

OUR NEWS

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WELCOME TO OUR NEW DEACONS & PRIESTS

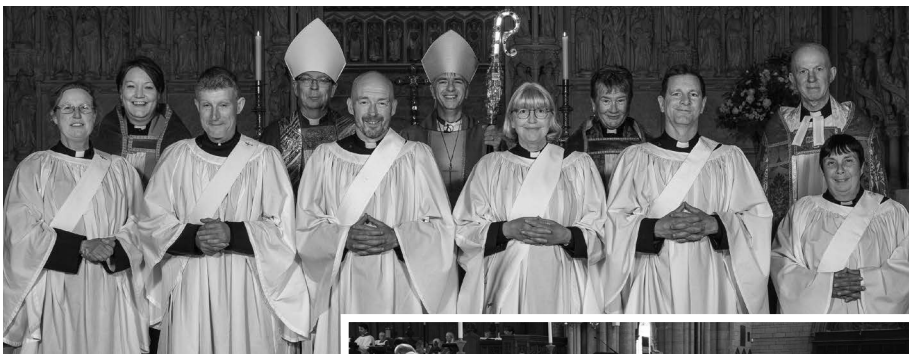
2022's Petertide Ordinations took place at Truro Cathedral this weekend.

On Friday evening The Rt Revd Hugh Nelson, Bishop of St Germans, lead the service to ordain six people as deacons. This was followed by a service on Saturday morning lead by The Rt Revd Philip Mounstephen, Bishop of Truro, who ordained six people as Priest.

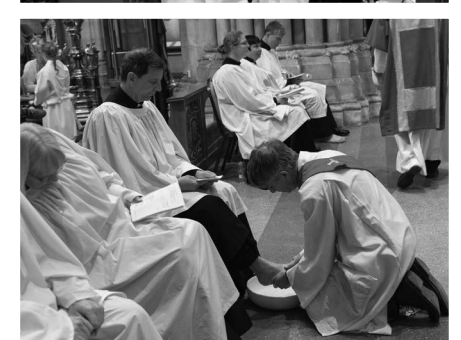
Leading up to the services, those being ordained had spent a week on retreat with the bishops, archdeacons and others. The week was not without drama however, as two of those being priested – David and Hannah Baylor – became parents just two days before

they went on to be ordained, with their new baby boy in attendance!

You can read more about some of those ordained on the diocesan website [here](#).



INTRODUCING OUR NEW DEACONS: Antony Naylor, Rory Clare, Lisa Coupland, Christopher Harrigan, Jess Lancaster, Penelope Leach



INTRODUCING OUR NEW PRIESTS: Revd Sophie Troczynska, Revd Michael Molano, Revd Thomas Ebbens, Revd Hannah Baylor, Revd David Baylor, Revd Li Selman

ARCHBISHOP'S MISSION WEEKEND 'A SPECTACULAR CELEBRATION'

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, was in the Diocese of Truro in June as part of his Archbishop's Mission to encourage acts of loving service, creative outreach and worship.

Archbishop Justin visited St Petroc's Church of England primary school in Bodmin. Headteacher Sean Perfect lead a tour of the school before the archbishop met staff, children and parents at the school gate. Evangelists were working in school all day.

The Year 5 children had prepared a **Blessing** with Chris Grey, Esme Page and Choristers from Truro Cathedral. This was sung at the end of the day when Archbishop Justin arrived.

In Looe, the town gathered in anticipation as the Loveny Male Voice Choir sang out across the bay.

The Revd Ben Morgan-Lundie welcomed the Archbishop who preached the Good News, making it quite clear that God knows and loves each one of us, sharing testimony of his own relationship with Jesus and the changes this brought to his life.

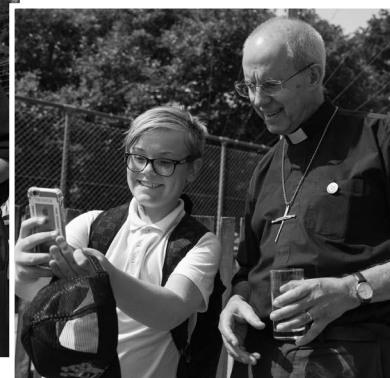
The service ended with, 'Cornwall My Home' and a rousing, "Oggy Oggy Oggy".

Later in the afternoon the Archbishop visited Kowetha, a friendship group run by the Menheniot Church family offering hospitality, good conversation and cake to the village. Archbishop Justin interviewed Sonia Stephenson, a member of the group and the first women to be awarded a Michelin Star.

Afterwards Archbishop Justin walked across the road to St Lalluw's Parish Church, Menheniot to talk to the faithful prayer hub team who have been praying all weekend whilst the Mission took place.

The weekend was a spectacular celebration of God's love being shared by Christians across the diocese.

Inspirational Christian fellowship and Mission was seen in places of hardship, with marginalised people, while providing



services to new families and fellowship and care for ex-prisoners and the homeless. There was plenty of worship with young families and youth groups, at the seaside and in our cathedral. All across the diocese missional events took place to encourage us to proclaim and share the message of God's love.



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“WILL WE ENGAGE IN THE ADVENTUROUS, RISKY FAITH GOD CALLS US TO - OR NOT?”

That was the question Bishop Philip asked of members during his Presidential Address at May's diocesan synod meeting.

In a speech that acknowledged the difficulties of the past few years and highlighted the challenges parishes faced, Bishop Philip emphasised the need to “attempt the impossible”.

“I want to say without equivocation or apology that what we are trying to do in the Diocese of Truro at the moment is to attempt the impossible. That is exactly what, as the Church of God, we should be doing. That is our core task, and our core business: to attempt the impossible.”

He went on to add: “This world really does need God's church to be the very best it can be. The ‘On the Way’ process, which many of you have been involved with this year, is all about that – it's about helping us, together, to be the very best we can be, for our God and for his world.”

He was unapologetic in his view that that work must start with the local “because the world experts in mission and ministry in any one place are the people of God already in that place... Most of the planning for fruitfulness and sustainability must happen locally – and although it's been painful in some places, it's been a real delight to see a number of deaneries find fresh vision, energy and indeed unity through the work of ‘On the Way’.

“This is emphatically not about top-down imposition, but local empowerment, as many people in this room can testify: and rightly so.

“This is about local communities, imagining, in the Spirit, just what different and better, just what fruitfulness and sustainability, might look like in the particular places to which we have been sent; to which we have been called. And that ought to be an exciting exercise to undertake. I believe that for many it already has been so, as exciting, bold plans are developed. And I'm delighted by that.”

While thanking people across the diocese for everything they have done,



Bishop Philip also announced some new measures to support clergy and parishes.

“Life-giving leadership is a key element of both fruitfulness and sustainability. It matters hugely that we take good care of those who lead us in mission and ministry, both for their own sake and for the sake of the church they lead. We will be looking specifically at the issue of clergy well-being at our next meeting in September.”

He was also keen to stress that the work and changes weren't confined to the local level. “Proper emphasis on the local does not mean we are passive at the ‘centre.’” So he outlined some critical decisions that are being rolled out to accompany ‘On the Way’.

Church House costs are being reduced by at least a quarter of a million pounds. “That amounts to some 12% of our shared costs budget. That has not been done without some pain, including redundancies of some fine members of staff, and it will reduce our central ability to serve our parishes, but I'm sure it's the right thing to do. When people complain about central costs then please remind them those costs are decreasing, not rising.”

Then again, the diocese has committed to ensure that £800,000 of the funds received from the Archbishops' Council to support ministry in areas of economic deprivation, money known as Lowest Income Community Funding (LICF), is spent in, and with, the communities for whom it is intended. “It will be targeted where it is needed, and the decisions

about which those places should be are being taken locally through the ‘On the Way’ process.”

“Finally, as a matter of integrity, having received support from national reserves to set up the TM projects, we want to replicate that by drawing from our own reserves to invest in those deaneries that have not so far received TM funding. The Bishop's Diocesan Council has committed to investing at least £2 million over the next five to seven years from our reserves to support creative local initiatives in mission.

Those funds might be used to increase staffing in deaneries, whether of lay or ordained people. Equally in some deaneries clergy numbers might reduce: but if they do that will be as a result of a local decision to do so. There is no diocesan plan to reduce them.”

Bishop Philip was clear in his support of parish ministry. “I believe in the ministry of the parish church, I've devoted many years of my life to it, and I want to see each and every one renewed and revitalised in discipleship, evangelism, growth, service, confidence, hope and love – because it's just wonderful when that happens.

“It's because I believe in the ministry of the parish church that one of our five priorities is that we should be, ‘a Church that is confident in its calling’. And in so many ways that is just what ‘On the Way’ is enabling and calling us to be: ‘a Church that is confident in its calling’.

“Change; fruitfulness and sustainability, are impossible for us, but possible for our God, and therefore for his Church, if we will trust him. I think that is the simple and the biggest test we face. Will we trust our God for the future or not? I assure you that is a challenge I feel very keenly myself. Will we trust our God for the future – or not? Will we engage in the adventurous, risky faith he calls us to – or not?”

[READ THE FULL ADDRESS HERE](#)



DIOCESAN ENVIRONMENT OFFICER TALKS..

Proverbs 8: 27-31

27 I was there when he set the heavens in place, when he marked out the horizon on the face of the deep, 28 when he established the clouds above and fixed securely the fountains of the deep, 29 when he gave the sea its boundary so the waters would not overstep his command, and when he marked out the foundations of the earth. 30 Then I was constantly at his side. I was filled with delight day after day, rejoicing always in his presence, 31 rejoicing in his whole world and delighting in mankind.

This passage from Proverbs was one of the lectionary readings for Trinity Sunday. As we gathered together as the Creation Care Network we shared our reflections from this passage. We wondered about the depths of God's oceans, the enormity of creation and yet the intimacy of the creator, we shared in the joy of being a world and people in whom the Trinity rejoiced. If today is feeling like a rough day...remember, the Trinity of love rejoice in you!

We also took time to share in what it means to Speak Up as Creation Care Champions and we watched some of the excellent resources from Jack Wakefield of **Tearfund** – do share them wider.

At next month's gathering we welcome George Dow, Co-Chair of Green Christian and member of the Penlee cluster of churches. George brings a rooted passion for creation care and will be sharing from his churches journey to the Eco Church Silver award – a fantastic team achievement.

May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you, wherever he may send you, May he guide you through the wilderness, protect you through the storm, May he bring you home rejoicing at the wonders he has shown you, May he bring you home rejoicing once again into our doors.

CREATION CARE NETWORK GATHERINGS & LINKS

The upcoming date for the Creation Care Network Gatherings is as follows:

Thursday, July 7, from 10am – 12 noon.

All are via the [Zoom link](#).

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- + REGISTER FOR THE KERNOW GREEN CHURCH AWARD
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USEFUL LINKS

JULY PARISH TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE

The 2022 Parish Training Programme is now available.

The FREE sessions coming up in July are:

July 2: **New Churchwardens training;**
July 21: **A guide to Parochial Fees.**

FIND OUT MORE HERE

WHAT'S ON JULY

2 New Churchwardens Training.

6 Grow Alpha, St Martin's Church, Liskeard, 10am - 2pm, [Find out more here.](#)

21 A Guide to Parochial Fees training.

CHURCH AWARDS

The first ever National Church Awards to celebrate churches and the people who use and look after them are now open for entries.

The categories for the 2022 awards are: Church architecture, Church maintenance, Church volunteers, Church tourism.

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