

# OUR NEWS

## OCTOBER 2016

### HEALTHY, WEALTHY & WISE: THINKING CHRISTIANLY ABOUT EVERYDAY ISSUES

Join us for the 2016 Roadshows and be inspired

Key issues affecting society today will be the topic of debate at the Diocese of Truro's autumn roadshows which kick off in October.

Healthy, Wealthy and Wise – Thinking Christianly about Everyday Issues is aimed at encouraging people to delve deeper into the Christian faith and enabling them to feel confident in basing their views about current issues on faith.

Focussing on health, wealth and wisdom, there will be an invited guest panel of experts for the six events which are being held in Marazion, Launceston, Penryn, Bodmin, St Erme and Liskeard. The roadshows are **FREE** to attend and booking is not necessary.

The intention of the evenings will be to demonstrate the Christian faith has the capacity to respond thoughtfully to the pressing issues of today, to encourage people that Christian truth is broader than a set of credal doctrines and is applicable to "real-life" issues and to be a forum in which all may be invited to hear and participate in stimulating debate.

During the evenings, which start at 7pm, there will be the opportunity for the



audience to get involved and ask questions of the panel as well as take part in a Table Talk session with other attendees.

The first two sessions will be on health and take place on October 5 at Marazion Community Centre and October 11 at Launceston Town Hall.

Wealth will be the topic under discussion on October 13 (Penryn College) and October 17 (St Petroc's, Bodmin).

The final two roadshows taking place on November 8 (St Erme Community Centre) and November 15 (Liskeard Public Hall) will focus on Wisdom.

#### MORE INFORMATION

[trurodiocese.org.uk/thinking-christianly](http://trurodiocese.org.uk/thinking-christianly)

### CANON THEOLOGIAN

The Bishop of Truro and the Dean of Truro are pleased to announce the appointment of The Revd Professor Mark David Chapman, MA, Doctor of Philosophy, Prof of the History of Modern Theology, Vice-Principal of Ripon College, Cuddesdon as Canon Theologian. He will be welcomed and installed at Solemn Evensong in Truro Cathedral on October 2 at 4pm.



### INSTALLATION OF CANONS

Three new Canons and three new Lay Canons will be installed at Truro Cathedral on October 2.

The Revd Nigel Marns, The Revd Hilary Samson and The Revd Jane Vaughan-Wilson alongside Andrew Keast, Robert Perry and Professor Michelle Brown will be installed at Solemn Evensong, the same service as the new Canon Theologian The Revd Professor Mark Chapman.



The Revd Jem Thorold, new Priest in Charge at Newquay and Associate Priest of St Columb Minor and St Colan, will be installed as a Canon on October 14.

All are welcome to attend the service which begins at 4pm.

# ARCHDEACON'S LETTER

“ Thinking Christianly about every day issues - that's how we've subtitled our Roadshows, but (quite apart from it being questionable English) what might it mean to think Christianly? Is it just about the conclusions that Christian people might come to, or is there something about the thought-processes too? ”



## ARCHDEACON BILL

I suggest it's a bit of both... but that the processes are even more interesting than the conclusions.

**It very soon becomes clear that Christians hold very different, often opposing, views on a whole range of issues – nuclear energy, same-sex relationships, immigration, to name but three. But where do those opinions come from?**

Is it from just the same mixture of family background, personal experience, newspaper of choice etc as everyone else? Or are there different factors at play in forming the views of Christian people, and how clearly are we aware of them?

The Anglican heritage identifies three formative factors that combine in varying proportions:

Scripture (what does the Bible say?)

Tradition (what has the Church taught?)

Reason (what happens when I apply my God-given brain to the above?)

Very broadly speaking, "Evangelical" Christians give primacy to the first, "Catholics" to the second and "Liberals" to the third, but all will apply some

combination of all three. (Methodists meanwhile, following John Wesley, throw a fourth factor into the mix - Experience).

That makes it sound very formulaic, and none of us fits neatly into any such category, but think for a moment about your beliefs about, say, "War". Should Christians be pacifists or is it sometimes OK to fight?

We read the Bible... Hmm, not entirely clear? We read books and listen to sermons, and we consider "What makes most sense to me?". All this in the context of praying for the wisdom of the Spirit. That is something of what we mean by "Thinking Christianly".

Our Roadshows take big themes of Health, Wealth and Wisdom.

What does the Bible say about them? An awful lot – but it certainly isn't a manual of easy answers!

What has the Church taught? It depends who you listen to!

What happens when I think it through? Well, that's what we'll hear from our panellists and despite them all being Christians, and all doing their best to think Christianly, I'll be amazed (and rather disappointed!) if they all reach the same conclusions.

## MORE INFORMATION

[trurodiocese.org.uk/thinking-christianly/](http://trurodiocese.org.uk/thinking-christianly/)

## ANNUAL READER SERVICE

**October 1: Truro Cathedral, 11am**  
Marking 150 years of Reader Ministry  
All are welcome.

## DIOCESAN DIRECTORY CHANGES & UPDATES

### Licensed Clergy

**The Revd Shirley Harrison** has moved out of the Diocese and is no longer Team Vicar of Redruth with Lanner and Treleigh.

**The Ven Audrey Elkington**, Archdeacon of Bodmin, has been licensed as Rural Dean of Trigg Major deanery

**The Revd Canon Olive Stevens** is no longer Rural Dean of Carnmarth North. The post is currently vacant.

**The Revd Michael Parsons** has retired and is no longer Associate Priest of the Boscastle and Tintagel Group of Churches.

**The Revd Anne Brown** has been licensed as Priest in Charge of Perranzabuloe and Crantock with Cubert; St Agnes and Mount Hawke with Mithian. She is no longer Priest in Charge of the Three Rivers Benefice.\*

**The Revd Stephen Wales** has moved house. He continues as Vicar of St Gluvias.\*

**The Revd Jem Thorold** has been licensed as Priest in Charge of Newquay and Associate Priest of St Columb Minor & St Colan. He is no longer the Bishop's Chaplain.\*

### PTO Clergy

**The Revd Jake Loewendahl** has a new email address.\*

**The Revd Peter Hore**'s email address has been amended.\*

**The Revd George Rowe** has moved out of this Diocese and has rescinded his PTO.

**The Revd David Jasper** has moved out of the Diocese. He has retained his PTO and his contact details can be found in the on-line Directory.

\* Contact details can be found in the online directory:  
[trurodiocese.org.uk/directory-live/](http://trurodiocese.org.uk/directory-live/)

## KNEELERS & CHOIR ROBES AVAILABLE

### MORE INFORMATION

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## ST GORAN CELEBRATIONS

Guests from all over the county joined Bishop Tim to celebrate the opening of the new church rooms at St Goran Church. The service marks the end of 18 months of hard work and fundraising.

### READ MORE

<http://tinyurl.com/zd9hnqy>

## MISSION CASE STUDY

# FUNDRAISING BOOSTED BY FESTIVAL CHURCH IDEAS

A church in south east Cornwall has been inspired by the idea of 'festival churches' and has opened its doors to the wider community by organising a variety of fundraising events.

The village Little Herodsfoot is a quiet place with a population of just 150 and the parish church All Saints is the only public building left in the village. It was being used for worship just once a week and after a positive survey of the village, the congregation and community soon got behind the fundraising efforts.

The church already benefits from an open area at the rear third of the church with a kitchen but unfortunately the toilet facilities are basic and need upgrading, the rear area needs levelling and the heating needs replacing. A scheme has been developed with the estimated bill coming to £100,000. Fortunately, efforts are already underway to secure funds as well as local fundraising led by the Friends of All Saints Church Herodsfoot.

Since April this year, the parish has seen beetle drives, a Bake Off competition, a wine tasting session with a local sommelier and a 'pop-up' pub and curry night.



Both original and new residents have been involved in the community approach and the fundraising efforts show no signs of slowing down - they have future events planned which include a skittles and pasty night, a Christmas auction and bingo and a secret santa event.

Interest in this tiny parish church has reached Church House in London and Dr Joseph Elders, FSA, visited the village in September to see how All Saints Church is being developed as a community building and to look at what they have achieved so far.

Parish priest Peter Bellenes believes the idea of 'festival churches' provide a way of small churches remaining viable while increasing outreach and engagement. He believes that use of the rural church in this way is 'back to the future' as the church building once again becomes a multi-use building as it was in medieval times.

## INTERNS WELCOMED

Four new interns have been commissioned at Stithians Church by Bishop Tim.

The aim is that with space and experience Josh Baldwin, Christine Schmaus, Daniel Heaton and Sophie Troczynska will be exploring their vocation and sense of being called. They hope to discover what a life in ministry might be like.

Three of the interns will be working with the Eight Saints Cluster and based at the Way2 house in Stithians while the fourth will work with Penlee Cluster in west Cornwall. Also commissioned as warden of the house during the service was Tess Lowe with Melissa Goodrum as her deputy.

The Truro Diocesan Internship Scheme is a diocesan led initiative aimed at providing space and experiences in a community



setting to young people interested in ordained Ministry.

Jane Vaughan-Wilson, the Diocesan Director of Ordinands said: "We want to encourage local young people, who belong to our churches in Cornwall to consider being part of our internship community."

**MORE INFORMATION**  
<http://tinyurl.com/jp4d5oh>

**CONTACT**  
Father Simon Bone: 01209 822862  
Rev'd Jane Vaughan-Wilson: 01736 351825

## THY KINGDOM COME 2017

Archbishop Justin and Archbishop Sentamu are encouraging churches and individuals across the country to join in with Thy Kingdom Come next year (May 25-June 4, 2017).

The hope is that every parish, fresh expression of Church, school, chaplaincy, retreat house, and praying community will take part in some way.

For some that might be hosting special prayer events, prayer rooms, holiday clubs or the like. For others it might be using the wide range of resources that will be available (like the 'pray for five' bracelets) to encourage individual prayer. For others it might mean working with other sisters and brothers in hosting your own 'beacon event'.

Whatever it is, please consider joining in this global movement of prayer.

### MORE INFORMATION

<http://www.thykingdom.co.uk/>

## THANK YOUR VICAR WEEK

October 16 to 23 is National Thank Your Vicar Week and is an opportunity to thank vicars and curates for all they do.

Free resources are available for parishes and schools from September 8 on the St Luke's Healthcare for Clergy website.

### MORE INFORMATION

[www.stlukeshealthcare.org.uk](http://www.stlukeshealthcare.org.uk)

## COMMUNICATIONS AUDIT

A Communications Audit will shortly be sent out to people across the diocese.

It is hoped as many of you as possible will give ten minutes to complete the survey which we hope will enable us to better communicate with you.

If you would like to take part in the audit but do not receive an email invitation please do get in touch with the team via

**comms@truro.anglican.org**

## FREE WEBSITE WORKSHOP

The workshop will take place at Church House, Threemilestone on November 4 from 9.30am to 12.30pm. Booking is essential and on a first come, first served basis as places are limited.

### MORE INFORMATION

<http://tinyurl.com/zyhv6s6>

# HELPING TO RAISE STANDARDS ACROSS ALL OUR SCHOOLS

“ Do the majority of parents care whether their child is in an academy or non-academy school? Nope. What parents really care about is that their children are happy, safe, and that they are making a good amount of progress - the right amount for them. ”

**JO OSBORNE**  
DIRECTOR OF SCHOOLS

It can seem from the outside as though changing to an academy means a new name, a new logo, and some new governors. Oh, and a fancy new title and probably a pay rise for the person at the top. And quite rightly various people – from the House of Commons down - have expressed concerns about some academies becoming empires, or education hypermarkets where the needs of the individual are lost.

Although people's views on academies are really wide-ranging, and the academies themselves vary in outlook, ethos and performance, Cornwall has one of the highest proportions of academies in England. So it is essential for our children's futures that these academies are good – that all our children are happy, safe, and making good progress.

The Diocese of Truro is committed to being a significant partner in raising standards in schools for children in Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly.

We are already well on the way to playing an active part in the new school-led education system set out in the recent White Paper: Educational Excellence Everywhere. This involves providing

expertise, training, support, challenge and grants in all the seven identified areas of excellence:

- Great teachers
- Great leaders
- A school-led system
- Preventing underperformance
- Curriculum
- Accountability
- Resources

The diocesan education department works not only with the 44 Church schools but also a large number of community schools, as our representatives take up roles on the boards of multi-academy trusts that include both church and non-church schools. The focus of this work will always be on improving outcomes for children.

The central question we need to ask is what difference can the academy system make to real children? The answer is that the academy system gives us more control over the content of the curriculum at least and we have the opportunity to form strong, formally accountable partnerships that are united in the aim of providing an education where children thrive academically, spiritually and socially.

Working together, whatever the status of school, is the key to a bright future for 'Connor and Emily'.

**MORE INFORMATION**  
[www.trurodiocese.org.uk/schools](http://www.trurodiocese.org.uk/schools)

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### OCTOBER

- 1 Annual Readers' Service marking 150 years of Reader Ministry**, Truro Cathedral, 11am
- 1 Saltash annual Craft Fair**, St Nicholas & St Faith Church, 10am to 4pm
- 1 New Wine Kids Workers Training Day** Plymouth, 10am - 4.30pm
- 2 Installation of Canons & Canon Theologian**, Truro Cathedral, 4pm
- 2 Animal Welfare & Blessing**, Egloshayle Church, 3.30pm
- 3, 10, 17, 24 Windows into St Paul**, Truro Cathedral
- 6 St Endellion Church Hall Film**, 7.30pm
- 14 Cornwall Harp Centre Gala Concert**, St Endellion Church, 7.30pm Tickets £10 tickets@endelienta.org.uk
- 15 Taizé service**, Epiphany House, 7pm, all welcome.
- 19 Streams Together Prayer**, Epiphany House, 7pm, email peterjwillows@hotmail.com
- 20 Church Explorers – Breage & Germoe** with Joanna Mattingly, Germoe Church 2pm to 4pm
- 21 Faith at work in the agricultural community**, Probus Church, 10am - 4pm, (bring packed lunch)
- 21 Quiet Day**, St Just in Roseland Church, 10am-4pm
- 21-23 North Cornwall Book Festival St Endellion**, exhibition in St Endellion Church.
- 22 Wild Willy Barrett's French Connection**: Avant Garde Mangetout, St Endellion Church Tickets £10 tickets@endelienta.org.uk
- 22-25 History of St Saviour Church Exhibition**, Polruan, 9am to 4pm,
- 27 Loveny Male Voice Choir & Ardudwy Male Voice Choir**, Lanivet Church, 7.30pm, £7
- 27 Meet the Funders Follow up event**, Bodmin, 9.45am
- 28 The Torrridge Male Voice Choir concert**, St Swithin's Church, Launcells

### NOVEMBER

- 5, Study day**, St Endellion Church, 10am - 3pm, £10 tickets@endelienta.org.uk
- 15 Taking funerals seriously**, Royal Cornwall Showground, Wadebridge, 9.30am - 4.30pm

**SAFEGUARDING TRAINING DATES OCTOBER TO NOVEMBER - CLICK HERE**

## 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

**DOT CANDY** <http://tinyurl.com/gu9hkzt>  
**SRO NEWSLETTER** <http://tinyurl.com/zhwstye>

**CofE InFocus** <http://tinyurl.com/hyjh8mn>  
**CofE InReview** <http://tinyurl.com/jb9bjsa>  
**Generous Giving Blog:**  
<http://tinyurl.com/hu2s88e>  
**Intro to Gift Aid & Small Donations Scheme**  
**Sarum College Newsletter**  
<http://eepurl.com/ceBWT8>

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