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# OUR NEWS

## JULY 2017



DIOCESE OF TRURO



## CALL TO PRAYER AS WE SEEK A NEW BISHOP TO LEAD US

July is a notable month, as Bishop Tim moves to take up his new role at Lambeth Palace and the Bishop's crosier, or staff, is returned to the Dean of Truro for safekeeping until a successor is appointed.

As you can imagine, this is no ordinary round of recruitment for the diocese.

A lot of the work in the early days will fall to the Vacancy in See Committee which, chaired by Bishop Chris, includes both Archdeacons, our General Synod representatives, the Dean of Truro and both clergy and lay members of our Diocesan Synod. They will, of course, be assisted and supported by the Diocesan Secretary, Esther Pollard, and other members of the Church House secretariat. The role of this group is to set out the needs of the diocese and also to elect six representatives to the Crown Nominations Commission.

But the story doesn't end there. There is also involvement from six central members of the Commission elected by the General Synod, the two Archbishops and the Prime Minister's and Archbishops' Secretaries for Appointments, Edward Chaplin and Caroline Boddington. Our six representatives will travel to Lambeth Palace to finalise the shortlisting and interview process with these other members of the committee.

There will also be an element of public consultation during the process and opportunities for both members of the church and the public to have their say over what they feel is crucial in our new Bishop. Edward and Caroline will visit the diocese in

the New Year to conduct their own listening exercise.

The Crown Nominations Commission will meet in May and June next year. This means we have time to prayerfully reflect on our Christian life together and to consider the next stages of our journey in Christ and the nature of the Bishop we are seeking to lead us in this.

Bishop Chris said: "While we are clearly all deeply sorry to see Bishop Tim leave us, it is a unique privilege and a responsibility for members of the Vacancy in See Committee to contribute to the process of identifying a new Bishop of Truro – and I am confident that, by approaching this with a heart to listen, a commitment to prayer and minds open to the discernment of the Holy Spirit, we will rise to that.

"It is also important for people to know that, as the Anglican Church in Cornwall, the Isles of Scilly and two Devon parishes, we will not simply stand still between now and the arrival of our new diocesan bishop. We have a lot of exciting things planned for the next year as we continue to live out our confidence in the gospel in our shared mission and purpose to discover God's kingdom and grow the church."

\* Bishop Tim's farewell letter - see page 2



## PLEDGE 5 - CLIMATE VISION

**PLEDGE FIVE: I have pledged to walk, cycle, use public transport or register with [www.carsharecornwall.com](http://www.carsharecornwall.com) 08700 111199 to travel to work or a regular journey at least once a week.**

We are half way through our pledges – well done everyone! If you have not taken part yet, please do join in, they are all easy to do and can be done in a week, Bishop Tim, Archdeacon Bill and Rev Steve Wild all did two a month for five months – but please do join us now.

Most of us travel every day, be it a walk to the shops or a drive to work, but now it is time to think about how we might do that in a better way and save carbon. It is crucial we cut carbon urgently from today. If you are walking, then great, the health benefits of that regular journey are significant. If you are driving and already rolling your eyes at the thought of public transport or car sharing in Cornwall – think on, when we launched this pledge someone living in Looe found a ride to her workplace in Hayle! Please do at least give it a try.

How do we travel? Is our journey like that of the Wise Men – vital and earth changing – or just a habit, and a waste of energy? Could we achieve the same ends in a better way?

**READ MORE**

<https://tinyurl.com/y86flqf4>

# BISHOP'S LETTER

“ Thank you for the extraordinary witness of thousands of Christians right across the diocese. A witness you have demonstrated so very clearly to me ever since I arrived as your Bishop. I have enjoyed enormously my time here and I am sorry to be saying goodbye. ”



**THE RT REVD TIM THORNTON  
BISHOP OF TRURO**

I have said to many people over the past few weeks that I am in denial as I don't really want to consider the reality of leaving. Yet of course I am moving on to a new role and so I do want to say something as I leave. I want to say **thank you!**

As you know, we have chosen to make prayer a priority in this diocese, and goodness does our world need prayer now more than ever, or so it seems. Tragically our news channels have been, and continue to be, full of dreadful horrors around the world and for the past few weeks and months, very much here in our own country, which makes you stop and think. We have a huge amount about which to pray.

It is right and proper that we as Christians

should make a priority of prayer. It should go without saying, which is why it is important to say it.

There are of course many different ways of praying and much to consider when we do pray. We need to go on learning about prayer and experiencing different forms and traditions of prayer so that we are stretched and developed in our own discipleship.

As I begin to consider seriously leaving the diocese, I want to say **thank you** for the wonderful gifts you give me, day by day. The marvellous smiles I receive from you, the wonderful words of encouragement I get daily, the work and witness of so many people right across the diocese who are clearly committed to living out their response to the love of God day by day.

When we pray, when you pray, please make sure you say **thank you** as there is so much to give thanks for.

**Thank you** Diocese of Truro and I thank God for you. The best gift you could ever give to me would be to go on thanking God and remembering we are loved children of God with so much for which we can say thanks be to God.

**READ MORE** <https://tinyurl.com/y94xqx13>

## CHANCE FOR ALL TO SAY GOODBYE TO BISHOP TIM

People from across the diocese are invited to join Bishop Tim's final service, and also to come and say goodbye and to pray with him before he leaves the diocese.

Bishop Tim will preside and preach at the Eucharist service in Truro Cathedral on Saturday, July 22, at 4pm. There will be speakers set up so the service can be relayed outside if the cathedral gets full. Following the service there will be refreshments.

Bishop Tim is also inviting those who would like to see him and say goodbye in person to join him at two open house events at Lis Escop, on either Friday, July 28 or Saturday, July 29, between 3 and 5.30pm. Refreshments will be available and people will be free to wander in the garden.

Bishop Tim hopes there will be an opportunity to say goodbye in person to all who would like to see him.

## DIOCESAN DIRECTORY CHANGES & UPDATES

### Licensed Clergy

The **Revd Stewart Turner\*** is no longer Priest in Charge of Mawnan. He continues as Priest in Charge of Constantine.

The **Revd Paul Spreadbridge\*** has resigned as House for Duty Associate Priest of the Boscastle and Tintagel Group of Churches.

The **Revd Lesley Walker** has resigned as Rector of the Meneage Benefice. She will be licensed as Bishop's Chaplain in due course and will also take on the role of Ministry Officer.

The **Revd Di Willoughby\*** has been licensed as Assistant Curate of Perranzabuloe and Crantock with Cubert. She continues as Vicar of St Clement and Assistant Curate of St Agnes and Mount Hawke with Mithian.

### Clergy RIP

Sadly the **Revd Brian Coombes**, who had PTO in this Diocese, has died.

### Clergy with PTO

The **Revd Steve Payne\*** has been given PTO in this Diocese.

\* Contact details can be found in the online directory <http://www.trurodiocese.org.uk/directory-live/>

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## SCLERDER FAMILY FESTIVAL

The Sclerder Family Festival 2017 will be taking place at Sclerder Abbey in Looe on August 19.

Hosted by the Chemin Neuf Community UK, the summer festival will take place in the grounds of the historic abbey on the Cornish coast and will include indoor and outdoor activities, arts and crafts workshops, sports, evening BBQ, live worship band and a historical tour of the Abbey.

**READ MORE** <https://tinyurl.com/y7jgrl7u>

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FESTIVAL 2017**

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<https://tinyurl.com/y8k7jrdu>

## MISSION CASE STUDY

# READER COMBINES CHURCH VOLUNTEERING WITH POLITICS

Combining a busy role as a Reader with a high-profile position at Cornwall Council is not for everyone but Ann Kerridge makes it look easy as she talks about the importance of the roles and how they can complement each other.



Arriving in Cornwall in 1976, Ann settled in the Bodmin area and has been attending Cardynham Church ever since. It was while she was a churchwarden that the church became in transition and Ann found herself taking some of the services. To her surprise, she realised she enjoyed this aspect of the service so she made the decision to train to be a Reader. She completed her training and was licensed by the Bishop in 2003. On average, she takes three services a month: a morning prayer service at Cardynham, a traditional Book of Common Prayer matins at St Hydroc's, Lanhydrock, and Cafe Church at Cardynham.

It was around a similar time (the year she turned 50) that her involvement with the council began. Having previously worked as a librarian and then as a manager of the Citizens Advice Bureau, Ann said: "It was time to move on and do something different – so I decided to stand as a councillor."

Ann was elected as a district councillor for Cornwall in 2003 and became a county councillor in 2005. She played a large

role in the implementation authority team who set up the unitary authority in 2009. She eventually became vice-chairman of the council in 2013 and then chairman in 2015.

Although her two years as chairman ended in May, she clearly relished being in the role, explaining that it was

important to not be too political.

**"What you need is a good working relationship with all the leaders in the council and that just wouldn't work if you were too controversial in your views."**

The role of chairman is varied and includes chairing eight full council meetings each year and working with the 123 councillors in Cornwall. During her time at the council she has led the Cornwall Pride March in Truro, presented D-Day veterans with the Legion of Honour Medal, presented the Cornwall Civic Award, celebrated the Cornwall Rugby Team's victory at Twickenham, attended the British Empire Medal presentations with the Lord Lieutenant, awarded the Queen's Awards for Voluntary Service and visited numerous local events and festivals around the county.

**READ MORE** <https://tinyurl.com/y9q8j55n>

## NEW BELL-RINGING BADGE AWARDED TO SCOUTS

The new scout 'Bell Ringers' activities badge was launched at the Royal Cornwall Show in June by Rt Revd Chris Goldsmith, Bishop of St Germans.

In a major initiative to involve the 2,200-plus cubs and scouts in Cornwall with rural churches, Bishop Chris and Annie Holland, President of the Truro Guild of Ringers and the Cornwall Scout leaders, presented the new scout 'Bell Ringers' activities badge at the Churches Together tent.

**READ MORE** <https://tinyurl.com/y7z9knpp>

## FROM ZENNOR CHURCH TO PARIS FASHION RUNWAY

When, or if, you think of the absolutely fabulous fashion house Alexander McQueen, handcrafted kneelers in Zennor Church, deep down in Cornwall's south west, probably don't spring to mind. But they should.

Sarah Burton, the head designer of Alexander McQueen, who took over after his tragic death in 2010, triumphed at her recent Autumn 2017 show in Paris with gorgeously rich, beautifully embellished dresses that both floated and yet were rooted in the centuries old tradition of tapestry kneelers. They were modelled on tapestry kneelers that Sarah Burton discovered when she went with her design team to Cornwall and met up with Revd Elizabeth Foot, priest-in-charge at Zennor.

**READ MORE** <https://tinyurl.com/y8t9tsny>

## ALL WELCOME TO JOURNEY WITH US FOR DAY OF PRAYER

There will be a Day of Prayer in Truro Cathedral on Saturday, July 22, when we hope that people from across the diocese will come together to pray, and build on the priority that we have set for prayer.

Everybody is invited to the event, called The Journey.

It will begin at 10am and close with an act of worship at 2pm, and people are invited to come for all or part of the event. There will be

prayer stations and plenty of space to pray in the Cathedral.

Bishop Tim said: "I am very grateful to all who have worked so hard to prepare for this. I encourage you to come and spend some time praying for the diocese, for the mission of our churches and for the coming of God's Kingdom."

**READ MORE** <https://tinyurl.com/yecj6cy85>

## PETERTIDE ORDINATIONS

The Diocese of Truro will welcome two new Deacons and seven new Priests during its Petertide services this year.

Taking place at Truro Cathedral on Friday, June 30 at 6.30pm and Saturday, July 1 at 10.30am, the services will also see the Rt Revd Tim Thornton, leading what will be his last ordinations as Bishop of Truro.

All are welcome to attend the services.

**READ MORE** <https://tinyurl.com/yaazv3j4>

# EXPLORE YOUR VOCATION WITH US

“ Have you ever sensed that God has a purpose for you and for your life? ”

**REVD CANON JANE VAUGHAN-WILSON**  
**DIOCESAN DIRECTOR OF ORDINANDS & BISHOP'S ADVISER IN PASTORAL CARE & COUNSELLING**

As you're reading this newsletter, the chances are that you consider yourself to be a servant of God. But it is also really important for each of us to consider ways in which we can serve our brothers and sisters. This helps us not only in our mission to discover God's kingdom and grow the church, but also serves to enrich all of our lives.

As Director of Ordinands, I am used to having conversations with people of all ages about whether ordination might be the right thing for them. But while I am always only too pleased to hear from someone who is thinking about ordination, it's really important to say right from the start that there are many other kinds of vocation.

It might be helping a child to read at school, it could be becoming a Lay Reader. It may be that you are called to serve as a Local Pastoral Minister, Lay Worship Leader, or to become a teacher or school governor, or being called to help in youth work – from teenagers to toddlers in Messy Church. You may feel that you have other professional or life-skills that you would like to offer the church, to be deployed in ways you haven't really considered. The possibilities are endless.

If you feel that God is calling you to serve, whether that is about giving a few hours a month or devoting a large part of your life to His work, I would like to invite you to join us in Truro Cathedral on Saturday, July 8.



We will be there with the express purpose of exploring different kinds of vocation, and hearing from people including Bishop Chris and Revd Jeremy Putnam about their own vocations. We will look at some of the possibilities for ourselves and what we can offer people, and how we can encourage others to be receptive to the call when it comes.

The day begins with prayer at 10am and continues until 3pm, with various speakers, discussion groups, a panel discussion, exercises to help people identify their specific vocation, and stalls on different types of vocation throughout the day. Some may choose to come for the entire programme, while others might want to drop in for half an hour at some point – and all will be welcomed.

It is fine for people to turn up on the day – there will be lots of friendly faces from the diocese ready to say hello. If you want to talk to somebody before then, please call our communications department on 01726 829198 and they will arrange for somebody to call you back depending on the kind of vocation you would like to explore.

I look forward to seeing you there.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### JULY 2017

- 1 St Erme Church Fete**, St Erme, 2-4
- 1 Madron Church Fete**, Madron Church, 11-2;
- 1 Tamesis concert**, St Endellion Church;
- 2 The Cotswold recorder group**, St Julitta's Church, Lanteglos 7pm £5;
- 2 Zip down with Zippy**, Gwinear Church, 2pm;
- 5 Why Dendro**, St Petrocs Parish Centre, 6pm;
- 5 Cream Tea**, St Ia, St Ives, 11am-4pm, if wet will be in church;
- 7 Church Hall and Church Fundraising Reception**, St Endellion Church Hall, 6pm, £25;

**8 VOCATIONS DAY**, Truro Cathedral, 10am - 3pm;

- 8 St Martin's Church Marquee at The Liskeard Show**, The Liskeard Show;
- 11 Divine Drumming workshop**, Epiphany House, 7-7.45pm, meditative, prayerful drumming using the Psalms, led by Andrew Nicholson. Free admission;
- 14 New Monasticism**, Epiphany House, 1.45-4.30pm, £7, led by Revd Derek Collins;
- 15 Folk Evening with the real life story of Mary Bryant in song and word**, St Lalluw's Church, Menheniot, 7.30pm, £10 inc pasty, call Ruth 01579 347462;
- 15 Endelienta Ensemble**, St Endellion Church;

**22 PRAYER DAY**, Truro Cathedral;

**22 BISHOP TIM'S FINAL EUCHARIST**, Truro Cathedral, 4pm;

- 25 July - 13 Aug Paddling Jackdaw - photographic reflections from West Cornwall & Beyond by Paul Tyreman**, St Marys Church, Penzance, 10am - 2pm;
- 29 St Erme with Trispen Fun Day**, 1 - 5pm;

### AUGUST 2017

- 9 St Endellion Church Fete**, St Endellion Rectory Lawn;
- 19 St Endellion Church Quiet Day**, 10am - 3pm, Hymns led by Ven John Rawlings;

More dates are available via our [website](#)

## 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

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