

Newsletter

August 2025

**The churches of Werrington, St Giles, Boyton, North Tamerton
and Virginstowe**



Friday 1 August is Lammass, an ancient Christian festival marking the beginning of the cereal harvest. It is older than our more familiar harvest festivals, which mark the end of harvest.

The church calendar gives plenty of opportunities to mark the times and rhythms of the farming year, but we rarely do. I wonder why that is? Lammass comes from the Old English half-mas, meaning loaf mass. The first grains were milled and baked into a loaf, which was then offered to God in thanksgiving during a special eucharist service. The loaf speaks of gratitude, community and trust in God's provision. It carried great spiritual and practical significance.

Covid, and then Russia's invasion of Ukraine, have highlighted the vulnerability of our global supply chains, and food security.

Whenever I lead a wedding, baptism or funeral in our rural churches, I am reminded of the strength of our rural communities, the interconnectedness of community and the role the church community has to play in the larger community. Praise God in all that!

Rev Helen

Associate Minister



Trigg Major and Stratton Deanery Churchwardens at the
Archdeacon's Visitation in June

An announcement from Bishop Hugh

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ

It was announced today by Downing Street that the King has approved my nomination as the next Bishop of Worcester.

As you can imagine it will be a bitter-sweet move, as it means leaving all of you wonderful, faithful, brilliant people and the glory of God's creation that is Cornwall, and it means not being able to serve with Bishop David, who is such a gift to this diocese.

In the Diocese of Truro, we have a clear vision for a fruitful and sustainable future, with so many faithful and godly people serving their church and their communities, often in creative and sacrificial ways. And with a new focus on children and young people, and Bishop David leading you on, you can be full of hope for the future.

I will not be starting in Worcester until the New Year, so there's lots of time for me to say the things I want to say to you all. Please do pray for my family and I, as we certainly shall for you.

I have made a video and you can view it here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nT49MepzmGY>

With my love, in Christ,

August Services

	August 3rd Green 7 th Sunday after Trinity Ecclesiastes 1.2, 12-14 and 2.18-23 Colossians 3.1-11 Luke 12.13-21	August 10th Green 8 th Sunday after Trinity Genesis 15.1-6 Hebrews 11.1-3, 8-16 Luke 12.32-40	August 17th Green 9 th Sunday after Trinity Jeremiah 23.23-29 Hebrews 11.29-12.2 Luke 12.49-56	August 24th Green 10 th Sunday after Trinity Bartholomew the Apostle Isaiah 43.8-13 Acts 5.12-16 Luke 22.24-30	August 31st Green 11 th Sunday after Trinity Ecclesiasticus 10.12-18 Hebrews 13.1-8, 15-16 Luke 14.1,7-14
Boyton	1100 MP TS		0930 HC HD		
Werrington		0915 MP RL		0915 HC HD	1030 United Benefice Service
St Giles	1100 MP RT and ST		1100 HC HD		
Virinstowe		1100 MP MH		1100 HC HD	
North Tamerton	1000 Sunday Worship JO	1000 HC HD	1000 MP JO		

Wedding, North Tamerton Saturday 2 August

**The Church Wardens and Parochial Church
Councils of The Benefice of Moorland, Egloskerry
and Lanstephan**

Licensing of
THE REVD TINA PARRY

as the Priest in Charge of the Parishes of

Davidstow, Egloskerry with Tresmere, Laneast, North
Petherwin, St Clether, St Stephen's Launceston, Tremaine
and Trewen

by The Rt. Revd. David Williams, Bishop of Truro
and

The Ven. Kelly Betteridge, Archdeacon of Bodmin

at the *Parish Church of St Paternus, North Petherwin* on

Tuesday 19th August at 7.00pm

followed by refreshments in the Parish Hall.

The congregation is asked to be seated by 6.50pm

What has been going on in the benefice?

Rev Tina Parry has been appointed to the Lanstephan, Moorland and Egloskerry Benefice. See above for details of her licensing and welcome service.

St Denys, North Tamerton looked beautiful for the marriage within a service of holy communion of Rob and Em. Rob's family have farmed in the parish for generations, and last year Rob and Em had organised a quiz night to fund raise for the renovation of the bells, raising over £1,000, keen to have bells at their wedding. It was a joy to hear the bells ringing out the good news.



Norman Cowling, Tower Captain at the Church of the Holy Name, Boyton organised a ringers outing to churches in East Devon, including the absolutely beautiful church at Topsham. A good time was had by all. The next trip is to the Padstow area on 6 September, and non-ringers are very welcome to join the trip- details elsewhere in this newsletter.

Archdeacon Kelly is looking at the name of our benefice, following the pastoral reorganisation in Launceston and our joining with St Mary Magdalene as a single benefice. During the formal consultations about the changes there was some unhappiness about the current name, but it was agreed that could be addressed once the reorganisation was complete. You may know that St Thomas and Three Rivers is now the Many Rivers Benefice, and St Stephens, Moorland and Egloskerry is Moorland, Egloskerry and Lanstephan Benefice.

What's going on across the rural benefice churches

And beautiful flowers to welcome wedding guests to St Denys, North Tamerton on 2 August



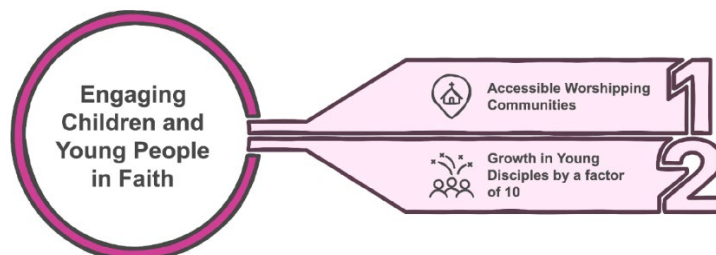
Bridget Pentreath at Lezant and Rose Stammer at St Thomas, both members of the deanery implementation team, are looking to capture all the children and young people activity across the deanery, to see how best we can support and encourage that work, and how we can replicate the things that work (such as Virginstowe's Messy Church). If you want to feed into that work or be involved Rev Helen can pass on the contact details.

This is from the Diocese' strategy Growing Younger;

TWO OBJECTIVES

The two objectives of Growing Younger are:

1. For every child and young person in the Diocese of Truro to have access to a community that meets in Jesus' name, to do Jesus' work in which they can be at home and explore faith.
2. We are committed to a tenfold increase in the number of young disciples in our churches over the next decade.



Diary Dates

Coffee mornings in Boyton at 10am every Thursday, alternating between the Church Hall and the Chapel Hall. Everyone welcome.

August 17th 1800 Taize, a quiet, reflective service based on the music of the Taizé Community, with live music. St Thomas, Launceston.

August 20th 1430 Mother's Union, meeting at St Mary's, Launceston. Rev Helen will talk about being a priest in the workplace

1900 Bereavement Group, St Thomas Hall. Support for anyone who is finding loss and grief difficult, however long ago.

August 30th Visiting ringers at St Giles and Boyton in the afternoon.

Sunday August 31st from 1300 Boyton's summer barbeque at Boyton Church Hall. Further information and to book ring Vanessa Stanbury 01566 785426.

Saturday September 6th Ringers coach outing visiting six churches in the Padstow area. Non ringers are very welcome to join the trip. Details from Norman Cowling 01566 775381 (evenings)

Saturday Sept 6th 1100-1400 Sausage and Apple Brunch, The Victory Hall, North Tamerton. Hot dogs, sausage casserole, stewed apples, apple crumble and more.

Saturday Sept 13th 1400-1600 St Denys, North Tamerton Open bell ringing session for residents of North Tamerton Parish. An opportunity to come along and have a go at bell ringing, and if you enjoy it, sign up for training.

Saturday Sept 27th 1400-1630 St Denys' Tower Captain Ernie Hicks has invited nine local towers to come and enjoy an afternoon of ringing St Denys' renovated bells.

Do you ever visit Truro Cathedral? Until 20th August there is an exhibition of amazing textile art, but there are lots of other events, and guided tours, through the year [Truro Cathedral - Threads Through Creation Art Exhibition](#)

Messy Church meets at St Bridget's Church, Virginstowe on the second Sunday of each month (except August) at 3pm. All are welcome for bible stories, crafts and games.



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Bereavement Care

We have had a substantial number of funerals in the churches across the benefice, over recent months.

Funerals bring our communities into church in a way that almost no other event does, and of course loss touches and shapes our communities in ways that are not always immediately clear.

Each of you supports friends and family in their loss and grief. I am conscious that there is not enough priestly capacity to be present in that support in the same way as would have happened in the past, with a priest caring for a single parish and living in the parish.

I wonder whether there is any interest in joining together to learn a little more about bereavement support? I have in mind some Care for the Family resources (they are a Christian charity); nothing formal, but helping each of us feel better equipped to support people in their mourning. If there is interest let Rev Helen know, and we could see whether there is interest more widely in the deanery.

Heart Edge Movement for Renewal in Rural Churches

Heart Edge is described as a movement for renewal, fuelled by people and churches sharing their assets, experience, resources and needs. It includes an inclusive network of churches, groups and individuals uniting together around a shared vision.

That vision might be :
celebrating and affirming every person

Heart Edge is initiated by St Martin in the Fields

Heart Edge supports churches in blending mission around 4 core areas:

Congregation: inclusive approaches to liturgy, worship and daily life

Compassion: outreach serving the local area

Culture: art, music, reimagine the Christian narrative

Commerce: making the most of assets - buildings, skills and partnerships with others

Rev Andrew Yates is working with Heart Edge, lives in Cornwall and would be willing to be with us for a day to explore possibilities. and to help lead the course.

Is there interest in pursuing this opportunity, if only to build relationships with churches across the Deanery? Please let Rev Helen know if you would be interested.

[HeartEdge - St Martin's Digital](#)



A Church Near You- Prayer resources

We now have a prayer resources page for each of our churches, on the A Church Near You website. It includes the Diocese daily prayers diary. Do pass on prayer resources you think others might find useful.

If you would like to be part of our WhatsApp prayer group please contact Revd Helen on 07802 732494 or reverendhelendavies@gmail.com with your mobile number.

This month we pray for...

For the 80th anniversary of VJ Day

God of the nations,
our refuge and our dwelling place,
we remember with thanksgiving
those whose service achieved Allied victory in the Pacific,
and hold before you all those who suffered
from the devastation and trauma of war.
As we pray for those who suffer the atrocities of war,
strengthen our resolve to pursue what makes for peace,
through the one in whom we are reconciled and made one,
even Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

For the peace of the world

O God, who would fold both heaven and earth
in a single peace;
that the design of your great love lighten

upon the waste of our wraths and sorrows
and give peace to your church, peace among nations,
peace in our dwellings and peace in our hearts;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Revd Tina Parry and her family, as they prepare to move from
Wales to the St Stephens, Moorland & Egloskerry benefice in the
summer.

Those preparing for marriage, including Rob and Em, that their
lives together be blessed. For disciples in our communities.

The victims and survivors of abuse, and all who work locally, in the
Diocese and nationally to make our churches safe spaces.

The discernment process for the appointment of the Archbishop of
Canterbury.

Those who have lost their lives through violence, and the
emergency services and responders

All who serve in the Benefice, particularly our lay leaders, church
wardens and all who lead worship.

All who are sick, in pain, recovering from treatment or troubled,
praying particularly for those known to us. We lift before the Lord
all of those whom we hold in our hearts and our own personal
prayers.

We give thanks for the lives of those we have lost. We commend
into God's eternal care Walter Zoffman, Clarence (John) Barrett
and all the faithful departed and we pray for all who mourn the
passing of a loved one.

Bishop David's prayer for the Diocese

Gracious and Holy God, You are our Father, our shelter and
strength. In this land of wise waters and ancient faith, may your

kingdom come afresh in this Diocese of Truro. Give us grace
each day to walk the pilgrim path with humility.

Lord Jesus Christ, Shepherd of the flock and servant of all, forgive
what is past, renew what is broken, and make us vessels of mercy
and peace.

Holy Spirit, Breath of God and fire of love, dwell in this place and
stir up your gifts within us. Guide this diocese in truth, bind us
together across generations and parishes, and send us out as
bearers of hope and healing.

For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory

Amen

