



# Trigg Major Deanery Newsletter

DIOCESE OF TRURO



Welcome to the First Edition -November 2025



## Window Display at St Paternus, South Petherwin Church

The Remembrance service at the war memorial was well attended, followed by an Ecumenical Service in church. Knitted poppies and displays adorned the church and remained in situ for the wonderful concert with Atlantic Roots.

The South Petherwin team worked very hard to achieve all of this and it was very much appreciated by all attending the services and concerts.

Dear Friends,

We are delighted to bring you the first edition of our deanery newsletter. We aim to bring you updates, news, and features from across the deanery. This edition is far from perfect, and we hope you will help us by giving feedback and suggesting ideas to be included and/or changed. We are taking advice from the Diocesan Communications Team and for the first twelve months, we will produce a newsletter on a bi-monthly or quarterly basis and then review the frequency of publications going forwards.

This month sees several changes taking place within deanery clergy and staff. Canon Dr. Lynda Barley, who initially took on the mantle of interim Rural Dean for three months is now stepping down after twenty-one months. (Please see Canon Lynda's farewell letter on the next page).

Archdeacon Kelly Betteridge left Cornwall in September, destined to become Bishop of Basingstoke, and now we are in the process of saying farewell to Bishop Hugh who is to become Bishop of Worcester as from January 2026.

Carolne Stone is undertaking her third year of Lay Readership training. This involves a significant commitment of time and as such, Caroline is stepping away from some of the duties she was doing to focus on the training ahead of her.

**We ask for all to pray for each of them as they start new chapters in their lives and give thanks for all that they have done and are preparing to do.**

We also ask for your prayers regarding the introduction of a deanery newsletter. We hope it will be useful and enjoyable, and that it will complement the comprehensive newsletters already available in the three benefices.

Happy reading,

The Editors

(Sarah Vinson & Helen Uglow)

**A Farewell Letter from the Rural Dean, Canon Dr Lynda Barley**

Greetings brothers and sisters in Christ,

I am so pleased to see this first edition deanery newsletter! The last two years with you all have flown by and we now have three stipendiary priests and a deanery administrator in place for which we have much to give thanks. There are though still more changes in the diocese and, being retired myself, I am particularly mindful that it is volunteers that have kept our churches open and available to the communities that we serve. Without you dear reader our churches would be much poorer in every sense of that word. My family roots are near Liskeard and it has been a joy to share Cornish friendship along with the common Christian hope that is in us all. As we approach Christmas, I pray that you will each know the peace and joy of the coming of the Christ child as you continue to serve Him in your part of His vineyard.

Thank you to you all who have made my role so much easier over the past two years. You will stay in my prayers as you take our churches forward into the new year with all that it will hold.

Advent blessings,

Lynda

*(Canon Dr Lynda Barley)*

## **News from the DIT Team – by Revd Helen Davies- Chair**

### **What is the DIT?**

The DIT or deanery implementation team is a group of clergy and lay people across all three benefices, tasked with overseeing the implementation of the Deanery Plan. The plan was prepared while Rev Peter Knight was with us, and you can access the plan on the Diocese of Truro website. There are plans for every deanery in the Diocese, and all focus on being fruitful and sustainable.

In 2025 the DIT has focussed on: -

- **Enabling and empowering lay ministry**, aiming to run regular training and support sessions for those leading worship, and ultimately every church having a lay person who can lead worship. Rev Sean and Rev Helen lead this work;
- **Growing our children and young people's ministry**. Rose Stammer and Bridget Pentreath lead this work. In October Deanery Synod learned about some of the existing activities both inside and outside our churches. This ministry is also a diocesan and national priority, and this is from the Diocese' Growing Younger plan:

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.

- **Mission.**

Revd Helen concludes: "We have just completed our annual review, and for 2026 will add a fourth priority, financial sustainability. As this newsletter comes out to you, across the Deanery MMF payments are well below budget, and among the lowest in the Diocese.

If you are interested in children and young people's work, and want to see more young people in church, come along on 24 November at 7pm at St Thomas, when the diocesan director of education, Lee Moscato, will talk to us."

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### **Deanery Synod.**

This edition of the newsletter has focussed on the DIT, and we hope to provide information regarding Deanery Synod Objectives and meetings in the next edition. Sarah Vinson, Deanery Synod Lay Chair, is also the secretary at present. As you will all know, Caroline Stone has been the secretary for several years and has had to step down due to the increasing commitments of the Lay Reader's course Caroline is pursuing. The Rural Dean has thanked Caroline for all her hard work – she will be missed.

If anyone would like to know more about the role of Deanery Synod secretary, please contact Sarah: [sarahevinson@hotmail.com](mailto:sarahevinson@hotmail.com)

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### **Lay Leadership and Local Worship Leaders (LWLs).**

Revd Helen Davies and Revd Sean Clancy have been providing training sessions for LWLs. The evening meetings have been well attended and are always very useful and helpful. The most recent meeting was held at Lewannick Church with Dr Sean Sweeney giving a talk about music within services. It was a very enjoyable evening, and we all left feeling much encouraged by Sean's talk. Thank you to Sean and to all those who organised the evening, and to Lewannick Parish Church for making us all so welcome.

Local Worship Leaders are much valued and if you would like to know more about this role, please contact your priest initially. It is a role that is very much a calling, and it might help you to know that there is a strong support network across the deanery, led by Revd Sean & Revd Helen.

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### **Deanery Treasurer's Report - Tim Smith**

Tim states, 'We had a most encouraging and well attended meeting of Deanery Treasurers on Monday 17 November at which the deanery finances, the deanery budget and the MMF were discussed. PCCs having either no treasurer or a non-church going treasurer are invited to send a representative, preferably a church warden, to these meetings. The attendance figures for October are now being collated, and these will be used as the basis for determining the MMF for 2026.'

With 'Finance' being highlighted as a priority for 2026 for the DIT team, we are hoping to include a report from Tim, in our next newsletter. Tim has long been organising our hardworking treasurers into a networking team, and we hope to make use of all the knowledge they have between them to make our deanery more sustainable over the coming year. Thank you to Tim and all treasurers across the deanery for the work you are doing.

Any queries regarding church finances, please contact Tim Smith:

[tim.smith@queensacre.net](mailto:tim.smith@queensacre.net)

### **Chapter and Service Rotas**

In the next edition, we hope to include a full contact list for our clergy and Lay Readers. We are also aware that several requests have been made for service rotas to be available across the deanery. This is an area of work that is being considered, and we will issue an update as soon as possible.

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#### **Future Dates: Upcoming Events/Meetings: 2025/2026**

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> November – Diocesan Synod at 9.15am – Truro Cathedral**

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November 7pm at St Thomas’s Hall- meeting with Lee Moscato, Diocesan Director of Education**

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November until Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December -St Marys Christmas Tree Festival 10am -4pm**

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 12 noon – DIT Meeting – details will follow**

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December -St Denys, North Tamerton Christmas Tree Festival and Christingle-more details to follow separately -please contact Sharon 01409 271473 or Susan 01409 271483**

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December 4pm Evensong – Farewell to Bishop Hugh, Truro Cathedral**

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2026 – Bishop Hugh’s installation, 2pm at Worcester Cathedral**

**If you have any future events to publicise across the deanery, please let Helen know on [getintouch.triggmajordeanery@gmail.com](mailto:getintouch.triggmajordeanery@gmail.com)**

Details can be included in future newsletters or issued immediately via the Deanery Representative Network if the event is between editions.

#### **Recent highlights from around the deanery.**

We would like to include highlights of past events across the deanery, so please do send in short summaries of events that you would like to share.

**Please send to Helen Uglow: [getintouch.triggmajordeanery@gmail.com](mailto:getintouch.triggmajordeanery@gmail.com)**

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#### **Creation Care:**

We would like to hear about any plans you have for your churchyards and communities. Please share what is working well

Do you have a Gardener’s club or a team of litter pickers in your area- please tell us more?

Flower of the month – this month's chosen flower is the common poppy.



A much-loved annual wildflower, which has also become a symbol of remembrance. It looks spectacular when colonising cornfields or giant swathes of newly ploughed pastures and the vibrant red flowers are loved by bees. These poppies tend to resent root disturbance, so plant or sow them in situ.” (Courtesy of RHS).

If you would like to send in a short article about your favourite flower, bird or tree, please send to Helen Uglow on [getintouch.triggmajordeanery@gmail.com](mailto:getintouch.triggmajordeanery@gmail.com)

### **Please Get Involved**

Have a story to share or an event to promote? We welcome contributions. We are aiming to produce our next newsletter in Jan/Feb time, so if you could send in some photos of Christmas at your church, we will include if possible.

Please email your submissions to Helen Uglow /Sarah Vinson:

[getintouch.triggmajordeanery@gmail.com](mailto:getintouch.triggmajordeanery@gmail.com)

**If you need anything circulated more urgently, please send it marked as ‘urgent’ and we can issue articles via the Deanery Representatives who do a great job at keeping us all in touch.**

**Thank you for reading, and we look forward to hearing from you. In the meantime, we hope and pray that each of us will have a wondrous Advent. Please see separate information sheet for details of Advent Courses available to us all.**

