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A bumper issue - December 2025
& January 2026

Dear Friends

As the days grow shorter and December is upon us, we move into the season of Advent.

Advent is the 4 weeks before Christmas and is marked by people counting down the days to Christmas by opening little windows on an Advent calendar, lighting an Advent candle and making preparation for the festivities. However, alongside this preparation, there is a time of waiting. Waiting for light in the darkness, for peace and for the anticipation of the coming Christ. The 4 candles on the Advent wreath represent hope, peace, joy and love. As they are lit week by week we pray for an increase in these virtues in our world and our lives. Finally, the central candle is lit reminding us that Jesus came as a light into a dark world.

Then comes Christmas bursting forth in celebration. The waiting is over, and God is with us - Emmanuel. Jesus born in a humble setting, God quietly taking human form, a miracle where divine love entered history, not in power and wealth but in vulnerability and grace. Christmas is not just a day but a season that reminds us of God's gift of love to humanity. As we look at the gifts we give and receive, let us remember the gift of Christ given to each of us with an invitation to receive.

Finally comes Epiphany, celebrated on 6th January. This marks the visit of the magi, the wise travellers who followed a star to find the newborn Christ. As the magi travelled a long and challenging journey so too do we travel through life with its joys and challenges. As they saw the Christ-Child, they recognised something special, we too can recognise Jesus as someone special when we seek him and

allow his love to flow through us to others through acts of justice, mercy and love.

December and January take us on a journey from waiting, to receiving, to recognising and reminds us that light still enters the darkness, that hope still stirs our hearts, and that even in a world that feels weary, love continues to arrive. It offers a timeless message: the light has come and darkness has not overcome it.

May God bless you this Christmas with his gifts of hope, peace, joy and love.

Revd Nicki

Last month's records...

We are delighted that mother and son Karen and Jamie, were baptised at St John's Church, on 23rd November in a very special, gentle and personal service.



If you have Children or Grandchildren and might be interested in Baptism, please contact Rev Nicki for a chat; adults of any age are also very welcome to begin a walk with Jesus through Baptism; again, contact Rev Nicki to find out more.

In Sad News... we have given thanks for the life of and said, 'Farewell' to Mr Malcolm Warman, a long-time member of St Teath Church; warden, choir member and friend. We keep Malcolm's family and friends in our thoughts and prayers.

It is important to the Ministry Team to be aware when people in our parishes are unwell, have suffered a bereavement or other situation. YOU are the eyes and ears in our communities! Please do pass on details when you hear of them - tho' please ask for permission from the person / family before giving us a 'phone number. Thank you

Camelford Health and wellbeing hub
Every Wednesday 2pm till 4pm. St. Thomas
Church. Free Health Advice. Come and meet us.

Linda Winn.
Registered Mental Health Nurse.



Geraldine Ashton. Parish Nurse
Registered General Nurse.



The Gathering Place on Tuesdays
St. Thomas's Church, Camelford
All Welcome

4C's

Coffee

Cake

Chat

Company



2C's

Coffee

Crafts



Tuesdays 2pm till 4pm
9th and 23rd September
14th and 28th October
11th and 25th November
9th December

Coffee at No.10, Mary & John's home, will run every second
Friday, so 12th December & 9th January, .10 - 12noon.

MONDAY 3RD NOVEMBER 2025

ALL SOULS' DAY

There will be a short, gentle service at 7pm, in ST TEATH CHURCH that we may pause and remember again those we love, but see no more

All Welcome

please bring a rose, if you wish

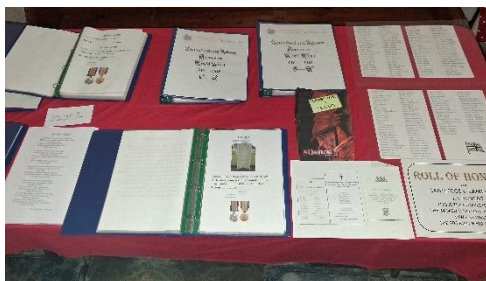


The Red Chair Project

You will notice over the next couple of weeks, a red chair in each of our churches.

This is part of a Mothers' Union project, supporting a charity called, 'Restored'. The empty chair serves as a reminder of the lives lost to gender-based violence; it calls us to pray for the situations in which lives are damaged and lost at the hands of one they should be able to love and trust





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BUMPS, BABES, TOTS & TOYS [BBTT]



A group for expecting mums, parents,
carers, babies & toddlers

Thursday mornings during term-times

The Grace Project will be there on the fourth Thursday of
the month, with a selection of clothing for children 1 – 12 yr

9.30am – 11.30am
St John's Church, Delabole

Everyone welcome,
come and join in; have a cuppa & chat
toys - craft - story - songs - toys

Just turn up; for any more information, please contact
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December 4th and 11th
with a Christmas Holiday
restarting on 8th January

Donations of children's
clothing to The Grace Project
can be left in the containers
in St John's Delabole, St
Teath and St Thomas'
Camelford Churches. A huge
'Thank You' to all who have
contributed items which have
been gratefully received by
TGP and passed on to others.
Details of how to receive
items are available on the
postcards in each of the
above churches, or on The
Grace Project Facebook
page. They visit BBTT on
the **fourth Thursday** of the
month.

New for St Teath,
Stay and Play!

Monday afternoons
3.30pm in St Teath Church.

December 8th
January 12th & 26th

All welcome!





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ALL WELCOME TO COME ALONG WITH YOUR CRAFTS
AND ENJOY THE COMPANY OF OTHER CRAFTERS
OVER A CUP OF TEA AND BISCUITS.
SHARE YOUR SKILLS AND MAYBE LEARN A NEW CRAFT!



Coffee Morning +
coffees, teas, cakes
cakes for sale
raffle
craft

[donations of all items for the above will
be most welcome, thank you]
 fund raising towards new heating in Church

St Thomas Church, Camelford

It will be great to see you!!



SONGS OF PRAISE
LOOKING TOWARDS CHRISTMAS
LED BY A BRASS BAND

ST THOMAS CHURCH, CAMELFORD
 4PM, SUNDAY 7TH DECEMBER
 FOLLOWED BY A CUPPA & CAKE



COME AND SING OR LISTEN!!

Come and sing
Christmas Carols

Around the fire pit!
Outside Lanteglos Church
Sunday 14th Dec 5pm
ALL WELCOME
Hot dogs and Hot drinks

November Sunday 30th Advent Sunday

The countdown to the celebration of our Saviour's birth
begins, do join us for the benefice services

10.30am - Holy Communion for all - St Julitta
3pm - Advent Carol Service - St Adwena

December & January

Delabole Prayer Walk, a small group meet 9am each Tuesday, and walk the village for an hour, stopping and praying God's blessing over the people and activities. Please contact Nicki for each week's start place.

Camelford Prayer Walk, starting at St Thomas Church, 3pm on the first Sunday of each month, followed by the 4pm Songs of Praise

Morning prayer is said at 9am each Wednesday at St Adwena and Friday at Lanteglos

Compline is said at 6pm, at St Adwena each Friday and at St Julitta at 7pm on the second Thursday

JOHNNY COWLING

@Lanteglos Church

PL32 9RG

Famous for his gospel singing and more!



Sunday 7th December
7.00pm

Tickets £10 from 01840 212474
Raffle, mulled wine and mince pies



St Teath
Church Choir
and
Stubby's
Jazz Band

Carols @ SeaView
from 10am
Christmas Eve

- * last minute shopping
 - * have a cuppa and bite
 - * join in some favourite Christmas Carols
 - * relax * simples!
- find us at PL30 3LR

December's Services

- Friday 5th 8.30am - St Julitta - Breakfast Communion [BCP]
- Thursday 4th 7pm - Blue Christmas - a gentle service for those for whom Christmas hurts. St Thomas, C/ford
- Sunday 7th Advent 2
 11am - A Celebration of Holy Communion - St Teath
 11am - Village Christingle at Delabole Methodist Chapel
 4pm - Christmas Songs of Praise, led by a brass band, in St Thomas; with a cuppa & cake
- Sunday 14th Advent 3
 9.30am - Morning Worship - St John's, Delabole
 11am - Morning Worship - St Teath
 11.15am - Holy Communion [BCP] - St Adwena, Advent
 4pm - Christingle - St Teath
 5pm - Carols around the bonfire - St Julitta
- Monday 15th 6pm - Carol Service - St Adwena
- Sunday 21st Advent 4
 9.30am - Holy Communion - St Thomas
 11am - Choral Communion - St Teath
 3pm - Carol Service - in the White Hart, St Teath
 6pm - Delabole Village Carol Service - St John's

For Christmas Eve and Christmas Day - see poster opposite

- Sunday 28th The Holy Innocents
 10.30am - Holy Communion for all - St Teath



We hope you are able to join us to celebrate Jesus' birth!

Christmas across the Churches

Christmas Eve

- 10am—Carol Singing; at Sea View Farm Shop
 4pm—Crib Service; St John's
 5pm—Crib Service; St Teath
 8.30pm—Bethlehem Mass;
 St John's & St Julitta's
 11.30pm—Midnight Mass; St Teath

Christmas Morning

- 10am—Christmas Praise;
 St Adwena & St Teath

BIBLE READINGS for Sunday Services [not all used at each service]

- 30th Nov - Isaiah 2: 1-5; Romans 13: 11-end; **Matthew 24: 36-44**
- 7th Dec - Isaiah 11: 1 - 10; Romans 15: 4 - 13; **Matthew 3: 1 - 12**
- 14th Dec - Isaiah 35: 1 - 10; James 5: 7 - 10; **Matthew 11: 2 - 11**
- 21st Dec - Isaiah 7: 10 - 16; Romans 1: 1 - 7; **Matthew 1: 18 - end**
- 28th Dec - Jeremiah 31: 15 - 17; 1 Cor 1: 26 - 29; **Matthew 2: 13 - 18**
- 4th Jan - Isaiah 60: 1 - 6; Ephesians 3: 1 - 12; **Matthew 2: 1 - 12**
- 11th Jan - Isaiah 42: 1 - 9; Acts 10: 34 - 43; **Matthew 3: 13 - end**
- 18th Jan - Isaiah 49: 1 - 7; Corinthians 1: 1 - 9; **John 1: 29 - v 42**
- 25th Jan - Isaiah 9: 1 - 4; 1 Corinthians 1: 10 - 18; **Matthew 4: 12 - 23**

January's Services

- Friday 2nd 8.30am - St Julitta - Breakfast Communion [BCP]
- Sunday 4th Epiphany
11am - A Celebration of Holy Communion - St Teath
4pm - Songs of Praise - in St Thomas;
with a cuppa & cake
- Sunday 11th Baptism of Christ
9.30am - Morning Worship - St John's, Delabole
11am - Morning Worship - St Teath
11.15am - Holy Communion [BCP] - St Adwena, Advent
4pm - Epiphany Songs of Praise - St Julitta
- Sunday 18th 2nd of Epiphany
9.30am - Holy Communion - St Thomas
11am - Choral Communion - St Teath
11am - Service for the Week of Prayer
for Christian Unity - Delabole Chapel
- Sunday 25th 3rd of Epiphany
9.30am - Holy Communion - St John's
10am - Breakfast Church - St Teath
11.15am - Holy Communion [BCP] - St Julitta
7pm - Beacon of Hope - St John's
- Thursday 29th 7pm - A gentle service of Holy Communion and Healing
at St Thomas, Camelford

Congratulations

to Mrs Kerstin Lewis, who has been presented with the Prayer Book Society Kilminster Award.

More details and a photo in the next letter

BREAKFAST CHURCH @ ST TEATH



Please come along to share in ...
a **tasty breakfast**
an informal, relaxed **service**
songs and hymns with the
Breakfast Band
This time we look forward...
for all ages

**25th
January**



breakfast from 9.45am

**EVERYONE
WELCOME!**



'BEACON OF HOPE'



Christians in Delabole
welcome everyone to
gather together in
St John's Church,
Delabole

SUNDAY 25th JANUARY
at 7pm

Food - Faith - Friendship

All Welcome

Just turn up or for more information, please contact

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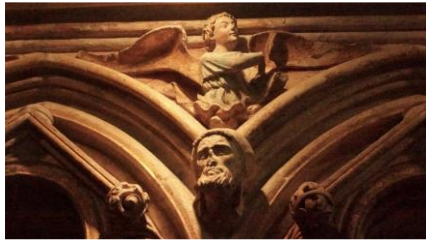
St Teath Church—Every Sunday

30 minutes before the service

PRE-PRAYER TO PREPARE

All welcome for a time of
informal prayer, by the pulpit,
for our Worship, the Church, the
Benefice and Community

Rev Jeffrey Terry writes, thanking us for the gift given when he left us to take up his new position. 'On leaving Camel-Allen, with some reluctance, I was kindly given a generous cash gift which I decided to put towards a weekend course on "Photography & Spirituality, Photography with Deeper Vision" at Sarum College in the Cathedral Close at Salisbury.



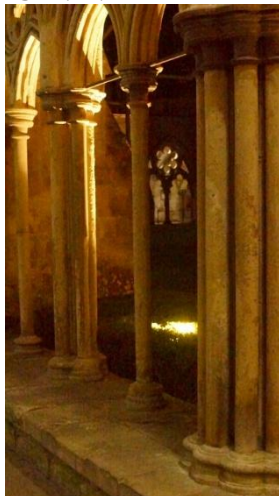
'To capture the essence of the course: there is a risk, particularly with digital photography, that one is exercising shallow, not deep, vision when freely



clicking the shutter. It is only by mindfully "receiving" not "taking" the vision seen through the lens, by absorbing oneself in what the image has to offer on a spiritual level, that one can see more deeply into what God and his created reality have to say to us in any particular place and moment.



'Approached in this way, photography can become a form of Christian meditation both in capturing the vision and in theologically reflecting upon it subsequently. 'We were afforded an opportunity to take photographs in Salisbury Cathedral and, at night, in the Cathedral Cloisters and Close.'



St. Thomas's Church, Camelford. Saturday 13th December 10am till 12 midday. £30, refreshments included. Contact Rev. Geraldine Ashton on 07957-609085 to book. Places Limited.

ITS RARE, ITS UNIQUE, ITS FAMOUS, ITS HISTORIC

A RARE MEDIEVAL MUSIC MANUSCRIPT WAS DISCOVERED RECENTLY IN A BOOK BELONGING TO BUCKLAND ABBEY, NEAR TAVISTOCK. IT IS SO RARE THAT IT MADE NEWS AROUND THE WORLD.

THE PLAINCHANT MUSIC WAS SUNG 3 MONTHS AGO FOR THE FIRST TIME AFTER 500 YEARS OF SILENCE. NOW FOR THE SECOND TIME ONLY, IT WILL BE SUNG AT LANTEGLOS CHURCH BY THE SAME CHOIR FROM EXETER UNIVERSITY

FINAL ARRANGEMENTS STILL IN PROGRESS

KEEP THE EVENING FREE

MONDAY 22ND DECEMBER



Keep up to date via the Camel-Allen Churches Facebook page, and our website <https://www.camelallenchurches.org.uk>

We are here to assist; so please keep these contacts handy....

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St John's, Delabole

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St Julitta, Lanteglos & St Thomas, Camelford

Vacancy *please contact a member of the ministry team*

St Teath

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- Caring pastorally for those who are the subject of concerns/allegations of abuse and other affected persons
- Responding to those that may pose a present risk

If you are concerned that someone you know is at risk of, or is being abused, or presents a risk to others, please seek advice from a Safeguarding Advisor or if necessary, report the matter to the Local Authority Social Care Services or the Police without delay.

Ensuring that children and young people as well as adults are kept safe whilst in our care is an integral part of our church life. If you have any concerns about safeguarding please contact:

Revd Nicola Farr, Rector

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or Church Safeguarding Officers:

St Julitta's Lanteglos and St Thomas' Camelford

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Advent

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St Johns Delabole

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Assistant Diocesan Safeguarding Officer

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In an emergency situation please contact:

Local Authority Children's Social Care: 0300 123 1116

Local Authority Adult's Social Care: 0300 1234131

Police: 101 or 999

safespacesenglandandwales.org.uk

firstlight.org.uk

Safeguarding



The Camel-Allen Churches have all adopted the House of Bishops 'Promoting a Safer Church' Safeguarding Policy Statement.

- **Our commitments are:**
- Promoting a safer environment and culture
- Safely recruiting and supporting all those with any responsibility related to children and vulnerable adults
- Responding promptly to every safeguarding concern or allegation
- Caring pastorally for victims/survivors of abuse or other affected persons