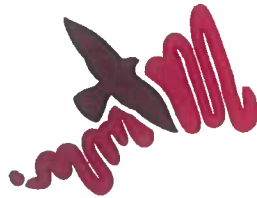


Newsletter

September 2025

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



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Garden of Peace
Isaiah 32:14-18

**PEACE
WITH CREATION**
SEASON OF CREATION 2025

Through September we celebrate the season of Creationtide. This is the time of year when we enjoy the tradition of Harvest Festivals and give thanks for the abundance of Creation. Creationtide goes wider than that though. The Season of Creation is a time to renew our relationship with our Creator and all creation through celebration, conversion, and commitment together. During the Season of Creation, we join our sisters and brothers in the ecumenical family in prayer and action for our common home.

The season starts 1 September, the Day of Prayer for Creation, and ends 4 October, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology beloved by many Christian denominations.

Throughout the month-long celebration, the world's 2.2 billion Christians come together to care for our common home. Do come and join us.

Rev Helen, Associate Minister



Our sister church St Mary Magdalene,
Launceston, ready to welcome visitors to the Flower Festival

Looking through their historical records, having just had the gate and entrance archway refurbished, St Giles found the records for the



original installation of the gate and light.



A letter from Bishop David

28th August 2025

Dear Friends

The Ven Kelly Betteridge, Archdeacon of Bodmin, will be leaving her post in the autumn to become the new suffragan Bishop of Basingstoke.

The announcement was made by Downing Street today (August 28th) following approval of her nomination by HM The King.

Archdeacon Kelly says: "I never imagined I would have the chance to come to the Diocese of Truro, and once here could never envisage being anywhere else. It has been a joy and a privilege to have had the opportunity to work alongside such talented, kind and faith-filled people over the last four years. Which is why it had to be something extraordinary to cause me to leave. There has been a gentle God-nudging I just couldn't ignore.

"I am sad to be leaving when Bishop David has only recently arrived, and I am very aware he will be a hard act to follow in Basingstoke!"

The Rt Revd David Williams, Bishop of Truro, said: "Kelly is wholehearted in her love for God and for the Church. She has served Truro diocese as a godly and wise senior leader. She moves to be Bishop of Basingstoke (a role that I know well!) and Kelly will find a warm and prayerful welcome. She will bring her gifts and experience to both the churches and the communities of North Hampshire - but above all she will bring herself!"

Archdeacon Kelly will be consecrated Bishop on October 15th in Southwark Cathedral.

FAREWELL SERVICE

A farewell service for Archdeacon Kelly will be held at St Petroc's Church in Bodmin on September 21st, at 4pm. This is where AD Kelly was licensed as Archdeacon of Bodmin in 2021 and so it is fitting that this will also be the place where we say thank you and pray for her. This will be a Diocesan-wide service and please do come and encourage members of your congregation to come too.

With my love, in Christ,

September Services- the season of Creationtide

	September 7th Green 12 th Sunday after Trinity	September 14th Green 13 th Sunday after Trinity	September 21st Green 14 th Sunday after Trinity	September 28th Green 15 th Sunday after Trinity
	Isaiah 55.6-13 Psalm 104.1-23	Genesis 2.4-7, 15- 24	Deuteronomy 8.7-18 Psalm 126	Isaiah 40.21-31 Psalm 24

	2 Cor 9.6-12 Mark 4.1-9	Psalm 104.24-35 1 John 1.1-4 John 2.1-11	1 Tim 6.6-10 Matt 6.25-33	Rev 21.1-7 Luke 7.1-10
Boyton		1100 MP TS		0930 HC HD
Werrington		0915 HC HD	0915 MP RL Harvest	
St Giles	1100 MP RT and ST			1100 HC HD Harvest
Virginstowe		1100 HC HD 1500 Messy Church	1100 MP DH	
North Tamerton	1800 HD Prayer Book Society Evensong	1000 MP JO	1000 HC MD	

Harvest Festivals



Werrington Sunday 21 September 0915

St Giles Sunday 28 September 1100

Boyton Friday 3 October 1900 followed by supper

**North Tamerton Friday 10 October 1900 with Bishop
David, followed by supper**

**Virginstowe Sunday 12 October 1500 Messy Church and
bring and share harvest tea**

What has been going on in the benefice?

Rev Tina Parry was recently licensed to the Moorland, Egloskerry and Lanstephan Benefice with a joyful service at North Petherwin. Bishop David preached, various members of the community including Mayor Nicola Gilbert welcomed Rev Tina, and the singing was exuberant and swelled by the many clergy and congregation who had travelled from Swansea to support Tina.

Following an unusual number of burials, Werrington recently had a working party to clear the "new" part of the churchyard, ready for use. See details of their next churchyard day elsewhere in this newsletter. St Giles have also had a working party in their churchyard, which is now impressively weed-free and tidy.

Visiting ringers have been to St Giles and Boyton, while our ringers and their family and friends have visited in East Devon, including Topsham, with another trip on 6th September to the Padstow area. It was lovely to see Will Uglow, playing the organ at Boyton while home for his summer holidays, and he even managed to fit in a go with the Boyton Tower beforehand, emerging just in time to play!

Boyton followed their well-attended summer party with a barbeque. Although the weather looked distinctly menacing and most of us ate the abundant and delicious food in the Hall, those who braved the weather outside were rewarded with blue skies and glorious sunshine. As always, thank you to the people who give so generously of their time to make all these things happen.

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.



This was included in last month's newsletter but is worth repeating.

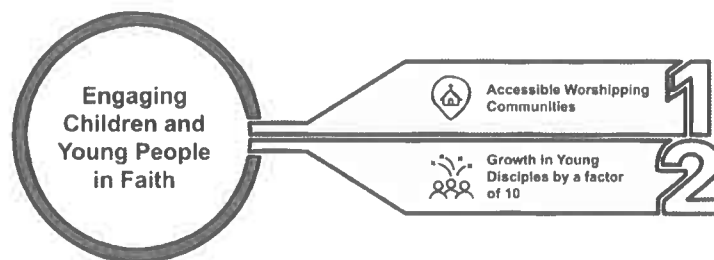
Bridget Pentreath at Lezant and Rose Stammer at St Thomas, both members of the deanery implementation team, are looking to capture all the children and young people activity across the deanery, to see how best we can support and encourage that work, and how we can replicate the things that work (such 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.



Local Worship Leader training

One of our Deanery objectives is to enable and support the flourishing ministry of all our lay leadership.

Some of our services are led by LWLs or local worship leaders, who do formal training and then are licensed by the Diocese, and other services are led by church wardens.

It is a big commitment to lead worship, so please support all our lay leaders with your prayers. If you think you may be called to this ministry, talk to a LWL about what they do, or a member of the clergy team, or come along to our next LWL training session which will be on Tuesday 23 September in the evening, venue to be confirmed. Dr Sean Sweeny, the director of music at St Mary Magdalene, will be helping us learn how to make the most of music in worship. The evening is open to anyone who is interested.

Diary Dates

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

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.

Sunday Sept 21st 1800 Taize, a quiet, reflective service based on the music of the Taizé Community, with live music. St Thomas, Launceston.

Wednesday Sept 17th 1430 Mother's Union, meeting at St Mary's, Launceston. Wave of prayer, in the Lady Chapel

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

Saturday Sept 20th 1200-1400 Late summer barbeque at Crow's Nest House. Ring Mike or Sonia on 01409 211296 to book

Friday Sept 26th Boyton Hall, wine and wisdom.

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.

Saturday Oct 18th from 1000 Werrington Churchyard day, come along with your gardening kit and a flask of tea, and help tidy the churchyard ready for the winter.

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...

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.

Bishop Hugh and Archdeacon Kelly as they prepare for their new ministries.

Peace.

Our brothers and sisters in Christ members of other denominations and members of Churches Together in Launceston.

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. 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

