

# SPEAK OUT 2016



of Christianity made sense of the world and to demonstrate how faith could transform life. I have been seeking (often through considerable struggle) to follow the way of Jesus ever since.”

## AGATHA'S STORY

“I have always been to church since I was little and it has been a part of my life. It feels like the right place for me to be. Like most people I have stronger moments and weaker moments within my faith. When my Grandad was ill a while ago I found myself continually speaking to God, likewise when things are going really well I always thank God for what happened.”

## ESTHER'S STORY

“Over the years I have dipped in and out of faith, but I have always lived by the values and it is very important to me. A significant moment in my life was four years ago when I was caring for my dying mother. I asked her why was she not religious and why she wasn't baptised, she told me that she was very religious but her religion was not about attending church, but her personal beliefs.”

## BILL'S STORY

“I first came to Christian faith when I was 15 years old, thanks in no small measure to the prayers of my Godfather, through Confirmation classes and the witness of a priest who was able both to explain to me how the claims

At the beginning of February the Bishop of Truro, the Rt Revd Tim Thornton issued a challenge across the county to encourage people to speak out about faith during 2016.

The aim of the Speak Out challenge is to share 2,016 stories of faith during Lent, the period leading up to Easter, in any way you can.

Anyone can take part in SPEAK OUT, your story may be you don't have a faith, or it might be a story of a life quietly led or you may have a 'God moment' story.

You can also share it in any way. It could be a traditional "testimony", it could be talking about faith one to one, others' may wish to make a public statement in the form of a post on Facebook or a letter in a local newspaper or parish newsletter. It's up to you.

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Bishop Tim



### MORE INFORMATION:

Simple Guides "Sharing your faith" and "Christianity—an introduction" are available on our website [www.trurodiocese.org.uk/discipleship/out-2016/](http://www.trurodiocese.org.uk/discipleship/out-2016/) or from Shelley Porter [shelley.porter@truro.anglican.org](mailto:shelley.porter@truro.anglican.org)

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## BISHOP TIM 'JOURNEY'S OUT' TO PENRYN UNIVERSITY CAMPUS

Renewable energy, sustainable product design and the secret lives of bees were all discussed during a visit by the Bishop of Truro, the Rt Revd Tim Thornton to Penryn Campus, home to Falmouth University and the University of Exeter.

Bishop Tim and Simon Cade, the Diocesan Director of Education and Discipleship, met students, researchers and staff at both Exeter and Falmouth universities as well as spending time in the Environment and Sustainability Institute (ESI) and Student Union before heading out to meet students from the Allotment Society and Eco Society.

The Bishop's visit is one in a series of events planned throughout 2016 as the Diocese of Truro focusses on Journeying Out, part of its Way of Life Discipleship programme.

In 2016, there will be particular focus on sharing faith and caring for creation and the visit to the Penryn campus provided the opportunity for Bishop Tim to learn more about the unique and often groundbreaking work being undertaken in Cornwall on the environment.

Associate Professor in Ocean Energy Lars Johanning, part of the Renewable Energy Group, explained the research being undertaken using its renewable energy flume and the studies taking place in Cornwall and Bishop Tim was able to see live data coming in from test sites in the sea off Falmouth.

It was then off to Falmouth University's Design Centre where Deputy Vice Chancellor Professor Alan Murray explained the courses available before they met Drummond Masterton, Head of Sustainable Product Design. Drummond explained how students are encouraged to think creatively while also considering the environmental and human needs with the aim of ethical and profitable outcomes.

After a quick stop in the Falmouth and Exeter Students Union (FXU) office where Bishop Tim met two of this year's Presidents Amanda Chetwynd-Cowieson and Alexa Webster,

it was then over to the student allotments to meet Dan Perlaki, the FXU Plus Carbon and Sustainability Intern who explained the work being done by the Allotment Society and the Eco Society.

The trip ended with refreshments in the campus' chaplaincy building and meeting with members of the Christian Union.

Bishop Tim said: **“It was interesting to see and hear of the innovative and exciting work which is being undertaken here in Cornwall. While many of us grapple with making ourselves more environmentally friendly, it is heartening to see that there is such demand among the next generation to care for the Earth and through their creativity, to help us all. I am encouraged by the prospect of our diocese being able to work more closely with the universities and students at the universities as we seek to care for creation.”**



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# JOIN BISHOP CHRIS ALONG ST MICHAEL'S WAY

Modern day Cornish pilgrims are invited to step out and join the Rt Revd Chris Goldsmith, Bishop of St Germans, in a coast walk along St Michael's Way on Friday, May 20.

Bishop Chris and a band of sponsored walkers will trace the footsteps of ancient pilgrims along the 12.5 mile long route from Lelant to Marazion helping to raise funds for the world's most disadvantaged families.

Bishop Chris said: "Too many people still do not know what the next storm or season will bring. Christian Aid works to build resilience for people across the world so that they might have security and hope. Please do join me in taking a stand for life before death on May 20."

Christian Aid's regional coordinator for Cornwall Chris Jadav said: "Everyone is welcome to take part in the walk and enjoy not only our beautiful Cornish landscape but also the powerful sense of being part of a nationwide movement of people stepping out for global justice."

TO SIGN UP FOR THE WALK VISIT:

<http://www.christianaid.org.uk/getinvolved/inyourarea/england/southwest/events/stmichaelswaychristianaidweek2016.aspx>



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## NEWS IN BRIEF

### CARBON FAST LENT 2016

Environmental issues are a key aim in the Diocese of Truro's projects this year. One initiative which is currently running is the Lent Carbon Fast, an EcoChurch Southwest campaign which is supported by dioceses across the South West.



The theme of Carbon Fast 2016 is Reconnecting with God's Earth and until March 26, people and churches in the South West are being encouraged to 'reconnect with the Earth' through exploring relationships with nature.

Each day a different church based project from the region will be highlighted to encourage others to join in. There will also be daily reflections on an environmental theme.

TO FIND OUT MORE GO TO:

[WWW.ECOCHURCHSOUTHWEST.ORG.UK/CARBON-FAST](http://WWW.ECOCHURCHSOUTHWEST.ORG.UK/CARBON-FAST)

### ADOPTION AND FOSTERING INFORMATION EVENING

All Saints Church Highertown are hosting an adoption and fostering information evening on Saturday, March 5.

Starting at 7pm, the evening will feature information from Home for Good, a charity that aims to make adoption and fostering a significant part of the life and ministry of the church in the UK.

TO FIND OUT MORE CONTACT ALL SAINTS CHURCH HIGHERTOWN:

01872 261944 EMAIL [ASHT@ASHT.ORG.UK](mailto:ASHT@ASHT.ORG.UK)

OR GO TO THEIR FACEBOOK PAGE [ASHTRURO](https://www.facebook.com/ASHTRURO)

### DIocese OF TRURO SEEKS TO RE-INVIGORATE SOUTH AFRICAN TIES



A rejuvenation of the link between the Diocese of Truro and the Diocese of Umzimvubu has moved one step closer.

Following a period of unrest within the South African diocese, it is now stabilising and keen to re-establish its relationship with Truro. Despite a hold on the official link, many people across Cornwall continued to support the Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVC) project in Umzimvubu.

Through the Diocese of Truro's World Church Committee, Phyllis Buso provides regular updates on the project. Sheri Sturgess, who sits on the World Church Committee, said:

**"It is clear the money we provide is much needed. The World Church Committee would like to thank everyone who donates to support this very valuable work."**

## WHAT'S ON

### FEBRUARY

#### 27 Celebrating Cornwall's Stained Glass Heritage

County Hall, Truro, 10am -4pm, £20, To book [cornwalloffice@wea.org.uk](mailto:cornwalloffice@wea.org.uk) 01872 320036

#### 28 OUT Outdoors, Pilgrimage with Bishop Chris

Maker Church, 10.30am, all welcome

### MARCH

#### 2 Lent Lunch

Church Room, Padstow in aid of Water Aid, 12noon, £3.50

#### 3 Coffee morning

St Saviour Church, Polruan, 10.45am

#### 4 Women's Day of Prayer

Various locations, more information: <http://tinyurl.com/jlecoed>

#### 4 'Reflections in the Mirror'

Barbara Degener, cellist and Stephen Hawker, piano, present a programme based around Arvo Part's 'Spiegel in Spiegel' as well as Beethoven and Bach sonatas, St Endellion Church, 7.30pm, £10. To book [www.endelienta.org.uk](http://www.endelienta.org.uk) or 07787 944935

#### 5 Cornish Evening For St Piran's Day

St Peter's Hall, Penzance, 7.30pm

#### 5 Home for Good adoption & fostering information evening

All Saints Church, Highertown, Truro, 7pm

#### 5 St Piran's Day play & concert

King Charles Church, Falmouth, FREE admission, 11.30am

#### 6 Canon sings St Mark's Gospel

Truro Cathedral, 6pm

#### 8 Dor Kemryn, Common Ground information evening

Phillack Church Hall, 7.30pm, 01736756669, [samuelmarsden@hotmail.com](mailto:samuelmarsden@hotmail.com)

#### 9 Lent Lunch

Church Room, Padstow in aid of Water Aid, 12 noon, £3.50

#### 9 Cream tea

St Keverne Church Hall, 10am - 12noon

#### 11 Cornwall: A Million Stories of Sanctuary meeting

10am - 3pm, All Saints Church, Highertown, Truro

#### 13 Cross of St Piran Awards

Perranzabuloe Church, 3.30pm & 6.30pm

#### 13 Concert

Halwyn a gan, Whitemoor Methodist Church, 3pm

#### 16 Lent Lunch

Wl Hall, Trevone in aid of Water Aid, 12 noon, £3.50

#### 16-19 Godspell

St Petroc's Church, Padstow, 7.30pm, Tickets £7 from 01841533776

#### 19 Journeying with Celtic Saints Quiet Day

St Endellion Church, 10am-3pm, £10. To book [rev.judith@btinternet.com](mailto:rev.judith@btinternet.com) 01208 880181

#### 19-20 Pine Feroda,

#### Five in One, exhibition

St Endellion Church Hall

#### 20 All Saints Church Choir & Nankersey Male Voice Choir

All Saints Church, Falmouth, 7pm

#### 24 (Maundy Thursday) Chrism Eucharist Service

Truro Cathedral

#### 25 Helman Tor Pilgrimage

Lanlivery Church to start, 2pm, Egg rolling at Summit and hot cross buns in church after

#### 26 - 3 April Pine Feroda,

#### Five in One, exhibition

St Endellion Church Hall

#### 26 Easter Garden Competition

Polruan, entry forms from St Saviour Church, Polruan

### APRIL

#### 1 Steve Knightley All at Sea concert

All Saints Church Tuckingmill, 7.30pm

#### 9 Lady Day service at Truro Cathedral

11am

#### 14 Budock Church Spring Fair and Coffee Morning

Penmere Manor Hotel, Falmouth

#### 22 St Peter's Church Pre-Loved Fashion Show

Mevagissey Social Club, 7pm, Tickets £5 (incl glass of wine), 07968764116 or email [maryinmeva@hotmail.com](mailto:maryinmeva@hotmail.com)