

SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

AUGUST 2020

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SRO DIARY DATES

AUGUST

4 Poverty Matters meeting, 2pm.
Please contact **Rosey Sanders** for sign in details.

14 Environment Champion event.
3pm. Click [here](#) to book.

22 Environment Champion event.
10am. Click [here](#) to book.

BLACK LIVES MATTER

While it may feel that racism is predominantly an issue in cities, racism and the need to be aware of it is just as important in rural settings too.

Patrick Gilbert, the diocesan minority Ethnic champion, offers a prayer for all of us to use, especially at this time of increased tensions. You can watch Patrick [here](#).

There is also information about rural racism [here](#).

If you have an hour to spare, an online discussion about racism and the churches with black theologians from the UK and USA and chaired by Chine McDonald of Christian Aid, is well worth watching. You can do so [here](#).

Lyme Regis based poet and writer, Louisa Adjoa Parker has also contributed on racism in the countryside. See her piece [here](#).

REFUGEE FAMILIES FUNDRAISING SHOP

Falmouth and Penryn Welcome Refugee Families Fundraising Shop (FPWRF) has opened.

Visit the shop and find out more [here](#).

SPOTLIGHT ON

CIPF REPORT SEEKS A FAIR & JUST FUTURE FOR CORNWALL

Leading Cornish voices, drawn from business, community, faith and charity sectors, have set out their vision of a 'Fair and Just Future for Cornwall' in a report that will be presented to council leaders and the Cornwall's MPs.



The report features contributions from 21 different organisations including Anne Thomas, CEO of Cornwall Care, Ann Vandermeulen from Cornwall Federation of Small Businesses, Manda Brookman from Extinction Rebellion, Wailim Wong from Cornwall Citizens Advice, Allister

Young from Coastline Housing and Jane Yeomans from Transformation Cornwall. The Rt Revd Philip Mounstephen, Bishop of Truro and report contributor, said: "Whilst not everyone will agree with its conclusions, we are

keen that this report enables a wider public conversation about Cornwall and what its future might look like. I salute all the contributors for their deep commitment to Cornwall and its people.

Read the full press release [here](#) or to read the full report, click [here](#).

HEAVEN IN ORDINARY - RURAL MISSION SUNDAY 2020

The Arthur Rank Centre has announced that its Rural Mission Sunday 2020 materials are now available.

The COVID-19 outbreak has meant that this year's celebration of the mission and ministry of rural churches due to take place on July 19, has been revised.

Visit the [website](#) to find out more about this year's theme of 'Heaven in Ordinary', register your church for regular updates and additional materials, and download the guide to your Rural Mission Sunday 2020 celebration.

BENEFITS: HELP FOLLOWING RETURN OF SANCTIONS

Benefit sanctions have been re-introduced and it is likely that many of the new post-lockdown claimants are plausibly unfamiliar with the system.

For anyone who needs it guidance is available on sanctions from the **Money Advice Service**.

As usual, anyone struggling to afford food can find support via [www.cornwall.gov.uk/helpwithfood](#), or via

the directories on Support in Cornwall and Cornwall Link (or using the Inclusion Matters helpline on 01872 266383).

Details on grants for individuals are available on the council's **crisis and care page**, the **funding resources page** (the assistance for individuals/households section), and **Transformation Cornwall** (the individual awards section).

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SPOTLIGHT ON WELCOMING OVERSEAS WORKERS

Cornwall has an increasing number of overseas workers who are vital to our economy in many areas such as agriculture, hospitality and care and health sectors. How can we as a church be aware of the needs of such workers, accept them as part of our communities and extend a real welcome, just as if they were from Newcastle or Totnes?

There will be a zoom session on Thursday, July 23 from 9.30am to 11.30am which will offer an opportunity to hear first-hand from people who have had this experience.

Their story contains both good and worrying elements.

Ten years ago the Diocese of Truro partnered with Bridging Arts to run a successful project to support churches seeking to respond to migrant workers. We will be looking to see how these and new materials can be used to think through the challenges and opportunities in this area for 2020. Lots of practical tips and resource ideas on offer.

To book a space click [here](#) or email Melanie Pomeroy [here](#).

END HUNGER CORNWALL CAMPAIGN GATHERS SPEED

The Diocese of Truro, Cornwall Independent Poverty Forum and End Hunger UK are leading the End Hunger Cornwall campaign to do more, in Cornwall. The campaign is gaining momentum, and everyone is invited to join in.

Organisers say: "While it is a great thing that footballer Marcus Rashford has managed to use his celebrity influence to get the long-standing holiday school meals campaign over the line, we should be very aware that without his intervention the government would have quietly and happily let 1,300,000 children go hungry all summer without batting an eyelid.

"Notwithstanding the millions of others who go hungry every day as a matter of course it shows the scale of the challenge and the desperate need for continued, persistent campaigning.

"This isn't getting better. Food banks are NOT normal. Many people of all generations go hungry in Cornwall every day and it simply isn't acceptable."

You can get involved with the campaign on its Facebook page www.facebook.com/endhungercornwall

You can read the You Can't Eat the View report [here](#).

NEW REALITY, SAME MISSION RESOURCE

A new URC resource has been launched to help people explore how they can respond to the current needs, opportunities and injustices in their local neighbourhoods.

It is hoped that *New reality, same mission* will act as a stimulus to renewed community engagement by individuals and local congregations as lockdown eases.

The resource is complementary to the acclaimed booklet produced last month by URC Synod Moderators, *Ready for the new "normal": a discussion paper for a pandemic recovery and resumption plan*, and uses questions in that paper as its starting-point. It was developed by members of the URC's Mission and Discipleship teams, working with several church related communityworkers and the director of Church Action on Poverty.

This booklet is an accompaniment to the *Ready for the new "normal"* booklet, recently published. Download the booklet [here](#).

GARDEN BENCH BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

Build Back Better Campaign Supported by all sorts of people and organisations that you will recognise if you haven't already seen this. It's a campaign to take into the future some of the changes we need around the economy, poverty, climate change, etc.

Lockdown diaries by low-paid keyworkers.

Intentional communities and patterns of spirituality and social engagement for the future. 45 minutes by Ruth Harvey, new leader of the Iona Community, in address for the Corrymeela Community's weekend for members in June.

FAITH ACTION This virus does not exploit our communities equally, coronavirus has exposed, rather than caused, wide inequalities in our society.

Children near you are facing a summer of unprecedented need.

Your church could help.

Visit yourneighbour.org/lockdownhunger to find out more



FUNDING

FUNDING LIST

Transformation Cornwall has developed a **funding list** to support food banks, grassroots organisations and faith based social action projects in Cornwall needing support.

FOYLE FOUNDATION

The **Foyle Foundation Small Grants Scheme** has re-opened for new applications.

Charities are now operating within very different circumstances since the March 2020 COVID-19 lockdown. The foundation is keen to be as flexible as it can be in support of small charities during this difficult and constantly changing period, while maintaining a focus on those who can demonstrate a clear (usually local) need for their services and financial viability over the 12 months from the date of their application.

The foundation's focus will be to make one-year grants only to cover core costs or essential equipment, to enable ongoing service provision, homeworking, or delivery of online digital services to charities that can show financial stability.

Its priority will be to support local charities still active in their communities which are currently delivering services to the young, vulnerable, elderly, disadvantaged or the general community either directly or through online support.

Online Applications can be received at all times, but it may take up to three months to obtain a decision from trustees.

£1,000 GRANTS

The Green & Lilian FM Ainsworth & Family benevolent fund provides grants up to £1,000 for UK charitable organisations providing social welfare activities in the UK.

Applications may be made at any time addressed to: The Green and Lilian F M Ainsworth and Family Benevolent Fund, 1st Floor, Trinity Quay 1, Avon Street Bristol, BS2 0PT. **T** 0345 3042424

RELIEVING HUMAN SUFFERING SUPPORT GRANTS

One off grants of between £1,000 and £3,000 are available from the Souter Charitable Trust.

The trust supports UK registered charities working to help relieve human suffering in the UK and overseas, particularly projects with a Christian emphasis.

The next application deadline is **Friday, August 21, 2020.**

Applications should be made in writing

on no more than two sides of A4. The trust will expect a brief outline of the project aims and what the funding is required for. A budget should be included, together with a copy of the applicant's latest audited accounts.

MORE INFORMATION

Visit the website

Email the trust: application@soutercharitabletrust.org.uk

By post: The Souter Charitable Trust, PO Box 7412, Perth, Scotland, PH1 5YX

UP TO £2,500 AVAILABLE TO SMALL-SCALE PROJECTS

Grants between £125 and £2,500 for UK registered charities and community and voluntary groups to support small-scale projects with a community emphasis that are finding it hard to obtain funding from elsewhere are available from the Wakeham Trust.

The trust will consider the following when deciding which applications to support:

- Is it something new for this particular area? Is it small?
- Will it find it hard to get support elsewhere?

- Is it run by ordinary people, not professionals?
- Does it have the potential to become self-supporting?
- Is it outward looking, rather than being focused on its own members?

The trust does not have an application form. Applications may be submitted at any time, ideally by email. Further information, including details of the application process, is available on the **Wakeham Trust's website.**

STOP LOAN SHARKS COMMUNITY FUND GRANTS

Grants up to £5,000 for not-for-profit organisations across England for projects that aim to raise awareness of - and prevent - illegal money lending are available from the Stop Loan Sharks Community Fund.

The deadline for applications is midnight on Monday, August 31, 2020. Local charities, community groups, voluntary organisations, schools, statutory agencies and local residents in England are all eligible to apply. Further information, application guidelines and an application form is available on the Stop Loans Sharks **website.**

MORE INFORMATION

Cath Wohlers, Illegal Money Lending Team, PO Box 16977, Birmingham, B2 2AE. **T** 0300 555 2222
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LIST OF GRANTS FOR INDIVIDUALS IN NEED

Transformation Cornwall have produced a comprehensive list of grants for individuals in need. To view the list, click [here](#).

CORNISH FOODBANKS: WEEKLY UPDATE

Transformation Cornwall is now producing a weekly update on Cornish Foodbanks. The update includes information for customers needing foodbank support, details for potential donors of food or money and aims to strengthen (and lessen) the work of the many dedicated and wonderful people behind the foodbanks.

You can read the latest edition [here](#).

HEALTH SUPPORT

Healthy Outlook can offer support with anyone who has been diagnosed with one or more of the following conditions and is also suffering from any anxiety, stress or low mood:

- Diabetes (Types 1 and 2)
- Cardiovascular Related Problems
- Irritable Bowel Syndrome (IBS)/ suspected IBS
- Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD)

Healthy Outlook delivers a range of adapted psychological based interventions to service users with physical health conditions from ages 16 and above who are registered in Cornwall. Make a referral and read more on the service's website [Healthy Outlook](#). They can only currently accept referrals from 'professionals' on a patient's behalf which can be done by visiting the [website](#) and filling out the online referral form.

Any questions or queries please email cft.healthyoutlook@nhs.net.

TRANSFORMATION CORNWALL⁺

PROJECT WORKER JOB VACANCY

Transformation Cornwall is seeking to recruit an experienced Project Worker for its work with faith based social action projects across Cornwall.

This position is home-based with a possible 'hot desk' available in Truro (as Covid 19 restrictions allow).

The post is part time (21 hours per week) and the salary is £13,500 plus pension. The successful application would start on September 1, 2020 and be contracted until August 31, 2021.

The Project Worker will be part of a small team working closely with the Project Manager and part time Admin Worker.

Applicants must be able to demonstrate a strong track record of developing/ writing/advising on successful funding applications; an ability to provide 1:1 support to groups developing and strengthening social action projects and an ability to work collaboratively with people at all levels including with church leaders, congregation members, public sector officers, volunteers and local communities.

For more details visit [Transformation Cornwall](#) website.

Email applications only before noon on Monday, August 10, 2020. Interviews will be held on August 19, 2020.



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ENVIRONMENT NEWS

ENVIRONMENT GREENING WORSHIP

A Greening Worship session for Season of Creation which takes place between September 1 to October 4, will be held on August 12 at 7pm via Zoom.

The session will be practical and help you create an Act of Worship to be used during this year's Season of Creation. To sign up email [Lydia Remick](mailto:Lydia.Remick).

USEFUL LINKS

AROCHA

Church of England webinars on Net Zero 2030 are packed with information and tips. View them [here](#).

ENVIRONMENT CHAMPION EVENTS

Environment Champion Events with Luci Isaacson, the Diocesan Environment Officer will take place on August 14 at 3pm and August 22 at 10am. [Book here](#).

If you are unable to attend, Luci has recorded a condensed version (for internal purposes only) which can be viewed [here](#).

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FIRST TREES PLANTED AS FOREST FOR CORNWALL PROJECT GROWS

The 'Forest for Cornwall' was kick-started last month with the first 105 trees of the programme being planted in Saltash. The project is part of the council's bigger Climate Change Plan and has been made a priority following research which put the planting of new trees in the top three actions requested by the public.

The project will create new woodlands and copses and will plant trees in Cornwall's countryside and towns, it

will increase hedgerows and what is called 'canopy cover'.

GET INVOLVED

Host your own tree planting event (**The Woodland Trust** are giving away free trees for schools and communities to plant).

MORE INFORMATION

Visit the **Forest for Cornwall programme website**.

2020 CARING FOR CREATION LENT RESOURCES

SAYING YES TO LIFE

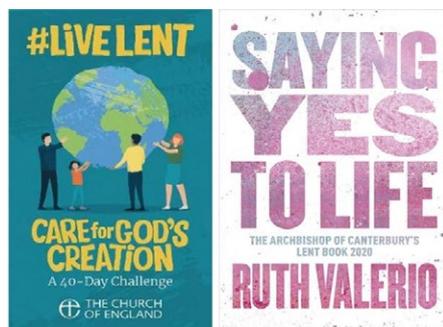
This year's Archbishop of Canterbury Lent Book is *Saying Yes To Life* by Ruth Valerio.

The Archbishop has written in the forward that this book is perfect for individuals and groups to think, reflect, pray and be challenged together.

Get it here.

#LIVELENT: CARE FOR GOD'S CREATION

#LiveLent is the Church of England's Lent Campaign for 2020. This year's #LiveLent challenge offers 40 short reflections and suggested actions to help individuals, families and churches live in



greater harmony with God, neighbour and nature.

Live Lent comes in practical booklets with adult and young people versions and is also available digitally [here](#).

CHRISTIANITY & CREATION: GREEN DISCIPLESHIP FOR CORNWALL

The detrimental effects of human activity on the natural world have been well-known for many years, but during 2019 they rose dramatically up the public consciousness, due at least in part to demonstrations led by groups such as Extinction Rebellion and the involvement of young people all over the world.

For Christians, the natural world which we have the privilege to inhabit is created by God, for us both to enjoy and to care for, but that understanding brings with it significant challenges to our discipleship.

In Cornwall, work has been going on for some years through the Diocese of Truro to help both individual Christians and their churches to live more gently on the earth, and to equip them to take a lead in their communities on caring for creation.

The Christianity & Creation: Green Discipleship for Cornwall four-week course is designed to help Christian groups think through the environmental crisis facing us today from a Christian perspective and to begin to make some decisions about the changes to all our lifestyles that so urgently need to be made. The course can be used over any four or five week period, but it is offered here particularly for use in Lent 2020, following the Archbishop of Canterbury's encouragement to the whole Church of England to make caring for God's creation a focus of our Lent reflections in 2020.

Follow the course [here](#).

EU SETTLEMENT SCHEME

Lloyds bank are offering a free webinar to those who want to learn about the EU Settlement Scheme.

For more information, click [here](#).



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