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GOOD START TO ROADSHOWS

The first of the diocese's 2015 Autumn roadshows has taken place in Launceston and its 'thought provoking' themes have been praised.



Over 70 were welcomed by Bishop Tim before Archdeacon Audrey led opening worship and gave an update on the work being done around Discipleship. Revd Simon Cade, Director of Education and Discipleship then led an interview session with members of Launcells Pilgrim group who spoke of how it had changed their lives.

To mark the tenth anniversary next month of the Open the Book initiative, for the first time there was a live performance by Launceston Open the Book team who told the story of the unnamed woman who used her most precious possession, her oil, to wash Jesus' feet.

The evening provided an opportunity for a sneak peak at big events planned as well as the Bishops' Lent challenge for 2,016 faith stories to be told next year.

Bishop Chris then gave an update on the Deanery Challenge before thanking those present for their fantastic efforts this year on the Mission and Ministry Fund. Parishes then highlighted initiatives and changes they had undertaken this year.

The evening ended on a positive note with Archdeacon Bill Stuart-White encouraging those present to talk about their faith and led by example in sharing his faith story. Bishop Tim gave the final blessing.

GENERAL SYNOD ELECTION ADDRESSES ONLINE

The nomination process to the General Synod has now closed and there has been a positive response with 20 nominations for the six places available.

The diocese has three seats in the House of Clergy and three seats in the House of Laity and all cover the five year life span of the General Synod. This year there has been six nominations for Truro's clergy seats and 14 for the laity seats. Election addresses for each of the candidates are available: <http://tinyurl.com/nr3fz3g>

Esther Pollard, Diocesan Secretary, said: "We have been overwhelmed with the interest in General Synod this year and are delighted so many in our diocese want to be part of getting our voice heard at national level."

VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT

St Petroc's will run a Winter Night Shelter at its centre in Truro during December and January. Churches are also working in partnership with St Petroc's to open an additional temporary shelter in Camborne. This ambitious and worthy project needs volunteers and all will be offered full training and support by St Petroc's staff. Travel expenses will be provided.

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BISHOP'S LETTER

“ As Christians our calling is to care for the most vulnerable and I know many of you have been moved by the recent news footage of the refugees and those truly shocking images of three-year-old Aylan Kurdi, drowned and washed up on a Turkish beach. ”



BISHOP TIM

It brought home in the most horrifying way the human price being paid by people trying to escape war and disruption in their homelands.

We need to be generous and hospitable when people are in such dire need. I am wholly supportive of those individuals and parishes within the diocese who are taking action to help where they can. The compassion shown by Revd Jeremy Putnam and his parishioners at All Saints, Hightertown, was a prime example of how people can provide tangible help, and quite rightly they received support from people all over Cornwall and further afield. I hope people will feel moved to continue or join in with this important work.

I also know there are some who feel uncomfortable, frightened, anger even at what they see and feel it is not something we should open our doors to. All of us who

live our lives with Jesus and as Christians need to think about our faith, what it tells us, what the Bible guides us to do and consider whether our words and deeds truly reflect that. It is not enough to say I am a Christian but then turn the other cheek.

It is clear there is no simple, or single solution to this complex problem but it is absolutely right that we take in and care for those we can. It is also crucial that the root causes of the crisis are considered and, where possible, addressed. If this is not done, sadly we can only expect for countless thousands of others to embark upon a perilous journey to what they hope will be a safer and better life.

I ask that you join me in holding all those caught up in the crisis in our prayers – prayers for the safety of those who have left their homes; prayers for the politicians who have the difficult task of making decisions over how help is offered, and to whom; prayers for all those who come into contact with the refugees on their journeys, that they might find even greater depths of compassion and humanity; and also prayers for all of us as we consider how and when we might be able to offer some assistance.

More information The diocese has a put together a page on our website where you can find a list of ways you can get involved and help. Go to <http://tinyurl.com/pe4vrsg>

LEAVING A LEGACY

A gift in your Will can help keep your local church alive, and transform its future.

70% of adults in the UK have not even made a will, and if you are one of those, next month gives an opportunity to make a will and have the cost given to charity through participating solicitors.

For more information contact Liz. wallace@truro.anglican.org or take a look at www.churchlegacy.org.uk and www.willaid.org.uk

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More information: churches.ccli.co.uk/ccl

GOD'S GOOD NEWS

At the most recent Clergy College in St Ives, the theme of which was God's Good News, the participants enjoyed a variety of speakers covering topics such as 'Liturgy and Evangelism', 'Good News and the Occasional Offices' and 'Good News for Rural Churches'. We explored what we mean by 'The Christian Hope' and we shared our own faith stories.

On Wednesday afternoon we took part in a team building workshop and on Thursday we thought about how we might encourage our congregations to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with friends and family.

MORE DONATIONS SOUGHT FOR SECOND CALAIS CAMP VISIT



After seeing the conditions in the Calais refugee camp during their visit in August, All Saints Church in Highertown are now planning to return with more donations in November.

For this next visit the church will team up with Christian homeless charity Emmaus. Revd Jeremy Putnam, vicar at All Saints, said: "Emmaus is a national charity that runs shelters for the homeless and support services around the UK. Their teams have visited the refugee camp in Calais six times and so have a good understanding of the context and what is needed."

With many supplies for women and children already collected, the team will only be taking certain items with them in November. Jeremy said: "There is a list of things that are badly needed at the moment. These include Men's trainers and jackets, tents, survival kits and blankets. Over the coming weeks we will be coordinating our deliveries with the Emmaus team and other local groups and once we arrive at the camp we will work with them to distribute the items sensitively and orderly, making sure each item goes to those with most need."

A full list of items can be found on the church's website
<http://tinyurl.com/plgvkcc>

The visit in August made quite an impact on the All Saints team. Jeremy said: "When you arrive in Calais the first thing that hits you is the size of the razor wire fence which leads all the way to the camp. A stark contrast to the warmth and hospitality we received from the camp's residents.

"Despite the appalling conditions, there was still an amazing sense of unity and welcome. Syrians, Afghans, Eritreans, Sudanese and Iraqis, Christians and Muslims were all living side by side and were all keen to show us hospitality. I came away from the camp thinking that this, despite the inhumane conditions, was a great example of how human beings should be to one another, and in many ways a better example of humanity than other parts of the world, and even parts of our own country."

Of course since then the refugee crisis across Europe has exploded into a huge humanitarian issue. This has resulted in a clamor from people in the UK wanting to do something to help. The diocese now has a webpage with a full list of organisations which are either arranging collections or providing on the ground support to refugees.

More information:
<http://tinyurl.com/pe4vrsg>

SAFEGUARDING

Devon and Cornwall police recently ran an awareness session looking at the issues around modern slavery and forced labour.

Sarah Acraman, diocesan safeguarding officer for children and vulnerable adults, attended. She said: "As a county we are very lucky to have a police Migrant worker team whose responsibility it is to support people who are suffering these crimes. The Migrant worker team are first and foremost concerned with helping people to be safe, and always aim to be sensitive and collaborative in their working."

Sarah says there are some valuable messages that came out of the session. "This is happening in Cornwall and churches are often felt to be less threatening than police stations for those seeking help or safety."

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 or join us on facebook at [ciosmigrantworkers](https://www.facebook.com/ciosmigrantworkers)

DEMENTIA ACTION

Dementia Friends Awareness sessions, a valuable introduction as devised by the Alzheimer's Society, are now available. The Dementia Action Planning Group is building on the success of their action day in June and has Dementia Champions who can deliver these sessions and are willing to travel to any venue. These sessions last about 75 minutes and can be particularly useful for stewards, pastoral visitors and church council members but are suitable for everyone.

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FROM THE CANON THEOLOGIAN

The House of Commons debated Assisted Dying in September and voted against it. The Archbishop of Canterbury and other religious leaders wrote an open letter opposing it, and a former Archbishop of Canterbury and other religious leaders wrote one supporting it.

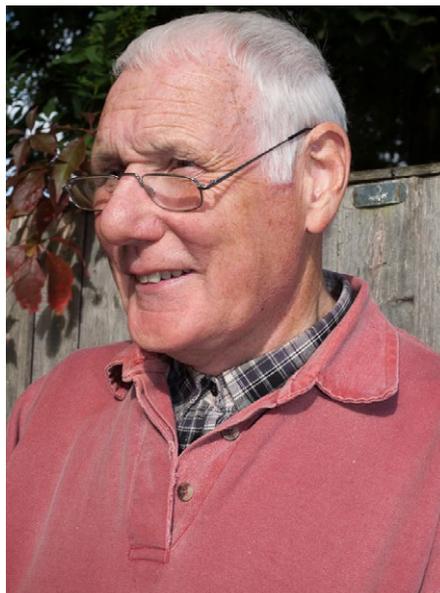
Opinion polls consistently suggest a majority in favour, including a majority of church members.

STEPHEN DAWES CANON THEOLOGIAN

My view, expressed in the old Coracle in 2006 is strongly in favour.

This is a complex issue. People feel passionately about it. For everyone, for or against, it is about compassion and the dignity, value and sanctity of human life. Everyone agrees, too, that it a dangerous area, open to abuse. The three sources of Christian ethics – the Bible, tradition and reason – can be quoted by both sides.

If we were able to prevent the lives of terminally ill people getting to the unendurable stage there would be little demand for assisted dying at all, but we aren't. Some terminally ill people suffer terribly, mentally and physically, in an existence which is cruel, inhuman and degrading. We hear their loved ones pleading for their release and the humane, compassionate and responsible thing is to offer a way out. The Genesis phrase about 'made in God's image' gives us the awesome responsibility of making decisions like this. The Church of England does so in beginning of life issues, and consistency requires taking similar responsibility in end of life ones. Thus for



me assisted dying, with proper safeguards, is an act of responsible and God-blessed compassion.

Other Christians, especially the House of Bishops, disagree. It is a drastic step into new and dangerous areas.

Doing ethics, for Christians, is rarely easy and equally sincere and thoughtful and knowledgeable Christians can and do disagree on ethical issues. Assisted dying is a case in point.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SEPTEMBER

- 26 Diocesan Synod** County Hall, Truro, 9.30am
- 27 Installation of new Canons** Truro Cathedral,
- 27 Contemporary Service** 6.45pm, St John-in-the-Fields, Halsetown
- 29 Diocesan Roadshow** Falmouth School, 6.30pm
- 29 Paul Church fundraising lecture** "Seals" by Sue Sayer, 7.30pm, £5

OCTOBER

- 3 Open the Book 10th Anniversary** St Petrocs Church, Bodmin, 2.30pm all welcome
- 3 Poetry Workshop** 10am-3pm, Stone Barn, St Endellion
- 10 McQuarrie & Toms** Lunchtime concert, King Charles Church, Falmouth, 12pm
- 10 Diocesan Choral Festival** Truro Cathedral
- 11 St Uny Church Harvest Festival** 11am
- 12 Baked Alaska** Truro Methodist Church, 7.30pm
- 16 Quiet Day** St Just in Roseland Church, 10am – 4pm, 01326 270338
- 17 Big Breakfast** Pipers Pool Chapel, 9am – 1pm, £6.50 in aid of Trewen Church
- 17 Falmouth Shout** All Saints Church, Tuckingmill, 7.30pm, Book: 01209 710996
- 17 Laudate** King Charles Church, Falmouth, 12pm
- 17 A Different Child** St Mary's Singers, Truro Cathedral, £10-£18, 01872 262466 or on door
- 18 Tea Time sing 'em again** Victorian songs & tea, Gott Hall, Par green, 2.30pm - 5pm. FREE
- 20 Cornwall Faith Forum 10th anniversary** Lis Kernow, County Hall, Truro, 7pm
- 23 Craft & Gift Event** Altarnun Church Hall, 10am - 5pm
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- 23 25 North Cornwall Book Festival** St Endellion www.northcornwallbookfestival.org
- 23 Tom Hickox concert** St Endellion Church, 8pm
- 24 Wild Willy Barrett's French Connection concert** St Endellion Church, 7.30pm
- 25 Contemporary Service** 6.45pm, St John-in-the-fields, Halsetown
- 31 Study day** led by Prof Paul Fiddes, Oxford University, 10am – 3pm, £10, to book: rev. judith@btinternet.com or 01208 880181
- 31 Gala Concert** King Charles Church, Falmouth, 12pm

GET IN TOUCH

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