



DIOCESE OF TRURO
DISCOVERING GOD'S KINGDOM
GROWING THE CHURCH

OUR NEWS

AUGUST 2015

SOUTH PETHERWIN SHOP OPENS

One of the winning projects from the Bishop's Den's initiative has come to life in the form of a village shop in St Paternus Church



South Petherwin community shop was officially opened and blessed by Bishop Tim.

The shop, which was partly funded by monies from the Bishop's Den initiative, offers general groceries that you would expect in a village convenience store and will be open from 8am to noon, six days a week. It is hoped a post office will run from September.

The shop was the idea of the priest-in-charge of the Three Rivers Team, Rev Anne Brown. Anne said: "Bishop Tim had challenged everybody to find ways of doing church differently. I had been thinking

about that, and gone home and prayed about it. In my dream there was a shop in the church, which seemed like a great idea. The previous village shop had closed before I arrived."

Revd Brown hopes that as well as providing a useful community service, the shop might also bring people into the church who would not otherwise have come. "It is important we reflect and continue to meet the changing needs of the community," said Revd Brown.

More information: <http://tinyurl.com/njbmsph>

DIOCESAN ROADSHOWS

The diocese's autumn roadshows will take place throughout September and October at venues around the county. This year the theme is Walking the Walk and it will be a chance to hear how the diocese vision is unfolding, talks by parish representatives and much more. So come and Walk the Walk with us at your nearest roadshow which take place in Launceston, Falmouth, Penzance, Liskeard, Bodmin and Trispen. The roadshows will start with refreshments from 6.30pm.

More information: Please feel free to print off the **flyer** to display in your churches. It is also available on our **website**. The dates are on page 4 Events Diary.

SERVICE OF WELCOME

A Service of Welcome will be held on September 3 at 7pm for Revd Dom Whitting, Vicar of Crowan and Treslothan, who will become the first Anglican priest in Cornwall with responsibility for a Methodist Chapel.

Bishop Tim said: "I am looking forward to this event and to the fact that Dom will be able to help lead the Methodist and Anglican communities. It is an important result of the ecumenical declaration of intent and I hope this working together will happen in other areas as well."

The service will take place at Troon Methodist Church. All are welcome.

ARCHDEACON'S LETTER

“ I learned long ago the prayer ‘Lord, change the world, and start with me.’ It’s a dangerous prayer, but one I prayed as I accepted the invitation, along with Bishop Tim, Revd Steve Wild and seven others, to be a ‘Carbon Ambassador’ for Climate Vision.”



BILL STUART-WHITE ARCHDEACON

The ten Ambassadors have committed to, and are undertaking ten pledges to do our bit to reduce our carbon footprint to combat climate change. In response to the first pledge, Bren and I have already switched to a green supplier for our electricity, and discovered that it is costing us no more. The second pledge, to buy and eat delicious local and seasonal produce from the market was not much of a hardship – some of the others may be a little more challenging!

I guess it would be easy to see these small actions as mere tokens and designed simply to get us thinking (if that is the case it has certainly worked), but I’m becoming convinced that even my tiny efforts make a difference, as it becomes clearer to me that care for creation is at heart of Christian mission, and a key element of our discipleship.

We have a responsibility to God for our stewardship of the earth which he gave us to “till and to tend” but, as is sometimes pointed out, the planet will recover, it’s humanity that may not. To respond to the command to love our neighbour must mean an active concern for those millions of the world’s poorest people who will suffer most severely from the effects of climate change.

One of the Ambassadors’ pledges is to invite others to join them, so forgive me if I take this opportunity to invite you to participate as well. Take a look at the pledges on <http://www.trurocathedral.org.uk/hot-topics/top-ten.php> and give it a go.

Luci Isaacson of Climate Vision, who is heading up the campaign, hopes to take the results of this project to the UN conference on Climate Change in Paris at the end of this year.

More information: <http://tinyurl.com/obnof2e>

ANNUAL READER SERVICE

The Annual Reader Service, which takes place at Truro Cathedral on Saturday, October 24, will be A Celebration of Reader Ministry.

Starting at 11am, the service will also mark a number of other milestones including the Licensing of two Readers for the first time. The service this year will also celebrate long service with Warren Nicholls’ 50th year of Reader Ministry being recognised. Warren will also read the first lesson. Others will be marking 40 years and 25 years.

Readers will be taking an active role during the service including acting as chalice bearers. Sue Barlow will be Assisting Minister and David Elliot preaching.

All are welcome to attend.

AMD: SHARING GOOD NEWS

As the summer holidays draw to a close, the Accompanied Ministry Development Team is preparing for the next Clergy College and the third group of clergy.

The theme for September’s college is ‘God’s Good News’ and we will be exploring this from a number of angles including: discussing what we mean by ‘Good News’, how we can be helped, and help each other, to share our own faith story – which, of course, is part of God’s Good News – and how we can be ‘Good News’ for those who come to Church and for those who don’t.

SAINTS’ WAY TRAIL

The Saints’ Way Trail passports are now available to pick up in churches along the route between Padstow and Fowey or to download from the diocese website.

Each of the churches has its own individual stamp so you can chart your journey along the 30 mile route.

More information: <http://tinyurl.com/o6hf3sk>

MISSION CASE STUDY

OPEN THE BOOK: MAKING AN IMPRESSION ON PUPILS



Stories are always popular with children and at Mevagissey School one type of story has proved so popular the pupils said it had made the biggest impact on them

Open The Book is an initiative which sees teams from local churches volunteer their time to go into primary schools to read and perform bible stories. This year will mark the tenth anniversary of Open the Book (OTB) in the Diocese of Truro.

At Mevagissey School they have been welcoming the Open the Book team from St Peter's Church for over six years and the assemblies now draw an enthusiastic audience and keen would-be performers.

Revd Canon Marion Barrett, who is the rector of St Mewan, Mevagissey and St Ewe, said: "We started taking part in Open the Book because there were less children coming to the church and we realised we needed to do something. We decided we needed to go where the children were and we are still doing that.

"What stands out for me is what happened when 2014's year six pupils had to make a banner for Feast Week. They were told to choose the one thing that had made the biggest impact on them during their time at primary school and they chose Open the Book. That really demonstrates the value of what we are doing."

As well as taking part in fortnightly Open the Book assemblies, the St Peter's team

also present bibles each Christmas to the new reception year children and more are given as a gift to the leaving year six pupils at the end of the summer term.

Sandra Beardsmore, who co-ordinates St Peter's Open the Book team, said: "We must thank all the people who, through their valuable donations, make it possible for our children to receive their own Bibles. The cribfest festival, where we give the reception pupils their bibles, is a really moving experience. It is a real highlight of the year, so much so that we have already set the date for the Nativity Open the Book story in church in December!"

And it's not just the children who get something out of it. The members of the team have also find it rewarding. Liz Dear, who is a member of the OTB team, said: "All my life I've done things with children and this was an opportunity to continue that but also I love dressing up!"

It does however sometimes lead to strange situations. Graham Bulkeley, St Peter's Churchwarden and member of the OTB team, said: "I started because I thought it would give a different perspective for the children to have a man involved but one day this little girl started shouting 'look there's Jesus' and pointing at me! I had to explain to her mother that I was part of Open the Book."

More information: <http://tinyurl.com/nhc4gw9>

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

The Churches' Child Protection Advisory Service (CCPAS) is providing training sessions for Safeguarding Co-ordinators and lead recruiters who work with the Online E Bulk system processing DBS checks. There are two dates available: **Friday, September 11:** Tregothnan Hall 2, Royal Cornwall Show Ground, Wadebridge, PL27 7JE.

Saturday, September 12: Chy an Bobel Hall, Heartlands, Dudnace Lane, Pool, TR15 3QY.

To book: <http://tinyurl.com/ngh4erc>

<http://tinyurl.com/pwpqo85>

Or rose.sanders@truro.anglican.org

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Devon & Cornwall Police will also be providing an opportunity to learn more about Modern Slavery after each session.

EDUCATION APPOINTMENT

Bex Couch has joined the Diocesan Education Team having spent 17 years involved with education at Cornwall Council, most recently leading the school governors team. Bex brings unrivalled knowledge in Cornwall to school governance and the invaluable work of school governors. In this new role Bex will be increasing support for parishes and their members across the diocese, organising and leading training as well as offering tailor-made support to governors and directors.

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ECO-CHURCH CONFERENCE

The Eco-Church South West Conference takes place on September 7 at St James' Church in Exeter. Taking place from 10am to 3pm, the conference will be focussing on Empowering Communities through Greening The Church.

To book: 01392 294940, Joanne.harris@exeter.anglican.org

More information: <http://tinyurl.com/qxjzcb>

FROM THE CANON THEOLOGIAN

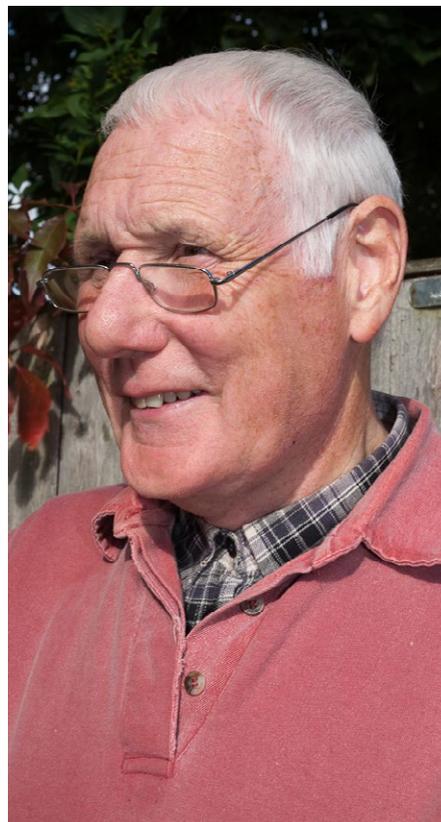
Among the harrowing scenes of this summer's news has been those boatloads of men, women and children rescued from crowded and leaking boats in the Mediterranean.

STEPHEN DAWES CANON THEOLOGIAN

Among the harrowing news has been the number of drownings. Then there were those scenes at Calais of desperate people trying to hitch a lift across the Channel. British reactions have varied, but many have been far from sympathetic.

It is interesting to see what these people have been called, usually "economic migrants" or "asylum seekers". I wonder why? Is it that by calling them "asylum seekers" we can then assess whether their cases are "genuine", and if not, as will no doubt be the strict legal case, we can then with clear consciences refuse most of them entry? Is it that by calling them "economic migrants" we can think that they are simply after a slice of our better life, and so shut the door, even though being an "economic migrant" was ok when it was our Cornish forebears doing the migrating? I wonder why we don't use the older, more accurate and less judgemental word "refugees" – ordinary people fleeing from danger and death, just as we would?

Theology teaches us that words matter and that we must watch our language. The Bible's theology also teaches us that how a society cares for its marginalised people ('the widow, the orphan and the poor' is the Old Testament phrase) is a telling sign of its moral health. It's



interesting that the Old Testament often includes "the stranger within your gates" in the same list.

Of course there are huge political, economic and social issues involved here. Of course there are no easy answers. But sidestepping our God-given responsibilities to our fellow human beings in acute need is not the way to find a solution.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

AUGUST

29-31 Flower & Music Festival, St Martin's Church, Liskeard, 10.30 – 4.30, £3

29-31 The Colours of the Church Seasons exhibition, Maker Church, 10am – 4pm, Free

SEPTEMBER

4 Alistair Taylor & Lowena Voices, Lanivet Church, 7.30pm

4 Craft Fayre, St Swithin's Church, Launcells 3-8pm

4-6 "Jungle" Flower Festival, St Breward Church, 10am

5-11 Craft Fayre, St Swithin's Church, Launcells (nr Bude), 10am – 5pm

10 Launch of Dor Kemmyn Interfaith CD, Chapter House, Truro Cathedral, 7.30-9.30pm

18, 19, 20 A celebration of Harvest Flowers, St Allen Church (TR4 9QX)

21 Filling Station, Penmorvah Manor Hotel, 7.30pm

21 Theology, Ethics & the Environmental Challenge talk, Truro Cathedral Chapter House, 7.30pm, £4

23 Diocesan Roadshow, Launceston Town Hall, 6.30pm

24 Churches Together in Cornwall Conference

26 Diocesan Synod, County Hall, Truro, 9.30am

26 The Endelienta Scholars, St Endellion Church, £10 tickets@endelienta.org.uk

27 Installation of new Canons, Truro Cathedral, Evensong

29 Diocesan Roadshow, Falmouth School, 6.30pm

29 Paul Church fundraising lecture, "Seals" by Sue Sayer, 7.30pm, £5

OTHER LINKS

Metal Theft: <http://tinyurl.com/7v4yfnb>

Roof Repair Scheme: <http://tinyurl.com/nt2bgt3>

Bell Ringers: <http://tinyurl.com/qa87a9b>

InReview: <http://tinyurl.com/p7j3yga>

InFocus: <http://tinyurl.com/qhgttdsg>

CTC: <http://tinyurl.com/nsewtlu>

Worship Leaders: <http://tinyurl.com/qy86rmn>

DOTCandy: <http://tinyurl.com/op35969>

SRO Newsletter: <http://tinyurl.com/puxrgey>

Our News Quarterly: <http://tinyurl.com/o42t29b>

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