

# WEEKLY UPDATE



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**Week Commencing January 4<sup>th</sup> 2026**

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*“To all members of all churches  
in the Callington Cluster and the Tamar Valley benefices,*

**Bishop David, the Bishop of Truro, invites you  
to join him for a celebration of Holy Communion**

**on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> January 10.00am**  
at St Mary's Church in Callington  
followed by **a shared lunch** in the church

Bishop David is keen to meet with us,  
to worship and pray with us,  
to listen and to hear from us,  
to reflect with us on the past year,  
and to look forward to our future journey,  
in Christ's footsteps

*For the Shared Lunch, members from the Callington Cluster  
are asked to contribute savoury finger food.  
Tamar Valley will bring sweets.*

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## Collect

Creator of the heavens, who led the Magi by a star to worship the Christ-child:  
guide and sustain us, that we may find our journey's end in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**website [www.callingtoncluster.org.uk](http://www.callingtoncluster.org.uk)**

For Pastoral and Caring Issues, or  
someone to talk to please contact:

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Linkinhorne  
South Hill

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## **Prayers - PLEASE PRAY**



†.For Dame Sarah Mullally as she prepares to take up office as the next Archbishop of Canterbury later this month and that under her leadership the Church of England may meet some of the challenges which it faces.

†.For our congregations in the Callington Cluster, that in 2026 we may become more fruitful and sustainable and explore new ways of working together.

†.For those who are fearful or apprehensive of the future and face the New Year with financial or other challenges.

† For the success of peace talks for Ukraine resulting in a lasting and just end to the present conflict, particularly that Russian claims of recent drone attacks will not be allowed to stall the process.

† For the people of Gaza who are still being killed despite the “ceasefire”, have little protection from the bad weather and are being denied the aid they need.

† For those unwell in body, mind or spirit. For those who mourn the loss of loved ones.

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***PRAYER CHAIN - If you would like one of our prayer chains to pray for any particular reason, or would like to join the prayer chains, please contact:-***

**For Stoke - Jan Parsons [janetmparsons@btinternet.com](mailto:janetmparsons@btinternet.com)**

**For Linkinhorne - Norma Draper 01579 363572; [nrmadraper@gmail.com](mailto:nrmadraper@gmail.com)**

**For South Hill - Miranda 01579 382863; [mLawranceowen@icloud.com](mailto:mLawranceowen@icloud.com)**

***Everything is always in complete confidence within each chain.***

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If you would like to advertise on the Website or on Social media you can email the following address: [website.callingtoncluster@gmail.com](mailto:website.callingtoncluster@gmail.com)

For calendar entries please contact the following people:

Stoke - Carol Brocklebank: [carolbrock57@icloud.com](mailto:carolbrock57@icloud.com)

St. Sampson's - Miranda Lawrance-Owen: [mLawranceowen@icloud.com](mailto:mLawranceowen@icloud.com)

Linkinhorne - Brian Norris [briannorrisics@hotmail.com](mailto:briannorrisics@hotmail.com)

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**South Hill Prayer Gathering Tuesdays at 9.30 – 10.00 am On Zoom until further notice while the builders are working in the church..**

All welcome For more information, or to request prayer,

contact Miranda [mLawranceowen@icloud.com](mailto:mLawranceowen@icloud.com) or 01579 382863”South Hill Prayer Gathering “... ”

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### **St. Mary's Monday Prayers**

10 am Monday - prayers for ourselves, our community and churches. All welcome, just pop in and join us. (45 mins)

11am Bible study - informal ( 1 hour), everyone welcome.

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**Deanery Prayer meeting** (weekly Mondays at 9 till 9.30am on Zoom)

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/2521792902?pwd=SVprSUdUUlFzeFF2L0NMOGM1NmxBNQ09>

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**Prayers for Linkinhorne Parish:** Friday at 9:30am via Zoom.

Please contact Brian Norris for meeting ID and Password.

## **CHURCH SERVICES**

### **Stoke Climsland**

**Sunday - 8.00am Morning Prayer**  
**10.00am Holy Communion**  
**2.30 Remembering God**

**Next Sunday** 8.00am Morning Prayer  
10.00am Cluster/Benefice Communion Service at St Mary's

If you would like to meet to be prayed with, please phone Jan 01579370319.

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### **St Mary's**

**Sunday - Together @ 10**

**Next Sunday – 10.00am - All are invited to a Holy Communion Service** led by The Bishop of Truro, The Right Reverend David Williams. This is for the whole cluster/benefice. A Bring and Share lunch will follow. Please could those in the Callington Cluster provide savoury finger food to contribute towards this.

Mid-week Holy Communion - 10.30 am (said) Every 2nd and 4th Wednesdays.

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### **St Sampson's South Hill**

**Sunday - Celtic style Morning Worship**

**Next Sunday – 10.00am** Cluster/Benefice Communion Service at St Mary's

If you have a concern or require prayer please contact [judithayers@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:judithayers@yahoo.co.uk)

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### **St Paul's Upton Cross –**

**Sunday - 10:00am All Age Service**

**Next Sunday - 10.00am** Cluster/Benefice Communion at St Mary's,

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### **St Melors Linkinhorne**

**Sunday - 6.30pm Choral Evensong**

**Next Sunday – 11.00am** Holy Communion at St. Melor's with presentation of Certificates to the Bell Ringers.

Church is open daily for private prayer.

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## **Notices**

*Eat, Drink & Share the Love*  
**at the Pop-Up Café TUESDAY**  
**9.00am – 12.00am**  
**Stoke Climsland Parish Hall**  
**voluntary contribution for charity**

**St Paul's Drop In Cafe**  
**will resume on**  
**8th January, 3:00 - 4:00pm** in St Paul's  
**Church, Upton Cross and thereafter on**  
**Thursday afternoons during school term**  
**times.**



## Baby and Toddler Groups resume this week

**WoW** – on Wednesdays 9.00 - 11.00. In Stoke Church

**Sampson's Supertots** - Mondays **9.30am - 11.30am.**  
Golberdon Parish Hall PL17 7ND

**POP-UP**

EVERY WEDNESDAY

12PM-1.30PM

**CAFÉ**

CALLINGTON  
ST. MARY'S

SERVING A WARM MEAL  
& REFRESHMENTS

**£2.50 PP**  
minimum donation

ALL WELCOME

**PAY-IT-FORWARD** scheme,  
simply leave an extra donation in the  
box provided at the kitchen to provide a  
meal for someone who is unable to pay.

### Matthew 2:1-12

<sup>1</sup> After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem <sup>2</sup> and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him."  
<sup>3</sup> When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. <sup>4</sup> When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Christ was to be born. <sup>5</sup> "In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written: <sup>6</sup> "But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will be the shepherd of my people Israel." <sup>7</sup> Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup> He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and make a careful search for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him." <sup>9</sup> After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen in the east went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup> When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. <sup>11</sup> On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh. <sup>12</sup> And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.."

**FOODBANKS – to find out what your local foodbank needs see:**

<https://www.givefood.org.uk/needs/?address=Callington,%20UK>

**Liskeard and Looe Foodbank** donations to Unit 2 Trevecca Industrial Estate, Culverwood Road, Liskeard PL14 6RE on Mon/Wed/Fri 9.30am and 12.30. Also at the Co-Op, Pound Land and Morrisons, near the café. St Paul's and St Melor's have drop off points. You can donate money online at <https://liskeardlooe.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/>

Callington Foodbank drop off point TESCO Account Name: Callington Foodbank  
Sort Code: 08-92-99 Account No: 67222643 Bank: The Co-operative Bank

Items for the newsheet to John [pamjohnk@btinternet.com](mailto:pamjohnk@btinternet.com)  
Items for Prayer Corner to Brian [briannorrisics@hotmail.com](mailto:briannorrisics@hotmail.com)

By 6.00pm  
Thurs