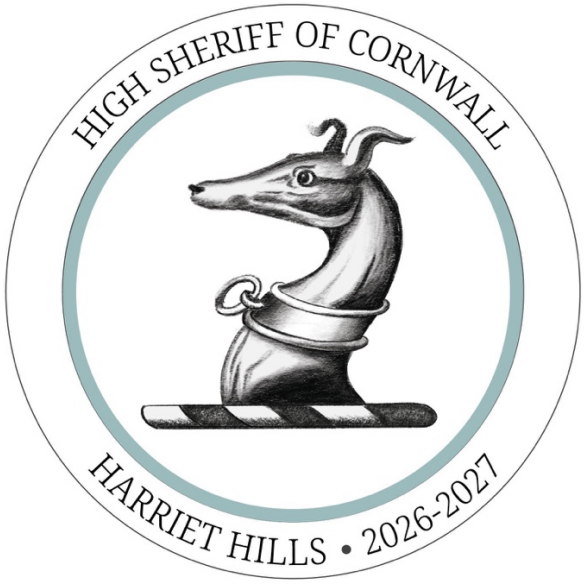
The Legal Service

Choral Evensong

attended by
Judges, Civil Authorities and all concerned with
the Administration of Justice
in the County of Cornwall
and the Isles of Scilly



High Sheriff of Cornwall and Isles of Scilly
Harriet Hills

Truro Cathedral
sacred space, common ground

Sunday 22nd November
2026 4pm

About This Service

The office of High Sheriff is at least one thousand years old and is the oldest continuous secular office under the Crown. Originally, the office held many of the powers now vested in Lord Lieutenants, High Court Judges, Magistrates, Local Authorities, Coroners and even the Inland Revenue. The High Sheriff remains the Sovereign's representative in the County for all matters relating to the Judiciary and the maintenance of law and order.

The High Sheriff takes up appointment upon making a sworn declaration in terms dictated by the Sheriff's Act 1887. The appointment is for one year only and is a personal appointment by the Duke of Cornwall.

High Sheriffs are now encouraged by the Association of High Sheriffs of England and Wales to undertake duties to improve and sustain the morale of personnel of voluntary and statutory bodies engaged in the maintenance and extension of law and order and the entire criminal system. It is an independent, non-political office which enables the holder to bring together a wide variety of individuals and office holders for the good of the community a High Sheriff serves.

High Sheriffs are responsible in the counties of England and Wales for duties conferred by the crown through Warrant from the Privy Council, including:

-Attendance at Royal visits to the county.

-The well-being and protection of His Majesty's High Court Judges when on Circuit in the county and attending them in court during legal terms.

-The execution of certain High Court Writs and Orders achieved through the Under Sheriff, whose annual appointment is by the High Sheriff alone.

-Acting as the Returning Officer for Parliamentary Elections in most county constituencies.

High Sheriffs are also responsible each time the need arises to pronounce the official "Proclamation of a new Monarch" at a specific time and place within each county. The task in Cornwall is to read the Proclamation on the steps of Truro Cathedral.

Harriet Hills
The High Sheriff of Cornwall and The Isles of Scilly (b. 1970)

With two Cornish grandfathers and two Irish grandmothers, Harriet's roots are firmly Celtic and Cornish. She grew up in North Cornwall, where her grandparents came from neighbouring villages.

Following an initial graduate role with the Chambers of Commerce, Harriet completed a PGCE at Exeter University and embarked on a career in education. Alongside raising her family, she taught mathematics at primary and secondary level before specialising in numeracy for pupils with special educational needs. After 20 years of teaching in Wiltshire and Somerset, she took over the family holiday lettings business in Cornwall following her father's death.

Five years ago, Harriet and her husband returned to Cornwall, establishing a Christmas tree farm and smallholding close to her family home. This has provided the foundation for several community initiatives, including a monthly farmers' market, a local flower growers' hub, and arts, crafts and antique fairs. These bring together local businesses and communities while also supporting the RNLI.

Harriet has a longstanding commitment to volunteering and community service. In Somerset, she volunteered with Wivey Link, providing transport for older people and those in need. Since returning to Cornwall, she has supported the Cornwall Christmas Fair, which raises funds for the Cornwall Community Foundation, and become a trustee of Cornwall's Army Museum at Bodmin Keep, where she contributes to its educational work and supports the museum through a period of significant change.

As High Sheriff of Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly, Harriet follows in the footsteps of her grandfather, Walter Magor, who served as High Sheriff in 1981. Her particular focus is the wellbeing and opportunities of children and young people across Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly, alongside supporting the county's justice system, emergency services and communities.
Outside her public duties, Harriet sings with a local chorale and enjoys gardening, walking and exploring Cornwall's coastline by land and sea.

*The congregation remains **seated** for the procession of Town Mayors*

*A fanfare is sounded. The congregation stand for the arrival of **the Procession.***

THE ORDER OF THE PROCESSION

Crucifer
Choir

-Lay Assistant-
Mace Bearers
Truro Town Crier
Assistant Town Clerk
Mayor of Truro and Mayor's Consort
Acting CEO Cornwall Council; Chairman Cornwall Council

Noah Law MP; Perran Moon MP
Chief Fire Officer Billing; Assistant Chief Fire Officer Wallens-Hancock
Chief Constable Vaughan; Kate Holborow Duchy of Cornwall
Lt Cdr Brookes; Wing Commander Elliot;

-Lay Assistant-
President Cornwall Law Society
Chairman Cornwall Bench
Judge Michell
HHJ Mitchell

-Canon Sue Wallace-
High Sheriff of Wiltshire; Under Sheriff of Wiltshire
High Sheriff of Hampshire; High Sheriff of Dorset;
High Sheriff of Devon; High Sheriff of Somerset,

-Verger –
High Sheriff's Chaplain
High Sheriff's Cadet;
The Under Sheriff of Cornwall
High Sheriff of Cornwall

-Dean's Verger-
Interim Dean *HHJ Adkin*
HM Lord Lieutenant for Cornwall *Rt Rev the Bishop of Truro*

Hymn

1.Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
forgive our foolish ways;
re-clothe us in our rightful mind,
in purer lives thy service find,
in deeper reverence praise.

2.In simple trust like theirs who heard,
beside the Syrian sea,
the gracious calling of the Lord,
let us, like them, without a word
rise up and follow thee.

3.O Sabbath rest by Galilee!
O calm of hills above,
where Jesus knelt to share with thee
the silence of eternity,
interpreted by love!

4.Drop thy still dews of quietness,
till all our strivings cease;
take from our souls the strain and stress,
and let our ordered lives confess
the beauty of thy peace.

5.Breathe through the heats of our desire
thy coolness and thy balm;
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
O still small voice of calm.

Music: Repton 353 NEH
Charles Hubert Hastings Parry (1848–1918) from Judith

Text: John Whittier (1807–1892)

The Bidding Prayer

read by the Reverend Robin Thwaites, Chaplain to the High Sheriff. Please sit.

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Dearly beloved, we gather here to give God praise and glory, in thanksgiving for our freedom under the law. In prayer and praise, in scripture and in song, we celebrate God's mighty deeds, his justice and his love.

The scriptures urge us to pray and give thanks, at all times and in all circumstances; we pray therefore for Christ's Church throughout the world; for the ministers of God's holy Word and Sacraments, for David, Bishop of Truro; for this Cathedral church and for this Diocese of Truro.

For our Sovereign, King Charles the Third, William, Duke of Cornwall and for all members of the Royal Family. For the High Court of Parliament, Ministers of the Crown, and all judges and magistrates. For the Lord Lieutenant, High Sheriff, and the work of the Devon and Cornwall Constabulary.

For the Mayor of this city, the Chairman of Cornwall County Council and for all who represent us in local government.
For all who serve this nation by land, sea or air; for all engaged in agriculture, industry, the fisheries and commerce.

For the sick and injured, and for those who treat them and care for them.

For schools, universities and colleges and for all engaged in the work of education.

Because Christ, who was rich, became poor for our sake, we remember in his name those who like him were rejected: those who suffer discrimination, the homeless, the unemployed; all prisoners, hostages, refugees and those trapped in a spiral of addiction, debt or fear.

And we pray for the people of this land, that in our many diverse professions, we might live in peace and charity, remembering God, the compassionate judge of all who governs all things in heaven and on earth.

We remember all who have departed this life in the faith of Christ, give us grace so to follow their good examples, that with them, we may partake of thine eternal kingdom.

Finally, we offer praise and thanksgiving for all the blessings of this life, and above all for the inestimable love of God in the redemption of the world through our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace and for the hope of glory.

All these prayers we gather together within the words of our Saviour:

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into
temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Preces and Responses

sung by the Precentor and the Choir
to a setting by Philip Radcliffe (1905 -1986)

O Lord, open thou our lips.
And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

O God, make speed to save us.
O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:
and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be:
world without end. Amen
Praise ye the Lord.
The Lord's name be praised.

Hymn

Please stand

1.Lord of all lands, our songs of praise
With thankful hearts to Thee we raise,
And more because Thy kindly hand
Has given us, our native land.

2.Lord of the sea that guards our shore
And feeds us with unfailing store,
Great Ruler of its majesty,
We thank Thee for Thy gift, the sea.

3.Lord of the earth whose deeps enfold
A wondrous store of wealth untold,
That we may use and have no dearth,
We thank Thee for Thy generous earth.

4.Lord of the sky that sends the rain
To tend our fields for fruit and grain,
And sun, to bring the harvest high,
We thank Thee for Thy sun and sky.

5.Great Lord of All, enthroned above,
We know Thy pity, and Thy love;
Thy grace shall save us when we fall,
And guard and guide us, One and All

Tune: TRURO NEH 388i Psalmodia Evangelica 1789

Text: Bernard Moore

Psalm 82

sung by the Choir

*Please **sit** as the choir chants the Psalm*

God standeth in the congregation of princes :
he is a Judge among gods.
How long will ye give wrong judgement :
and accept the persons of the ungodly?
Defend the poor and fatherless :
see that such as are in need and necessity have right.
Deliver the outcast and poor :
save them from the hand of the ungodly.
They will not be learned nor understand,
but walk on still in darkness :
all the foundations of the earth are out of course.
I have said, Ye are gods :
and ye are all the children
of the most Highest.
But ye shall die like men :
and fall like one of the princes.
Arise, O God, and judge thou the earth :
for thou shalt take all heathen to thine inheritance.

Please stand.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be world without end.
Amen.

The First Lesson

Micah 6:6-8

Read by His Honour Judge Adkin. Please sit.

A reading from the prophet Micah:

With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings, with calves a year old?
Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with tens of thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?' He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Here ends the first lesson.

Magnificat

The Song of the Blessed Virgin Mary is sung by the Choir to the Truro Service (2001) by Gabriel Jackson (b.1962)
Please stand.

My soul doth magnify the Lord: and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. For he hath regarded: the lowliness of his hand-maiden. For behold, from henceforth: all generations shall call me blessed. For he that is mighty hath magnified me: and holy is his name. And his mercy is on them that fear him: throughout all generations. He hath shewed strength with his arm: he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat: and hath exalted the humble and meek. He hath filled the hungry with good things: and the rich he hath sent empty away. He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel: as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed, for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
world without end. Amen.

The Second Lesson

Romans 12: 9-18

read by the High Sheriff of Cornwall, Harriet Hills. Please sit.

A reading from the Epistle to the Romans:

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

Here ends the second lesson**.**

Nunc Dimittis

The Song of Simeon sung by the Choir
to the Truro Service (2001) by Gabriel Jackson (b.1962)

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Please stand.

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace:
according to thy word. For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,
Which thou hast prepared: before the face of all people;
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles:
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
world without end. Amen.

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God,
the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth:
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
Born of the Virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, dead and buried,
He descended into hell;
The third day he rose again from the dead,
He ascended into heaven,
And sitteth on the right hand
of God the Father Almighty;
From thence he shall come
to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost;
The holy Catholic Church;
The Communion of Saints;
The Forgiveness of sins;
The Resurrection of the body,
And the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers

sung by the Precentor and the Choir

The Lord be with you
And with thy spirit.

Please sit or kneel

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;
Thy kingdom come; thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
But deliver us from evil. Amen.

O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.
And grant us thy salvation.

O Lord, save the King.
And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.
And make thy chosen people joyful.

O Lord, save thy people.
And bless thine inheritance.

Give peace in our time, O Lord.
Because there is none other that fighteth for us,
but only thou, O God.

O God, make clean our hearts within us.
And take not thy holy Spirit from us.

The Collect of the day

Stir up, we beseech thee, O Lord, the wills of thy faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may of thee be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Collect for peace

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed; Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen

The Collect for help in danger

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Anthem

sung by the Choir

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up the light of His countenance upon you and give you peace.

Music: John Rutter (b. 1945) *Text: Numbers 6:24-26*

Sermon

The Rt Revd David Williams, Bishop of Truro.

Hymn

Please Stand

During the hymn the Collection will be taken for the work of the Cathedral and the High Sheriff's nominated charity, Kreslu, which provides support to seriously injured and seriously ill police employees and volunteers. Please gift aid your offering if you can. Card donation points are also available at the exits.
We can also match gift aid declarations to electronic gifts.

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
be all else but naught to me, save that thou art;
be thou my best thought in the day and the night,
both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word,
be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord;
be thou my great Father, and I thy true son;
be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight,
be thou my whole armour, be thou my true might,
be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong tower,
O raise thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
be thou my inheritance now and always,
be thou and thou only the first in my heart,
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright Sun,
O grant me its joys after vict'ry is won;
great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

Music: Slane 339 NEH
traditional Irish melody

Text: Irish c. 8th century, translated by Mary Byrne (1880–1931)
and versified by Eleanor Hull (1860–1935)

Prayers of Intercession

Please sit or kneel. At the conclusion of the prayers all say the words of The Grace:

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all, evermore. Amen.

The National Anthem

Please Stand

1.God save our gracious King,
Long live our noble King,
God save the King!
Send him victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us,
God save the King!

2.Thy choicest gifts in store
On him be pleased to pour;
Long may he reign:
May he defend our laws,
And ever give us cause
To sing with heart and voice
God save the King.

The Blessing

Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage;
hold fast that which is good; render to no one evil for evil;
strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak;
help the afflicted; honour everyone;
love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit;
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen**.

Trelawny

A good sword and a trusty hand!
A merry heart and true!
King James's men shall understand
What Cornish lads can do!
And have they fixed the where and when?
And shall Trelawny die?
Here's twenty thousand Cornish men
Will know the reason why!

And shall Trelawny live?
And shall Trelawny die?
Here's twenty thousand Cornish men
Will know the reason why!

Organ Voluntary

Allegro Maestoso (Sonata in G)
Edward Elgar (1857 – 1934)

Please remain standing while the Procession leaves (in reverse order).

Refreshments will be served in the Cathedral after the service.

Truro Cathedral
sacred space, common ground

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THE ORDER OF THE PROCESSION

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Interim Dean *HHJ Adkin*
HM Lord Lieutenant for Cornwall *Rt Rev the Bishop of Truro*

-Verger –
High Sheriff's Chaplain
High Sheriff's Cadet;
The Under Sheriff of Cornwall
High Sheriff of Cornwall

-Canon Sue Wallace-
High Sheriff of Wiltshire ;Under Sheriff of Wiltshire
High Sheriff of Hampshire;High Sheriff of Dorset;
High Sheriff of Devon; High Sheriff of Somerset,

-Lay Assistant-
President Cornwall Law Society
Chairman Cornwall Bench
Judge Michell
HHJ Mitchell

Noah Law MP; Perran Moon MP
Chief Fire Officer Billing; Assistant Chief Fire Officer Wallens-Hancock
Chief Constable Vaughan; Kate Holborow Duchy of Cornwall
Lt Cdr Brookes; Wing Commander Elliot;

-Lay Assistant-
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Assistant Town Clerk
Mayor of Truro and Mayor's Consort
Acting CEO Cornwall Council; Chairman Cornwall Council
Director of music
Choir