

OUR NEWS

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TAKING THE NEXT STEP: VOCATIONS DAY & FOND FAREWELL TO +CHRIS

Bishop Chris' leaving service will be an integral part of this year's Diocese of Truro Vocations Day in the cathedral on Saturday, September 14 - and it couldn't be more fitting.

Before his ordination, Bishop Chris spent many years as a Reader, and even longer as a disciple committed to bringing Christian values into the workplace and other areas of life – and the next step on his pilgrimage is to head up the Ministry Division for the Church of England. In this new role he will lead a team looking to encourage and increase the scale and diversity of those called to both lay and ordained ministries within the church.



discerning how you can answer that call.

Both Bishop Philip and Bishop Chris will be there for the day, and attendees will have an opportunity to hear from each of them.

The day will be punctuated by the opportunity to talk in small groups with facilitators. This will help those who come along to explore the call they might be experiencing and what the next steps might be for them.

Vocations Day open to all

Vocations Day is an opportunity for anybody to explore their calling – whatever that might be. It could be that someone feels called to the priesthood, but it could equally be that they are drawn to helping others in their community by becoming a local worship leader, local pastoral minister, a youth worker, a churchwarden, a teacher or school governor. The possibilities and opportunities for service are endless, and a calling can manifest itself in many ways. There will be people on hand to help you listen to the voice that is calling you, and to begin



Tea & cake

After lunch, people will come together at 1.30pm for worship and the service of thanks for Bishop Chris's time in the diocese. Bishop Chris will preach – and it is hoped that others from across the diocese who might not have been able to make it for the full day will come along for this. After the service, there will be presentations to Bishop Chris and his wife, Ellie, who also served as a minister in the diocese, followed by tea and cake and the chance for everybody to socialise.

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ARCHDEACON WILL BE INSTALLED THIS SUNDAY

The Venerable Paul Bryer will be installed as the new Archdeacon of Cornwall on Sunday, September 1 during a service at Truro Cathedral.

All are invited to attend the service, which starts at 4pm, and welcome Paul to the diocese. Refreshments will be served in the cathedral after the Evensong and installation.

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DIOCESAN SYNOD TO BE HELD IN SEPTEMBER

The next diocesan synod takes place at County Hall in Truro on Saturday, September 28 from 9am.

Members of the public are welcome to observe the meeting from the public gallery in the main council chamber.

Being discussed this month: shaping the diocesan budget for 2020 - 2022 and an update on MMF, an update on July's General Synod and a draft revised DAC constitution for approval.

A detailed agenda will be available shortly on the diocesan website.

OPENING DOORS, HEARTS AND KITCHENS TO THE HOMELESS

Homelessness, being disadvantaged, living on the margins. However you choose to describe the life circumstances of too many of our neighbours, it doesn't change the reality of what it is. Lonely, isolating, confusing, often scary and almost universally misunderstood.

Seen by many as problem people, two churches, St Michael's in Newquay and St Columb Minor, refuse to refer to those struggling to live as society expects as 'them'. "Neither are they problem people, they are simply people with problems," say Revd Jem Thorold and rural dean, Revd Chris McQuillan-Wright. People with names, back-stories and lives that deserve to be lived to the full.

When confronted with homelessness or similar issues, many people throw up their hands in despair and ask, often rhetorically, "But what can we do?" Revd Jem and Revd Chris would answer, "Roll up your sleeves, open your doors and work out the best way to make people feel welcome, valued and cared for."

Each is an associate priest to the other and between them, they have a powerful ministry for those closest to Jesus heart. "Come to me all who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens and I will give you rest," (Matthew 11:28).

Practicality, common sense and kindness lies behind the work at St Michael's. Under the title "Touch the hem of the cloak of Christ," a programme to offer food and a place to talk runs throughout the week. From Sunday through to Saturday there is something going on that involves food.

On Sunday and Monday there is Little Sparrows, when the church is open for tea, sandwiches, biscuits and cake if someone has made one. Run by volunteer Anthony Marriot, he doesn't sit and wait for the people to come, he goes out to where they are and personally invites them.



■ PICTURED ABOVE: Revd Chris, Revd Jem and Revd Lee

On Tuesday a drop in and share café (DISC) operates, run by another volunteer, Monique, with food provided by a restaurant chef from the town.

DISC is an inspiring model of how churches can reach out and help. It not only provides a warm welcome and a good lunch but also, on occasion, the free services of a vet, barber, debt counselling, access to help with addiction through Addaction and Newquay's only needle exchange.

On Thursday, they work with the Soul Food Kitchen at the Newquay Centre. It's a community-based project that provides a meal and somewhere safe to go. Friday is Foodbank day as well as DISC and on Saturday they run SNAK, another food-based welcome to whoever wants to come. Whatever day of the week, whatever your circumstances, there will be a warm welcome at St Michael's.

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DIOCESAN DIRECTORY CHANGES & UPDATES

LICENSED CLERGY

Revd Etienne van Blerk* has been licensed as Priest in Charge of Carbis Bay, Lelant.

Revd Dr Peter Knight* has been licensed as Priest-in-Charge of Launceston and Priest-in-Charge of Boyton, North Tamerton, Werrington, St Giles-in-the-Heath and Virginstow. He is also team leader for the Conventional District of Trigg Major Deanery.

PTO

Revd John Hereward, Revd Philip Conway, Revd Chris Epps, Revd Jill Edwards and the **Rt Revd Graham James** have been given PTO in this diocese.

CHURCH HOUSE

Penny Lane has joined the Church House team as Operations Manager.

* Contact details can be found in the online directory at trurodiocese.org.uk/directory-live/

DRIVERS SOUGHT

Volunteer drivers are being sought by Volunteer Cornwall for its community transport scheme.

Every year the organisation and its drivers help 50,000 people get around Cornwall. This often involves trips to the hospital, educational appointments, and helping isolated and people with disabilities get out of the house.

Volunteer Cornwall urgently needs more volunteers to ensure this vital service can continue to be provided. Drivers get all mileage expenses reimbursed and it also provides the opportunity to meet new people.

For more information call Volunteer Cornwall on 01872 265300 or email bookings@volunteercornwall.org to find out more.

CHAIRS AVAILABLE

50 chairs in good condition available. For more information call Peter or Vanessa on 01579 382484.

BRINGING BACK THE LIGHT

At the beginning of August, a group of pilgrims could be seen walking from Boscastle to its mother church, Minster Church, where there is a holy well.

Walking through the beautiful Valency Valley, they traced the footsteps of St Madryn who founded the church in its peaceful setting in the 6th Century. Madryn was a Welsh princess who became known as a healer, leading to a belief that the spring had healing powers.

Led by Bishop Chris, this was a pilgrimage with purpose. They were carrying the Light of Christ, represented by a candle in a lantern,

to dedicate the new windows at Minster. The pilgrims also stopped to collect water from the holy well for Bishop Chris to bless the windows.

Says Priest-in-Charge Revd Heather Aston, "It was a wonderful community event. We were delighted to welcome over 70 people and to make a special presentation to Arthur Bradley who, with his son-in-law Frank, was the craftsman who remade the windows bringing light back to the church."



'... BESIDE STILL WATERS' TO RE-DEDICATE A BENCH

The Bishop of Truro, the Rt Revd Philip Mounstephen has re-dedicated a bench in memory of Violet Knight, the mother of the city's current Town Crier, at Boscawen Park, Truro.

Lionel Knight, whose dulcet tones have been heard booming across Truro for the last five years in his civic role, originally placed a bench near the park in memory of his mum following her death aged 103 in 2013. But just before Christmas 2018, the bench was destroyed when it was hit by a car.

Having had the honour of showing the new Bishop around Truro on the morning of his installation as Bishop of Truro in January, Lionel made a special request to have the newly replaced bench blessed and re-dedicated by Bishop Philip.

Bishop Philip began by reading Psalm 23, The Lord is My Shepherd which very aptly includes the line 'He leads me beside still waters'.



■ PICTURED Bishop Philip sits with Town Crier Lionel Knight on his mum's bench

In his blessing, Bishop Philip said: "Lord, today as we gather in memory of Vi, we give thanks for her life and her love of this beautiful city. We give thanks too for this place and we remember her enjoyment this beautiful view. We dedicate this place to her memory, and we pray for all those who come and sit beside the still waters that they may find rest for their souls. May your blessing rest upon them."

The short service finished with the Lord's Prayer.

GRANTS FOR CHRISTIAN BOOKS AVAILABLE

Speaking Volumes offers grants for libraries, schools, prisons, care homes and churches – actually, anywhere a book can be borrowed and enjoyed by a wide readership.

The grants are for the purchase of Christian books from a local Christian bookshop and the list of available books can be seen on www.speakingvolumes.org.uk

The next application period runs from September 1 to October 31. While funding is available for all sorts of libraries, the charity has been given extra funding specifically for

For more information and to apply visit www.speakingvolumes.org.uk

SPIRITUAL EXERCISES IN DAILY LIFE OFFERED

Epiphany House is offering the Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius in daily life from October 2019 to May 2020.

The Spiritual Exercises are a compilation of meditations, prayers, and contemplative practices developed by St Ignatius Loyola to help people deepen their relationship with God. They help each person to know the God of love and compassion more intimately in their own life's circumstances, to grow in that sense of love, and to see more clearly how to live out that love for God and for others in those same particular circumstances.

Epiphany House is offering the Exercises in daily life (also known as the 19th annotation), in a small group setting led by experienced spiritual directors. Sessions will take place weekly from October 2019 to May 2020, beginning the week of October 7. There will be an afternoon and an evening session; it is hoped that retreatants will be able to attend each week. To register email manager@epiphanyhouse.co.uk or call 01872 272249.

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Bishop Philip's blog
trurodiocese.org.uk/bishops-blog/
on Twitter:
@pmounstephen

ENVIRONMENT

CELEBRATING GOD'S CREATION DURING CREATIONTIDE

September sees the beginning of the season of Creationtide, which lasts through to the feast of St Francis on October 4 and is the time specifically designated for churches to celebrate and pray for God's Creation.

Many churches have harvest festivals, which are a particularly good opportunity for us all to reflect more widely on humanity's place within the natural world and to seek God's guidance about how we can play our part in taking good care of his planet. There are a range of good resources on the internet to help you plan appropriate worship for this time of year. Here are a few to get you started:

- www.creationtide.wordpress.com/
- www.churchofengland.org/environment/acen.anglicancommunion.org/resources/season-of-creation.aspx
- www.seasonofcreation.org/

Remember that if you hold a special event themed around our Christian call to care for the planet, do take some photos and send them in to Luci Isaacson via luci@climatevision.co.uk with a short report on your activity. It may well also contribute to your church's progress towards a Green Church Kernow Award: trurodiocese.org.uk/environment/green-church-kernow-awards/). If you are not already part of the scheme, Creationtide is a good time to get on board!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SEPTEMBER

- Until 4th Craft Fayre**, St Swithin's, Launcells, 10am - 5pm.
- 6, 7, 8 Underneath the Arches Flower Festival**, St Breward Church, 10am - 5pm, Free admission, refreshments in the village hall.
- 7 St Mary's Soiree**, Sheviock Parish Church, 7pm - 9pm.
- 8 Ladock Church Windows talk with Michael Swift**, Ladock Church, 3pm.
- 8 Ability Sunday**, Livability will be producing a resource pack. See www.livability.org.uk/resources/ability-sunday/
- 14 Vocations Day**, Truro Cathedral.
- 19 Meet the Funders, Developing your project**, Carnon Downs Methodist Church Hall, 9.45am - 1.30pm, Call 01872 274351 ext 2015.
- 20 Allo Allo! with Murder by appointment**, All Saints Church, Falmouth, 7pm. Tickets £25.
- 21 Families for Children adoption information session**, Pirran Meadows Resort & Spa, Whitcross, Newquay, TR8 4LW, 10am - 12 noon, to book: 01271 612004.
- 28 Barn Dance with Krely's Ceilidh band**, Shuttleworth Hall (behind Egloshayle Church), 6.30pm, £8 adults/ £4 children.
- 29 Windows & Tea with Michael Swift**, Kenwyn Church, Truro, 3.45pm. Tickets £5 on the door.
- 30 The power of the Cross with Bob Dunnett**, Penmorvah Manor Hotel, Budock Water, 7.30pm.

SAVE THE DATE

- October 5 Faith & Mental Health Day**, Truro Methodist Church - see more next month.
- October 12 Annual Readers' Service**, Truro Cathedral, 11am.
- 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.
- October 20 One World Week** focusing on Climate change.
- November 3 Installation of Canons**, Truro Cathedral.
- November 17 Environment Service**, Truro Cathedral, 2pm.
- November 23 Service of thanksgiving for safeguarding co-ordinators**, St Petroc's Church, Bodmin.

GET IN TOUCH

News story or a diary date to share? Call 01872 360037 Email comms@truro.anglican.org

OTHER LINKS

- Prayer Diary** trurodiocese.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/Prayer-Diary-June-to-Sept-2019.pdf
- Maintenancebooker website & newsletter** www.maintenancebooker.org.uk/



PICTURED ABOVE: In July a bioblitz was held in St Mary's Churchyard Penzance. A bioblitz is "an intense period of biological surveying in an attempt to record all the living species within a designated area".

Bioblitzes are carried out by groups of scientists, naturalists and volunteers, often including members of the public with the goal of encouraging more public interest in biodiversity and the natural world. The picture above shows

some of the people who took part at St Mary's and the ways the work was carried out and recorded.

Bioblitzes make an important contribution to our understanding of nature and therefore help us to understand how best to help the natural world that is God's creation thrive. If you want to know more about how you or your church might become involved, contact the diocesan environment officer Luci Isaacson via luci@climatevision.co.uk

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