

CHURCH SAFEGUARDING DRIVE MAKES COMMUNITY SAFER FOR ALL

The Church of England in Cornwall has been making great strides in its safeguarding work, helping to make communities safer for all.

The Diocese of Truro has developed a network of more than 900 people trained in safeguarding. They include more than 300 clergy and Readers and at least 600 other lay church officers, especially those who lead a church group of any kind.

The church's network of Pastoral Visitors, whose members call on individuals who might otherwise struggle to get to church, plays a key role.

Diocesan safeguarding advisor, Sarah Acraman, said: "Primarily the Pastoral Visitors help people to maintain links with the church community, but there is a remarkable 'by-product': every week scores of people trained in safeguarding are out visiting people in their homes, in hospitals, and in nursing and care homes. These individuals are trained to spot safeguarding risk factors and, crucially, know what to do about them and how to raise a safeguarding alert.

"And once these people are trained they don't stop observing when they are not 'on duty'. So it's not just the person who runs Messy Church or who makes official visits to hospital, it's the lady in the queue at the village shop or the man at the sports club who is trained to look out for people who might be vulnerable."

Archdeacon of Bodmin, the Venerable Audrey Elkington, said: "Nobody can underestimate the value of having these trained people in our communities, empowered to notice and take action should the need arise. Safeguarding is probably most commonly associated with the sexual abuse of children or vulnerable adults, but it also covers many other areas of concern including physical, emotional or financial abuse, modern slavery, female genital mutilation, domestic violence and coercion. Abuse can be perpetrated by all sorts of people in all manner of roles. It can also be perpetrated by institutions.

900+
PEOPLE TRAINED
IN SAFEGUARDING

"I am heartened and optimistic to see just how much positive work is now going on within the church in terms of safeguarding. This should have the effect of not just making the church a safer place for all, but of making our Cornish towns and villages safer, too."

The diocese has also teamed up with a charity to provide free and independent help for anybody who feels they may have been subject to any form of abuse from within a church context, known as the Authorised Listener service.

Sarah Acraman, said: "We wanted to provide somewhere people could go and be actively, professionally and confidentially listened to, while they decide whether or not they want to take things any further and maybe consult police or seek formal counselling, for example."

Anybody who would like to access the listening service, which is provided by independent charity Skoodhya, should contact Sarah for a referral. This can be done direct at SAERAH.ACARAMAN@TRURO.ANGLICAN.ORG or via your parish priest or parish safeguarding co-ordinator.

“AS CHRISTIANS WE STRIVE TO HELP EVERY PERSON AND EVERY COMMUNITY TO FLOURISH. FOR THAT TO HAPPEN PEOPLE NEED TO BE AND TO FEEL VALUED AND SAFE, ESPECIALLY IN AND AROUND THE CHURCH. IN THE PAST AS THE ANGLICAN CHURCH IN CORNWALL WE TRAGICALLY HAVEN'T ALWAYS LIVED UP TO THAT STANDARD. NOW WE ARE ENSURING THAT THERE IS AN EASY, ACCESSIBLE AND INDEPENDENT MEANS BY WHICH ANY CONCERNS AND COMPLAINTS CAN BE HEARD AND ACTED UPON. WE ARE COMMITTED TO BEING A PLACE OF SAFETY FOR ALL”

**The Bishop of St Germans,
the Right Reverend
Christopher Goldsmith**

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT SAFEGUARDING ON OUR WEBSITE WWW.TRURODIOCESE.ORG.UK/SAFEGUARDING

NEWS IN BRIEF

SYNOD AGREES AMBITIOUS PLANS

Ambitious plans for the future of the Diocese of Truro have been overwhelmingly supported at a meeting of church representatives from across the county.

Diocesan Synod members heard a presentation by the Bishop of Truro, the Rt Revd Tim Thornton who set out what the Development Plan would entail both in its reach but also the challenges that would be faced in bringing the plan to fruition.

The Development Plan aims to shape the future of the Diocese for the next three years as well as laying the groundwork for a further five years.

The Development plan sets out the Diocese's priorities leading up to 2018 and beyond:

Praying | Growing | Leading | Supporting

A Diocesan Assembly planned for 2018 will provide the opportunity to revise the plan and agree further ambitions as well as celebrating successes.

READ THE FULL DEVELOPMENT PLAN PROPOSAL:
WWW.TRURODIOCESE.ORG.UK

GREEN CHURCH KERNOW AWARDS LAUNCHED

The Diocese of Truro has re-launched its environmental awards as Green Church Kernow Awards.



Barbara Crowle receives St Wenn Church's Gold Award from Bishop Tim as part of the re-launch of the Diocese's Environmental Policy and award scheme, now known as Green Church Kernow Awards.

Churches across Cornwall are invited to take part in the scheme which could see them awarded Bronze, Silver or Gold for their efforts to 'Care for Creation'.

Successful churches will receive a certificate and a door sticker and those achieving Gold will receive theirs from Bishop Tim at Diocesan Synod.

Others receiving certificates Kenwyn with St Allen Parish (Silver) and Church House (Bronze).

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WALKING OUR DIOCESE

There are pilgrim routes dotted across Cornwall from St Michael's Way (Lelant to Marazion) to the Saints Way (Padstow to Fowey) and for the brave hearted there is the Cornish Camino, a walk of just over 155 miles. Why not enjoy all Cornwall has to offer this summer by joining in with one of the pilgrimages organised by the Diocese of Truro?



ST MICHAEL'S WAY

St Michael's Way is 12.5 miles long and stretches between Lelant near St Ives to St Michael's Mount in Marazion. The route is the only footpath in Britain that is designated a European Cultural Route as it is part of a network of pilgrim routes which lead to St James' Cathedral in Santiago de Compostela in Spain, one of the three most important sites of Christian Pilgrimage in the World.

WWW.CORNWALLS.CO.UK/WALKING/ST_MICHAELS_WAY.HTM



FOLLOWING THE WAY

With Bishop Tim on July 30

Bishop Tim along with Archdeacon Audrey will be Following the Way on Saturday, July 30 when they will be leading pilgrims from across Cornwall on a two mile walk from Laneast Church near Launceston to St Clether Church including a stop at the Holy Well of St Clether.

Starting at 10am at Laneast Church, people can walk parts or all of the route. For those unable to walk there will be opportunities to join in at Laneast Church, the Holy Well Chapel and St Clether Church. A pasty lunch will be provided for those who pre-order. The walk will end with cream teas at St Clether.

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO BOOK:
01208 892811
SHELLEY.PORTER@TRURO.ANGLICAN.ORG

THE SAINTS' WAY

The Saints' Way Trail, covering 30 miles from Padstow to Fowey, is the ancient route Celtic and medieval pilgrims used on their way to Northern Spain. The Diocese has a passport and stamp scheme allowing you to chart your pilgrimage through the 12 churches along the way.

PASSPORTS ARE AVAILABLE FROM:
WWW.TRURODIOCESE.ORG.UK/PILGRIMAGES

FAMILY PILGRIMAGE

On July 9

Starting at 10am at Rough Tor car park. Bring a packed lunch.

TO BOOK CALL SHELLEY PORTER:
01208 892811

WHAT'S ON

MAY

27 - 30 Flower Festival

St Andrew's Church Stratton, Once upon a Time – Stories from Childhood, 10am-5pm

28 - June 5 Wadebridge & District Camera Club

St Endellion Hall

28 - June 1 A celebration of the Spirit of Mount's Bay (flowers, art, music)

St Mary's Church, Penzance, 10.30am

28 Youth Concert

St Mary's Church, Penzance, 7.30pm

29 Cream Teas

St Saviours Church, Polruan, 2.30pm

29 Mousehole Male Voice Choir

St Mary's Church, Penzance, 7.30pm

JUNE

1 Heinichen Ensemble

St Mary's Church, Penzance, 1.15pm

3 K'antu

St Endellion Church, 7.30pm

3 Evensong for retiring Diocesan Registrar

Truro Cathedral, 4pm

4 Organ recitals

All Saints Church Falmouth, 2.30pm

8 Eve of Show Service

Royal Cornwall Showground main arena, Wadebridge, 6.30pm

9 - 11 Churches Together Tent

Royal Cornwall Showground (Stand 1)

9 - 11 Weddings Team

Royal Cornwall Showground

10 CMED course Active & Reflective Kids

St Mary's Church, Penzance, 10am

11 Isabel Galleymore & Luke Thompson day of poetry

St Endellion Church, 10am

11 - 12 Flowers festival to mark HRH The Queen's 90th birthday

St Odulph's Church, Pillaton, 11am – 5pm

12 Royal Tea Party

St Gluvias Church, Penryn, from 2pm

15 CMED Course, Dealing with Conflicts in Church

Judge's Dining Room, Shire House, Bodmin, 10am to book 01872 274351

17 Cornish Male Voice Choir The Lemonaires

St Rumon's Church, Ruanlanihorne, 7.30pm, Tickets £10

18 Organ Recitals

All Saints Church Falmouth, 2.30pm

24 Cornish American Song Institute – the Songs of Folk & Legend

St Endellion Church, 7.30pm

24 - 26 Flower Festival "90 Glorious Years"

St Michael & All Angels, Bude 10am-5pm

JULY

8 Port Isaac Chorale & Atlantic String Orchestra charity Concert

St Endellion

9 Who Let the Dads Out?

Family Pilgrimage, Rough Tor, 10am. To book 01208 892811

14 - 17 Flower Festival marking 800 years of Penryn

St Gluvias Church, 10am -4pm

16 Endelienta Ensemble – Beethoven & Schoenberg

St Endellion Church, 7.30pm

18 A Serenade to Music

St Endellion Church, 7.30pm

26 Quiet Day with Bishop Chris Goldsmith

10am-4pm

26 - August 5 St Endellion Summer Festival

www.endellionfestivals.org.uk

AUGUST

27 Carice Singers

St Endellion Church, 7.30pm

30 Following the Way Pilgrimage with Bishop Tim

Laneast Church to St Clether, Starting 10am. To book: 01208 892811

'SOWING SEEDS ACROSS THE DUCHY'

Churches from across Cornwall will be 'sowing the seeds' at the Royal Cornwall Show in June.



EVE OF SHOW SERVICE

The annual Eve of Show service in the main showground starts at 6.30pm on Wednesday, June 8. There will be a pasty reception for all who attend at the Churches Together Tent. This service is open to all.

When the Show opens on Thursday, June 9, Churches Together in Cornwall have the honour of being Pitch 1 again with all in the marquee working under the theme of Sowing seeds across the Duchy.

From 10am each day there will be worship outside of the marquee. Every afternoon between 1pm and 3pm, there will be music and hands' on activities and new this year, visitors will have the chance to try their hands at bell ringing on a mini bell frame at 9am, 2pm and 4pm.

Inside the marquee will be a toddler play area including breast feeding and baby changing spaces. The marquee also has children's activities and there will be refreshments.

The Diocese's Weddings' Team will also be on hand in the Wedding Marquee (Pitch 104) to talk to couples thinking about their big day, providing information and advice.

As in previous years, there will be a team of Show Chaplains working across the three days both in the marquee and out and about around the showground. Do stop and say hello.

TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE ROYAL CORNWALL SHOW:
WWW.ROYALCORNWALL.CO.UK

MORE INFORMATION ON EVENTS TAKING PLACE AROUND OUR DIOCESE IS AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE... WWW.TRURODIOCESE.ORG.UK