

# OUR NEWS

## JUNE 2021



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## ARCHDEACON OF BODMIN LICENSED AT ST PETROC'S

The Ven Kelly Betteridge was licensed as the new Archdeacon of Bodmin at St Petroc's Church in Bodmin on Sunday (May 23).

The service was heavily focused on children and young people in keeping with Kelly's new role which will also see her lead intergenerational church in the diocese.

The service was a bright and musical affair with input from children and

schools and brightly coloured artwork on display. Those attending had been asked to wear something red as yesterday was also Pentecost.

Kelly and her husband Simon are now settled in Bodmin and will soon be a familiar sight in the diocese.



## PILGRIM EXPLORERS: IT'S ADVENTURE TIME!

Looking for something to do with children over the May half term? Fancy doing a short pilgrimage yourself?

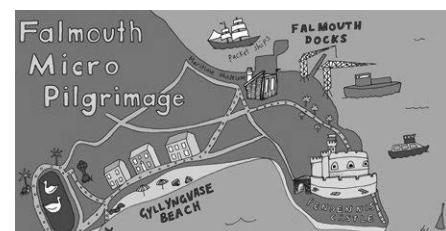
The Diocese of Truro has just developed four new micro pilgrimages aimed at children and young people (but just as much fun for adults too!).

The first four routes cover **Falmouth, Fowey, Gunwalloe** and **St Michael's Mount** and more will follow in the coming weeks.

All the guides and maps are available free on the diocesan website [here](#).

Pilgrim Explorers is also on Instagram [here](#).

#pilgrimexplorers



# INNOVATIVE & INSPIRING THE SAINTS' WAY ONLINE MISSIONAL COMMUNITIES SEMINAR - SIGN UP TODAY

On Tuesday, June 15, the Diocese of Truro will be hosting an Online Missional Communities seminar, exploring the possibilities for building missional Christian communities that move freely between the online space and physical shared life.

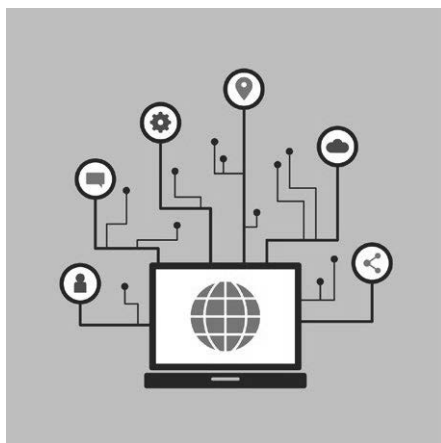
Taking part will be Revd Dr Peter Phillips, Research Fellow in digital theology at Durham University and Revd Chris Lee, vicar and founder of the Young Franciscans, a new monastic movement for young people.

The pandemic has brought about significant change, some of which we can already see and much which will only become apparent with time.

The days of the internet being a separate world from the one we physically inhabit are ending, as we move more and more freely between online and offline spaces, using our phones to shop as we sit in the living room, our tablets to communicate with family members that we can't meet and our PCs to hold work meetings on Zoom and Teams.

The church has been part of this transition as well, as we moved quickly and boldly in April 2020 to holding online services, offering recorded reflections and setting up WhatsApp prayer groups.

While we long to be able to sing, break bread and chat together, we also recognise the flexibility and possibilities for connection that an online presence offers. Many of us know of people who are connecting to church communities and exploring faith online for the first time. Today, nobody has to be free for a specific time on a particular day to hear the gospel preached. Nobody has to worry about the complexities of getting the kids out, or manoeuvring the wheelchair along the bumpy path to the church or walking into an unknown and alien church building for the first time. Now, there are ways to engage online which are accessible and available.



In the Diocese of Truro we have seen a flourishing of creativity, innovation and mission in this new and emerging world, and we do not want that to end as we emerge from lockdown.

As we return to gathered worship, we must not forget that much of the world that we are called to love in Christ's name, now lives and moves freely between the offline and online worlds and that, in order to connect with and serve them, we must do the same.

With that in mind, we are hosting a seminar on Zoom on June 15 from 7.30pm to 9pm.

Revd Dr Peter Phillips, Research Fellow in Digital Theology at Durham University, will share his thoughts, before Revd Chris Lee, an Instagram influencer with more followers than the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Church of England put together, will be telling all about how he's done it and how you can too. A time of discussion and Q & A will follow. The evening will be practical and encouraging and you can book your place [here](#).



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## DIOCESAN PRAYER DIARY NOW AVAILABLE ON APP

You can now download the diocesan Prayer Diary direct to your phone or tablet.

The Diocese of Truro has joined PrayerMate, an app that allows users to download daily prayers that are relevant to them.

The app is simple to use. To make it easier, we have created a guide for getting you set up. You can access the guide [here](#).

## 'SYNOD OF THE CHILD' TAKES PLACE

The diocesan synod at the end of May was the 'synod of the child'.

As well as taking the lead on the opening and closing prayers, pupils also had the chance to give their views on lockdown, how they view their futures and the things they worry about in a series of videos played to synod members. Headteachers Hannah Stevens and Jennie Franklin spoke about their roles in leading schools.

There was also a sobering presentation from Mike Todd and Jess Meale from the Children's Society. They highlighted that 11,881 children in Cornwall are living with a mental health issue and 29% are living in poverty. Read the full **Children's Society report**.

Archdeacon Kelly Betteridge made her synod debut and Kelly, along with Bishop Philip, were quizzed by some of the young pupils present.

Meeting as the Truro Diocesan Board of Finance (TDBF), the members received the Annual Report before re-appointing Haysmacintyre as the auditors and Veale Wasbrough Vizards LLP as the solicitors.

**READ 2020'S ANNUAL REVIEW [HERE](#).**

# CONGREGATION DONATE COST OF A SHOT TO OTHERS FEOCK'S £1,700 VACCINE GIFT

From Cornwall with love ...

With Covid-19 still ravaging many parts of the world, the rush for vaccinations affects us all.

The congregation at St Feock has played its part in helping to get vaccines to people in poorer countries by raising almost £1,700.

Following a talk by Local Worship Leader Nina Davey about a UNICEF programme, which aims to get 2 billion Covid-19 vaccinations to people in over 190 of the poorest countries, St Feock's flock of 56 flew into action.

The following week, the congregation decided to try and give the equivalent of what their own vaccines would have cost if they had had to pay for one and the result was £1,697. This money will enable over 30,000 vaccinations to be given in developing countries.

PCC Secretary Rosalind Smith said: "It just shows what a massive difference one small village church and a congregation of 56 can make. We



hope this might encourage others to have a try."

The Rt Revd Philip Mounstephen, Bishop of Truro, said: "This really is an amazing effort and I want to give thanks to the whole congregation and say congratulations to you all. It's a great example of a committed collective community effort – and well worth sharing."

The Church of England is backing the VaccinAid campaign to 'Give the World a Shot' to help defeat Covid-19.

**FIND OUT MORE HERE**

## PETERTIDE ORDINATIONS IN JUNE AT CATHEDRAL

The Petertide ordinations will take place at Truro Cathedral at the end of June.

This year there will be six people ordained as deacons on Friday, June 25 and eight ordained as priests on Saturday, June 26.

While the ordinations last year had to be organised differently because of Covid-19, it is hoped that this year's services will go ahead as planned.

Those being ordained deacon: Hannah Baylor, David Baylor, Li Selman, Michael Molano, Sophie Troczynska and Tom Ebbens.

Those being ordained priest: Helen Davies, Nicki Farr, Laura Bushell-Hawke, Robin Thwaites, Paul Salaman, Patrick Gilbert, Carol Edleston and Christine Schmaus.

## ON THE WAY PRAYERS

On The Way gathers weekly to pray and you are invited to join in. We pray for the work and people involved in On The Way. We pray for wisdom and guidance. Join us at 8.30am every Thursday morning on **Zoom** in praying for this vital work as we seek God's plans for fruitfulness and sustainability in our diocese.

# SCHOOL TRUSTEE & GOVERNOR OPPORTUNITIES

**This is an exciting time to be a Trustee or Governor.**

We believe you could provide a vital role in our schools helping to shape the future for the next generation.

If you have the time, professional skills, energy and commitment for this rewarding role we'd would love to hear from you.

We believe great schools thrive because of the great people in them. We are passionate about using the power of education to help our young people develop into individuals who are a credit to our communities.

**For an informal chat contact Clare Kendle, Education Governance Lead, on 01872 309261 or email [education@truro.anglican.org](mailto:education@truro.anglican.org)**

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# YOUNG PEOPLE CHALLENGE WORLD LEADERS

“Dear world leaders, our world is in crisis, it’s time to take a stand.” The opening words of an open letter written by 14 Cornish young people, addressed to the leaders of the G7 nations.

In it, the young people voice their fears about the climate crisis, asking world leaders to choose people and planet over profits, by limiting a rise in global temperatures to 1.5°C.

“We are one: one world, one creation, one humanity. Our planet is struggling and people are suffering, so while you’re visiting our patch ... we need you to act,” they write.

In June the leaders of the seven most influential countries in the world meet at Carbis Bay in Cornwall to discuss



the climate crisis. This will be followed by a larger gathering in Glasgow in November, COP26.

“As Christians, God asks us to love our neighbours, near and far. But your failure to act is putting their lives at risk. Today we are at a tipping point. We CAN stop this, but after decades of promises the action we need is still not happening.

When it comes to real action, profit is too often chosen over people and planet.”

The open letter, to which anyone can add their signature electronically, calls on some of the world’s most powerful leaders to end funding for fossil fuels, cut CO2 emissions to zero as fast as possible and to provide funding and support for world’s poorest communities as they adapt to climate changes that the world is already too late to prevent.

The letter which will be taken to Cornwall and Glasgow summits ends with this rallying call. “We ask you to act with us: a young generation taking a stand with our global community.” Read and sign the letter [here](#).

## SPRINGING INTO ACTION WITH THE G7, CREATION CARE TOOLKIT, & MORE

REVD BEN LILLIE  
DIOCESAN ENVIRONMENT OFFICER

**“As soon as we take action there is hope”**

*Greta Thunberg, The Big Issue 19.04.21*

As the eyes of the world turn to Cornwall with the imminent G7 summit, I want to thank and encourage you for your actions and hope. As people of faith, as Jesus people, we are in the hope business!

There are so many good things in our diocese that speak to our essential diocesan environment strategy to Cherish Creation, Cut Carbon, Speak Up.

In partnership with All Saints Higher Town – a TM church and Transformation Cornwall, we are developing a ‘Creation Care Toolkit’ for churches in Cornwall.

The first two tools are already available; a poster with a rundown of events and activities that you can attend, catch up on or get involved with (see left) and a **prayer resource**. Please do share both of these resources as widely as possible.

This month as we launched our new Creation Care branding, Revd Etienne Van Blerk and the team at St Anta Church Carbis Bay, decided to run with it and make a large eco friendly banner

to adorn their church with. St Anta is directly on the route to the G7 summit along which world leaders will travel and see this declaration from the church that we will Care for Creation. There will be

more news and images from this, including the **Tearfund Wave of Hope** on our website and social media pages over the coming weeks.

As the days lengthen and leaves unfurl in the ever warming air, as fresh shoots start to reveal new fruits, we are reminded of the changing seasons.

Maybe this is a season of change for you? Maybe you sense the urgency with which we must Cherish Creation, Cut Carbon and Speak Up? If so, I urge you **sign up** as a Creation Care Champion for your church, parish and community.

Greta is right about action and hope, but Jesus also taught us to pray.

I pray that you might know and see the goodness of Gods incredible, diverse and fragile creation all around us and that you might stand as a steward to safeguard this for the sake of all our futures.

<p><b>May 18th</b> 19.30 - 20.45 - G7 &amp; COP26 BRIEFING:</p> <p>How can we speak up and respond in prayer and action? An online event to inform and inspire. The link can be found here: <a href="https://www.ctcinfohub.org/events/g7-cop26-briefing-meeting/">https://www.ctcinfohub.org/events/g7-cop26-briefing-meeting/</a></p> <p><b>May 19th</b> CREATION CARE PRAYER TOOLKIT LAUNCH</p> <p>A prayer kit to help you and your church community engage with the upcoming G7 conference and the growing issue of climate change. This will be available through the Diocese of Truro social media pages</p> <p><b>May 24th-25th</b> TRANSFORMATION CORNWALL: MEET THE FUNDERS</p> <p>May's meet the funders conference will focus on "Living today with tomorrow in mind." You can book a place here: <a href="https://transformation-cornwall.org.uk/areas-of-work/meet-the-funders">https://transformation-cornwall.org.uk/areas-of-work/meet-the-funders</a></p> <p><b>June 5th-13th</b> CHURCHES COUNT ON NATURE 2021</p> <p>Practical environmental action accessible to all. Sign up at: Register for 'Churches Count on Nature 2021' — Caring For God's Acre (<a href="http://caringforgodsacre.org.uk">caringforgodsacre.org.uk</a>)</p> <p><b>June 6th</b> 18.00 - ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICE</p> <p>Join Churches Together in Cornwall for a service on zoom dedicated to caring for God's creation. The link to join will be posted here: <a href="https://www.ctcin/cornwall.org/g7-summit-st-ives-11-13-june-2021/">https://www.ctcin/cornwall.org/g7-summit-st-ives-11-13-june-2021/</a></p>	<p><b>June 10th</b> 19.00 - 20.00 - CAFOD G7 INTERFAITH EVENT</p> <p>At Truro Cathedral a CAFOD interfaith event will be livestreamed for the G7 conference. Building a better world after the pandemic. The link can be found here: <a href="https://cafod.org.uk/News/Events/G7-interfaith-event-Truro">https://cafod.org.uk/News/Events/G7-interfaith-event-Truro</a></p> <p><b>June 12th</b> THE CHURCH AND CLIMATE CHANGE: ARE WE LISTENING?</p> <p>A short video where some of Cornwall's young people get to ask some church leaders some difficult questions about the church and climate change. This will be launched on All Saints Church's Youtube channel and social media pages.</p> <p><b>June 12th</b> SPACE AND PEACE AMONGST THE NOISE</p> <p>3rd order of Franciscans quiet day at Laverna (below Epiphany house). Please email <a href="mailto:mailforandyharris@gmail.com">mailforandyharris@gmail.com</a> to book a place.</p> <p><b>June 12th</b> 10.00-12.30 - LIVING FOR TOMORROW</p> <p>Reflection from Dr Rowan Williams, Prof Michael Northcott and Students from Truro College on the challenges and opportunities of living together in a post-Covid world. Details for booking will be available on the Cathedral website from the 24th of May</p> <p><b>June 13th</b> 14.00-15.00 - YCCN PRAYER RELAY FROM G7-COP26</p> <p>An opportunity to pray and bless the Young Christian Climate Network as they start their pilgrimage from Truro Cathedral to Glasgow.</p> <p><b>September 1st</b> CREATION CARE TOOLKIT LAUNCH</p> <p>To help us engage with the growing issue of Climate Change a toolkit will be published to support all churches across Cornwall. This toolkit will include worship, prayers, sermon ideas and help with going deeper as a community. This will be available through Churches Together in Cornwall.</p> <p><b>September 1st</b> CREATION TIDE</p> <p>This is the period in the annual church calendar from the 1st of September till the 4th of October, dedicated to God as Creator and Sustainer of all life. This will be chance to use the tool kit provided and reflect on the year that has just passed, and our response to the climate crisis.</p>
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Creation Care Events in Cornwall 2021