

Dear Friends,

The carol books are away and decorations down, yet Christmas isn't totally back in the box. January has taken us through the season of Epiphany, when the Magi / Wise Men / Kings arrive from the east to meet Jesus; you likely know the carol with the chorus, 'Oooooooooooooooooohhhh, Star of Wonder, Star of Light...'. Contrary to traditional nativities when three gaudily dressed chaps on camels arrive at Jesus' stable while the shepherds are still there, the Magi actually arrived when Jesus was nearer two and living in a house.

Oooooooooooooooooohhhh, that star; leading them to the child, lingering until they come with gifts of Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh, to worship Jesus. Epiphany is a great revelation, a realisation, a lightbulb moment - now they get it; Jesus is the new King, the Lord, the Saviour and here for all; not just the Jewish nation, he's come for people from all places and throughout all times.

When I visited Ely Cathedral - standing proud over the Cambridgeshire fens, its huge, towering, central 50m high octagon visible for miles around - inside and set up under the octagon was the Nativity scene. Above the stable, way up in the octagon was a very modern arty installation, a coloured multi-pointed laser-star, which could be controlled from an i-pad beside the stable. I had to have a go at changing the colour and shape and overall effect - purple, stretched out and pointy, then green and hunched up barely recognisable as a star, and everything in between. What fun! Yet, whatever the colour or shape, the star didn't move from its place marking the birth of Jesus, the King, the Lord, the one who saves.

As we move through 2026, Jesus still longs that we all come to meet with him. Not as a child - Jesus lived an earthly life, he understands what it's like; died, to put us in a right relationship with God; rose again, destroying the darkness of death; ascended to heaven, leaving us responsible for sharing his love and life.

Each of us needs our own 'star' to guide us, to show us the way [I remember and thank God for Priscilla who, many years ago, was my 'star']. The Church is called to be a 'star', its members to enable people to meet with Jesus, that we may each have our own lightbulb moment and want to draw close to, worship and share our gifts with him; that we may know the true joy, peace and hope that only Jesus can bring.

A wide range of styles are offered across the 5 churches in our group - from a very quiet service in traditional language, through traditional Holy Communion, morning worship, to Choral services, Breakfast Church and the Beacon of Hope. There is something for everyone, details later in the letter. If you've not been for a while or at all, or fancy something different, why not just come along? Allow us to be your 'star'. A warm welcome awaits.

Claire, February 2026

#### Last month's records...

**We are delighted** that Tracy and David celebrated their wedding on 6<sup>th</sup> December in a most joyful service at St Thomas Church, Camelford. We pray that they will enjoy a long, loving and happy marriage.



**In Sad News** we have given thanks for the lives of, and said, 'Farewell' to,

Mr Gary Baker [Camelford]  
Dr Jeremy Bartlett [Camelford]  
Dr Roger Hawkey [Delabole]  
Mrs Hazel Ashford [Camelford]  
Mrs Denise Williams [St Teath]  
Mrs Pamela Taylor [Advent]  
Mrs Jan Stratfield [Camelford]

Also, Mrs Brenda Thompson, long-time member of St Teath church has died; details of a Service of Thanksgiving for her Life to follow

We keep their families and friends in our thoughts and prayers.

# IT'S A CHRISTMAS WRAP....

Throughout December, with a range of services and events, inside and outside, church buildings, a church yard, a pub, a farm shop; thousands of people, aged from a few weeks to nonagenarians, have been enabled to hear and celebrate the Good News of Jesus' birth. Here are just a few photos / reminders....

**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



**JOHNNY COWLING**  
 @Lanteglos Church  
 PL32 9RG  
 Famous for his gospel singing .... and more!

Sunday 7th December



**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





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, Delabole  
 5pm—Crib Service; St Teath  
 8.30pm—Bethlehem Mass; St John's, Delabole  
 8.30pm—Bethlehem Mass; St Julitta's, Lanteglos  
 11.30pm—Midnight Mass; St Teath

**Christmas Morning**  
 10am—Christmas Praise; St Teath  
 10am—Christmas Praise; St Adwena, Advent

will be made over a ten-year period. Kerstin has been the secretary of the Truro Branch for 10 years and as such organises events for members, including the corporate members across the diocese, and raises awareness of the work of the society where and when ever possible. She helps to support parishes in their use of BCP and to train clergy and other worship leaders in delivering services. She was extremely surprised to receive the award at the 2025 BCP Annual National Conference. It takes the form of a large medal which she can wear on special occasions. Kerstin said "I love the BCP. Everything you need to conduct a service can be found there. It is part of my DNA. The language and the liturgy are so precious. They are on a par with the King James Bible and the works of Shakespeare."

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

## Congratulations



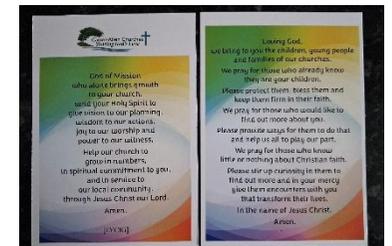
Kerstin presented with the Prayer Book Society Kilminster Award.

The Prayer Book Society was founded in 1972 in response to liturgical reforms in the Church of England which threatened the use of the 1662 Book of Common Prayer. Anthony, later Lord, Kilminster

was a prominent member of the founding group. When he died in 2022 the PBS instituted an award as a lasting legacy to his memory. The Kilminster Award is given to lay members of the PBS for outstanding service and promoting the aims of the PBS which remain to promote and preserve the use of the Book of Common Prayer as a foundational text for worship, doctrine, and Christian living within the Church of England and other Anglican churches. It is anticipated that 50 awards

We are called to grow our churches. To enable more people to come to know Jesus as their Lord. To help bring in God's Kingdom here and now. Everything we do must be firmly grounded in prayer, and to that end, to help us all to pray, brightly coloured prayer cards have been produced, for each and every one of us, and for those we know. If you lead prayers in our services, please include the two prayers each time, also in your own prayer times, please include these words.

The cards are available in each church.



Camelford Health and wellbeing hub  
Every Wednesday 2pm till 4pm.



Linda Winn. Parish Nurse  
Registered Mental Health Nurse.

St. Thomas Church.  
Free Health Advice.  
Come and meet us.



Geraldine Ashton. Parish Nurse  
Registered General Nurse.



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

**4C's**

**Coffee**

**Cake**

**Chat**

**Company**

**All Welcome**



**2C's**

**Coffee**

**Crafts**



Tuesdays 2pm till 4pm  
3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> February  
3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> March



Tuesdays 2pm till 4pm  
10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> February  
10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> March

Coffee at No.10, Mary & John's home, runs every second Friday,  
so 13<sup>th</sup> February, .10am - 12noon.



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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 last 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  
Rev Nicki Farr on 01840 219376 / 07587 001320

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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!

# SNOWDROP SATURDAY

St Julitta's, Lanteglos PL32 9RG

Saturday 7th February

2.00 - 4.30pm

Afternoon Teas



# CROCUS SUNDAY



St Teath Church on 22nd February  
2.30pm - 4.30pm

**TEA, COFFEE and CAKES**  
By **DONATION**



**MUSIC**

CHORAL and  
Community  
numbers

Children's welcome

## February 2026

**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

## February's Services

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> The Presentation of Christ in the Temple  
10.30am - A service of Holy Communion for all  
St John's Church, Delabole [*please note time*]  
4pm - **Songs of Praise**, in St Thomas;  
with a cuppa & cake

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> 8.30am - St Julitta - Breakfast Communion [BCP]

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> 2 before Lent  
9.30am - Morning Worship - St John's, Delabole  
11am - Morning Worship - St Teath  
11.15am - Holy Communion [BCP] - St Adwena, Advent

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday next before Lent  
9.30am - Holy Communion - St Thomas  
11am - Choral Communion - St Teath

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> Ash Wednesday  
7pm - Holy Communion and Ashing at St Teath

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> Lent 1  
9.30am - Holy Communion - St John's, Delabole  
10am - Breakfast Church - St Teath  
11.15am - Holy Communion [BCP] - St Julitta  
7pm - Beacon of Hope - St John's, Delabole

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

1<sup>st</sup> Feb - Malachi 3; 1-5; Hebrews 2;14-end; **Luke 2; 22-40**

8<sup>th</sup> Feb - Genesis 1; 1-2;3; Romans 8; 18-25; **Matthew 6; 25-end**

15<sup>th</sup> Feb - Exodus 24; 12-end; 2 Peter 1; 16-end; **Matthew 17; 1-9**

22<sup>nd</sup> Feb - Genesis 2; 15-17, 3; 1-7; Romans 5; 12-19; **Matthew 4; 1-11**





Sunday  
1st February

St John's Church, Delabole—**10.30am**

**Holy Communion for All**  
as we mark and celebrate the  
Presentation of Christ in the Temple



### Candlemas

when we close the stable door,  
turn away from Christmas  
and look towards the events of  
Holy Week and Easter

**All Welcome**  
please note start time: **10.30am**  
[www.camelallenchurches.org.uk](http://www.camelallenchurches.org.uk)



Wednesday 18th February  
**Ash Wednesday**



**7pm** Holy Communion;  
with ashing

St Teath Church  
All Welcome

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Service of Prayer and Healing  
St. Thomas Church. 7pm

Thursdays:

29<sup>th</sup> January

26<sup>th</sup> February

26<sup>th</sup> March

All Welcome



**BREAKFAST  
CHURCH  
@ ST TEATH**



Please come along to share in ...  
**a tasty breakfast**  
**an informal, relaxed service**  
**Bible story & reflections**  
**activities for children**  
**music & songs**  
**for all ages**

Feb 22nd  
Mar 22nd  
Apr 26th  
May 24th  
June 28th



breakfast from 9.45am  
**EVERYONE  
WELCOME!**



**'BEACON OF  
HOPE'**



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

**SUNDAY 22nd February**  
**at 7pm**

**Food - Faith - Friendship**

All Welcome

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Coming soon to a church near you...  
**[St Thomas, Camelford]**  
we are delighted to present...

**The  
CHOSEN**

**The Chosen** is a Christian historical drama television  
series; the first multi-season series about  
the life and ministry of Jesus of Nazareth.

Depicting Jesus' life through the eyes of people who interact  
with him, including Jesus' disciples, the apostles,  
Jewish religious leaders, Roman government  
and military officials and ordinary people.



starting Tuesday 10th February, 7pm

for more details contact Rev Geraldine  
phone 07957 60908 email [parishnurse@bodminway.org](mailto:parishnurse@bodminway.org)

**ALL WELCOME**  
[www.camelallenchurches.org.uk](http://www.camelallenchurches.org.uk)



## WE ARE NOW RECRUITING FOR VOLUNTEER ROLES

There are several volunteer role vacancies across our churches.

These include churchwarden, secretary and PCC members.

There are also vacancies to join existing teams such as the children's team, maintenance team, hospitality and welcome teams, and the Parish Nurse teams.

Appropriate support and training will be provided.

Each role has a person specification and role description.

Please contact Rev Nicki if you would like to receive more details about a particular role. Email: [revnfarr@icloud.com](mailto:revnfarr@icloud.com)

The churches of the Camel-Allen benefice are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults.

All post holders are expected to share this commitment.

All appointments are subject to acceptable pre-appointment checks which may include a satisfactory enhanced DBS check.



### Advance Notice...

Our set pattern of services will be changing from 1<sup>st</sup> March, with an increased number of Sunday services across the group, this doesn't affect St Teath, but it does impact all other churches.

More details in next month's letter, so please do keep an eye open.

Isn't that **great news??**

We pray for growth...



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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### **Church Wardens**

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Kerstin Lewis [kerstinlewis@hotmail.com](mailto:kerstinlewis@hotmail.com) 01840 211161

#### 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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## 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
- 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:

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**Assistant Diocesan Safeguarding Officer**

Jo Pomery tel 01872 360037

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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**

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[firstlight.org.uk](http://firstlight.org.uk)