoom Meeting
https://us04web.zoom.us/j/72531125464?pwd=faZ0ZKi178yHycXxh0HzcRKqo3qxBP.1

Meeting chat link
https://us04web.zoom.us/launch/jc/72531125464

Meeting ID: 725 3112 5464
Passcode: 3J92hN

Open The Book (OTB)

Articles by Rose Stammer and Bridget Pentreath

Rose and Bridget each belong to different OTB groups within the Deanery. Rose introduces us all to the group which covers primary schools in Launceston, and Bridget continues with information about the work her group does with some of the village primary schools.

Open The Book is an international organisation operating under The Bible Society umbrella which is dedicated to taking the Bible to young people in schools. Locally in Launceston we are a small group of volunteers who meet once a week on Thursdays during term time. We currently visit to schools in the town where we have fun acting out Bible stories for the children in costume of course! The children very much enjoy our visits and are keen to be part of the action as part of the cast.



Anyone wishing to join our group would be most welcome. No previous experience required and no perfect memory as we carry our scripts with us, just lots of enthusiasm and a good sense of humour.

Team members will require an enhance DBS check which are usually actioned by your local church safeguarding officer.

If interested, please contact-

Rose by email: rosemary.stammer@gmail.com



The Many Rivers Benefice 'Open the Book' team is a small but enthusiastic group of five volunteers who love bringing Bible stories to life for children. We visit four local primary schools - Lewannick, South Petherwin, Coads Green and Trekenner - twice each term.

At every visit, we present a Bible story in a lively and engaging way, acting out the different parts, dressing up in costume and, most importantly, encouraging the children to get involved. Our days run from 9.00am to 2.00pm, travelling between the schools and sharing stories, laughter and plenty of enthusiasm along the way. Naturally, there are always some much-appreciated tea stops en route!

It is great fun, wonderfully rewarding and a lovely opportunity to share Bible stories and Church with children in our local schools. We are always delighted to welcome new volunteers - you don't need to be an experienced actor - just a willingness to have a go and enjoy yourself!

Why not come along with us and see what we do? You might just decide to join in the fun and become part of our team!

If interested, please contact: Bridget: bridgetpentreath@googlemail.com

Message from Revd Jess



(Pictured with Revd Tina, at St Michael & All Angels Church, Trewen).

Revd Jess has asked that we send a message of love and thanks to both Moorlands and Many Rivers. Revd Jess said she was overwhelmed by the wonderful 'send-off 'at Trewen Church and the gifts received, and now so appreciative of the welcome she has received from Many Rivers Benefice. Revd Jess says, 'My love, thanks and blessings to all concerned.'

Pictured Left to right at St Briochus Church, Lezant: Bridget Pentreath, Lezant PCC Secretary, Revd Jess and James Rider, Churchwarden





All Souls Service at Tremaine

On Sunday, November 1st, which is the day before All Souls Day, there will be a memorial service for the bereaved at Tremaine Church, PL15 8SA. The service starts at 3pm and there will be tea and coffee served afterwards.

This is not restricted to people from Tremaine Parish; anyone who has suffered a bereavement at any time and wishes to remember the person they have lost is very welcome. There will be a rosemary bush in the church for the week before the service. Names of the deceased can be placed on that bush either during that week or at the service. The names will be read out during the service.

Contact Caroline at: egloskerryparishoffice@gmail.com

Love in Every Stitch:

Celebrating 150 years of the Mother's Union

at Truro Cathedral

Please click on the link to see the Diocesan coverage of this event which took place in August, As part of its 150th anniversary celebrations, Truro Diocesan Mothers' Union brought together more than 50 beautiful banners from across Cornwall for a special exhibition at Truro Cathedral. Trigg Major Deanery sent five banners from Altarnun, Lezant, South Petherwin, St Marys Launceston, and Werrington.

If you would like to know more about the Mother's Union in Trigg Major Deanery, please contact:

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Looking Ahead

As this Newsletter goes into print we find ourselves amid Harvest Festival Celebrations, and it can be a challenge to think about what lies ahead, but no doubt some are already planning Remembrance Services.



Last year poppies were in profusion at South Petherwin and more are being made for this year.

Also please visit St Briochus, Lezant Remembrance Exhibition:

01/11 – 16/11/26 - (Silhouettes and histories of the Fallen, Trekenner School display, Poppy display - available during usual church opening hours 10 am-5pm) PL15 9PP



It might be a comfort to those who are living with the scars of warfare to quietly contemplate this plaque that nestles in the North Cornwall clifftops, come rain wind and shine.

We will remember you - we will remember your colleagues – we will remember all those caught up in conflicts past and present.

Safeguarding Sunday

Immediately following 'Remembrance' comes 'Safeguarding Sunday' on 15/11/26. Please see the Diocesan website for more information about Safeguarding. Trigg Major Deanery is committed to the continued development of high-quality safeguarding practices. If you have any cause for concern, please speak to your priest or your safeguarding officer -contact details will be on church noticeboards and on the relevant church page on A Church Near You

Tregadillett Goes On Safari



Tregadillett Church held its annual Safari Supper in September when over 100 people attended. This supper started back in the early 90s by the Tregadillett Methodist Chapel with three courses being served at different venues. When the chapel and Anglican church came together in 2002 - the supper continued and has taken place every year since apart from when Covid prohibited such gatherings.

Pre Covid - there were three courses - starters at Hidden Valley, the standard carvery at Trethorne, homemade desserts in marquees in a garden on the edge of the village and cheese and biscuits and tea and coffee back in the church and community centre. In 2019 - 250 attended.



Since Covid, starters are no longer served, and the desserts have also been moved to the church and community centre. With a decreasing number of able help - we have also reduced the numbers so last year we had around 150 coming along and this year - we had around 100. This has become a significant community outreach event and this year - we welcomed several new faces. As our friends have aged - several Pleanow don't want to eat so much in the evening and others are no longer able to come out and drive at night.



This year - a little over £2000 was raised for church funds. A big 'thank you' to everyone who supported the event on the night and to everyone who gave so generously of their time, talents and energy to help make the event such a success.

Article by Sarah Vinson -Churchwarden & Deanery Synod Lay Chair



St Denys Church, North Tamerton

Our Sausage and Apple Brunch, Saturday 5th was a lovely community event, we all had a great time. We met new and old friends, there was a lot of laughter, chatting and we all ate delicious food. The variety of sausage casseroles/bakes, six in all, were scrumptious, very little was taken home, so no sausages for suppers!! The desserts were fantastic, numerous variety of apple crumble, apple cake, apple pie and apple slices all with either cream or custard, we all left with full tummies. All our guests said how wonderful the food was and that they will be back for it next September. We raised a fantastic £422. We would like to thank everyone that came to support us, we hope you had a good time and would like to say a massive thank you to everyone that helped make the day such a success. We are blessed to have so many wonderful helpers, God bless you. (Article from Susan Turnock).



ST BRIOCHUS 'FIZZ and FUN' PARTY



The St Briochus annual 'Fizz and Fun' party and barn dance was held at East Penrest on Friday, 4th September, in aid of Lezant Parish Church and Children's Hospice South West.

A wonderful evening was much enjoyed by over one hundred and ten guests, a record number! A delicious two-course buffet supper, provided by the many extremely kind helpers, was followed by dancing to the band *Redwing*.



Our enormous thanks are due to James and Jo Rider, who, together with their whole family and many volunteers, all contributed in making the evening such a huge success.

Lezant PCC were also hugely grateful to the volunteers from Children's Hospice South West for their great help on the night.

Article from Bridget Pentreath: Lezant PCC Secretary

Prizes in the Pews.



In May of this year the Lawhitton Village Show Committee had to cancel the village horticultural show- normally held in the village hall - due to unforeseen circumstances. Within 24 hours the PCC at Lawhitton Church decided, as the show is much loved event in the village diary, to host and organise the show in St Michael's Church. This was even though no-one had any experience of putting on a village show!



The new date of 29th August was publicised and the show schedules simplified down to sixty classes. New schedules and road signs were printed painted and distributed. Wood planking was found to block off the pews. Learned judges were volunteered from the Launceston community. The vestry was temporarily converted into a tea shop with enough cake to feed the five thousand. The village cups were polished and certificates printed.

There were over 200 individual entries and, on the day, c 100 villagers and friends



attended. The atmosphere in the church was buzzing and fresh faces from the village visited St Michael's for the first time. We hope they will come back for our 'live animal' nativity in December. The day raised £530.00 to be split between Launceston Memory Cafe and the church restoration fund. Would we do it again? This is still up for discussion but probably yes...with more notice next time! Article submitted by St Michael’s PCC.

Saturday Coffee Mornings at St Paternus Church, South Petherwin:





The first Saturday of each month, we serve bacon rolls/hot drinks- there are books, Jigsaws to buy or borrow and a sale table with jams, preserves and bric-à-brac. Meg, (left picture) a regular visitor, thoroughly recommends these coffee mornings - please come along when you can.



An Organ Concert at St Mary Magdalene, Launceston by Dr Sean Sweeney.

Between 50-60 people were treated to a varied programme ranging from ‘Fanfare’ by William Mathias to ‘Voluntary in D’ by John Alcock. Dr Sweeney dedicated the fifth piece, ‘Nocturne’ by Dom Sebastian Wolff to a family who have very sadly lost a treasured grandson -our thoughts and prayers are with them at this very sad time.

Our grateful thanks to Dr Sean for reminding us of the great joy music brings, and yet how at the same time, it can also comfort us in times of deepest sorrow.

We conclude this edition with Revd Sean’s Prayer for the Deanery:

Lord Jesus Christ,
you are the true vine and we are your branches.
Keep us rooted in you.
Prune from us all that prevents us from bearing fruit.
Give us courage to let go when we need to let go,
imagination to embrace what is new,
generosity to support one another,
and love for the communities you have entrusted to us.
Show us the future you are calling us towards,
and give us grace to walk into it together.
May our churches bear fruit that will last,
to the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

Revd Sean Clancy – Strategic Rural Dean