

# OUR NEWS

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## REMARKABLE READERS GATHER FOR ANNUAL CATHEDRAL SERVICE

Readers from across the diocese came together in October to celebrate and mark their ministry and welcome new Readers who were being licensed.

As Bishop Philip said, they represented remarkable commitment, remarkable dedication and remarkable service.

It was Bishop Philip's first licensing service since arriving in the diocese. Speaking on Donna Birrell's BBC Radio Cornwall show, he said: "There were four people at the service who had a combined ministry between them of more than 175 years! One gentleman

had been a Reader for 25 years and there were three who had been Readers for 50 years each."

While the service was presided over by Bishop Philip, Readers played a lead role including Wendy Smith from Crewenna, who felt honoured to act as assistant to the bishop for the event.

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## 600 ENTRIES FOR CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

"How can I possibly choose?" were the first words of Bishop Philip when he saw the hundreds of designs for his Christmas card laid out in front of him. When Bishop Philip put a call out to schools across Cornwall for children to design a Christmas card, he had little idea how enthusiastic the response would be. 602 entries were received from children in church schools across the diocese.

They ranged from the very well executed cards that showed traditional nativity scenes to brightly coloured pictures of the Bishop himself!

The standard was very high and the choice almost impossible, but Bishop Philip and local artist Caroline Marwood agreed on a clear winner. It was by five-year-old Beth from Bishop Bronescombe.

## REMEMBERING THE HOPE FOR A BETTER FUTURE

This year, for Remembrance, we are thinking about the contribution that our county made, of the brave men and women that sacrificed so much for us to lead the lives we do and the great sense of everyone working together to fulfil the hope of peace and unification.

Behind the infamous stories, it's easy to forget that for every soldier, from wherever in the world they came from, there was a life threaded into the fabric of other lives. Each one a son, brother, uncle, friend or even parent.

So where was faith? Where was God? And what happened to unity?

On May 26, 1940, when the British army were stranded and out manoeuvred in Dunkirk, facing untold horrors at the hands of the Nazis, an urgent call to specific prayer came from King George VI. Millions gathered across the nation, commonwealth and allied nations in cathedrals and churches to pray. Churchill said that hopefully 20-30,000 troops might escape back to Britain. Instead, over 300,000 were saved as almost everyone who had a boat risked everything to make the journey across the channel and rescue the troops.

When we stand in silence in November, and remember them, we will remember their hope in a better future for all of us. We will remember collectively and personally, whether of faith or no faith, remembering how fortunate we are that we have the choice to do so, however we choose to do it.



## HOMELESS PEOPLE AT RISK FROM MODERN SLAVERY

Staff and volunteers at night shelters are being urged to look out for signs of exploitation among clients in a campaign launched by the Church of England's anti-slavery initiative.

More than 1,000 posters and other materials aimed at raising awareness of the dangers of modern slavery amongst homeless people are to be distributed to night shelters across the country by The Clewer Initiative, the CofE's response to modern slavery.

The Let's Talk initiative is encouraging night shelters and other outreach services such as soup kitchens to share



concerns with the Modern Slavery helpline or local support services.

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## BUDGET DECISIONS NEEDED AT NOVEMBER'S DIOCESAN SYNOD

The next diocesan synod takes place on Saturday, November 16 in Truro during which members will be asked to approve the budget for 2020 - 2022.

Following on from September's synod when members took part in break out sessions to discuss the financial challenges and trends facing the diocese, during the November session they will be asked to feedback on discussions and reactions they later had in their parishes on the subject. This will be followed by a report from the Chairman of Truro Diocesan Board of Finance Ltd, Mike Sturgess, before the Bishop puts forward the motion for the budget to be approved.

The synod, which takes place at County Hall in Truro starting at 9.30am, will also include a presentation by Dr Tim Ling, Director of Learning and Development for the

Church Army and Revd Simon Cade, Director of Education and Discipleship. Called God for Cornwall, the report by the Church Army is aimed at helping the church to respond to the challenge of being a church with children and young people at its heart and will particularly look at how this relates to the national Growing Faith initiative.

The meeting is an open session and members of the public are welcome to observe from the public gallery in the main council chamber.

The full meeting agenda is available on the diocesan website at [trurodiocese.org.uk/resources/policy-governance/diocesan-synod/november-2018/](http://trurodiocese.org.uk/resources/policy-governance/diocesan-synod/november-2018/)

## FROM CRAFT CLUB TO CATHEDRAL CONFIRMATION

When Joan joined the Crafty Club at St Andrew's, Redruth, she had no idea it would lead both herself and her husband, David, to confirmation at Truro Cathedral earlier this month. It was also through the club that David's considerable woodturning

skills became known and he was asked to create figures for a nativity scene that could be taken to the housebound over Christmas.

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## DIOCESAN DIRECTORY CHANGES & UPDATES

### LICENSED CLERGY

**Revd Teresa Folland\*** was licensed in October as Priest in Charge of Stratton, Launcells, Poughill, Kilkhampton and Morwenstow. She is no longer an Assistant Curate at Launceston.

\* Contact details can be found in the online directory at [trurodiocese.org.uk/directory-live/](http://trurodiocese.org.uk/directory-live/)

## SHARE THE FESTIVE JOY WITH A CHRISTMAS GIVING CATALOGUE GIFT

With Christmas just two months away, people are starting to think about looking for that perfect gift. But rather than give another pair of socks, why not do something good for the community? The Cornish Christmas Giving Catalogue features 20 charitable organisations including food banks, which are all working in Cornwall to provide advice, assistance, support and much more, to people in the local community. You choose the 'gift' and in return you will receive a certificate to pass on to your family member or friend. Gifts start from just a £1.

### MORE INFORMATION

To view the catalogue online visit [cornwallindependentpovertyforum.wordpress.com/cornish-christmas-giving/](http://cornwallindependentpovertyforum.wordpress.com/cornish-christmas-giving/) or click [here](#)

## PARISH BUYING

Parish Buying is a buying service set up by the church, for the church. It has negotiated contracts and discounts which are available to all parishes for things such as furniture, insurance, electricity and gas, office products and church supplies. To find out more visit the website [parishbuying.org.uk](http://parishbuying.org.uk)

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# CELEBRATING THE FIRST 25 YEARS OF WOMEN'S MINISTRY

“ When I was first exploring ministry there simply were no women. My only references were nuns and something called a deaconess, but I'd never met one. ”

*Revd Canon Jane Vaughan-Wilson*

And it seems that Revd Jane Vaughan-Wilson was not alone in this experience. Hers was one of many stories shared at the Celebration of Women's Ministry in September.



Revd Canon Jane Vaughan-Wilson

Along with her colleagues Revd Mary West and Revd Becca Bell, Jane spoke about the journey to priesthood, its challenges and its joys.

Becca, priest in charge of six churches in Southeast Cornwall, firmly believes that women's ministry has come a very long way in 25 years, but that there's still more road ahead. Revd Becca is immensely grateful for the work undertaken by all those who have gone before, "I really can't comprehend what they had to go through, so that I can be here today, doing a job I love."

You can read the stories of Jane, Becca and Mary in full on our website here

## FAITH AND MENTAL HEALTH IN CORNWALL

October saw people gather from across Cornwall to find out more about the relationship between faith and mental health as part of the Faith and Mental Health day organised by the Diocese of Truro and Transformation Cornwall.

During the day there were talks by those working in the fields of mental health and pastoral care including Phil Confue, Chief Executive, Cornwall Partnership NHS Foundation Trust (CPFT) who provided an overview of Cornwall mental health services. Revd Kathy Brooke, lead chaplain from the department of spiritual and pastoral care within CPFT also spoke.

Throughout the day, people spoke movingly of their own experiences of mental health and how the fragile building blocks of their lives had been smashed. It became clear that what helped, whether of faith or not, was that from these devastating events, the possibility of renewal and rebuilding could be helped by churches and their people.

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## BISHOP PHILIP THANKS HELICOPTER SEARCH AND RESCUE TEAMS DURING VISIT TO NEWQUAY BASE

Bishop Philip has expressed his gratitude for the hugely skilled, professional and courageous work of the helicopter search and rescue teams, on a visit to their Newquay base.

Bishop Philip met with Chief Pilot Mark Coupland and a serving crew, and was given a detailed tour of the operations centre and accommodation facilities, and an opportunity to see the base's pair of Sikorsky S92 aircraft up close.



A year-on-year increase in the volume of emergency calls saw Newquay become the busiest base in the UK in 2018, with its crews flying as far afield as Wales, London, the Channel Islands, the Isles of Scilly and more than 200 miles over the sea out to the South West. The team has now completed more than 1,200 missions since opening.

That trend has continued in 2019, with a significant volume of events in the water and around the coastline – from delivering premature babies to specialist hospital care, to the challenging rescue of those fallen from cliffs, stranded by rising tides and fishermen lost overboard during severe weather.

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## TELL US ABOUT YOUR CHRISTMAS SERVICES

With Christmas quickly approaching and plans for festive services and events well under way, the diocese is keen to help churches promote their events to the wider public.

Every year the diocese asks parishes to send in their events so that they can be included on a list that goes out to local media and others. This year in order to make it easier for parishes to do this, we have devised a simple form to enable you to give us all the relevant information to promote your parish.

**To tell us about your Christmas events**  
[click here](#)



## THE SEASON OF CREATION IN ACTION ACROSS THE DIOCESE

From the Day of Prayer at the beginning of September to St Francis Day in October, the Season of Creation, or Creationtide, was embraced by churches across the world and within the diocese. It's a time dedicated to God as creator and sustainer of life, prompting many Cornish congregations to take action, demonstrating the essential links between worship and work.

A concert at Christchurch Lanner brought to life the theology of creation through songs, poetry and talks. Environmental and social issues were highlighted and the simple practical actions everyone can take, like the 10 pledges. The church also launched its Eco Brick campaign.

Other churches, like St Clement, St Stephen-in-Brannel and St Constantine held environmental services, encouraging people to undertake Pledge 4 - writing to a local MP about climate and soil and consider Pledge 2, buying seasonal fruit and vegetables. Find more about the Climate Change Pledges [here](#).

All Saints Church, Hightertown held an event to raise environmental issues



### Constantine Church's certificate

inviting a rapper, poet, fashion designer and speaker from Extinction Rebellion.

As momentum for opportunities around the environment grows, put next year's Season of Creation in your diaries. There will be time for reflection and activity next year during Lent, the Lambeth Conference, and COP26 in Glasgow, when world leaders will come together to discuss how to tackle climate change on a global scale, following up from the Paris Climate Change agreement.

## YOUNG PEOPLE TO SING 'SONGS FOR EARTH' AT TRURO CATHEDRAL

Pupils of Cornish schools and members of the county youth choir will all perform at a special service in November to celebrate our planet and the children who are fighting for it.

The Songs for Earth service will be held in Truro Cathedral, at 2pm, on Sunday, November 17. The children are being invited to meet from 1.15pm on Lemon Quay and march to the cathedral with their banners.

Diocese of Truro environment officer, Luci Isaacson, said: "Many people are wondering what exactly they can do themselves to help the climate. If that sounds familiar, why not come along to this cathedral service that celebrates the gift of creation and the actions of many across the whole diocese of Truro?"

"School choirs from across the county will process through Truro to join us, and together we will sing Songs for Earth to highlight our opportunity to make change. This event will help us all galvanise our passion into much-needed action - to reduce our carbon emissions and enjoy learning what we can all do."

As well as the schools and county youth choir taking part, the event is being held in conjunction with the Cornwall Federation of WIs (CFWI).

The federation was represented on the original steering group for the cathedral's Footsteps to Copenhagen Project that led to the creation of the Ten Pledges, which have been adopted by hundreds of people across the diocese.

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### NOVEMBER

**2 Reflective day on Gerard Manley Hopkins** led by Revd Professor Paul Fiddes, St Endellion Church, 10am - 3pm, £10. Book [judithpollinger262@gmail.com](mailto:judithpollinger262@gmail.com).

**3 Installation of Canons**, Truro Cathedral.

**7 Meet the Funders: Follow up workshops**, more information [www.transformation-cornwall.org.uk](http://www.transformation-cornwall.org.uk), 01872 274351

**8 Psalms, Hymns and Spiritual Songs**, St Petrocs Church Bodmin.

**9 The Universal Christ**, Epiphany House, Truro, £15 including lunch. [info@epiphanyhouse.co.uk](mailto:info@epiphanyhouse.co.uk), 01872 272249.

**15 Personal retreat day**, Epiphany House, Truro, suggested donation £15 including lunch. [info@epiphanyhouse.co.uk](mailto:info@epiphanyhouse.co.uk), 01872 272249.

**17 Environment Service**, Truro Cathedral, 2pm.

**23 Service of thanksgiving for safeguarding co-ordinators**, St Petroc's Church, Bodmin.

### DECEMBER

**6 Advent quiet day**, Epiphany House, Truro, suggested donation £15 including lunch. [info@epiphanyhouse.co.uk](mailto:info@epiphanyhouse.co.uk), 01872 272249.

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

### OTHER LINKS

**Maintenancebooker website & newsletter**

[www.maintenancebooker.org.uk/](http://www.maintenancebooker.org.uk/)

**Historic England** [historicengland.org.uk/advice/caring-for-heritage/places-of-worship/maintenance/](http://historicengland.org.uk/advice/caring-for-heritage/places-of-worship/maintenance/)

## CONSERVATION GRANTS

Did you know that the Church of England give grants for the conservation of historic church interiors and churchyard structures? Also grants of up to £10,000 for conservation of bells and bell frames.

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