



A SPIRIT OF WHAT IS POSSIBLE

I have thoroughly enjoyed visiting all 12 deaneries as I begin my ministry here. I was keen to ensure I went around the Diocese as soon as possible after the splendid service in Truro Cathedral on the 7th March – and can I take this opportunity to thank all those responsible for that service, which was memorable, uplifting and humbling. In planning the Deanery visits, I was aware that I was asking already very busy people to add an extra event into the already busy season of Lent, however it was important to me to get out and about.

It has been invaluable, I have begun to make some sense of the geography as I moved around and I have met many people both in church and out and about in the community. As I reflect on the visits I have been very encouraged and wanted to share with you that sense of good news especially as we are now in the season of Easter which is the heart of the good news season.

Heartening experiences

I am encouraged by the number of people who came along to services and events arranged at quite short notice, and taking place either during the day or in the evening at the end of a busy day for everyone. It is so easy for us to believe the stories we hear that churches are in decline. It is the case that we like many organisations have lost members but there are real signs that this trend is changing and I have been heartened indeed to see how many people have gathered to welcome me and to worship together.

I am also encouraged by the atmosphere when we have met whether that was for worship or for food - or for a combination of both! There has been a great deal of good humour and a real spirit of what is possible. As I have shared some of my initial thoughts and ideas, many have responded and done so enthusiastically at the thought of moving beyond the church walls and sharing our

faith with others.

Perhaps more than anything I have been encouraged by the prayerfulness of the occasions in which I have shared. Wherever I have been I have spoken of the priority of prayer and the importance of spending time listening to God. In all the churches, hotels and public buildings in which we have met, there has been an element of silence and waiting on God.

So, thank you to all who had any part in organising the events and thank you to all who came along to meet me. Thank you especially to the Rural Deans who in most cases did the planning and the hard work behind the scenes. As we move forward I am sure I will work closely with the Rural Deans and they will have an increasingly important role in discerning the plans for mission and ministry.

Thank you to all I have met and to all involved in any way. I do hope you are encouraged as I have been by the way the diocese has been involved in welcoming me. Now we move forward I believe and I want to carry on encouraging you and being encouraged as we rejoice at the fact that Christ is alive. I pray that we may, together, find the ways God wants us his people to mature and develop in our faith and to invite others to join us as we share the good news.

I am sure that we need to help each other build up our confidence in the faith and discern what God is saying to his churches in this diocese. I have met a real spirit of willingness to try new things, and an understanding that we need to move beyond the confines of our buildings, whilst maintaining our important traditions, in order to engage with people and listen to them and ensure we have something to say to them. We need to find ways to share our faith, and in order to do that I hope that in all our churches and communities we are finding opportunities to talk to each other about what we believe and why.

✂ Tim



Truro Cathedral

May Events

Picking Up the Pieces is the art exhibition for Easter through to the 26th May. Carole Page Davies has created seven pieces responding to the season and a text from Ecclesiastes.

Fri 1st at 11.45am **Free lunchtime concert** given by the choirs involved in the International Male Voice Choir Festival. At 1.10pm **Roderick Sutherland (Warwick)** free lunchtime organ recital. Sun 3rd at 11.45am **Talk by Carole Page Davies about her work 'Picking Up the Pieces'** Meet at West End. Mon 4th **BANK HOLIDAY** Cathedral open 9.30am. At 12 Noon **Free lunchtime concert** given by the choirs involved in the International Male Voice Choir Festival. Tues 5th until 8th **Cornwall Spinners, Weavers and Dyers Exhibition** Weds 6th at 2.15pm **Truro High School Founder's Day Service** Thurs 7th at 5.30pm **Evensong with Truro School Senior Choir**. Fri 8th at 1.10pm **Sebastian Thompson (St Matthew's, Northampton)** free lunchtime organ recital. Sat 9th at 6pm **Cornwall Junior Choir with Exeter Junior Choir Concert**

Sun 10th at 10am **Sunday Eucharist for Christian Aid Week**. Preacher Laura McAdam, Volunteer Development Officer, South West Unit, Christian Aid. At 2pm **Remember Our Child Service** A service for families and friends to remember and celebrate the lives of children who have died. All welcome. (contact the Cathedral Office for details 01872 276782). 8pm **Open to Question** in the Pearson Room. Informal chat and coffee about issues of faith. Tues 12th at 12.30pm **Talk by Carole Page Davies about her work 'Picking Up the Pieces'** Meet at West End. Weds 13th **Friends' Coffee Morning** in the Pearson Room (10-11.30am) All welcome. Fri 15th at 1.10pm **Claire Alsop (St Mary Redcliffe)** free lunchtime organ recital. At 6.30pm **Inspire Cornwall Launch by invitation**. Sat 16th **The Friends of Truro Cathedral Festival Day**. Sun 17th at 2pm **Service of Thanksgiving and Remembrance for Cancer Care in Cornwall**. Tues 19th from 10am

Meeting and Eucharist for College of Canons Thurs 21st at 5.30pm Solemn Eucharist for Ascension Day. Fri 22nd at 1.10pm **Tony Pinel (Grimps Parish Church)** free lunchtime organ recital. Sun 24th at 11.45am **Annual Cathedral Meeting and Buffet Lunch (to book lunch tel 01872 245011)**. Mon 25th

BANK HOLIDAY Cathedral open at 9.30am. Tues 26th **Exhibition of Art by Elle Carbis and Jamie Mills** until 10th June. Later at 7.30pm **Transition Truro Meeting** in the Pearson Room of the Cathedral Office. With **Professor Jan Pentreath** (President of Cornwall Wildlife Trust) talking about climate change. Free. Fri 29th at 1.10pm **Keith Hearnshaw** free lunchtime organ recital. Sat 30th at 7.30pm **Recital**. Sun 31st at 10am **Solemn Eucharist for the Day of Pentecost**.

Sat 20th June at 7.30pm **Truro Cathedral Choir** presents a **Summer Celebration** of major composers anniversaries including Zadok the Priest by Handel and the Missa Sancti Nicolai by Haydn. Tickets £12 from HFC 01872 262466.

LAST DATE FOR JUNE COPY THURSDAY MAY 5th

Journey into Joy:

the Stations of the Resurrection
Veryan Church

Saturday 16 May at 6 pm

Join us to reflect on the Resurrection aided by the paintings of Sr Mary Stephen CRSS

Followed by a bring and share BBQ at the Vicarage
All welcome

Further details from Fr Douglas Robbins 01872 501618

fatherdougrobins@talktalk.net

Arranged by Affirming Catholicism in the Diocese of Truro

The Parish of Linkinhorne
St. Melor's & St. Paul's

Sunday 12th July 2009
Festival of Talents

9.45a.m. St. Paul's, Upton Cross -
'Service of celebration'

During the day there will be exhibitions and demonstrations of local crafts, talents and businesses in both churches.

6.30 p.m. St. Melor's, Linkinhorne -
'Thanksgiving Service'

Refreshments available at both venues.

Year of the Child 2009 has begun!

The 1st February saw the Cathedral filled with children, young people, parents and parish and school representatives all there to help us launch Year of the Child. Children and young people were involved throughout the service and a choir of children from our Church Schools helped to lead our worship. During the service candles were distributed to representatives from parishes and church schools and the service culminated with Bishop Roy leading a procession of children carrying their candles out of the Cathedral and onto High Cross. We have been greatly encouraged to see that the candles are being used by the different parishes that we visit. Every parish should now have received their Year of the Child booklet and we are grateful to those parishes that have let us know what they would like to achieve in their children's and youth work throughout this year. We have included a selection of ideas below to inspire and encourage us all and we would love to hear from you if you would like to tell us what you intend to do.



Mother & Toddler Service

Menheniot hold a teatime service for all ages involving young people and children. They also want to start a mother and toddler service.

Employ a Youth Worker

Pelynt PCC are exploring the possibility of employing a youth worker



Family Lunch

Camborne parish are beginning to host a 'Bring and Share' lunch after their monthly all age service.

Youth Alpha

St Buryan Parish are looking into running a Youth Alpha Course.



Children's Event

St John's, Pensilva are planning a 'Gala Week Day', inviting all the children to a day of arts, crafts and games with a biblical theme.

Pilgrimage to the Isles of Scilly

The Pilgrimage will take place on Sunday 19th July 2009 and is the high profile event to celebrate 2009 Year of the Child. The aim of the Pilgrimage is to encourage parishes to invite families, children and young people, particularly those on the fringe' of our church families and those who would not usually have the opportunity to undertake an outing to the Islands due to cost or lack of transport. We are hoping that families who live on the islands will be able to join us to take part in all the activities. Deadline for bookings is Monday 29 June, so please start getting your groups together now; it is important that we have full names & ages of all those intending to sail by 29 June. Information on final timings, parking & activity options will be sent on receipt of booking forms. For more information, and booking forms, please contact Shelley Porter 01872 247211.

School Link with Uganda

Lezant parish are setting up a direct link with a school in Uganda. Trekkener School in conjunction with the church are hosting a 'fayre' in order to raise funds for books and pencils. Also in July letters and picture from the children will be taken out to the school in Uganda.

Open the Book

Boscoppa are looking into creating a team to use this resource when visiting schools

Special Needs Service

St Ive parish are planning to hold a service for young people with learning difficulties

Young Leaders Training

Lanteglos by Fowey would like their teenage helpers to gain a certificate in Young Leaders Training.

Outdoor Holy Place

Lanivet parish want to create an outside 'Holy Place'

Children's Area

Treleigh PCC have agreed to remove some pews (applying for a faculty) to make room for a children's area which would be painted, carpeted and furnished with books, posters and play materials.

West Wivelshire Deanery

The Children and Youth Link Team are already planning a Family Fun Day to be held in August at St Martins in Looe. There will be a range of activities for children to take part in, ending in worship.

Pew Sacks

All Saints Church, St Ewe are re-vamping their pew sacks.

Children's & Youth Office
Tel: 01872 247211

REMEMBER OUR CHILD

We awoke that morning, like any morning. The late autumn sun promised a clear and crisp day. There was no hint of the gathering storm. There was no hint that anything was amiss. Yet by evening, tears worse than any storm lashed the night; a fog more impenetrable than any moorland mist had descended, blanking the mind; and a whiteout hid a future that we did not yet realise was unrecognisable. That afternoon, without warning, our youngest child died.

We had no idea what lay before us – perhaps just as well. Before and since, for we speak of half a lifetime ago, we have experienced the deaths of parents, of wider family, of friends and colleagues, but none compares to the death of a much-loved child. They say of the death of a child of whatever age, "No death so sad", and they are right, yet they don't tell the half. Everything we hold dear, from very faith to loving marriage and way beyond, is battered into submission, and forging a new beginning from the shattered remains of the old is a desperate business.

This Cathedral has glimpsed that dark place and provides a light that, we pray, grows from flickering uncertainty to peaceful honouring. It holds a book of remembrance especially for children who have died. Annually, we read those names and any others added on the day and light a candle of hope and remembrance to each.

This year that service is at 2.00 pm on Sunday 10 May and all are welcome – family, friends, colleagues, teachers, carers, all who have mourned the death of a child. Simple hymns, prayers – no fuss or frills – readings and a short address, the reading of names and the lighting of candles. And just as important, tears and stories, hugs and hopes, and a chance to have the pages of the book turned to your special date, to your special name. We may meet not knowing each other, but we who have experienced the death of a child speak a common language, a language that needs no words.

If you would find it helpful, we hope you will join us. If you know someone who might want to come, please invite them to come with you – they may need the comfort of your presence. We hope to see you then.

Clive and June Cohen

LESBIAN AND GAY CHRISTIANS IN THE SOUTH WEST

A meeting will be held on Saturday 9th May from 12.30 – 2.30 at Southernhay Church, Dix's Field, Exeter EX1 1QA to explore the demand for a Group in the South West. The Church is in Exeter City Centre opposite the bus station and between the Civic Centre and Princess Hay Quarter. Please bring something to eat. Tea and coffee will be provided. Further info: 01392 255655

ST EUNY PARISH CHURCH, REDRUTH

FLOWER FESTIVAL 'PRAISE THE LORD'

MAY 15th - 17th INCLUSIVE

10am - 5.30pm followed by an evening programme.

FRIDAY, 15th 6.00pm TREWIRGIE SCHOOL CHOIR CONCERT

SATURDAY, 16th 3.00pm

A SPEAKER WILL GIVE A TALK ON BEHALF OF CORNWALL HOSPICE CARE

7.30pm Songs of Praise with

REDRUTH TOWN BAND.

ORGANIST, CHRISTOPHER UREN

SUNDAY, 17th 11am

SUNG EUCHARIST

7.30pm HOLMANS CLIMAX CHOIR

PROCEEDS TO ST EUNY CHURCH WITH A DONATION TO CORNWALL HOSPICE CARE

EPIPHANY HOUSE

Kenwyn, Truro TR1 3DR

Friday 1st May (eve) 7.00pm – 9.30pm
and Saturday 2nd May 10.00am – 5.00pm

INTRODUCTION TO THE ENNEAGRAM

Led by The Revd Dr. David Rake
Cost £20. Drinks will be provided, please bring your own packed lunch
Overnight Bed and Breakfast accommodation is also available.

Tuesday 5th May – Saturday 9th May
Residential CARM Retreat

"LISTENING TO GOD IN POETRY AND POETRY"

Led by Dr. Anne Murphy and Revd Canon Charmion Mann
Cost £275 (Bursarys may be available)

Saturday 16th May

QUIET DAY : "SACRED SPACES"

A day of reflection using a variety of creative approaches

Led by
Revd Ruth Goodland and Revd Michael Goodland
10.30 -4.00

Cost £8. Drinks provided, please bring packed lunch

For more information and to book please contact Epiphany House
01872 272249 or email
epiphanyhouse@keme.co.uk

ST CONSTANTINE PARISH CHURCH

ORGANIST REQUIRED

For Sunday morning service, Holy Communion CW, Monthly family worship with music group
Weddings and Funerals
RSCM with Choir Mistress

Enquiries: Revd David Stevens 01326 340259

Or Melanie Uren 01326 340421

Unsung Heroes - the hunt is on

The Church of England has teamed up with *Country Life* magazine to hunt for an elusive species: the unsung hero! Rural churches and chapels are often the thriving hubs of their communities. Together, we are looking for the unsung volunteers - of any denomination - who keep them alive.

The competition will be seeking the volunteers who keep rural churches, chapels and churchyards thriving and at the centre of their communities. The aim is to highlight the wide range of voluntary activities taking place in and around those buildings – from maintaining the fabric against all odds to developing and taking forward an imaginative community use of the building.

The competition aims to highlight the wide range of voluntary activities taking place in and around churches and chapels and their churchyards, ranging from maintaining the historic fabric to developing or managing imaginative community initiatives. And all this in addition to being places of worship and vital oases of calm and reflection in a busy world.

Nominations are sought for volunteers who:

- o have initiated and taken forward projects which support the church building directly such as fund-raising activities or rejuvenating the churchyard; or
- o help keep the building open as a valuable community resource by organising events such as weekly community lunches or concerts inside the church; or
- o manage the setting up of a community shop, farmers' market or post office, again inside the church or its grounds.

For more information, see
<http://www.countrylife.co.uk/> and
<http://www.cofe.anglican.org/>,
phone 020 7898 1621 or email
<mailto:louis.henderson@c-of-e.org.uk>. All entries have to be in by the end of May.

Visit the Churches' Tent at the Royal Cornwall Show

- **4th-6th June** (Stand 1 by Show Office)
Do make the **Tent** part of your day at the Show. Over the years it has proved an important and valued oasis, providing a place to relax, meet friends, share in the times of regular prayer. It forms a base for the team of ecumenical chaplains. A full programme of children's activities is organised, with guest displays, extensive book and Fair Trade stalls. Tea, coffee, and cold drinks are served – and much appreciated!

You would also be made very welcome at the **Opening Service** on Wednesday, 3rd June, 6.00pm (in the Main Arena – please arrive early!) Make this an opportunity to pray for, show support and to rejoice in the contribution of Cornish agriculture to our lives. **Preacher : Rt Rev Tim Thornton**, with prayers led by Rev Steve Wild, Chair, Cornwall Methodist District. A **Pasty Reception** in the Churches' Tent follows.

Further info contact Rev Alison Shaw 01208 831743

If you can offer help on the refreshment rota, contact Lis Davey: 01726 863046

AROUND THE SEE

SOME ENGAGEMENTS IN MAY 2009 THE BISHOP OF TRURO

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| <p>1. Cathedral Chapter 9.30
Organ Dedication St Stephens,
Saltash</p> <p>3. Old Kea, 8.30
St Kea 9.30
Children's Hospice SW, Caerhays 1</p> <p>5. Salvation Army, Camborne 6.30</p> <p>6. Truro High School Founders' Day</p> <p>7. Pastoral Visit, Boscastle 9.30
Faith Forum Steering Group,
County Hall, 6.30</p> <p>8. Cornwall Lieutenantcy Committee,
LE, 10
Ten Tors</p> | <p>9. Ten Tors</p> <p>10. Davidstow & Otterham PV</p> <p>11. Bishop's Staff Away Day</p> <p>13. Executive, DH 10
St Hilaria, DH 12
Devoran School 2</p> <p>14. Kings College London Theological
Trust, London</p> <p>16. Diocesan Synod, Truro</p> <p>17. Boscastle & Davidstow PV, 9.15</p> <p>18. House of Bishops, Market
Bosworth</p> <p>20. Polwhele School Assembly 8.40
21-22 Ascension Day</p> |
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THE BISHOP OF ST GERMANS

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| <p>3. St Allen PV, 9.30
Kenwyn PV, C, 11am
Tea Time Service PV, Kenwyn 4.30</p> <p>6. St Meriadoc Infant School,
Camborne, 9.15</p> <p>7. Bishops School Communion
Service, St Michael's, Newquay, 2</p> <p>10. Feock PV, 10.15</p> <p>11. Bishop's Staff Away Day,</p> <p>12. USPG (United Society for the
Propagation of the Gospel),
London</p> <p>13. Executive, DH, 10
Hilaria, DH, 12.30</p> | <p>16. Diocesan Synod AGM, All Saints,
Hightown, Truro, 10</p> <p>17. St Michael Penkivel PV, 10
Tresillian PV, 11.15</p> <p>19. Freshfield Service, 2
Licensing of the Revd Graham
Shield as Priest in Charge of St
Columb Major, 7pm</p> <p>30. The Ven Richard Bird's 50th
Anniversary of ordination.
St Edmundsbury Cathedral</p> <p>31. Godrevy Team Eucharist,
St Elwyn's, Hayle, C, 11am
"Messy Church" Carbis Bay, 4</p> |
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The Bishop of Truro, the Rt Revd Tim Thornton, has announced the names of seven new Honorary Canons of Truro Cathedral. The Honorary Canonries are given to men and women who have given exceptional service to their Church and communities in Cornwall, and each Canon occupies a Stall in the Cathedral Quire. The clergy Canons' stalls are all named after Cornish Saints, and the 12 Lay Canons' Stalls are in the names of the Apostles. The new Canons will be installed at Evensong in Truro Cathedral on 11th October 2009.

The new Clergy Canons are:

The Reverend Douglas Robins BA Priest-in-Charge of Veyan and Ruanlaniorne since 2008. He will occupy the Stall of St Aldhelm.

The Reverend William (Bill) Robert Stuart-White MA Priest-in-Charge of Stoke Climsland and of Linkinhorne since 2006. He will occupy the Stall of St Meriadoc

The Revd Martyn Anthony Trembath BA Senior Hospital Chaplain to the Royal Cornwall Hospital NHS Trust since 1998 and Associate Priest of the Godrevy Team since 2008. He will occupy the stall of St Ia

The Revd Eddie Woon Priest-in-Charge of Tuckingmill Team Vicar of Redruth with Lanner and Treleigh since 2002. He will occupy the stall of St Nectan.

The three new Lay Canons are:-

Mr John Sansom Guild of Lay Assistants, Truro Cathedral, who will occupy the Stall of St Jude;

Mrs Jenny Thomas Cert Ed, Headteacher of Bishop Cornish School, senior member of the Board of Education and a member of the Education Review Group. She will occupy the Stall of St Thomas

Dr Mike Todd Chairman of the Parsonages Committee and Chairman of the House of Laity. He will occupy the Stall of St Peter.

Announcements

The Revd Nigel Geoffrey Marns BD, BSc at present Vicar of St John's & St Andrew's Bromsgrove to be Rector of the Benefice of Ludgvan, Marazion, St Hilary and Perranuthnoe. He will be licensed by the Bishop of Truro at Ludgvan on Tuesday 7th July at 7pm.

The Revd Steven Wild MA Chair of Cornwall District of the Methodist Church to be an Ecumenical Canon of Truro Cathedral. His installation will take place at Evensong on Sunday 20th September at 4pm

The Revd Alan George Bashforth MA Rural Dean of Powder, for a further term

The Revd Christopher Mark Malkinson Rural Dean of Pydar, for a further term

The Revd David John Stevens MA Rural Dean of Kerrier, for a further term

Rev Dr Peter Johnson, MSE, currently Head of Staff Wellbeing, Cornwall Children's Services, to be Head of the Faith, Spirituality, Health and Wellbeing Centre Wellbeing Centre, University of the West of England.

WHAT'S ON

Sunday 10th May, St Endellion Church, 6pm Evening worship by candlelight with music from Taize. Come and join us for this time of prayer, reflection and worship. If you have not been to such a service before, be assured that you will feel comfortable and at home. Next service 14th June.

May 15th, 16th, 17th at St. Keyne Church nr. Liskeard. A Flower Festival "A Spirit of Colour" including a display of Clerical Vestments. Lunches and Refreshments available in the Village Hall. For further information tel. 01579 343921 or 01579 343434.

Friday 22nd to Monday 25th May inclusive. St Andrew's Church, Stratton. FLOWER FESTIVAL. Theme: TIMES PAST. 10am to 6pm daily.

Saturday 23rd – Monday 25th May ST LEVAN CHURCH, PORTHCURO (just beyond the Minack Theatre) FLOWER FESTIVAL Theme: The Invitation. Refreshments

Thursday 11th June 3.00pm - 9.00pm Arts & Spirituality North Cornwall Quiet Day for Corpus Christi at St Endellion Church led by Prebendary John May and ending with Sung Eucharist and Procession.

MILL HOUSE RETREATS, TIVERTON

Sat 9th May Contemplative Prayer Day 10.00-4.00 Led by Deidre Morris, National Co-ordinator for Julian Meetings (weekend accommodation available) £20

Sat 16th May Day 10 - 4 £20 Workshop 'Trees & Spirituality' led by Elizabeth Corner (weekend accommodation available)

Fri-Sun 5th-7th June 'Consider the birds of the air' Ann Lewin weekend of poetry, prayer and a time for walking £175 ensuite £150 other all inclusive

Sun 7th June 6.30pm onwards Sister Mary Laurence from Burnham Abbey will share her experiences of 40 years as a nun and discuss community living today bring/share supper and discussion.

For more details please contact Revd Lynne Chitty, Rocknell Manor Farm, Westleigh, Tiverton, EX16 7ES Tel 01884 829000; e mail janetaylor@millhouseretreats.co.uk www.millhouseretreats.co.uk

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