

# OUR NEWS

## NOVEMBER 2016

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### FULL AGENDA FOR NOVEMBER'S DIOCESAN SYNOD

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November's Diocesan Synod will take place at County Hall in Truro on Saturday, November 5 from 10am. A public gallery is available and all are welcome to attend.

There will be a full agenda for the meeting which will also feature a presentation by Chief Executive of Cornwall Council Kate Kennally, who will talk about her role and how the voluntary sector can play a part in a devolution deal.

There will also be reports from various diocesan departments including the Board of Education and the work of the Safeguarding Committee.

Among the items on the agenda is an update on the Never Alone motion which aims to promote a culture of mutual support and accountability among clergy and lay people.

The Never Alone motion was first put forward in November 2015 and since then a small working party has been working on identifying specific proposals for implementing the programme.

Chairman of the Diocesan Board of Finance Ltd, Mike Sturgess will then present the final report on the diocesan budget for 2017 before the Bishop will seek approval for the budget for the coming year.

Around 100 elected members, made up of lay and clergy, sit on the Diocesan Synod which meets two to three times a year. Members of the public are welcome to observe the meeting from the public gallery.

**READ THE FULL STORY**  
<http://tinyurl.com/gvqk5z7>

### PENRYN'S GREEN HALL GETS GREENER STILL

St Gluvias Community Hall is green already with its community garden, green energy supply, cavity wall insulation and double-glazing. Now it's even greener, with a new, highly-insulated roof and solar panels to slash its heating energy and feed the grid with the surplus to generate income and reduce bills. This will help keep the cost of use low for the many community groups who use the hall as well as reducing the burden on planet Earth, our common home.

**READ THE FULL STORY**  
<http://tinyurl.com/j9zapy9>

### INSTALLATION OF CANONS AND CANON THEOLOGIAN

Three new Canons and three new Lay Canons have been installed at Truro Cathedral.

**MORE INFORMATION**  
<http://tinyurl.com/jkq4qp3>

### LIFELONG AMBITION FULFILLED DURING RARE SERVICE

One man's life-long ambition has been fulfilled, when following special permission from the Archbishop of Canterbury, he was not only ordained as a deacon, but also as a priest. Peter Skellern, 69, had first dreamt of ordination as a nine-year-old but a successful career as a musician meant he never quite had time to investigate his childhood calling further.

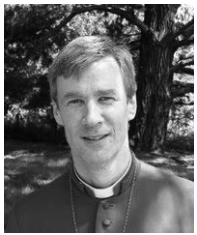
That all changed two and a half years ago when finally Peter, who lives in Lanteglos-by-Fowey, was put forward for ordination training. But his path was far from smooth. It was during this time that Peter was diagnosed with an inoperable brain tumour.

"For about a week I hung in this abyss and I just grabbed God. I was given a year to live and everything fell, apart from my belief in God. It was like that for about a week and then God closed the ground beneath me and I became resigned and happy and I have been like that ever since."

**READ THE FULL STORY** <http://tinyurl.com/jyhvlp9>



# BISHOP'S LETTER



## BISHOP TIM

I have just had the wonderful privilege of being part of a pilgrimage from Canterbury to Rome. I was with a number of other bishops both Anglican and

Roman Catholic from around the world. 50 years ago this year a meeting took place between the then Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael Ramsey and the then Pope, Paul VI. As a result of that meeting various initiatives were taken which continue to bear fruit to this day. All of them were responding to the words of our Lord that they all may be one. As some of you will perhaps remember or have read about, once upon a time praying with people from other denominations, especially Roman Catholics, was frowned up at the very best.

Now we want to strive towards unity wherever possible, aware of course that there are many real and large obstacles in our path. Bishop Mark O'Toole the Roman Catholic Bishop of Plymouth and I were one of the pairs of bishops who came together on the pilgrimage and were commissioned for our work by Pope Francis and Archbishop Justin.

We intend to work together, to pray together and to give common witness to the world together of the love of God.

During the pilgrimage the 19 pairs of bishops from around the world talked together about the challenges that face us. They are of course different in different places, yet sadly, what is in common, is that the Christian faith is under pressure, pressure of different sorts but very real pressure all around the world. This made us realise that walking together, though very difficult, was very important and something that at present is under threat as there seem to be so many other competing priorities. In particular we were humbled to hear stories from other parts of the world of persecution and of violence and extremism placing the lives of all people under threat. If you add to that the reality that in our part of the world we are as institutions under real and appropriate threat for the way in which we have ignored so many wrong doings in the heart of our churches, what we called the ecumenism of humiliation is very real.

"At the foot of the cross, we as bishops have reflected on an "ecumenism of humiliation." We lament our failures and share the brokenness of our church communities. We failed to protect vulnerable people: children from sexual abuse, women from violence, and indigenous peoples from exploitation. In this communion of shame, we confess that our own feeble witness to God's call to life in community has led to the isolation of individuals and families, and even to that secularisation which removes God from the public space. We, as bishops, are called to lead the church in repentance and to seek justice for the abused.....

Our pilgrimage made real the experience of the Paschal Mystery. We live under the shadow of the Cross. We experience the silence of Holy Saturday and we celebrate the joy of the Resurrection. As Anglicans and Roman Catholics have done in their local contexts throughout the world, in our sharing with one other in conversation and in prayer, we found ourselves living the real but incomplete communion that exists between our churches. The unity we seek is a unity which together we were already experiencing. In recent days we also listened with immense joy to testimonies of profound friendship. We heard stories of common witness and mission where existing ecumenical directives were being applied creatively and faithfully with great practical effectiveness at the service of the kingdom of God.

Like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, we have caught glimpses of the truth that when we walk together humbly and honestly, the Risen Lord walks with us; his Holy Spirit, who so deeply desires our reconciliation, guides us. Our walking under the cross opens to a relational ecumenism of joy and hope. We were also encouraged to remember that it was more important to fail at things that will ultimately succeed than to succeed at matters which will ultimately fail. Our pilgrimage is and always has been in the hands of the God who is author of time and Lord of history."

May I encourage us all to pray for unity and consider how we might engage in our own pilgrimage and share honestly about those challenges which face us.

## DIOCESAN DIRECTORY CHANGES & UPDATES

### Licensed Clergy

**The Revd Howard Flint** has been instituted and inducted as Vicar of St Austell.\*

**The Revd Dom Whitting** has taken on the role of Acting Rural Dean for Carnmarth North Deanery.

**The Revd Marc Baker**, currently Priest in Charge of St Kea, has been instituted as incumbent of the same benefice and will now be known as Vicar.

**The Revd Paul Beynon**, currently Priest in Charge of The Benefice of Lostwithiel Parishes, has been instituted as incumbent of the same benefice and will now be known as Rector.

**The Revd Professor Mark Chapman** has been installed as Canon Theologian of Truro Cathedral.

**Nigel Marns, Hilary Samson, Jem Thorold and Jane Vaughan-Wilson** have been installed as non-residentially Ordained Canons of the Cathedral

**Andrew Keast, Robert Perry, and Professor Michelle Brown** have been installed as non-residentially Lay Canons.

### Clergy with PTO

**The Revd Barbara Feather** has been given PTO category C.\*

**The Revd Mary Williamson** has moved out of the Diocese to take up a post in the Diocese of Oxford. She has relinquished her PTO.

**The Revd Terry Axe** is no longer an Assistant Curate of Constantine. He has been given PTO by Bishop Tim. His contact details have not changed.

**The Revd B Thompson** has rescinded his PTO in this Diocese.

### Obituaries

Sadly the **Revd Canon Peter Boyd** has died. He had PTO in this Diocese and was a former Canon Chancellor and teacher of theology in this Diocese.

Sadly the **Revd Michael Pearce** has died. He had PTO in the Diocese and ministered in the parishes of Jacobstow, Warbstow, Treneglos and St Teath until 1994.

### Benefice Changes

The benefices of Linkinhorne, Stoke Climsland and South Hill with Callington are uniting to form a new benefice to be known as "**The Benefice of The Callington Cluster**".

The benefices of Bude Haven and Marhamchurch and Stratton and Launcells have united to form a new benefice to be known as "**The North Kernow Benefice**".

### Church House

**Justine Overton-Darch** has joined the property team.

## MISSION CASE STUDY

# BIG SCREEN COMES TO ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH

When it comes to fundraising for the church, St Michaels Church at Perranporth have had great success over the last few years.

Work started on the church four years ago following the quinquennial report that took place noting that the windows in the church hall were in a state of disrepair with unsuitable putty and rotting frames. It was agreed by the PCC that a grant should try and be obtained and in 2012, with a grant for £5,860 from the Lottery, St Michaels were able to replace 14 of the windows in the hall, the main door and install a new fire door.

2015 saw another successful application for a grant from the Big Lottery Fund which enabled St Michaels Church Hall to upgrade the toilet area and the electrics. Three new toilets were installed including a disabled toilet along with baby changing facilities. At the same time, new electrics were installed including a LED security emergency exit. The Church Hall received the maximum grant available from the 'Rewards for All' Lottery, the total grant being £10,000. These new facilities have inspired the congregation to look into other ways the church and church hall can be used by the community and they have now focused their efforts on creating a Community Cinema. A 'T' Loop hearing system was installed in both St Michael's Church and St Piran's Church in 2012 with a grant from the Diocese.

Following on from this, the Curate at the time, Revd Casper Bush generously funded a roll-up projector screen and projector in St Michael's. Interestingly, Revd Casper was an ex-dairy farmer and when the time came to sell his cows, he repeatedly asked the church to pray for his herd, hoping they would be free from TB. When he received the full price for his herd, he decided to repay the church for their prayers and



donate the extra money to pay for the equipment to be able to use the screen and Power Point during services, indirectly helping with the plans to set up the community cinema.

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## DIOCESAN 2016 ROADSHOWS

You still have time to attend two of the Diocesan 2016 Roadshows: Thinking Christianly, which are taking place in November.

As we look forward into 2017 and the year of Journeying IN, this year's roadshows are aimed at encouraging you to delve deeper into your Christian Faith with the hope of equipping you to speak out on the big issues affecting our society today.

The final two roadshows will look at 'wisdom' and encourage you to 'think Christianly' about them. The roadshows will take place on:

November 8, St Erme Community Centre  
November 15, Liskeard Public Hall

Each roadshow begins at 7pm and aims to end by 9pm.

Four roadshows have already taken place this year and you can listen again to the lively and interesting discussion on health and wealth using our online podcasts.

[READ MORE](http://tinyurl.com/zswztzc) <http://tinyurl.com/zswztzc>

## HOW 'GREEN' ARE YOU?

Over 3,000 churches nationally have now moved their electricity supply to renewable or are planning to do so.

While there have been some high profile examples locally, the Diocese of Truro is keen to encourage all churches to consider making the change to more environmentally friendly options. There are plenty of avenues for information and support.

For information on the diocese's environmental policy or to apply for a Green Church Kernow Award please go to <http://www.trurodiocese.org.uk/about-us/green-church-kernow/>

## BUDOCK SAYS 'NO' TO FOSSIL FUELS

Budock church is one of more than 3,500 UK churches who plan to switch their electricity from fossil fuels to renewable energy providers.

They have made the move as part of The Big Church Switch, an initiative run by overseas development charities Christian Aid and Tearfund. The charities are inviting UK churches and individuals to embrace clean power and turn their backs on fossil fuels. The need to address climate change will remain on the local agenda in the coming weeks. In October, thousands of people up and down the country called on politicians to tackle climate change, as part of the national Speak Up week of action.

To find out more about Speak Up events in the local area, visit <http://tinyurl.com/gmromcw>

## WORK BEGINS ON ST PETROC'S CHURCH TOWER

Work has begun on St Petroc's Church tower in Padstow thanks to a £175,000 heritage grant.

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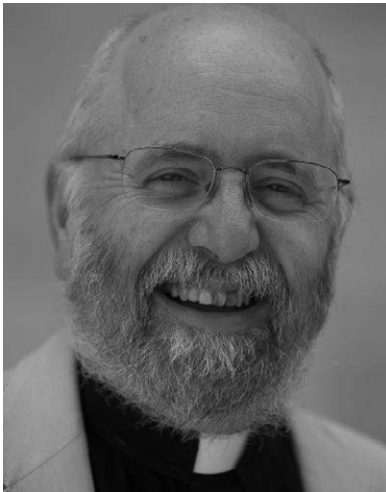
## REVD CANON WILLIAM JOHN PETER BOYD

The Revd Canon William John Peter Boyd, known as Peter has died. Peter was a significant figure in the life of the diocese from the last generation, who ministered in various churches in Cornwall, including St Breward, St Ewe, St Kew and Falmouth. He was also a Rural Dean for Carnmarth South, before retiring in 1993 when he was given PTO in this diocese. Peter was also a former Canon Chancellor and teacher of theology in the diocese. He will be known and loved by many, and was a truly gentle soul. A memorial service of Revd Canon Dr Peter Boyd will take place in Truro Cathedral at 2pm on Wednesday 16th November.

# LISTENING OUT FOR GOD

“ It’s about helping people ask: where is God speaking in the past and in the present? As people wrestle with those questions they learn a lot about themselves and who they are before God. ”

**REVD PROF MARK CHAPMAN**  
CANON THEOLOGIAN



It was a great privilege to be installed as the new Canon Theologian at Truro Cathedral at the beginning of October.

I have spent the past twenty-four years teaching at Ripon College, Cuddesdon, just outside Oxford where so far I have taught about 800 would-be clergy. This is highly rewarding as I see people change and develop as they try to work out what it means to be called by God to serve in his church. More recently, I have also been a Professor in the University of Oxford where I have helped a fair number of people write their doctorates. I teach church history and modern theology – or, in other words, why is the church like it is, and how do people explain what they believe. But what I do is not just an interesting academic pastime – it’s also theological, it’s about listening out for the word (the logos) of God (theos).

So it’s about helping people ask: where is God speaking in the past and in

the present? As people wrestle with those questions they learn a lot about themselves and who they are before God.

In many ways I hope I’ll be able to contribute something similar to the life of the diocese – how is God speaking in the diocese, and, more broadly, in the Church in England and throughout the world?

All of us in the church have our preoccupations – with money, with buildings, with growth – and that means that sometimes we forget to listen out for God. So all I want to do as Canon Theologian is to help us make sure that nothing gets in the way of letting that God be heard. And of course sometimes we can hear God’s word in the most unlikely places – in the messy and dirty and beautiful world that Christ has redeemed.

## PILGRIMAGE PAINTING UNVEILED IN MARAZION

A painting telling the story of pilgrimage has been unveiled in Marazion.

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### NOVEMBER

- 3 Church Explorers West Penwith with Dr Joanna Mattingly**, West Penwith, 2pm to 4pm, £7.50
- 4 Free Website Training**, Church House, 9.30am - 12.30pm, <http://tinyurl.com/hsr76sa>
- 5 St Endellion Church Study Day on A Midsummer Night’s Dream**, St Endellion Church, 10am - 3pm, £10,
- 5 Mevagissey Male Choir**, St Paul’s Church, 7.30pm, £6 includes a glass of wine
- 5 Nov - 11 Dec Endelienta Open Exhibition**, each weekend from 11.30am - 4pm, St Paul’s Church,
- 5 The Red Store Charity Day**, St Winnow Parish Church, Lerryn, 11am - 2pm,
- 7 Nov - 12 Dec Windows into Anglicanism**, Truro Cathedral, £10, <http://tinyurl.com/hfjdcrk>
- 8 Roadshow 2016: Wisdom**, St Erme Community Centre, 7pm, <http://tinyurl.com/jfnckmc>
- 11-12 Introduction to the Enneagram**, Epiphany House, [info@epiphanyhouse.co.uk](mailto:info@epiphanyhouse.co.uk)
- 12 CMED: A Day on Diversity**, Epiphany House, 10am - 4pm, <http://tinyurl.com/zj2u55c>
- 12 St Winnow and Bradoc Barn Dance**, Lostwithiel Church Rooms, 7pm, £7.50/ £5,
- 15 CMED: Taking Funerals Seriously**, The Pavilion Centre, Royal Cornwall Showground, 9.30am - 4.30pm, <http://tinyurl.com/zeopxuc>
- 15 Roadshows 2016: Wisdom**, Liskeard Parish Hall, 7pm, <http://tinyurl.com/jfnckmc>
- 18 - 20 Individually Guided Retreat**, Epiphany House, [info@epiphanyhouse.co.uk](mailto:info@epiphanyhouse.co.uk)
- 19 St Endellion Church Workshop Study Day Taizé - the history and music**, £10,
- 19 The Endelienta Scholars**, St Endellion Church, 7.30pm, £10,
- 19 Taizé Service**, Epiphany House, 7pm
- 26 Church Together Cornwall Conference**, Elim Church Camborne, 10am - 3.30pm,
- 27 ‘Cornwall’s Ancient Bench Ends’ Book Launch - Illustrated lecture by Dr Todd Gray MBE**, St Columb Major Church, 2pm,

### DECEMBER

- 4 ‘The Zoltan Ensemble’ concert**, St Endellion Church, £10, [tickets@endelienta.org.uk](mailto:tickets@endelienta.org.uk)
- 5 Advent Quiet Day**, Epiphany House, 10am - 4pm, [info@epiphanyhouse.co.uk](mailto:info@epiphanyhouse.co.uk)
- 13 Christmas Carol Service**, Epiphany House, 2.30pm
- 17 Taizé Service**, Epiphany House, 7pm
- 12 Leadership Lay and Ordained (C3) Safeguarding Training Session**, Marazion Community Centre, 10am - 4.30pm,

## 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](mailto:comms@truro.anglican.org) before the 17th of each month.

## OTHER LINKS

**IN FOCUS** <http://tinyurl.com/hc36wnu>  
**IN REVIEW** <http://tinyurl.com/z3rpy4d>  
**LIVING WITH DEMENTIA IN THE CHURCH** <http://tinyurl.com/zluhn95>  
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