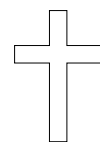


NEWSLETTER



WELCOME TO OUR NEW DEANERY OFFICERS AND CLERGY

We are able to report great success in the recruitment of Deanery staff, Clergy and Lay Officers and would like to introduce them all to you in this Newsletter and the next one which will appear in February 2026!

Rev Jeffrey Terry has been appointed as Strategic Rural Dean, Rev Simon Faulks takes up the position of Oversight Minister in the Boscastle Group of Churches, Rev Amanda Evans has been employed by the Deanery as our Deanery Mission Enabler, Penny Heard takes over as Deanery Secretary, Chris Searle as Deanery Treasurer and Pat Holdcroft as Deanery Lay Chair.

Welcome to all of you

So who are these people? To try to answer this we have asked them all the following questions and asked for very brief replies

1. Who are you and what is your role in the Deanery?

2. What brought you here -or 'why did you decide to take up the role?

3 and 4. a selection of two from these questions:

- How do you like to spend your free time?
- What was the last book you read?
- If you could switch places with anyone for a day, who would it be and why?
- if you could have dinner with any three historical figures, who would they be and why?

5. What are your hopes for 2026?

**Happy Christmas
everyone!**



REV JEFFREY TERRY



I am Rev Jeffrey Terry, Strategic Rural Dean. I have had a house in the Deanery for 15 years, previously ministered here as Reader and Deacon, and when the vacancy for a Strategic Rural Dean arose here, I decided to apply, resigning my role as Strategic Rural Dean to the

Bodmin and Trigg Minor Deanery. I like to spend my free time in my vegetable garden! The last book I read is Judgment at Tokyo, a detailed history of the war trials at Tokyo mirroring those at Nuremberg after WW II. My hopes for 2026 are to work with the Deanery Implementation Team to review the Deanery Plan which arose out of the On the Way project and to formulate and implement an Annual Plan for 2026 working towards achieving the objectives of the revised Deanery Plan and integrating them with the objectives of the Diocesan Plan, focusing on setting realistic but visionary and progressive targets for the year.

REV SIMON FAULKS



I am Rev Simon Faulks and I am the new Rector of the Boscastle Group of Churches.

I was Seeking where God might be leading and looking at Jobs kind of South West to be a bit nearer my Daughter who was about to Start at Bath Spa Uni. (continued over..)

REV SIMON FAULKS CONT.

My wife (Gill) and I love Boscastle and I felt drawn when I saw an ad on the Diocesan website. there was something in the profile that just clicked with me and so after some prayer and discussion we decided we had to push at the door. I suspect you can work out the rest!

I spend my free time being creative, things like photography, writing stories and spoken word (a specific type of poem) with that comes performing and I do story telling using circus and illusion to illustrate Bible stories. I want to do more walking especially by the sea now we live so close.

PENNY HEARD



My Name is Penny Heard, and I am the new Deanery secretary. I have taken over from Lesley Booker, who, after many faithful and dedicated years, has retired and left some big shoes to fill.

Like so many people, church has always been part of my life. In this small way, I feel I

can give something back to God's kingdom and also spending time in nature helps me to be grounded in God.

I am busy reading Pete Greig's book on "How to hear God." and the last one I read was "Reforesting Faith" by Matthew Sleeth. MD. I hope that we can work more closely together as a deanery and become a shining light within the Diocese during 2026

Next issue - Deanery Mission Enabler Rev Amanda Evans and Oversight Ministry with Rev David Saunders



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PAT HOLDCROFT



I am Pat Holdcroft, Deanery Lay Chair & Deanery Rep for Marhamchurch.

I retired to Holsworthy 14 years ago, attending Churches in this Benefice due to my husband being Organist in several Churches here.

The last book i read was The Memory Be Green by Liz Shakespeare. It depicts the history of a Devon village & the lives of those who lived there. I am interested in Social History, but in the past very much the Industrial North. 4. If i could have dinner with three historical figures they would be Florence Nightingale, Emmeline Pankhurst & Mother Teresa. The path they took in life amazes me. My hope for 2026 is to see growth & achievements within the Deanery. I would like to see Global change but that is a big ask at the present time.

CHRIS SEARLE



I live in St Juliot, which is part of the Boscastle Benefice. I have for sometime thought that our Deanery was heavily weighted to the central cluster and this was an

opportunity to have views from all 3 clusters moving forward.

Hobbies include Walking, rugby and travelling, Last book I read - Holy City by Henry Wise (A family friend)

I'd like to swap places with Keir Starmer and see just how Downing Street works!

It is almost a year since my wife died and I hope that 2026 will open new doors so that I can continue the life we fully enjoyed.....

WHAT'S YOUR NEWS?

The Deanery is very keen to share news of your activities, successes and challenges. Please contact the editor for inclusion in the next Newsletter