

SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

APRIL 2021

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SRO DIARY DATES

APRIL

7 World Health Day (see the prayer on page 4);

13 Cornwall Independent Poverty Forum meeting, 2pm, contact [Rosey Sanders](#).

15 Cornwall Faith Forum project meeting, 7pm, all welcome; contact [Rosey Sanders](#) to for details;

27 Cornwall Churches Environment Group meeting, 1pm, contact [Rosey Sanders](#) to register.

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4 Cornwall Independent Poverty Forum meeting, 2pm, contact [Rosey Sanders](#) to for details;

5 Faith in Mental Health meeting, 2pm, contact [Rosey Sanders](#) to for details;

A ROCHA CHURCHES COUNT ON NATURE 2021

Churches Count on Nature runs from Saturday, June 5 – Sunday, June 13, and is all about local people discovering and recording the wonderful plants and wildlife in their local church yard. This is an ecumenical partnership project between A Rocha UK, the Church of England Environment Programme, and Caring for God's Acre.

Participating churches will be encouraged to act for wildlife by recording nature in their church yards, spaces and burial grounds or nearby land. Express your interest in taking part [here](#).

Caring for God's Acre has produced a Starter Guide with excellent illustrations of churchyard wildlife. See it [here](#).

SPECIAL SUNDAYS

There is a list of Special Sundays and Dates of Interest for 2021 available [here](#).

SPOTLIGHT ON

THE COMMUNITY MANIFESTO

Cornwall Independent Poverty Forum's Community Manifesto is beginning to take shape. Thanks to all those who have contributed so far. You can view it [here](#).

We are now looking for individuals and organisations to put together their ideas as proposals on how Cornwall can become a **fairer and more just** place. Please think about submitting proposals (maximum 300 words please) to [Andrew Yates](#) or [Daniel Roberts](#) so these can be loaded on the website and please encourage colleagues and people you work with, and on behalf of, to do this as well.

We really hope it can be a genuine

grass roots movement and collection of inspirational and creative ideas that will make a difference.

We will be challenging all those standing for election in the Cornwall Council Elections on May 6 to say how many of the vision statements in the manifesto they will be prepared to support.

And when the elections are over, we will be presenting the new councillors with **ALL** the proposals that have been submitted and included in the manifesto. So this is your chance to share an idea with those who will soon be responsible for running the life of our county.

WORKING TOGETHER WE CAN CARE FOR CREATION

BEN LILLIE DIOCESAN ENVIRONMENT OFFICER

2020-2021 has been a year of significant challenge and discomfort for many. But this very different year has also revealed to us something of a very different world around us. My family and I live right on the crumbling coastal edge of our county, beneath the transatlantic flight path to Newfoundland and the United States and the empty skies and lack of vapour trails spoke something powerful. Roads were quieter too; searching up motorway webcams to see great swathes of empty asphalt was a novel experience.

We've come a long way since the 1960s and the first stirrings of the Green movement. The environmental agenda has moved from the oft ignored fringes of society, to centre stage and international strategic policy. Our county and diocese will itself be in the spotlight as the G7 summit comes with an agenda for environmental change.

Thank you to all of you who have made life choices, changes and commitments to honour and cherish God's extraordinary creation. You are the foundation stones of long lasting, sustainable change.

I am passionate about and deeply committed to God's amazing gift of creation for us. I long to see more of a growing movement towards the restoration of God's very good creation. Our **diocesan environment strategy** urges each of us to 'Cherish Creation, Cut Carbon & Speak Up' and I want to partner with each of you in this. I also want to share with you the gifts of 'small steps', of 'having a go', and of 'encouraging others'. And I ask you to share your gifts of experience, expertise, fresh thinking and success - be it small or large, with me, our diocese and county so that together we can 'Cherish Creation, Cut Carbon & Speak up'.

I'd love to speak at your church or online gathering, get in touch [here](#).

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SPOTLIGHT ON UPDATED GRANTS LIST

Every week Transformation Cornwall continue to compile and update two grants lists which detail the latest available grants currently open to applications. Our current lists detail well over 100 grants.

Our first grants list details possible funders that might support the work of Foodbanks, grass-root groups, and faith based social action projects in Cornwall.

Of particular note at the moment is The Fore who have recently launched a pilot grants programme for charities and social enterprises in Cornwall. During the pilot, **The Fore** will provide grant funding and pro bono expertise to at least three Cornwall-based charities and social enterprises. Register with them for their April 6th online workshop to find out more.

Our second list details hardship grants for individuals in need. This has a huge range of grants for those who have worked in certain professions (including retail, construction, fishing, farming etc), support for disabled



people, grants for education and retraining, young people, and so much more.

Of particular note at the moment is the **Cornwall Council Crisis and Care Awards**. Cornwall Council offers two separate awards. Crisis awards are for those in emergency or disaster situations to help them and their families with immediate needs. Care awards help vulnerable people to live as independently as possible in their community. You must live in Cornwall or have a local connection and have less than £1500.

As with our foodbank update, the **URL** for the grants list stays the same. You can find the latest version at the same URL link every Friday at around 6 pm.

TRUSSELL TRUST CHURCH LEADERS BREAKFAST

The wonderful Trussell Trust will launch their first Church Leaders Big Breakfast on Wednesday, April 28. At the event, Emma Revie, Chief Executive of the Trussell Trust, will talk about their work to build a hunger free future. There will be time for prayer and reflection, a live Q&A session, and input from church leaders, food bank teams, and volunteers.

The Trussell Trust will also be sharing a new set of resources for churches, including a short video, a series of small group sessions, and a prayer guide that can be used at prayer groups, in services, or individually. The prayer resources and a taster of the small group sessions are already available on their website [here](#).

As the event will take place online, I'm afraid you'll have to provide your

own breakfast! However, there will be the opportunity to mingle with other attendees before and after the main event at virtual 'tables', so please so bring along whatever you'd like to eat or drink.

The event is aimed at church leaders. If you're not able to attend yourself or would like to invite an additional member of your leadership team or a ministry leader, they would be very welcome. You might also like to extend this invitation to another church leader you know who you think might like to learn more about the Trussell Trust's work.

Although the online format means lots of people will be able to participate, places are limited so you'll need to register in advance [here](#).

THANK YOU ROSEY!

At the end of March, Rosey Sanders stepped down from her role as administration worker at Transformation Cornwall. Rosey has been an absolute backbone to our work and her compassion, values and care for others is inspiring. We will continue to work closely with Rosey in her general administration role at the Diocese of Truro, and particularly in her role supporting Revd Andrew Yates in his Social Responsibility work.

Our Chair, Revd Steven Wild, writes: "Rosey Sanders is well known by all Christian denominations in Cornwall she has had a very special role in the Transformation Cornwall team, and we are sorry to be saying goodbye to her after very faithful service.

"Her care for detail, her prompt response to issues and being good and kind to all who she meets - it's been a great joy to be alongside her. We are very grateful indeed for all that she has done for us, much of it has been in the background, but none the less incredibly effective.

"In 1 Thessalonians ch 5 there is a verse that just fits Rosey. St Paul says that we should acknowledge those who work hard among us who care for us in the Lord and to hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work. Thank you Rosey."

FOODBANK UPDATE LIST

TELEPHONE SIGNPOSTING INFORMATION LIST

Now, maybe more than ever, we know that people like to talk with organisations who offer advice and support. This month we have released our updated **Telephone Signposting Information List** and a new A3 poster. These resources are for people, Foodbanks, and grassroots organisations in Cornwall. The list contains the telephone numbers for a range of support groups, locally and nationally, that will offer help to people in Cornwall. We have tried to make it as useful as possible and covered key topics that you and your customers might need help with.

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SAD TRUSTEE NEWS

A message from the Chair of Transformation Cornwall Revd Steven Wild on the passing of our incredible trustee Dr Kathy Lang:

“Sad to say that Kathy Lang, Methodist Local Preacher, poet, author, hymn writer, choir member, one time harbour master, has died.

Full of faith, a very active trustee of Transformation Cornwall - she was full of love and relished life, now with her Lord.

John 11:25-26 - Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though they die, yet shall they live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die.”

Kathy will be hugely missed and we are all so grateful for all she has given us and sowed into our journey.

Much of Kathys beautiful writing is published through her [website](#).

NEW COMMUNITY LARDER: OPEN TO EVERYONE

The new Community Larder project has been making surplus food from supermarkets available for people to take for free. This is open for everyone to use and helps tackle food waste as well as helping people out with some free food.

They are also able to provide a weekly ‘top up shop’ bag of dried and tinned food for anyone who is experiencing hardship; this is done on a self-referral basis.

Thanks to a new van, they are bringing this service to the following communities: Roche, St Dennis, St Columb Major, Indian Queens, Fraddon, Whitemoor, St Stephens, Treviscoe, Trewoon, Penwithick, Carclaze, St Blazey, and Par.

If you have any contacts that you think would benefit from accessing the food bags, please encourage them to get in touch directly so we can ensure that a food bag is on the van for them to collect.

T 01726 858657,
www.thehall.org.uk

MAGIC LITTLE GRANTS

MAGIC LITTLE GRANTS 2021 id offering one-off project grants of £500 for small charities, Community Interest Companies (CICs) and other types of community organisation working in the areas of the arts, climate change, biodiversity and the environment, equality, improving access to outdoor space, mental health, participation in physical activity and the relief of poverty,

Applications may be made at any time up to the final application deadline of Sunday, October 31, 2021. Please note that early application is advised as the

scheme may close once its budget has been allocated. An organisation may only apply once in 2021.

Further information, guidance and details of the application process are available on the [Localgiving website](#).

T 0300 111 2340

E help@localgiving.org

FUNDING

SUMMER PLAY SCHEMES GRANTS

Woodward Charitable Trust’s Summer Play Schemes Grant programme awards small one-off grants of between £500 and £1,000 to small, locally-based UK registered charities with an annual turnover of under £100,000.

Preference for the 2021 grant scheme will be given to:

- * Play schemes catering for those from disadvantaged backgrounds or who have a disability.
- * Play schemes that involve a large number of children.
- * Play schemes where past users are encouraged to come back and help as volunteers.

- * Small local play schemes that provide a wide-ranging programme of activities. Trustees prefer activities that are relatively inexpensive such as crafts and cooking, as well as outdoor activities and sport, and
- * Trips that are educational and motivational or relate to the natural environment such as to the seaside or countryside.

The deadline for applications for 2021 Summer Play Schemes is 12 noon on Thursday, April 8, 2021.

Contact details for the trust are: Karin Hooper, T 020 7410 0330
E contact@woodwardcharitabletrust.org.uk

WARNING OF LOAN SHARK DANGERS IN CORNWALL

Stop Loan Sharks is part of a national campaign to prevent people falling victim to loan sharks during the COVID-19 pandemic. The campaign aims to reach out to those who are most at risk and show them that there is support available. The England Illegal Money Lending Team (IMLT) is a specialist Trading Standards team which investigates and prosecutes loan sharks and have helped thousands of people escape the clutches of illegal lenders and can provide emotional and practical support to anyone affected by this crime.

If you, or anyone you know, is experiencing any of the above or has any knowledge of loan shark activities in Cornwall, you can contact the IMLT in confidence on 0300 555 2222.

You can also email reportaloanshark@stoploansharks.gov.uk or complete an [online form](#) to request support at. Victims can remain anonymous and any information received will be fully investigated and treated in the strictest confidence.

WITH FULL CONVICTION ONLINE PLAY PRESENTATION

On April 17 and April 24 (2.30pm - 5pm), there will be an online presentation of

the play ‘With Full Conviction’. For more information, visit the [website](#).

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MID-LIFE MOT PROJECT

The Department for Work and Pensions, together with the Local Enterprise Partnership are running a pilot to help people take stock of their health, skills and wealth as part of later life planning.

There is a **MidLife MOT resource page** that can be used by individuals, but also by Influencers in the community, to share with the people they are working with. The resources on the site can be shared easily - there is also a short survey that can be completed by individuals or influencers on behalf of people they are working with. There is a short timeframe for the pilot, if you could share this among your network and with those individuals you feel would benefit from a **MidLife MOT**.

INCLUSIVE CHURCH

Inclusive Church's new **website** has launched. Inclusive Church is a network of churches, groups and individuals uniting together around a shared vision. We believe in inclusive church - a church which celebrates and affirms every person and does not discriminate.

YOUNG MUMS WILL ACHIEVE (YMWA)

Mumadoo is delighted to relaunch the award-winning Young Mums Will Achieve project here in Cornwall in 2021!

Mumadoo has evolved as a bespoke organisation that supports both parent and child with a unique programme that will support young mums with a further pathway to education and employment.

The aim for the project is to improve outcomes for young mothers and their children and to reduce the incidence of child poverty. Childcare will be on site with the mums so that they can continue to meet their child's needs such as breastfeeding, supporting newborns, partnerships with their child's early years learning and development journey, access to support with parenting etc.

Please click through to referral forms: **PROFESSIONAL REFERRAL FORM** or **SELF REFERRAL FORM**.

SAVE THE DATES: MTF SPRING EVENT IN MAY

The Meet the Funders Spring event 2021 will be spread over two consecutive mornings (May 25 & 26 from 10am-1pm). It will be welcoming funders from Allchurches Trust Ltd; Cornwall Historic Churches Trust; Groundwork South West; The National Lottery Community Fund; The Joseph Rank Trust; Cornwall Community Foundation and the National Churches Trust. The event is part of the year-long programme and delivered in

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partnership between Transformation Cornwall and the Diocese of Truro. We will be making the days as innovative and exciting as possible and using technology to host various breakout rooms, workshops, and Q&A sessions.

RURAL MINISTRY COURSE

Arthur Rank Centre is running the flagship Rural Ministry Course and Germinate Leadership programme again in 2021!

The **Rural Ministry Course** is designed for lay and ordained church leaders across the denominations entering a rural appointment for the first time, and those already in rural ministry who feel the need for a 'refresher'. It includes sessions on understanding rural contexts, mission and growth, leadership, farming and work with children and young people in the countryside.

DATES

Tuesday, May 11 - Thursday, May 13, NOW ONLINE, cost £150;
Tuesday, June 15 - Thursday, June 17, King's Park Conference Centre in Northampton, cost £300;
Tuesday, November 2 - Thursday, November 4, King's Park Conference Centre in Northampton, cost £300.

Participant fees include a one-year subscription to Country Way magazine. For more information visit arthurrankcentre.org.uk/ruralministrycourse.

ARTHUR RANK CENTRE: GERMINATE LEADERSHIP

Germinate Leadership enables lay and ordained leaders from all denominations to develop creative, collaborative and strategic leaders skills for rural church leadership.

The 18-month programme includes four residentials, a 360° leadership appraisal, mentoring and work-shadowing, drawing on wisdom and

experience from secular and church leadership spheres as well as lay and ordained ministry experience from across the denominations.

The 2021 Germinate Leadership programme will begin in October. For more information go to: arthurrankcentre.org.uk/germinate-leadership.

MEMBERS SOUGHT FOR POLICE SCRUTINY PANEL

Devon and Cornwall Police Community Scrutiny Panel, chaired by the Revd Nathan Kiyaga, seeks members from churches.

This independent panel has recently been set up to bring the local police and the communities they serve closer together.

The relationship between police forces and the public has been at the forefront of national and global headlines. The vision is to build trust between Devon

and Cornwall Police and the local people through accountability, transparency and training.

If you are interested in social justice, this could be for you.

To find out more contact Joelene Sciberras, DCCS Panel Lead Administrator via email at dccspanel@gmail.com or visit the facebook page www.facebook.com/dccspanel

SPOTLIGHT ON RESOURCES AVAILABLE

Information and support for people experiencing problems with finances, debt, housing and mental wellbeing is now available as a booklet and flyer – **made available digitally and for print.**

The assets have been created as part of a project named **Mhend** (Mental Health Employment Needs and Debt advice) which launched last month in Cornwall to provide both mental health support and practical advice on money, jobs and housing to the most vulnerable people in our communities.

The project is designed to reach those residents who are likely to have been most affected by the Covid-19 pandemic. These include people on low incomes accessing high risk loans, private renters,

BAME (Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic) families, farming and fishing communities, and those with health conditions and disabilities.

It is also thought that many people suffering with mental health issues – often for the first time in their lives – are not accessing the help and support they need.

People can be referred to Mhend, or can also refer themselves by contacting Pentreath on 01726 862727 or by completing the referral form available on the Pentreath [website](#).

For further mental health support, see the [Cornwall Council MH information page](#), or the [VSF MH information page](#).

A PRAYER FOR WORLD HEALTH DAY

For the many children, women, and men whose lives have been saved through global cooperation,
God, we praise You.

For the many who needlessly suffer around the world because of indifference or malice,
God, we beg Your blessing.

For the progress in people's health made possible by technology and creativity,
God, we praise You.

For ways in which technology is misused or fails to benefit those in most need,
God, we beg Your blessing.

For the continued grace You pour into our world, struggling to do Your will,
God, we praise You.

As we labour to improve the health of those in this world, may our notes of petition always end in a song of praise.
Amen.

[World Health Day Prayer — Catholic Health Association, USA | Worship Words](#)

EASTER READING

Last year, Devizes MP Danny Kruger produced an important report called **LEVELLING UP OUR COMMUNITIES**: containing proposals for a new social covenant with a vision for a more local, more human, less bureaucratic, less centralised society in which people are supported and empowered to play an active role in their neighbourhoods.

He has now written in more detail of this vision **A New Social Covenant On-line** or look for the summary: **A New Social Covenant — The New Social Covenant Unit.**

BACK PACK BEDS

After a successful appeal through the Cornish Christmas Giving Catalogue, Cornwall Independent Poverty Forum now have a number of backpack beds for rough sleepers. If this would be a helpful resource to your project contact Paul Green via email at Paul.Green12@hotmail.co.uk



WEDNESDAY 5TH MAY
2:00PM - 3:00PM

FAITH & MENTAL HEALTH NETWORK

An invitation to the next meeting of the Faith in Mental Health Network meeting on May 5th at 2:00-3:30pm.

The network welcomes pastoral visitors, clergy, chaplains, mental health practitioners, community volunteers, in fact, anyone who is supporting people who are struggling with mental health issues. The network is a mutually supportive group of people and offers a safe space to explore issues, share information, resources and best practice; relating faith to mental health and offering insights to help us help those we are standing alongside.

Our guest at the next meeting will be Anne Embury, Suicide Liaison Lead at Outlook South West (Cornwall Partnership NHS Foundation Trust) who will talk about 'grief'.



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