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THE CLASS OF 2021: New Readers with Bishop Hugh after last year's service

CELEBRATING OUR READERS

A celebration of all that is Reader Ministry will take place at Truro Cathedral on October 1, 2022.

This year's service will take on a different pattern and will be very much about celebrating the work of Readers as they go about their work as Community Theologians who teach, preach and enable everyday faith.

With the effects of covid on the training programme still being felt, there will not be any Readers licensed or Admitted during the service, this year.

There will be a service of the Eucharist with Bishop Hugh Nelson and Revd Canon Jane Kneebone, who is retiring as Director of Reader Training, will be preaching. The Bodmin and Trigg Minor Choir will be singing and Readers will once again play a leading role in the service.

Everyone is welcome to attend the cathedral. The service starts at 11am.

COMMUNITY THEOLOGIAN: Reader Judy from St Stephens, Nanstallon, Bodmin is one of those community theologians, sharing her everyday faith while out horse riding and dog walking.



LIVING IN LOVE & FAITH: SPECIAL DIOCESAN SYNOD TAKES PLACE

A special Diocesan Synod has been held to update members on the national progress of Living in Love and Faith and to explain the next steps.

Living in Love and Faith (LLF) has been taking place for the last 24 months across the whole of the Church of England. It is a national discernment process aimed at helping the Church to move forward with decisions around issues relating to human sexuality and marriage.

The meeting, which was held at Holy Trinity, St Austell and led by the diocesan LLF team, was attended by 25 people in person, with another six synod members joining via Zoom.

The Rt Revd Hugh Nelson, Bishop of St Germans, who has chaired the team, was clear that the meeting was not to decide on the questions facing the church, but rather to ensure clarity around the next steps of LLF as well as learning together as a synod how we can live well together with difference.

Bishop Hugh said: "It maybe we all agree about everything, but the chances are that we don't! Difference isn't a problem; it is an essential part of being human. The question is, what do we do about it? How do we live well with our differences?"

Concerns were raised about people being forced to think the same, but while there were quite different perspectives on same sex marriage from people of different traditions, the majority advocated for an approach that allows for difference of belief and opinion but that is inclusive and enables all to know Jesus and be loved.

[READ THE FULL STORY HERE](#)



WINNER: Representatives from Holy Trinity Church, Penponds, receive the award from Mary Cahill, Nick's widow

FIRST NICK CAHILL AWARD WINNER ANNOUNCED

Holy Trinity Church in Penponds has been named as the first ever recipient of the Nick Cahill Award.

Representatives from the church received a trophy made by Kurt Jackson at a well-attended memorial event for Nick Cahill, which was held at the Anchor Studios in Newlyn.

Paul Holden, chairman of the Diocese of Truro Advisory Committee of which Nick was a member, said: "Nick was a hugely influential and highly respected member of Cornwall's heritage community. He was a respected scholar and authority in many aspects of the built environment and was unfailingly generous in sharing his wealth of knowledge and expert opinion. In serving many local and national interest groups and committees and working for Cornwall Council he left no corner of Cornwall or aspect of our heritage forgotten."

As a valued member of the Truro Diocese Advisory Committee (DAC) Nick had a particular passion for churches and chapels. In memory of this, the Diocese of Truro, generously supported by many organisations that Nick touched, set up an award open to projects involving ecclesiastical buildings and sites of all faiths and denominations.

The Nick Cahill Award, which will be

awarded annually, recognises excellence in design and craftsmanship and, in keeping with Nick's progressive outlook, considers both exciting interventions and more modest conservation, restoration or modernisation projects.

Holy Trinity, Penponds, is a small Grade II listed church, with beautifully decorated interiors, near Camborne. To improve community use within the building, the church has added a respectful and well-detailed extension that incorporates new kitchen and toilet facilities. The judges were impressed by the quality, architectural design and attention to detail of the new building, in particular how it respects the historic architecture. The simple and effective interior design has a minor impact on the church interiors but will have a huge bearing on mission and worship. The extension was added by Scott & Co, Truro; sponsored by Garfield Weston and Rosemary Hereford was a key benefactor.

A highly commended award was given to St Julitta, Lanteglos by Camelford. The other two shortlisted entries were St Martin's, Liskeard, and Tresparrett Methodist Chapel, near Camelford.

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CELTIC QUIET PLACES

Do you have a Church in your benefice that is under-used, perhaps a bit isolated, but still very dearly loved? Would you consider allowing it to be part of a new directory of Celtic Quiet Places which could be promoted?

The idea, which has come from Canon Pat Robson and is supported by Bishop Philip, is to see if it might be possible to create a network of small churches that both locals and tourists alike could visit: places where they can spend some time alone in peace and quiet, enjoying the atmosphere of an ancient holy place and the beauty of the countryside around it.

The directory would be made available on the internet so that visitors could plan their walks and car journeys accordingly, and would include a photograph of the church, a sketch map showing how to find it, times when it would be open, the availability of outdoor seating, wheelchair accessibility, car parking and details of toilets available, if any.

Once the church were part of the scheme, all that local Church members would need to do would be to see that the church is kept clean and attractive; that there were helpful leaflets for visitors to take away; that it was opened at the agreed time each day and that there would be a visitors' book available for people to sign.

It is not essential that the church is dedicated to a Celtic saint but it would be an added attraction.

Our churches are not meant to be monuments, nor are they meant to be locked up. They have been greatly loved by people down through the ages, as they still are by so many in our communities. It is hoped that if people from inside and outside of the church played even a small part in keeping the churches open under this scheme, it would give them a sense of purpose in knowing that they are providing a real ministry to stressed or unhappy people who are searching for peace.

However isolated and ill-attended some of our little churches may have become they can still play a vital part in our mission and the way we minister to those around us.

If you would like to join in Pat would be delighted to hear from you. If you are interested in taking part or have any ideas or suggestions, please contact Pat via email here or call 07867 577416 or 01726 882366.



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TRELAWNY PLATE PRESENTED TO ST PETROCS CHIEF

The prestigious Trelawny Plate has this year been awarded to Steve Ellis from St Petrocs.

The Cornish award, awarded biennially, was presented by the Lord Lieutenant of Cornwall, Colonel Edward Bolitho, at a special service held near the home of Trelawny's living descendants in Pelynt.

The special service of thanksgiving and celebration was led by Revd Richard Allen, vicar of St Nun Parish Church, and is especially arranged to reflect the culture and achievements of the recipient. This year included songs sung by Pelynt Academy Choir and Trelawny Male Voice Choir. The Bishop of Truro, the Rt Revd Philip Mounstephen offered prayers.

Unique to Cornwall, the Trelawny Plate recipient is chosen by a committee of senior Cornish figures led by Colonel Bolitho, Lord-Lieutenant of Cornwall as a mark of significant recognition in the county.

On receiving the award, Steve said: "This is truly a humbling yet totally rewarding experience. This means so much to my family, myself and everybody associated with St Petrocs. I take the responsibility of being the recipient of the Trelawny Plate not only as life-defining but also an inspiration to be worthy of the award."

Steve was chosen following 20 years of outstanding leadership of St Petrocs, working tirelessly to support



some of the most vulnerable people in Cornwall. Under his stewardship the charity has played a major role in addressing the issue of homelessness in the county and has become one of the most widely respected organisations in Cornwall and beyond. Steve has recently stepped down from the Chief Executive role, which he has held since 2002, and continues his involvement with St Petrocs as Vice President.

The plate originally belonged to Bishop Trelawny, who was arrested and imprisoned in the Tower of London in 1688, and has been donated by the Bishop's descendant Sir John Trelawny. The original plate is displayed at the Royal Cornwall Museum and each recipient receives a replica.



PUPILS LEARN ABOUT TRELAWNY AT PELYNT

Pupils from Pelynt Primary Academy paid a visit to St Nun Parish Church to take part in a service and learn more about Bishop Trelawny. The service ended with a rousing rendition on 'Trelawny' before pupils tucked into saffron buns sat in the sun in the churchyard.



SCARING THE CROWS IN LANREATH PARISH

Pictured above are some of the scarecrows from Lanreath Parish Church's annual scarecrow service. Posing with some of the young congregation are Willy Wonks, created by the Lanreath Ladybirds the local mums and toddlers group, Revd Richard's scarecrow 'Jake' and the Coysh children's Scarecrow.

FREE HARVEST RESOURCES

By supporting Ripple Effect (the new name for Send a Cow) this Harvest, your church could help provide training and resources to shine a light on child hunger in rural Burundi so they can help families break the cycle of extreme poverty.

Be part of the wave of change across rural Africa and download your free Harvest resources [here](#).



DIOCESAN ENVIRONMENT OFFICER TALKS..

Each month when we gather as the Creation Care Network, we pray together for our world, we listen to one another's stories and we share in a reflection from the Bible.

The theme for this coming creation tide is 'listen to the voice of creation'. What do you 'hear' in the passage above?

I'm struck by the clarity of the water of life, the monthly provision of fruit on each side of the river bank – access for all, and these incredible leaves that are 'for the healing of the nations'. Within

our own nation and indeed our world we see a need for this healing at every level, political, spiritual, physical, ethereal and more. This 'healing' will be complete, just as our God is complete. Its no mistake that our own Kernow Green Church Award has a leaf as its emblem. It's a visual reminder of our commitment to work toward a healing of all creation.

Our next gathering on Thursday, September 8 (10am - 12 noon) when will feature Helen Stephens from Eco Church as our guest speaker. All are via the Zoom [link](#).

ONLY DAYS LEFT TO COMPLETE YOUR EFT

Please can you encourage your church to complete their Energy Footprint Tool by the end of July. The EFT is usually completed by the parish treasurer. The EFT is a national Church of England tool for churches to record churches' energy use and calculate their carbon

emissions. Contact Church House if you need help with this 01872 274351 info@truro.anglican.org Church House can provide you with log-ins to the Portal (the website where you submit your figures) or a paper form if you prefer to use this.

CREATION CARE NETWORK USEFUL LINKS

- + CREATION CARE WEB PAGE
- + REGISTER FOR THE KERNOW GREEN CHURCH AWARD
- + BECOME A CREATION CARE

- CHAMPION
- + SIGN UP TO RECEIVE CREATION CARE UPDATES

TALKING OVER TEA WITH THE BISHOPS THIS AUTUMN

Starting in October, Bishops Philip and Hugh will be joining each deanery for a time of prayer and conversation about

fruitfulness and sustainability (and lots of tea & cake). Look out for more news on dates and locations over the next month.

PARISH TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE

The 2022 Parish Training Programme is now available.

The FREE sessions coming up in September are:

- Sept 9: **New Treasurers**
- Sept 14 **Health & Safety for Churches**
- Sept 21 **Finance Drop-in session**

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WHAT'S ON JULY

30 Church on the Quay, Polruan Coal Wharf, with Lanreath Community Band & Choir, 7pm.

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6 Church on the Quay, Polruan Coal Wharf, with Pelynt Male Voice Choir, 7pm.

13 Church on the Quay, Polruan Coal Wharf, with Callington Gospel Choir, 7pm.

21 Church on the Quay, Polruan Coal Wharf, with St Martin's Liskeard Church Band, 7pm.

28 Polruan Regatta Songs of Praise, Polruan Coal Wharf, with Noteability Choir, 6pm.

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DIOCESAN PRAYER DIARY

The Diocese of Truro **Prayer Diary** helps us hold in our prayers the world wide Anglican Communion, bishops and their dioceses, parishes in our own diocese, those who minister both clergy and lay, and all who contribute to the life and witness of our churches.



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