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SYNOD MEMBERS VOTE TO APPROVE 2022 BUDGET

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The synod, whose members are all elected clergy or lay representatives from parishes, voted 38 in favour, four against with 11 abstentions to approve the budget having heard a presentation from diocesan Director of Finance and Assets Sophie Eddy.

The vote came after an active period of debate where members raised issues and asked questions of the senior diocesan team. A list of the questions asked and answers given is available on the diocesan website.

One of the main themes raised during the debate was the need to remember the human cost and importance of the support given to those affected by any of the decisions laid out in budget.

In her report, Sophie highlighted that the proposed budget would see an operating surplus of £26,000 with an overall deficit of £1.46 million.

With the view that 'world experts on mission and ministry in our parishes and deaneries are those who minister in our parishes and deaneries', the 2022 budget was produced to reflect the 'bottom up' planning approach.

It was at the November Synod in 2020 that members, sent a clear message that work had to be done to reduce the deficit forecast in future years. The outcome of that was the On The Way Process, which continues to progress. And it is that process which has shaped the 2022 budget with a need to not pre-empt the outcomes of that work.

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PARISH TRAINING: SAVE THE DATE IN 2022

The 2022 Parish Training Brochure will be out soon.

There are a range of sessions designed to support people in parishes, whether clergy, PCC officers, lay ministers, employees or volunteers.

January 2022's courses are:

January 18: How to do your APCM from start to finish; Finance drop-in session.

January 25: Completing your parish return - drop-in for parishes.

For a full list of the courses on offer in the new year, visit the [diocesan website](#).

NUMBER OF CHURCHES CELEBRATE FUNDING & AWARD SUCCESSES

A number of churches in the Diocese of Truro have achieved funding and award success in recent weeks.

St Petroc's Church in Bodmin, St Stephen's the Martyr Church in Launceston and St Anietus Church in St Neot were all announced as recipients of the Government's Culture Recovery Fund. They were among 142 historic sites sharing in £35 million.

The funding is aimed at bringing heritage sites back to life by paying for vital repairs and major building works.

St Julitta Church in Lanteglos by Camelford was shortlisted for the King of Prussia Gold Medal in the UK Church Architecture Awards 2021 earlier this month. The church, which was nominated for its roof replacement project, was one of five shortlisted with the award eventually being won by a church in Devon.

And finally, St Mellanus Church in Mullion was successful in applying for funding to bring the 21st Century to their church.

This funding success has meant that the Grade 1 Listed building has become the hub of the village. Being the only community building with WiFi the funding will now allow opportunities for the whole community to access and enjoy.

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BISHOP HUGH JOINS FORCES WITH MOTHERS' UNION 1 IN 3 DAY OF ACTION MARKED

Gathering of the Mothers' Union at Truro Cathedral on Saturday to raise awareness of violence against women and girls.

A short service took place in the cathedral before those present took to the cathedral steps to hold a 3-minute silence as part of the **Mother's Union 1 in 3 Day of Action** so named because 1 in 3 girls and women will experience domestic abuse during their lifetime.

This kind of abuse might involve physical or sexual violence either at home or in public, but it could also involve coercive and manipulative behaviour which limits the opportunities and choices available to a woman or girl.

It can affect any family or any woman, is not restricted to any section or part of society and is as present within church communities as elsewhere.

Diocesan Synod, which met on the same day, also held a three minute silence at 1:03 in witness to the suffering of so many women, and in commitment to ending this terrible evil.

Bishop Hugh says: "The first step is for everyone to find out more and to educate ourselves about gender based violence and domestic abuse. There is very good information available through Restored, a Christian charity committed to ending violence against women in society and in the church. Their website is worth looking at and includes a very good resource pack for churches, something I would love to see many churches making use of.

"The second is to engage men. The fact is that it is men who carry out this kind of violence and, writing as a man, it is on us to take responsibility. That means educating ourselves about what's going on. It means listening carefully to the experience of women. It means speaking to our sons, grandsons, godsons and nephews and teaching them about the issues. It means being ready to speak up when we see sexism or any hint of aggression or abuse towards a woman.

"And with that in mind, I have recently made the promise that the White Ribbon campaign invites all men to take – 'to never commit, excuse or remain silent about male violence towards women' and I am proud to wear a white ribbon as a public commitment to that promise. If you're a man reading this, I encourage you to make the same promise. After all it's us men who are the cause of this terrible problem, and it's us men who need to become the solution.

GETTING HELP

Restored: I need help is a Christian charity

Safer Futures is a service in Cornwall for women who are suffering domestic abuse or sexual violence; Call 0300 7774 777.

Adult Safeguarding Team: call 0300 1231116.

CORNISH CHRISTMAS GIVING CATALOGUE

With Christmas just weeks away time is running out to grab a gift from the Cornish Christmas Giving Catalogue.

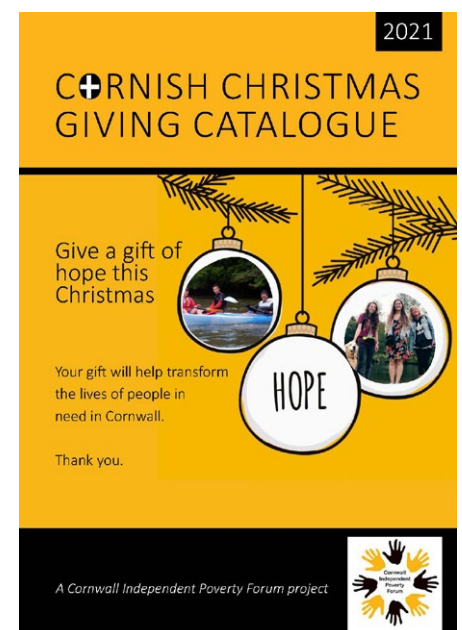
The Cornish Christmas Giving Catalogue features many worthy local groups and charities who are all working in Cornwall to provide assistance, support, activities, beds and more to people in our own community.

This year you can choose from 20 Cornish charities to donate to and in return you will receive a gift certificate (printed or digital) to pass on to your family member or friend. Gifts start from just £1 up to £100, which would pay for meals for a month from a foodbank.

The Rt Revd Hugh Nelson, Bishop of St Germans, said: "This Christmas Giving Catalogue is a wonderful and typically Cornish way to join in that real Christmas story. At a time when poverty rates are rising and the gap between rich and poor is growing, I encourage you to make this catalogue a part of your Christmas this year."

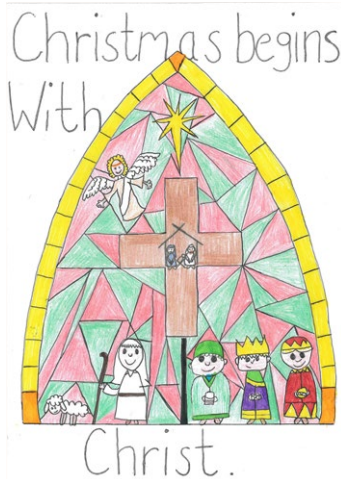
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CLOCKWISE:
Jim's design,
Caleb's design for
Bishop Philip, Amelia's design for Bishop Hugh
and Shahdae's picture



ABOVE: Pupils from St Mary's School in Penzance with their letters

PUPILS SEND LETTERS FOR CREATION

Pupils from St Mary's C of E School in Penzance and Archbishop Benson C of E School in Truro accepted the challenge from charity Christian Aid, along with the Church of England Environment Programme, and the Anglican Communion Environmental Network, to use their creativity to share their views on climate change and the injustices at its heart, in producing Letters for Creation.

Drawings, letters and posters, produced by the children in response to the challenge, have been displayed for all to see, in Truro Cathedral.

St Mary's teacher Andy Varker said: "At St Mary's we are incredibly fortunate to have pupils that are courageous advocates for their environment, they passionately believe in safeguarding the world for future generations to enjoy. We are blessed to have nurtured pupils who deliver their opinions in a respectful and thoughtful manner. The subject of climate change has really grasped the imaginations of these pupils and they tackled the Letters for Creation challenge with great enthusiasm."

Archbishop Benson teacher James Kitto said: "We launched the project through our worship sessions and every year group in the school was eager to participate. The younger children created beautiful drawings and posters celebrating God's beautiful creation and older ones wrote letters to the planet and poems about climate change."

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500 ENTRIES FOR BISHOP'S CHRISTMAS CARD CONTEST

With over 500 entries from 12 schools to the Diocese of Truro Christmas Card competition selecting a winning design was extremely difficult this year.

The judging panel made up of the Bishop of Truro, the Rt Revd Philip Mounstephen, the Bishop of St German, the Rt Revd Hugh Nelson, Director for Schools Katie Fitzsimmons, Diocesan Secretary Simon Cade and local artist Bridget McCauley, spent a great deal of time carefully considering all the entries before Caleb, aged ten, from St Mary's School in Penzance was selected as the winning artist. His design will now be turned into the Bishop of Truro's Christmas Card for 2021.

Such was the quality of entries, that Bishop Hugh also selected a design for his card. His choice was created by Amelia, aged nine, and also from St Mary's School, Penzance.

Both Caleb and Amelia received

certificates and a £25 book token each and St Mary's School received £200 in Amazon vouchers.

A card by Jim, a pupil in year five at Archbishop Benson School in Truro, was selected by Katie Fitzsimmons, Diocesan Director for Schools.

Diocesan Secretary Simon Cade selected a design by Shahdae, aged nine from Duloe School for his card.

The Artist's Choice design was by Holly, aged ten, from Duloe School.

Jim, Shahdae and Holly also received certificates and a £10 book token each. There were ten highly commended drawings selected and these were awarded by artist Bridget McCauley.

CHURCHES THANKED FOR INPUT

Thanks to the commitment of its churches, the Diocese of Truro had the second highest number of responses in the recent Energy Footprint Tool results.

The report showed an increase in the numbers of churches in the diocese engaging with the tool in 2020 and it also highlighted an increase in the number of Net Zero Church Buildings in the diocese, 16 up from just nine in 2019.

Bishop Hugh said: "I want to thank every church community that took time to submit their details, especially with so much else going on. It shows how seriously we take both the challenge of the climate emergency and the call to cherish creation here in Cornwall. Knowing how much carbon we are emitting is a crucial first step, and I hope that more churches will take up the invitation and add their details next year."

The Energy Footprint Toolkit (EFT) was created to measure the carbon footprints of all in-scope buildings within the Church of England. This will enable the General Synod to monitor progress towards the target of net zero emissions by 2030.

The Diocese of Truro's response rate

of 57.9% is in contrast to the national response rate which has shown a downward trend from the previous year.

Diocesan Environment Officer Ben Lillie said: "Our diocesan Environment strategy commits us to Cherish Creation, Cut carbon and Speak up. We have to understand our baseline carbon usage in order to know how to cut it. The Energy Footprint Tool enables us to do exactly this.

"Sharing this data is an act of 'Speaking Up', of joining in with our sisters and brothers throughout Christ's Church. I urge you to make Creation Care a priority in your church by 'Speaking Up' as a Creation Care Champion and registering for the Kernow Green Church Award. As your diocesan environment officer, I'm here to support you in these essential Creation Care steps."

It is estimated that the total net CO2e emitted from Church of England church buildings in 2020 was around 118,000 tonnes (with around 120,000 tonnes gross CO2e). Truro Diocese was responsible for 1,900 tonnes of net CO2.

The Energy Footprint Toolkit opens again in Spring 2022 for 2021's survey.

CREATION CARE CHAMPIONS NETWORK MEETINGS

Calling all Creation Care Champions - Save the dates!

2022 will see the launch of the Creation Care Champion Network.

There will be in person meetings for training, encouragement and honest conversation about the progress and challenges of Creation Care in our diocese.

The first of these will take place on January 24. The other dates are January 25, January 26 and January 27.

We are finalising locations and details but aim to be in Camborne, Truro, Bodmin and Launceston. The BookWhen booking page will open soon, with more details to follow. Similar events will follow in May and October.

BISHOPS COMMENT AT CONCLUSION OF COP26

Graham Usher, the Bishop of Norwich and the Church of England's lead bishop for the environment, and Olivia Graham, the Bishop of Reading, have spoken at the conclusion of COP26.

"The whole world needs to do more for climate justice. More quickly. More generously. More together. During its presidency year, the UK can be a key player. And this includes all of us within the Church of England."

"At Glasgow, the world glimpsed the possibility of a hopeful future. Hurting God's creation and contributing to the suffering of God's poorest people is not the 'love God and your neighbour' that Jesus commands of us.

"COP showed us the unity of purpose people of faith can bring. This encouragement should reignite in all of us hope for our future."



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