

# OUR NEWS

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## DIOCESE PREPARES TO WELCOME NEW DEACONS & PRIESTS

With Covid-19 causing the postponement of so many events, it is with great joy that we look forward to welcoming our new deacons and priests at their ordinations later this month.

St Petroc's Church in Bodmin will be the backdrop for the ordinations of Laura Bushell Hawke, Helen Davies, Nicola Farr and Robin Thwaites as deacons on Friday, September 25.

Also on September 25 at St Petroc's, Revd Geraldine Ashton, Revd Lee Chantler, Revd Claire Jones, Revd Rose Jones and Revd Jeffrey Terry will be ordained as priests.

On September 26, Truro Cathedral will be the venue for the ordinations of Carol Edleston, Patrick Gilbert, Paul Salaman and Christine Schmaus as deacons.

The following day, it will be the turn of Revd Philip Aindow, Revd Fiona Giorla, Revd William Harwood, Revd Keiren Marwood, Revd Janette Mullett and Revd Jonathan Rowe to be ordained as priests in the cathedral.

### DEACONS

Laura Bushell Hawke will serve in the Benefice of St Germans with Antony & Shevock. Helen Davies will serve in the Benefice of Launceston and in the Benefice of Boyton, North Tamerton, Werrington, St Giles-in-the-Heath & Virginstow. Nicola Farr will serve in the Benefice of Launceston. Robin Thwaites will serve in the Camelside Benefice. Carol Edleston will serve in the Benefice of St Austell. Patrick Gilbert will serve in the Benefice of All Saints Highertown & Baldu. Paul Salaman will serve in the Benefice of Probus, Ladock, Grampound with Creed &



St Erme. Christine Schmaus will serve in the Benefice of Helston and Wendron and the United Benefice of West Kerrier.

### PRIESTS

Revd Geraldine Ashton will serve in the Benefice of the North Cornwall Cluster of Churches. Revd Lee Chantler will serve in the Benefice of Newquay and the Benefice of St Columb Minor & Colan. Revd Claire Jones will serve in the Bodmin Benefice. Revd Rose Jones will serve in the North Cornwall Cluster of Churches. Revd Jeffrey Terry will serve in the Camel-Allen Benefice. Revd Philip Aindow will serve in the Benefice of Liskeard & St Keyne. Revd Fiona Giorla will serve in the Benefice of Padstow, St Merryn & St Issey with St Petroc Minor. Revd William Harwood will serve in the Benefice of St Kea. Revd Keiren Marwood will serve in the Benefice of St Ives & Halsetown. Revd Janette Mullett will serve in the Benefice of All Saints Highertown & Baldu. Revd Jonathan Rowe will serve in the Benefice of St Stithians with Perran-ar-worhal & Gwennap, the Benefice of Chacewater with St Day & Carharrack, the Benefice of Devoran and the Benefice of Feock.

## SAVE THE DATE: 2020 ROADSHOWS

Plans for the 2020 diocesan roadshows continue and we will shortly be sharing information about how and where you can join in.

This year's roadshows will take place on: September 22, October 21, November 9, 18 and 30 and December 1.

During each session there will be a chance to hear from the new bishop of St Germans, Hugh Nelson. We will also be formally introducing the diocesan vision The Saints Way to you.

With Covid-19 having played havoc with all our lives, the roadshows will also this year include the swearing in of Churchwardens.

We look forward to seeing you later this month for the first of our events.

## FUNDS FOR MISSION: GRANTS AVAILABLE

"Funds for Mission" are blessings to help us join in with God's mission, and that mission is to reflect in heart and hand the passions and priorities of Jesus.

The diocese offers two levels of grant funding to encourage and support parishes in their mission. This funding is particularly aimed at projects that fit with the vision of the diocese and can meet at least one of the five strategic diocesan priorities.

More information is available on the diocesan website [here](#) or email [fundsformission@truro.anglican.org](mailto:fundsformission@truro.anglican.org)

## THE SAINTS' WAY: CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE MORE THAN AN ALGORITHM

As schools prepare to open their doors again to a new term after five months of Covid-19 induced lockdown, diocesan Director of Education Katie Fitzsimmons reflects on what has been a summer of exam stress for pupils and teachers alike.

The summer break is always a mix of work and rest in education as teachers finish off, tidy up, recuperate, get new ideas and start to plan again. Added to this for secondary and higher education colleagues are the exam results.

Results in GCSE and post-16 represent milestones which determine the next stage of the journey for our students. For schools, they have become headlines which define organisational success or failure. These are very high stakes points in the lives of students and teachers. Consequently, the build up to them is always a period of anticipation, anxiety and stress as young people, parents and teachers alike wait to see what grades have been achieved and what they will mean for September.

Early on in the pandemic, we knew that exams and results would require careful handling – even with Covid-19 these results both acknowledge the journey so far and determine the future for our young people. It was with feelings of immense frustration and anger therefore that we faced the situation in Scotland regarding A Levels and then saw it repeated in England. For young people looking to move on to university and other next steps, this time is critical and short. Places, accommodation, jobs and funding all move fast to be ready for a September start. With anxiety levels high already due to Covid-19, the pressures of the last week have done little to offer hope and encouragement to our young people. Indeed, in this time of pandemic, Bishop Philip reflects that “Covid-19 simply, in so many ways, exposes and amplifies existing vulnerabilities and privileges” and the impact of the algorithm laid that bare for us all to see.



Thankfully, students of both A Level and GCSE exams have accessed their centre assessed grades which hopefully were a benefit to most. We are grateful for that and pray for their new adventures with all it will bring. A Level students can see their paths again and can move on from the distress and disappointment they had felt, now getting packed up and excited for their future. These parents can breathe a sigh of relief and see their children off on their journey to university and beyond. Our prayers will be with them.

Schools can now plan on the basis of what they know and enable that to inform their work for the coming year; they can get back to focusing on opening schools safely for as many students as possible in September and teachers can get back to planning to teach. This brings its own worries of course, but is certainly better than having the challenges of exam appeals to deal with as well. We pray for our schools, our teachers and school leaders, as they prepare for the new school year and thank them for all they continue to do in support of the children in their care.

Most of all we all should remember that our worth is in what we do and how we live.

Read the full article [here](#).

## BISHOP PHILIP CALLS FOR PEOPLE TO SUPPORT LEBANESE CHURCH FUND

The Bishop of Truro, the Rt Revd Philip Mounstephen, has urged everybody to consider giving to a fund set up to help people whose lives have been devastated by the explosion in Beirut.

The explosion in the country's main port killed at least 154 people and is believed to have injured around 5,000 others. It is estimated that around 300,000 people have lost their homes as a result of the blast.

Beirut is the country's capital, and the port is also the main way that food is imported into Lebanon.

A fund has been set up by the Church Mission Society (CMS), of which Bishop Philip was previously the executive leader, to channel aid via a church close to the blast site.

To contribute to the fund, click [here](#).

### MASK PLEA

PEOPLE ARE ASKED TO SHOW COMPASSION TO THE UNMASKED - READ THE STORY HERE

## GET AN EARLY START ON YOUR FESTIVE GIFT SHOP & HELP LOCAL CHARITIES

The Christmas Giving catalogue, which is produced by the Cornwall Independent Poverty Forum in conjunction with the Diocese of Truro, will be available to download in the next month.

The catalogue features 20 local charities with the aim of raising funds to support the vital work they do in our communities.

The catalogue will be available to download on the Cornwall Independent Poverty Forum website [here](#) and also on the diocesan website [here](#).

Make a difference this Christmas by giving a gift of charity.

# 'THE CHURCH IS NOW INSTANTLY ACCESSABLE' TREASURE DISCOVERED DURING LOCKDOWN IN OUR PARISHES

As Revd Canon Vanda Perret says in one of her recent blogs, one constant throughout the history of church life and the way people worship, is that it is always changing. Perhaps not quite as radically or as quickly as it has changed during these Covid-19 dominated months, but change is woven into the fabric of worship. Another constant, of course, is God. He hasn't changed, He hasn't left us and as Vanda says of the current re-opening of churches, "When we gather to worship together God will be with us in the same way God is with us as we worship at home, on the internet, on the TV and radio."

So, what can we learn from these changes? What will we keep, and what will we let go of? When churches closed during lockdown, Revd Caspar Bush, like many other clergy across Cornwall, found the new ways to reach out energising. Together with his supportive team of lay people and clergy, they tried out different methods from Zoom to Royal Mail, Facebook to phone calls and YouTube to emails. Caspar looks after five churches in the Redruth benefice as well as overseeing the Eight Saints Cluster, so feedback was never in short supply! Being flexible to change and working together have got them through.

"We've tried all sorts of things, including after-church coffee via Zoom. But that involved random breakout rooms, so you never knew who you were going to be sharing coffee with, which a few found a bit scary!" So they moved to groups for the five churches, which gave a level of continuity but also allowed for those who wanted to mix it up a bit and pop in and out of different sessions.

One thing Caspar says is definitely a keeper is the morning prayer service. "It's just been delightful, seeing all those faces in the morning. We start with a bit of banter, while we wait for the predictably late crowd. (so not that different!), then by the time we have finished, I look at the shared



screen and everyone is there. There is just this lovely sense of togetherness and shared purpose."

Morning prayers have been a collective effort with five others – Readers, retired clergy, team vicar Deb Grigg and curate, Revd Graham Adamson. It means that the workload can be shared, and Caspar has been able to 'move' or 'Zoom' around to the many other churches under his care. On occasion, he's dialled into the fourth Zoom call by 9.30am, but it has most definitely cut down on transportation costs to the pocket and the planet.

The lockdown also made it easier for people who work to join in this part of church life as working from home affords greater flexibility.

At the other end of the day and further down Cornwall, Revd Canon Vanda Perret, pictured above, has been sharing daily evening prayers as part of the Land's End Churches' offering, via Facebook. They are a lovely, gentle way to end every day and the advantage of Facebook is that if you cannot catch the prayers live, you can watch and be 'present' later.

"It's funny as it feels surprisingly intimate and connected, even though I'm just talking to a screen. I know people are there or will be. Since lockdown, I've had more requests for prayer through this than at any time ever in my 25 years of ministry, which includes three years as a prison chaplain."

Read the full article [here](#).

## SHARE YOUR LEARNING FROM LOCKDOWN

The Diocese of Truro would like to hear what lockdown has been like for people in Cornwall and we would like you to share your thoughts.

All you need to do to take part is record yourself answering three questions on your phone or ipad, and send them to us. We are hoping to use your responses to make a short film which will be shown to church leaders in late September as part of a discussion about what we are learning, as communities, from lockdown. We are looking for simple, honest answers from people of all ages and all walks of life.

The questions we are looking for answers on are:

- What has been the greatest challenge of lockdown?
- What has been the greatest blessing of lockdown?
- What is the greatest opportunity before us now?

If you are interested in sharing your views, please contact [kelly.rowe@truro.anglican.org](mailto:kelly.rowe@truro.anglican.org) and we will provide you with a consent form and let you know how to send us your videos. All completed videos (and the completed consent form) will need to be with us by **September 11, 2020**.

If there are others in your community, church or family who would like to take part, please feel free to invite them too.

If you would like to share your views privately, not via video, then please send them via email to [comms@truro.anglican.org](mailto:comms@truro.anglican.org)

If you have any problems or questions, don't hesitate to contact Kelly at the email above.

### APCM DEADLINE

THE DEADLINE FOR APCMS IS  
OCTOBER 31, 2020. NEXT WEEK  
INFORMATION ABOUT HOW TO  
HOLD A MEETING WILL  
BE CIRCULATED TO  
PARISH OFFICERS.

# MARK THIS CREATIONTIDE BY DISCOVERING HOW TO HELP THE ENVIRONMENT

The theme for this year's Season of Creation, which runs from September 1 through to October 4, is *Jubilee for the Earth*.

Jubilee is a time of rest for the land from exploitation, and to restore ecosystems and people.

Today we are being ever more urgently invited, not just to offer our thanks to God for the beauty of creation and for God's wonderful provision for our needs through nature, but to take responsibility for caring properly for that natural world, as God calls us to do. There are many opportunities throughout the year to make care for creation the focus of our worship, but none more so than during Creationtide.

There are also resources available on the Church of England [website](#).

## GREENING WORSHIP RESOURCES

A number of worship leaders from across the diocese recently attended a 'Greening worship' event to learn more about the many resources now available to support worship on the environment, and more events are planned. If you would like more information or help finding resources, please get in touch with Revd Elly Sheard, [reverendelly@gmail.com](mailto:reverendelly@gmail.com) or Lydia Remick, [Lydia.Remick@truro.anglican.org](mailto:Lydia.Remick@truro.anglican.org)

## TALK ENVIRONMENT

Perhaps if you are an environmental advocate you'd like to find out more about how your church community can make changes to benefit creation. The diocesan environment officer, Luci Isaacson, is holding an online forum bi-monthly on Zoom. Everyone is welcome, whether you're already doing lots in this area, or just want to find out the basics. Email [luci@climatevision.co.uk](mailto:luci@climatevision.co.uk) for details of how to join.

The sessions are enjoyable as well as

informative, as evidenced by this recent comment from a participant: *"Thank you again for being so encouraging today. It's so uplifting to hear about the differences people are making. Thank you very much for your time bringing us together and facilitating all that exchange of information - brilliant and inspirational stuff!"*



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## FLOOD RESILIENCE

Finally, what do you know about the flood resilience of your church and its associated buildings?

'Resilience' in this context means an understanding both of the risk of flooding and of what steps to take to minimise either the risk of flooding or the consequences.

New guidance for quinquennial inspections is likely to include the assessment of environmental sustainability, including flood resilience, in the survey. Luci has information about some free (DEFRA funded) flood resilience workshops due to take place in Cornwall over the coming months. She has obtained permission to extend the scheme to churches, so if you would like your church to be better informed on this vital issue, get in touch on [luci@climatevision.co.uk](mailto:luci@climatevision.co.uk)

## SIGHT LOSS FRIENDLY CHURCH FREE WEBINARS

The Torch Trust has launched its new initiative Sight Loss Friendly Church (SLFC) to help churches to become accessible for people with sight loss.

It are providing some free 30 minute SLFC taster sessions on Zoom for churches to find out more about SLFC including all the benefits of this free resource, meet the SLFC team and ask questions.

The sessions are planned for September 29 and 30 and October 27 & 28. For more information visit [sightlossfriendlychurch.org.uk](http://sightlossfriendlychurch.org.uk) or to book a place email [SLFC@torchtrust.org.uk](mailto:SLFC@torchtrust.org.uk)

## ENERGY FOOTPRINT TOOL

Bishop Hugh recently wrote to all licensed clergy, churchwardens, PCC secretaries and treasurers on the subject of climate care and a new tool that the Church of England has launched to help us lower our impact on the environment.

The new Energy Footprint Tool (EFT) calculates the amount of carbon your church and other buildings you run are using. You can find out more about it [here](#) or on the diocesan website [here](#), where you will also find information about who can help you complete the details. You'll need your heating and lighting bills from last year to hand when you fill it in - and it might even save you money by lowering your bills. And please be aware that the deadline for adding your figures is the **end of September**.



## CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

St Denys Church in St Dennis has organised a Festival of Christmas Trees to take place in November and December.

The church will be open 10am to 4pm on November 28 and 29 and December 5 and 6 for people to come and soak up the festive atmosphere and admire the trees.