

OUR NEWS

MARCH 2019

CROSS OF ST PIRAN RECIPIENTS ANNOUNCED FOR 2019

The full list of 2019's Cross of St Piran recipients has been released by the Bishop's Office.

This year 18 people will be recognised during two services at St Piran's Church in Perranzabuloe on March 3.

As in previous years, there will be two services on the day lead by the Bishop of Truro, the Rt Revd Philip Mounstephen and the Bishop of St Germans, the Rt Revd Chris Goldsmith. This year will be the first year Bishop Philip has presented the crosses.

Each year deaneries are asked to nominate individuals who have gone above and beyond in their service to their church and/or community. This year there was an increased emphasis on those working in the areas of environment, young people, growth and mission as well as long service.



■ Tegan, 15, is among this year's recipients

Citations for those receiving a cross can be read on the diocesan website.

Read the citations [here](#).

IMPORTANT CHANGES TO EPISCOPAL COLLEGE

Announcement from Bishop Philip:

It was my pleasure on joining the diocese to find such a cohesive and effective Episcopal College (also known as Bishop's Staff meeting) in place, marked by good, strong and supportive relationships. That's a great gift not just to me but to us all in the diocese, contributing significantly to our task of 'Discovering God's Kingdom; Growing the Church'.

That said I was aware that there were some aspects of diocesan life that were not well represented at Episcopal College, namely schools, discipleship and ministry. It's for that reason that I've asked Simon Cade, as Director of Education and Discipleship, and Jonathan Rowe, Director of Ministry, to join us as full members of the team. I'm delighted to say they have both accepted!

As well as carrying very significant portfolios, both Jonathan and Simon are gifted individuals in their own right and they will only add to what is already a strong team. I'm delighted to have them on board.

HEAR FROM BISHOP PHILIP AT DIOCESAN ROADSHOWS THIS MARCH AND APRIL

The diocesan roadshows will be taking place during March and April. For many it will be their first opportunity to meet Bishop Philip, to hear from him on his vision for the diocese and to express their views.

Before each roadshow, Bishop Philip will spend time getting a picture of life in each of the deaneries. This will be continued during the evening when the deaneries will make presentations.

An open question and answer session will follow where you will have the

ROADSHOWS2019 CONVERSATION PRAYER PRESENTATIONS

opportunity to speak to Bishop Philip, a panel of representatives from the deaneries and diocesan staff. The roadshows will run from 6.30pm to 8pm.

VENUES

March 12, Helston Community College, Kerrier/Penwith Deaneries

March 21, Penhaligon Building, Cornwall College, Camborne, Carnmarth North/ Carnmarth South deaneries

March 26, St Martin's Church, Liskeard, West Wivelshire/ East Wivelshire deaneries

April 4 St Petroc's Church, Bodmin, Trigg Minor & Bodmin/ Pydar deaneries

April 9 St Erme Community Centre, Castle Field, Trispen, Powder/ St Austell deaneries

April 11 Launceston Town Hall, Stratton/ Trigg Major deaneries.

GENERAL SYNOD'S GREEN LIGHT FOR ENVIRONMENTAL MOTION

A joint environment motion by the Dioceses of Truro and London has been approved at General Synod in London. The motion was carried by 279 votes in favour, three votes against and four abstentions.

Among other things, the motion called on every diocese to have an environmental programme overseen by one of its most senior members of staff.

Speaking for the first time at a General Synod, Bishop Philip made a heartfelt plea for fellow Anglicans to redouble their efforts to care for the planet, and our fellow women and men.

"Climate change cannot be a matter of indifference for any of us – not least in Cornwall, where it is already having a significant impact on coastal communities."

Following the vote, Bishop Philip

said: "It's gratifying for all those who have worked so hard on bringing this motion to synod – not least our social responsibility officer Andrew Yates – that the motion received such wholehearted support from General Synod.

"That sends an unequivocal message that the Church of England believes it must act on climate change – not just to all members of the church in this country, but it also signifies our commitment to taking action to our brothers and sisters in other parts of the world where the effects have been, and will continue to be, quite catastrophic."

HELPING TO MAKE LIFE LESS LONELY THROUGH AMD

Accompanied Ministry Development or AMD, it doesn't really matter how you say it, it still sounds a little intimidating. Which is a shame as it's a wonderfully caring, well thought out and considered way of making life a little bit easier and a little less daunting for our clergy across Cornwall.

Out in the parishes our clergy work hard. Their job is huge and the pressure of being all things to all people at exactly the right time, in precisely the right way with just the right amount of compassion, authority, wisdom, humility...frankly, it's impossible. And if you feel you're doing it on your own, lonely too.

That's why the most important word in AMD is the first, 'Accompanied'. AMD isn't something that's 'done' to the clergy, nor is it a refresher course. As Sally Piper, Head of AMD, says: "The 'accompanied' bit is really important. It describes how I try and walk with our clergy, journey with

them, and listen to what's going on, what they're trying to achieve. And then see how I can support them personally, or by bringing in colleagues from Church House. Or by linking them with other parishes or groups that might be able to help them. Or just signposting to places where they might get help to do what they want to do. But mostly it's about listening."

The first incarnation of AMD began in 2014 and was more of an overarching programme but, Sally says, they are striving to make the programme more bespoke. "We really have tried to take on the feedback and make changes," she says. "One of the joys of AMD is that clergy get to spend time with other clergy from across the diocese. But, for some, it's more valuable to spend quality time with their own team, including lay people and we've been able to facilitate that in AMD2."

Read the full story [here](#).

ENJOY THE SUNSHINE: WALK THE CORNISH CELTIC WAY

With the weather defying the season, what better time to take advantage of this glorious sunshine and get walking. The Cornish Celtic Way is organising a day walk on Saturday, March 2 from Donderry to Lammana Chapel near West Looe.

It's six miles of beach, coastal path and the trail up to the remains of Lammana Chapel, looking out over Looe Island. It is steep in places, so walk with care. Dogs are welcome and there are facilities along the way. It starts at 10am from St Nicholas Church in Donderry. Parking is free in the village and drivers will be returned to their cars at the end of the walk, which will be around 2pm.

Bring a packed-lunch, the sunshine (or a raincoat) and join us on Cornwall's Camino – as defined by the recent article in the Guardian <https://www.theguardian.com/travel/2019/feb/18/cornwall-celtic-walk-coast-path-trail-hike>

PYDAR PILGRIMAGE WALKS DURING LENT & EASTER

Pydar Deanery has organised some walks during Lent and Easter.

Lent Walks

March 9 Withiel Church to St Issey via St Breock Downs; **March 15** St Germans to Looe via Seaton; **March 22** Looe to St Winnow Church via Polperro; **March 29** St Winnow to St Blazey via Polruan; **April 6** St Blazey to Lanivet via Luxulyan & Helman Tor; **April 12** Lanivet to Withiel Church.

Holy Week Walks

April 15 St Issey to Padstow via Little Petherick; **April 16** Padstow to Constantine Bay Chapel & Well; **April 17** St Eval Church to St Mawgan Church; **April 18** Watergate Bay to St Michaels Church, Newquay.

MORE INFORMATION

T 01637 880252 or click [here](#).

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Bishop Philip's blog
trurodiocese.org.uk/bishops-blog/

MISSION

YOUNG PEOPLE, PRESSURE & A COLLEGE CHAPLAIN'S HELP

Young people are under enormous pressure from all directions. Exams and the narrowing pathways to achieve them; sexuality and the confusing pressure to conform; how to look, how to behave and how to navigate a world that offers a lot of scary ways to fit in.

The truth is, too many of our children and young people are unhappy, depressed and self-harming. That's not anecdotal, that's factual.

The Children's Society produce a report every year on the emotional well-being of our children and the most recent should make every church member sit up and ask themselves, what can I do to help?

The key findings highlighted the unhappiness of young people pressurised to fit in with society's expectations, the impact of the unending barrage of comments from social media, the damage of outdated gender stereotyping and the worrying rise in self-harming, particularly amongst 14-year-old girls.

HOW CAN WE HELP?

It's no secret that going to church would not be a feature on many young people's Instagram story, but that doesn't mean we ignore what's going on.

In Cornwall we have some of the best coverage of Open the Book teams for primary aged children in the UK, which is really positive. But, as primary becomes secondary school, these messages often dissolve. In their place grows the perception of a church that is out of step and not just irrelevant, but judgemental and harmful.

Across the diocese in Cornwall there are some great initiatives and some very passionate clergy reaching out and into the places where young people are. Not to evangelise, but to connect and let them know that



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they are there and that support will always be available. One such initiative is the chaplaincy at Truro College.

Revd Elly Sheard took up the role last year in partnership with Methodist colleagues and considers their position unique, "Who wouldn't want to have the potential to reach over 5,000 16-18-year-olds in Cornwall?" But, despite walking amongst them and making themselves a very visible presence, the young remain hard to reach.

"I find myself taking on the role of an apologist, explaining to the students that I don't hold the beliefs they think I do. There is more time to listen and challenge prejudices and misconceptions."

Elly believes that sin and shame are high up on young people's perception of what they think the church, or God, is interested in. "It makes you think about what we're saying out there."

Read the full story [here](#).

DIOCESAN DIRECTORY CHANGES & UPDATES

LICENSED CLERGY

Revd Deryn Roberts has retired. Revd Jill Edwards has retired. Revd Becca Bell* was licensed as Priest in Charge of St Ive & Pensilva with Quethiock. She continues as Priest in Charge of St Cleer. Revd Heather Aston* has been licensed as Associate Priest in St Gennys, and Jacobstow with Warbstow and Treneghos.

PTO

Revd Deirdre Mackrill* has been given PTO Category A. She is no longer Associate Priest of St Keverne, St Ruan w St Grade & Landewednack. Revd Alison Spreadbridge no longer has PTO in the diocese.

* Contact details can be found in the online directory <http://www.trurodiocese.org.uk/directory-live/>

TAKE A BREAK AND SAIL AWAY TO PARADISE

The Parish of the Isles of Scilly provides liturgical cover for the churches of St Nicholas, Tresco and All Saints, Bryher during the summer months through a Clergy Holiday Scheme.

Serving and active retired clergy are welcome to enjoy a holiday for up to six people in the parsonage on Tresco at a reduced rate in exchange for presiding and preaching at the Sunday Eucharists on Bryher and Tresco.

There are dates still available for this year: May 22 - June 5 and October 9 - 23.

MORE INFORMATION

Rachel Young, Assistant Church Warden, [E rachelyoung@tresco.co.uk](mailto:rachelyoung@tresco.co.uk)

CHILDREN'S RESOURCES

All children and family resources are now held in Church House, Truro. They are available to be viewed and borrowed. Anyone wishing to do so can contact the discipleship team. E discipleship@truro.anglican.org [T 01872 274351](tel:01872274351)

Information on Messy Church or Open the Book is also available via Revd Jane Horton at Church House. E jane.horton@truro.anglican.org [T 01872 274351](tel:01872274351).

ENVIRONMENT

SURVEY HIGHLIGHTS REDUCTION IN CHURCHES' EMISSIONS

The information from a church energy use survey, part of a pilot project that the Diocese of Truro has been involved with, has now been collated.

The aim of the pilot was to provide evidence that gathering data from rural parishes was as straightforward as gathering data from urban parishes.

Nearly 100 churches sent in returns and have thus provided baseline data against which to plot the diocese's carbon footprint into the future.

The report also highlighted a reduction

in emissions of 1,830 (tonnes CO₂ equivalent) to 1,770 (tonnes CO₂ equivalent) when discounts from solar panels and 100% renewable tariffs were taken into account.

Luci Isaacson, diocesan environment officer, said: "We know many churches are making efforts to cut carbon emissions year on year and we look forward to a steady downward trend into the future."

It is hoped that completing returns will be even easier when the survey goes online and that all parishes will contribute.

GCK AWARDS: TWO-NIGHT ECO BARN STAY TO BE WON

We are always interested in hearing what you are doing in your parishes towards gaining a Green Church Kernow Award and now your efforts could win you a two-night stay at Old Barn Tregonetha.

All you need to do is tell the diocesan environment officer about your church's plans for 2019 and your name will be entered into a prize draw to be held on April 1 (see the Terms & Conditions).

Thanks to Stephen Chidgey of St Wenn, the two night stay at the **Eco Green Old Barn** could be yours.

The closing date is 12 noon on March 31, 2019. More information on the Green Church Kernow (GCK) awards can be found here: www.trurodiocese.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/04/Environment-Award-Scheme-2018.pdf. Send your entry to Luci Isaacson, diocesan environment officer via email: luci@climatevision.co.uk

Terms and Conditions

1. Participants must be active members of a Church of England parish or church team in the Diocese of Truro.
2. The prize is only available to people aged 18 or above.



3. Only one application per parish which must be approved by the clergy person.
4. All entries must be received by **12 noon on March 31, 2019**.
5. Winning entries will be entered in to a prize draw which will be selected at random by Luci Isaacson, diocesan environment officer on **April 1, 2019**.
6. The prize is one 2-night stay at the Old Barn Tregonetha.
7. The winner will be notified by post or telephone within 28 days from the closing date.
8. The Diocese of Truro is responsible for running the prize draw and providing prizes. The registered office is at: Church House, Woodlands Court, Truro Business Park, Threemilestone, Truro, TR4 9NH.
9. By entering the competition, acceptance of these rules is implied and it will be assumed entrants have read and understood all terms and conditions.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

MARCH

- 2 Three Church Fathers & a Heretic led by Revd Professor Andrew Lewis**, St Endellion Church, 10am - 3pm.
- 4 Love One Another**, Penmorvah Manor Hotel, Budock Water, 7.30pm.
- 7 Meet the Funders**, Bodmin, 9.30am - 3.30pm.
- 12 Diocesan Roadshow**, Helston Community College, 6.30pm, Kerrier/ Penwith deaneries.
- 21 Diocesan Roadshow**, Cornwall College, Penhaligon Building, Camborne, 6.30pm, Carnmarth North/ South deaneries.
- 26 Diocesan Roadshow**, St Martin's Church, Liskeard, 6.30pm, East/ West Wivelshire deaneries.
- 28 Truro Theological Society Lecture - How do we understand what Jesus accomplished on the cross, and its bearing on how we are to live as Christians today?** with Professor Ian A McFarland, Chapter House, St Mary's Street, Truro.

APRIL

- 1 Does God Heal Today? with Mike Tate**, Penmorvah Manor Hotel, Budock Water, 7.30pm.
- 4 Diocesan Roadshow**, St Petroc's Church, Bodmin, 6.30pm, Trigg Minor & Bodmin/ Pydar deaneries.
- 9 Diocesan Roadshow**, St Erme Community Centre, Trispen, 6.30pm, Powder/ St Austell deaneries.
- 11 Diocesan Roadshow**, Launceston Town Hall, 6.30pm, Stratton/ Trigg Major deaneries.
- 27 The Making of Poetry using W H Auden, R S Thomas & Geoffrey Hill with Dr Rowan Williams**, St Endellion Church, 10am - 3pm.

GET IN TOUCH

If you have a news story or a diary date to share, please get in touch: 01872 360037 comms@truro.anglican.org before the 17th of each month.

OTHER LINKS

SRO Briefing

www.trurodiocese.org.uk/resources/social-action/social-responsibility/sronews/

Prayer Diary

www.trurodiocese.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/Prayer-Diary-December-to-March-2019.pdf



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