

Teresa's final service, shared lunch and ordination

St Martin's church was packed on Sunday 26 June for a special Communion Service, when members of the Benefice came to say "goodbye" to Teresa Folland as she moved to her new ministry as a curate in Launceston. So many people have come into contact with Teresa, through her ministry as Family and Pastoral worker, as a Local Worship Leader in St Martin's, and from her time worshipping in Dobwalls.

Teresa had chosen readings that had a special meaning for her and provided an explanation of them; a favourite anthem was sung by the choir, and children from ABC and St Martin's School Friday Club gave her a bouquet of flowers they had made. At the end of the service, Tony Ingleby presented her with gifts. Afterwards, in true St Martin's fashion, around 60 people joined Teresa and her family for a shared lunch and more goodbyes and thank yous.

Then 5 days later, around 50 people travelled to Truro Cathedral to witness Teresa's ordination as deacon along with 6 other women (yes, all women!) who will serve in various parishes around the diocese. The service was of course full cathedral grand ceremony, but also had a lightness of touch and humour in it. Bishop Tim ordained the candidates, and the sermon was given by the Bishop of Crediton, Sarah Mullaly, who had led the candidates in their ordination retreat.



After the service there were photographs, refreshments and of course loads of congratulations for Teresa and her fellow deacons.

Well done, Teresa, and may God bless you in your future ministry. But don't forget to come back and see us.

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