

OUR NEWS

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DIOCESE OF TRURO
DISCOVERING GOD'S KINGDOM
GROWING THE CHURCH



DEDICATED CHURCH MEMBERS HONOURED WITH CROSS OF ST PIRAN

Two special services were held on 5th March to award 20 recipients of the Cross of St Piran for 2017.

“An award for ordinary people who have given in extraordinary ways,” said Bishop Chris.

The wind was whipping around St Piran's Church on March 5th, as if the Saint himself was reminding us of the high seas he battled, burdened with his millstone of course, before landing on our Cornish Shores. But all was calm within as the twenty or so nominees for the Cross of St Piran were awarded their beautiful silver crosses for their outstanding, unstinting but quiet giving to their beloved churches.

“It was so humbling to hear about the various work of the recipients, some of them for more years than I've been on this earth, people in their 80's & 90's still doing God's work. What faith. I still have a long way to go, but they give me inspiration to keep going.” This was written by one of the recipients, herself a hero although she'd never see that in herself.

And that was the point. The church on that day was full of heroes, the ones who don't ask for praise or thanks, whose work mostly goes unnoticed, unless they're not there to do it.

Each person's story was different, coming from different parts of Cornwall with different gifts and ways to serve. But, as

Bishop Chris said, they all shared the truth that they, like Jesus, are salt and light in the world. Salt because they preserve all that's good so it's available for others. And light because they help us to find the right way and keep us safe.

Salt and light are abundant in the recipients. From helping refugees in Calais to feeding the homeless in Truro every Friday evening, even though you're ninety. From becoming a foster mum to children in difficult circumstances, to teaching mothers in Tanzania the value of talking to their babies. From wrestling to revive a withering church, to pitching up in all weathers to open a chapel to all-comers. From lugging donations from pillar to post for weekly rummage sales, to playing the organ every Sunday into your ninety-fourth year. From always being there with a kind word, a cup of tea or simply taking the time to cherish the fact that an elderly lady loves to present a beautiful cloth to celebrate communion in her home.

READ MORE <https://tinyurl.com/mq5wj7x>

**FOLLOW BISHOP CHRIS'
PILGRIMAGE HERE**
<https://tinyurl.com/l8nz72x>

EAT TO CARE FOR CREATION

Luci Isaacson, Diocesan Environment Officer, invites us to do pledge 2 during April:

ARE you willing to enjoy some tasty local food? That's the challenge I am putting to you over the next 4 weeks.

This has been the favourite of those who have already tried and tested the pledges across Cornwall. You can save over 4 times the amount of carbon going into the atmosphere. Not only does this help the local economy and promote health – it's great fun doing it.

You can enjoy the interactions of going to the market and talking to someone or bumping into friends while out shopping – for some this pledge has helped with loneliness too. Some people took part in our research and we learnt about how it changed 20,677 meals! This is a good example of how consideration for the gift of creation can also bring health and economic benefits to the area. For every £1 spent in a small or medium-sized business, £0.63 stays in the local economy and for an area such as Cornwall, this added economic boost could be valuable. I really hope you enjoy being part of our changes to become better stewards of the earth and lead by example. I welcome hearing how you have got on.

Pledge Two

I pledge to buy local seasonal produce as much as possible – starting with at least 2 meals a week

We would like to record your activity so please 'check the box' online at www.goo.gl/Fywcw4

MORE INFORMATION

<https://tinyurl.com/jheb5vm>

ARCHDEACON AUDREY'S LETTER

“ Our churches in Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly will be part of this global movement of Thy Kingdom Come Prayer. ”



ARCHDEACON AUDREY

Between 25 May - 4 June, communities and churches around the world are gathering together to pray that their friends, families and neighbours come to know Jesus Christ.

Our churches in Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly will be part of this global movement. Prayer events of all shapes and sizes will take place across the Diocese during the 10 days; including 24-7 prayer rooms, prayer days, prayer walks and perhaps even a wave of prayer between Land's End and John O'Groats!

Truro Cathedral is hosting an ecumenical 'Beacon Event' on Sunday 28th May, a kaleidoscope of prayer, which will include Sung Evensong (5pm), Contemporary Prayer and Worship (6.30pm), Taize Prayer and Song (8.30pm) plus Prayer Stations available throughout. Everyone is welcome to attend all or part of the evening as we gather to pray together, united by the desire for God's kingdom to come.

The website www.thykingdomcome.global has an increasing number of resources for our use:

- a personal video from Archbishop Justin encouraging us to pray
- details of places where events are happening (do post your own local info too)
- a wide range of downloadable resources which can be used in all sorts of contexts

(personal, family, church). Hard copies can be purchased from www.cpo.org.uk/thykingdomcome

- the chance to 'pledge2pray' and become another point on the global map
- stories from those taking part
- and a new resource "Sharing Jesus" which is designed to help people share their faith.

"Sharing Jesus" includes 5 downloadable short videos, and a guide to using them.

Archbishop Justin explains, God often uses us as the answer to our own prayers. We should expect God to give us opportunities to speak with the very people we are praying for.

"We witness to hundreds of things every day," he says "Being a witness isn't unusual, but it's about growing as a witness to Jesus Christ...I want to tell people about Jesus because 43 years ago he found me and my life was changed. Through all the really bad and really good, he's never changed. He's always there. We exist to show the world that Jesus is the Son of God, that really matters."

All Christians (not just Archbishops) are called to be God's witnesses. It is not really a choice. "Sharing Jesus" will help us to prepare for these 10 days of prayer.



DIOCESAN DIRECTORY CHANGES & UPDATES

Licensed Clergy

The Revd Heather Aston* is now Priest in Charge of the **Boscastle and Tintagel Group of Churches**. She is no longer Assistant Curate of the Meneage benefice.

Clergy with PTO

The **Revd Gordon Cleaver** has rescinded his PTO in this Diocese.

Benefice changes

The Revd Paul Spreadbridge* is now **Associate Priest of the Boscastle and Tintagel Group of Churches**.

The Revd Canon Andrew Gough* has moved out of the Diocese. He is no longer **Vicar of St Ives and Halsetown** but will take up a post in the Diocese of Salisbury on 3 April.

Church House

Clare Jones retired on Wednesday 24th March, **Sue Thorold**, who was previously the Office Manager, will take over from Clare as DAC Secretary. Sue will be supporting Jonathan Rowe with administrative arrangements for his work in the area of Continuing Ministerial Education (CME).

The role of Office Manager has been restructured and our Office Administrator **Karen D'Arcy** has been successfully appointed as Senior Office Administrator.

Nick Smith will be our new Financial Controller. Nick will start with us on Monday 24 April and will be taking over from **Graham Elliot**.

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

EASTER EVENTS

A full list of Easter Events can be viewed on the Diocese of Truro website at <https://tinyurl.com/lzha2du>

IN2 THE BIBLE

You can keep up to date with the latest In2 the Bible stories on our facebook page at <https://tinyurl.com/kows2zj>

MISSION CASE STUDY

CIRCUS PERFORMER SWAPS HER TRAPEZE FOR BELL RINGING AT ST AGNES CHURCH

Polly Marchant-Thomas had always been interested in bell ringing, but it was only once she had returned to her childhood village of St Agnes with her husband and three children that she decided to give it a try.

Since September 2016 Polly has been meeting once a week with Annie Holland, captain of the bell ringing team at St Agnes Church and president of the Truro Diocesan Guild of Ringers, to practise ringing the bells. She currently has one-to-one practice sessions with Annie and will continue these for the next year or so until she has the skills and confidence to ring in a round with the other volunteers. She is off to a great start, though, as she has already been working on putting her front and back stroke together, a move that can often take a year or two to master.

Although she doesn't have a church background, Polly has been welcomed into the group of bell ringing volunteers. Polly explains:

"I have really loved getting to know a new community group within the village I grew up in. All the ringers are volunteers and give up so much of their time, they have really welcomed me into the group."



Polly's daughter Lila is also keen to start ringing with her mum but has to wait until she is eight years old ... so has a long two years ahead of her!

Having had a varied career performing and teaching trapeze and circus skills in the both the UK and New Zealand, Polly enjoys the physical side to bell ringing. She said:

"It is so important to focus on the position of your body when ringing and Annie really homes in on this when we are practising."

If you would like to get involved in bell ringing then contact your local vicar or church warden who will be able to put you in contact with your local bell ringing team.

For more information on bell ringing, visit the Truro Diocesan Guild of Ringers at <http://www.tdgr.org.uk/index.html>

READ MORE <https://tinyurl.com/mfq7f15>

CHURCH HOUSING TRUST LAUNCHES BOOKLET TO SUPPORT HOMELESS

Three Christian homelessness organisations have been talking to churches about their work with homeless people and have responded to these discussions by creating an information booklet to support them.

With homelessness increasing, local churches and congregations have risen to the challenge of addressing the growing need. Church Housing Trust, with Housing Justice and Word on the Streets, have created the 'How to Help Homeless People' booklet which provides advice for clergy and laypeople on how to help homeless callers and what further action they might take, especially if they do not run any services themselves.

READ MORE <https://tinyurl.com/muk2ry9>

'THE RINGERS OF LAUNCELLS TOWER' PAINTING RETURNS TO BUDE

A church in North Cornwall is celebrating its rich heritage of bellringing by bringing a well-known painting from 1810 back to the local Heritage Centre at The Castle Bude.

St Swithin's Church in Launcells has recently moved the painting by Frederick Smallfield from the Royal Cornwall Museum in Truro to the Heritage Centre at The Castle Bude, which is just 3 miles from the church. The painting was inspired by a poem called 'The Ringers of Launcells Tower' by the Reverend Hawker of Morwenstow.

READ MORE <https://tinyurl.com/luh6gsp>

DEMENTIA TRAINING TO TAKE PLACE IN EXETER

What does it mean to minister to those who are living with dementia? How do we honour their contributions and memories? What might this teach us about identity, personhood, and the love of God?

These questions and more will be discussed at the 'Exploring God in dementia: theology, spirituality and personhood' training which will take place on Thursday 11th May from 10am - 4pm at the Riverside Conference Centre, Exeter.

READ MORE <https://tinyurl.com/laumvtw>

THE EASTER HOPE

“ We have a vision for education that is confident and bold, it speaks of new life, a vision of educating for wisdom, community, dignity and hope. ”



SIMON CADE
DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION &
DISCIPLESHIP

My Mum says that I am making it up, but I claim that I didn't know it was "eleven-plus" day and that when I got home I wasn't sure that I had actually done a test!

"Oh, is that why we went in the hall and did writing?" I wondered vaguely, before going back out to play.

The story doesn't quite ring true for me, and I was there, but with the pressures facing children today it certainly isn't like that now. Most of Cornwall doesn't have the eleven-plus (yet) but we certainly have more testing than ever before, and at 16 children are likely to be entered for more "academic" traditional exams even if they are better suited to practical subjects and other ways of finding out what they have learnt.

Government policy is pushing schools to become exam factories, more and more schools are being forced to squeeze music, the arts, RE and what we used to call "vocational" subjects like metalwork and crafts. All this while the mental health of teenagers and children suffers, and record numbers of teachers leave the profession.

So why is the article called "the Easter hope"? It is because the church is offering

something better, and it is for all schools, not just church schools. We have a vision for education that is confident and bold, it speaks of new life, a vision of educating for wisdom, community, dignity and hope.

Within those four themes we describe a vision for the whole of education that focusses on children and young people flourishing. It is serious about wisdom because it has high expectations and expects children to reach their God given potential; it is about community because we believe that education is not a private transaction between student and educator but is about building strong communities; it about educating for dignity because we believe in an education system that is truly inclusive and which discovers the gifts of every person.

Right now we need a vision for hope.

We must grow and proclaim a clear hope in God's future for the world, hope in God's love and compassion for all people and the whole of creation.

Hope in God's promise of life in all its fullness, the hope that comes from knowing that sin and failure are never the end of the story.

Christian hope is not a naïve optimism that just says "everything will be alright;" – we know that sometimes things aren't right. Our Easter hope is rooted in the empty tomb, and in the risen Christ that we have met and whom we proclaim. I might have imagined my eleven-plus story, but I haven't imagined that.

With every blessing for Holy Week and Easter, for all our schools, colleges and universities,

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

APRIL 2017

7 Last Lent Lunch Summerhouse of the 'Tiny Church' Widemouth Church, 12.30 - 2pm

8 This Precious Earth St Wenn, 7pm, £10, Tickets available from 01637 880121 or on the door

9 Palm Sunday Eucharist St Annes, Hessenford, 9.30am

11 Coffee and Cakes St George, Nanpean, 10.30am

12 Messy Church St Stephen-in-Brannel Church, 11 - 12.30pm, Contact Emma on 01726 822236

13 April Maundy Thursday Service St Cuby, Duloe, 7pm

13 The washing of the feet, Holy Communion, The Watch and stripping of the Altar St Stithney Church, 7pm

14 Hour at the Cross St John's, St Cleer with St John's Pensilva, 2pm

14 Good Friday Vigil St Annes, Hessenford, led by Bishop Tim

16 Easter Communion St Laudus, 9.30am

16 Sunrise Service followed by breakfast St John's, Camel-Allan Cluster, 6am

28 Cream Teas Epiphany House, 2pm, £7 per afternoon.

28 St Endellion Church Collegium Utrecht St Endellion Church, 7.30pm, £10, www.endelienta.org.uk

29 April - 7 May Painting as a Pilgrimage Exhibition by David Marl, St Endellion Church Hall, 10am - 3pm, www.endelienta.org.uk

MAY 2017

4 Windows into Course, 7 Penmare Court Hayle, 7 - 9pm, £5, To register email samuelmarsden@hotmail.com

6 - 7 Rays of Hope St Mary's Church, Penzance, 2pm. For more information email helenbrandt59@outlook.com

11 From Carn to Cove by Liz Fenwick Kenwyn Church, Truro, 10.30am

11 - 14 Flower Festival Kenwyn Church, Truro, 10am - 5pm (Sun 12.30 - 5)

28 Ludgvan Village Open Day Ludgvan 12 - 5pm, £3.50 admission,

28 Quiet Afternoon - Way of Life Epiphany House, 2pm, Cost £7 or £21 for all 4 quiet afternoons (28 April, 12 May, 23 June, 14 July), Email info@epiphanyhouse.co.uk or tel. 01872 272249.

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

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