

# OUR NEWS

## JULY 2019

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### CHURCH COMMISSIONERS BACK PLAN TO TRANSFORM MISSION

The architects of a visionary £2.8 million plan to transform the Church of England within the Diocese of Truro are celebrating, following the news that the Church Commissioners have given their backing to the scheme.

The commissioners have backed the plan and agreed a grant of £1.7 million over six years, to add to the £1.15 million pledged by the Diocese of Truro. The diocesan money will be resourced by specific reserves and will not affect the MMF Call, or the money that comes direct from parishes.

The news effectively gives the green light to the scheme, which is the second phase of the diocese's Transforming Mission initiative.

It will see hubs established in St Austell, Camborne, Liskeard and Truro and will ultimately benefit the whole diocese as learnings and experiences are shared across all areas.

Phase one of the scheme saw the Transforming Mission project established in Falmouth, which has already led to the opening of the Huddle café and the creation of New Street Church, which has a sizeable weekly congregation and is growing. The number of people worshipping at the existing All Saints Church has also already grown from an average weekly attendance of 35 to 60.

The funding will be staggered over six years, with a view to the projects becoming self-sustaining after this time.

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### BISHOP CHRIS TO LEAVE FOR NATIONAL ROLE

Bishop Chris is to leave the Diocese of Truro to head the Church of England's Ministry Division, it has been announced.

In a letter to diocesan clergy and lay colleagues, Bishop Chris said it was an announcement he never expected to make.

Bishop Chris will play a lead role in supporting the continuing renewal of ministry throughout the Church of England as the church looks to increase the scale and diversity of those called to both lay and ordained ministries.

Bishop Chris succeeds Dr Mandy Ford, interim Director of Ministry, who has been leading the division on secondment from the Diocese of Southwark since September 2018.

The Rt Revd Martin Seeley, Bishop of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich and the chair of the Church of England's Ministry Council, said: "Bishop Chris will bring the gifts, expertise and passion we need to engage faithfully and creatively with what God is calling the Church to be. I very much look forward to us working together."

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### PETERTIDE ORDINATIONS TAKE PLACE THIS WEEKEND

The Petertide ordinations take place this week (Friday, June 28 and Saturday, June 29).

Among those being deaconed and priested are a retired Met anti-corruption officer and a former Methodist minister.

Next month's newsletter will include photos and an article on the services but in the meantime, read more about those being ordained on the

diocesan website at [trurodiocese.org.uk/story\\_type/petertide-ordinations/](http://trurodiocese.org.uk/story_type/petertide-ordinations/)

All are invited to the services which are both taking place at Truro Cathedral. The first service for those being deaconed will take place at 7.30pm on Friday, June 28 with the second service for those being priested is due to take place at 10.30am on Saturday, June 29.

# RETIREMENT BECKONS FOR THE BISHOP'S CHAPLAIN

With her neat, dark hair, black clerical shirt and a penchant for a colourful jacket, the Revd Canon Lesley Walker cuts a distinctive figure.

Many people will know her from her 10 years as Rector of Meneage or ensuing stint as the Rural Dean of Kerrier; many more will have come into contact with her as the Bishop's Chaplain.

Those who have taken time to get to know Lesley will be aware of her love of an annual holiday in the sunshine of Barbados, working her way through a huge pile of novels ... not to mention the occasional rum punch.

## Motor sports marshal

And a few of her colleagues and friends here in the Diocese of Truro may even know that she has an unusual hobby – as a registered marshal for the Motor Sports Association.

But later this month Lesley will pick up the Lis Escop telephone for the last time, as she steps into a new chapter of her life: retirement.

Her approach to this next stage in life is characteristically relaxed: she hasn't set herself goals in advance, and doesn't have a clear idea of what it will hold for her. But this is not a source of stress, as she is happy to see what God has in store for her.

Because Lesley's life has not been punctuated by what others might consider the usual milestones.

One of the defining moments of her life came when she was just 28. Her husband, Peter, suffered from a



life-limiting heart condition he had had since birth. "In 1982, just after Christmas, he was poorly. He had picked up a bug and had been in a bad way all week, and on the Friday night I said he needed to go and see the doctor. The doctor saw him and sent him straight to the Royal Sussex County Hospital, and he died that night from an embolism."

Lesley was 28, their son David, nine, and their daughter, Amy, just a week off her fourth birthday.

## Church community

In the years since their wedding, Lesley and Peter had become increasingly involved in their local church community, and it was to provide Lesley with a great deal of support and help when she found herself suddenly alone. "When we were planning Peter's funeral, we chose God Moves in a Mysterious Way, and that has been very much what life has been about," said Lesley.

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# CELEBRATED AUTHOR TO HOST WORKSHOP IN TRURO

Celebrated author Margaret Silf will be at Truro Methodist Church on Saturday, July 6 to lead a workshop entitled Through Turmoil to Transformation.

Margaret is known for her books for

contemporary pilgrims searching for a spiritual way.

Tickets are £10 on the door or can be booked by emailing [hilary.sponge@sent.com](mailto:hilary.sponge@sent.com) or call 07855781134.

# DIOCESAN DIRECTORY CHANGES & UPDATES

## LICENSED CLERGY

**Revd Rosheen Browning\*** has been licensed as Priest in Charge of Camborne, Tuckingmill and Penponds; Crowan and Treslothan.

## PTO

**Revd Claire McIlroy\*** has PTO category A in this diocese. **Revd Richard Dorrington** & **Revd David Wills** no longer have PTO in this diocese.

## CHURCH HOUSE

**Katie Fitzsimmons** has joined the education department at Church House as Director for Schools.

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# IICSA HEARING: JULY 1

The Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (IICSA) will start its general hearing on the Anglican Church on July 1.

IICSA was set up in 2015 because of serious concerns that some organisations had failed and in some cases were continuing to fail to protect children.

The Anglican Church in England and Wales is one of the 14 areas being investigated and the inquiry's main focus will be the Church of England. IICSA will assess the appropriateness of the church's safeguarding and child protection policies and practice. There have already been two public hearings with Chichester Diocese and Bishop Peter Ball as case studies.

A Q&A paper giving broad details about the involvement of the Anglican Church can be found [here](#).

The reports published by IICSA into the church can be found [here](#).

# CREATIONFEST CHURCH LEADERS' LUNCHEON

Church leaders are invited to a Creationfest (free) Luncheon on August 3 at 11am at the Royal Cornwall Showground in Wadebridge. To book office@creationfest.org.uk

# NEW DIRECTOR FOR SCHOOLS

Katie Fitzsimmons has joined the education team at Church House in the role of Director for Schools. Katie comes with a wealth of experience.

Katie came to teaching from a job in industry, working in London for the Royal Mail in project management. "I had one of those moments of reflection! I was spending my life travelling and dealing with angry people and where was the value in it?"



The other deciding factor was the opportunity to work with children across Cornwall. I remember being at a session for school leaders from the South West once and someone said 'if your child wants to be a doctor, don't send them to school in Cornwall'.

Having decided to train as a teacher, Katie joined the graduate teacher programme which saw her thrown in at the deep end in the classroom. "It really was an incredible space to be in. I was teaching languages in a secondary modern where the head teacher was passionately committed to comprehensive education, to better opportunities for every child."

Katie stepped into school leadership and later moved down to Cornwall with her husband where she continued in secondary education.

Following time spent as a school improvement advisor in Worcestershire, which helped Katie grow her experience across primary and secondary education, she returned to Cornwall and the Diocese of Truro.

"As a Christian, this was a chance to really make it a part of my work."

"Well, I am the mother of a child who wants to be a doctor and who goes to school in Cornwall. I want to be in a position to ensure we are providing the best opportunities for all the children in our schools to be able to actively choose their future and share Christian values.

**"It's the whole child that matters"**

"So much of my work has been in standards, but, alongside that, I don't lose sight of the fact that it's the whole child that matters."

Katie says that while she really values the opportunity to live and work in the diocese, she is not blind to the challenges that exist in Cornwall. "It's about using our core Christian values and the vision for education to help our young people navigate a rapidly changing and often confusing world by giving them the skills to do that."

## OVER 200 ATTEND SERVICE FOR ARCHDEACON CLIVE

Over 200 people attended a service of thanksgiving for the life and ministry of The Venerable Canon Clive Cohen who was Archdeacon in this diocese between 2000 and 2011.

Held at St Michael's Church in Teignmouth where Clive and his wife June had moved following his retirement from the diocese in 2011, the service included a tribute from the Dean of Truro, the Very Revd Roger Bush. There were also two readings by his sons Alexander and Edward.

Clive is survived by his wife June, his children Katherine, Alexander, William and Edward and his seven grandchildren.

## PARISH TRAINING 2019/2020

The parish training opportunities booklet for 2019/2020 has now been published. To see what is on offer to parishes over the next 12 months, visit [www.trurodiocese.org.uk/parish-training-days/](http://www.trurodiocese.org.uk/parish-training-days/)

Booking is via BookWhen with links published in the booklet.

## #MORETHANSUNDAY

The Diocese of Manchester has launched a new year long programme (beginning on July 1) which aims to help us all grow our faith and increase our discipleship. Sign up to take part in the **#MoreThanSunday** programme at [www.manchester.anglican.org/more-than-sunday/](http://www.manchester.anglican.org/more-than-sunday/) You will receive a monthly email containing a reflection and Bible quote relevant to that month's theme; a link to a podcast featuring people who have an insight to share, and some suggested actions to try. Created by lay people for lay people, **#MoreThanSunday** is available for everyone to take part in. You can also share your discipleship journey using the hashtag **#MoreThanSunday** and join the MoreThanSunday facebook group for support and encouragement.



■ PICTURED ABOVE: Bishop Philip was able to confirm pupils during a visit to Bishop Cornish School in Saltash in June. Speaking after the service, head teacher Sue Green said: "The children found the service very affirming and they are excited about continuing their faith journey."

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Bishop Philip's blog  
[trurodiocese.org.uk/bishops-blog/](http://trurodiocese.org.uk/bishops-blog/)  
on Twitter:  
[@pmounstephen](https://twitter.com/pmounstephen)

## ENVIRONMENT

## CHURCH'S COMMUNITY GARDEN UP FOR SOUTH WEST IN BLOOM

The community garden at All Saints Church in Mylor will be assessed for South West in Bloom in July.

The garden was developed, with help from a £1,820 Funds for Mission grant from the diocese, after church member Julie Munro read the diocese's 'Connecting me with climate Change' leaflet. Julie said: "It was as a result of reading the leaflet that I was inspired to ask the PCC if we could go ahead with a garden project on the land at the side and rear of the church. The land was never used."

It was decided to involve local organisations in making the plot into a community garden. As well as being

great for the environment it was also an excellent way for the church to engage with the local community and tick off a range of achievements as they work towards a Green Church Kernow (GCK) Award.

The garden now regularly features in the village magazine and has attracted support from other organisations including the local garden club, Women's Institute and Brownies.

Julie added: "After successful funding bids and a good deal of hard work, our garden is now growing. We are gardening organically, making compost, harvesting rainwater and have sown wild flower seeds and are growing companion plants to encourage wildlife."



**PICTURED:** Good news this month also comes from Maryfield Church, Torpoint, (above) which has gained BOTH bronze and silver GCK awards (at the same time!) and from St Petroc's Church in Bodmin (Rev'd Elaine Munday and helper Cherry, right) which held an environment-themed service – for many churches the first step towards deeper engagement with our God-given mandate to care for God's creation.



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

## JULY

- 1 Being a Disciple Today with Drew Cox**, Penmorvah Manor Hotel, Budock Water, 7.30pm.
- 2 Environmental champions training**, All Saints Church, Falmouth, 6pm, to book: [luci@climatevision.co.uk](mailto:luci@climatevision.co.uk)
- 6 New PCC secretaries training**, Church House, Truro, 9.30am, to book click [here](#).
- 6 Through Turmoil to Transformation with author Margaret Silf**, Truro Methodist Church, 10.30am - 4pm, £10 on the door (£9 in advance), T 07855781134 or E [hilaryspong@sent.com](mailto:hilaryspong@sent.com)
- 7 Celtic Evening Prayer**, St Petroc's Church, Bodmin, 6pm - 7pm, talk by Canon David White 'The Trinity - Come on in'.
- 9 Pastoral team co-ordinators training**, Tresillian Methodist Church, 9.30am, to book click [here](#)
- 12 Environmental champions training**, St Wenn Church, 6pm, to book: [luci@climatevision.co.uk](mailto:luci@climatevision.co.uk)
- 13 The Wounded Healer Course**, Gwennap Church Hall, 9.30am - 4.30pm, To book: [kehunterjones@gmail.com](mailto:kehunterjones@gmail.com)
- 16 Weaving - A quiet afternoon of reading & reflections**, led by Rev'd Philip Greenhalgh, 1.30pm - 4.30pm, Epiphany House, Truro, more info: 01872 272249.
- 17 New PCC treasurers training**, Truro, 5.45pm, to book click [here](#).
- 20 Environmental champions training**, St Andrews Church, Redruth, 11am, to book: [luci@climatevision.co.uk](mailto:luci@climatevision.co.uk)
- 20 New churchwardens training**, Truro, 9.30am, to book click [here](#).
- 28 Shevioc Cream Teas**, 3pm - 5.30pm, The Bungalow, Crafthole, PL113BY.

## SAVE THE DATE

**September 8 Ability Sunday**, Livability will be producing a resource pack. See [www.livability.org.uk/resouces/ability-sunday/](http://www.livability.org.uk/resouces/ability-sunday/)

**September 14 Vocations Day**, Truro Cathedral

**October 5 Faith & Mental Health Day**, Truro Methodist Church - see more next month.

**October 18 Freedom Sunday**, The national church is asking churches to focus their services and prayer on modern slavery to raise awareness of the issue and move people towards taking action in their communities.

## GET IN TOUCH

News story or a diary date to share? Call 01872 360037 Email [comms@truro.anglican.org](mailto:comms@truro.anglican.org)

## OTHER LINKS

**Prayer Diary** [trurodiocese.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/Prayer-Diary-June-to-Sept-2019.pdf](http://trurodiocese.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/Prayer-Diary-June-to-Sept-2019.pdf)

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