

OUR NEWS

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BISHOP PHILIP THANKS DEAN OF TRURO FOR HIS SERVICE

Bishop Philip has offered his thanks and prayers to the Dean of Truro, the Very Reverend Roger Bush, following his announcement that he is to relinquish his position as Dean at the end of September.

The Bishop of Truro, the Rt Revd Philip Mounstephen said: "Roger was appointed Dean of Truro ten years ago and during that time he has served the cathedral community with a great deal of love and dedication. We thank Roger for his service and especially his humour, we pray for Roger and Lois and we wish them all the very best for the next stage of their journey."

In his announcement, the dean said: "In the ten years that I have been dean, the role has changed exponentially in order to deal with the increased number of responsibilities that have grown in that period. I have long advocated that the role needs looking at and that appropriate training for incoming deans is essential."

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He added: "I can safely say that having some care and responsibility for this community has been the greatest privilege of my life, and I will take that honour with me into the next phase of my walk with God."

[READ THE DEAN OF TRURO'S FULL STATEMENT HERE](#)



FR SIMON ROBINSON NAMED AS INTERIM DEAN

Following the announcement that The Very Reverend Roger Bush is to leave the cathedral, Bishop Philip has announced the appointment of Fr Simon Robinson SMMS as Interim Dean of Truro for the period of one year.

Fr Simon is currently Vicar of Minehead and has a long history, prior to ordination, of senior leadership in the education sector. He also serves as Superior of the Sodality of Mary, a dispersed community of priests in the Catholic tradition dedicated to deepen their devotion and discipleship so as 'to become more Christ centred and mission focussed'.

Simon has been the Chair of the Diocesan Board of Education for the Diocese of Bath and Wells, and sits on Diocesan and General Synod and various trust boards, both church and community. In 2021 he completed the Strategic Leadership Development Programme, a five-year programme for clergy identified as potential future leaders on a strategic and senior level.

Simon will be collated and installed as a Residentiary Canon at 4pm Evensong on October 9 by Bishop Hugh. All are very welcome to attend.

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BISHOPS' LETTER ...

LAMBETH CONFERENCE REFLECTIONS

We write having just returned from the Lambeth Conference. It was a significant event in the life of the global church that we all belong to, and we want to share some of our experiences and reflections with you all.

Our overwhelming experience was of a holy diversity. This was best captured whenever we prayed the Lord's Prayer, each in our own language: joining 1,000 disciples of Jesus Christ in sharing the same words in so many different voices, was to stand on the threshold of heaven.

At the heart of our work were ten 'Calls', covering a wide range of topics of concern to churches across the Communion including human dignity, mission and evangelism, discipleship and climate change. You can read the full text of all of them [here](#).

Running like a golden thread through much that we discussed were the Five Marks of Mission. First developed in 1984 and often summarised as "Tell, Teach, Tend, Transform, Treasure", the Five Marks of Mission continue to speak of – and calls us to – a holistic mission to a world in desperate need of God's mercy and love.

Bishop Hugh said: "I arrived at the conference with limited experience of the global Anglican church and leave with my heart full of the encounters I have had and the people I have come to know. The South Sudanese Bishop in my group will return to the refugee camp in Uganda where he lives. His congregations are scattered in similar camps in Kenya and Congo. A Sri Lankan Bishop I met will return home to speak out against

a corrupt government, putting his own safety in danger as he does so. A Bishop from Myanmar is going back to navigate a complex role as he tries to keep his congregations safe while not pandering to an authoritarian regime. A Bishop from the Solomon Islands has already moved off his home island, because sea level rises are threatening its villages.

"And in all of these situations, and many others like it, faith in the God of hope remains strong and deep, and the church is growing. The Anglican Church plays a critical, kingdom building role in the world, and it was a privilege to hear about it and to be reminded that we too are part of it."

Bishop Philip said: "The conference was a living demonstration of the sheer variety of this wonderful Communion of which we are a part. There was a studied and evident commitment to reflect our linguistic variety in the sheer number of languages we heard.

"This sheer variety in itself posed the question, 'What does it mean to be the Anglican Communion?' I can't actually remember who said this but I was struck by these words: 'In our Anglican ecclesiology we are locally placed and covenantally connected.' And that is surely right. We are both independent and interdependent – and both are important."

■ **The two-week Lambeth Conference took place in July and August, after a two-year delay caused by Covid.**

■ **650 bishops from around the Anglican Communion, along with 500 spouses and ecumenical guests from other denominations gathered.**

■ **Bishops came from 165 countries, with translation into 10 languages (a fraction of those actually spoken), representing places of both great wealth and terrible poverty, with diverse theological convictions and profoundly different political, cultural and missional contexts.**

■ **The whole conference was shaped around engagement with 1 Peter, under the overall theme of 'God's Church for God's world'.**

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FOUNDATIONS IN CHRISTIAN MINISTRY COURSE

Is God calling you? Do you already serve in some way in your local church, but feel there is more that you would like to be able to do?

The aims of the Foundations in Christian Ministry course are:

- to deepen your Christian discipleship
- to explore and help form your gifts for ministry

- to help you discern God's call for the next step in your journey with Him and
- to provide you with a foundation for further training in lay ministry.

By the end of the course you will have been introduced to the major elements of Biblical studies and Christian doctrine, have encountered a range of forms of prayer and expressions of Christian

spirituality, have been introduced to the principles of pastoral care, be equipped with skills to aid your involvement in God's ministry and mission, have developed basic skills of personal journaling and reflection, have explored your vocation, with guidance, and talked with a range of other people.

[MORE INFORMATION HERE](#)

INNOVATIVE AND PIONEERING THEME FOR SEPTEMBER SYNOD

The second full diocesan synod of 2022 will take place in Bodmin on September 24.

St Petroc's Church in Bodmin will once again be the host for the meeting which will have the theme of A Church that unashamedly embraces an innovative pioneering culture.

Opening worship at this synod will be lead by the Dean of Truro, the Very Reverend Roger Bush. Roger will be leading Holy Communion according to the Book of Common Prayer as his parting ministry as a member of diocesan synod.

Opening synod with this traditional worship reminds us that our Anglican identity is something that we take with us as we pioneer, and that in many places the rich poetry and sacred resonances of

the BCP are themselves pioneering now, just as they were in the 17th century.

Other items on the agenda for the September synod include stories from some of the pioneers in our diocese, reports from the Diocesan Board of Education, safeguarding, On The Way, clergy wellbeing and the implementation of the Clergy Covenant and General Synod.

The meeting will take place in person and via zoom, starting at 9.30am with business expected to be completed by 3pm.

More information is available via the diocesan [website](#).

COULD YOUR CHURCH PROVIDE A WARM WELCOME?

With typical household energy bills now over £3,500 and set to rise further in January, experts have warned we could see an increase in excess deaths this winter.

Organisations across the UK have already seen a soar in demand for their services, and anticipate this number to further rise over the winter months, with many people expected to look for their support for the first time.

The Warm Welcome Campaign is the community response to the crisis. Our mission is to support organisations to open their doors and provide a warm welcome for those struggling to heat their homes this winter.

We are determined to equip and support thousands of free, warm, and welcoming spaces in communities across the UK. Working with churches and other faith groups, civil society organisations, businesses and Local Authorities, we want to make sure that nobody is left to suffer on their own this winter.

Add the pledge to your websites and noticeboards.

FIND OUT MORE HERE.

Transformation Cornwall is looking at growing its own network of warm places.

Warm places are warm, safe spaces where community members can take refuge, expecting a friendly and inclusive welcome. A place where people can come along on their own, or with a friend, and talk to others over a hot drink or maybe a hot meal.

People could also get practical tips and advice on saving energy costs, keeping safe and warm at home and be signposted to find out about more specialist advice and support for their particular issues and needs.

Warm Places could include coffee mornings, a monthly breakfast club, a repair cafe session or a meetup for carers, a wellbeing session, or a slow cooking course to help people budget for heating and eating.

If this is something your church can offer contact Anne via email at anne@transformation-cornwall.org.uk or Andrew Yates, diocesan social responsibility officer via email at andrew.yates@truro.anglican.org

ON THE WAY

FINAL DEANERY SYNOD APPROVALS FOR ON THE WAY PLANS

The final On The Way Deanery Plans are now being approved by their respective Deanery Synods, and work is already underway to form and resource implementation teams in each of the 12 deaneries.

This work is supported by a small nationally funded team to be led by Ruth Marriott, our new Director of Change and Renewal.

Alongside local implementation the Bishop's Diocesan Council will be looking at what diocesan support or co-ordination will be useful to make sure that local planning comes to fruition.

Themes across most deanery plans include a renewed commitment to the life of the local church, although sometimes with new models of ministry and more emphasis on lay roles such as children and families' workers.

Across the diocese there are plans to support ministry in communities experiencing deprivation, with more than £800,000 of Church Commissioners funding committed in 2023 and directly available to parishes through deanery planning.

ST IVES WILD CHURCH AT CREATIONFEST

In August a small team from Wild Church (St John's in the Fields, St Ives) volunteered as part of the families tent at Creation Fest. The tent was focused on families worshipping and learning together and was a lovely mixture of fun worship from iSingPop, teaching, craft and some fantastic drama and theatre.

Those attending gave really positive feedback about the way it was all organised.

Revd Nick Widdows from St John's, said: "It fits in with our own philosophy at Wild Church of all generations coming together in worship and fellowship."

LITTLE SPARKS KEEP FLYING OVER SUMMER HOLIDAYS

With the majority of playgroups taking a break over the summer holidays, the team at Little Sparks in Falmouth listened to the feedback from parents/carers and decided to run throughout the holidays, welcoming older siblings as well as babies and toddlers. Many parents struggle to keep their children occupied for the full six weeks and the Stay & Play regulars had shared their desire to keep the routine and contact with the 'Little Sparks' community throughout the summer. Any doubts as to the need for such a summer group were eradicated when all the spaces booked up each week in record time!

It was decided that All Saints Church could accommodate 35 families every Monday morning for 'Summer Sparks', many families with more than one child. Each Tuesday morning a booking link on the New Street Church website was released via social media, with details of the theme for the following week. The themes, such as 'Under the Sea' or 'Happiness Day', allowed a variety of different creative activities, from mask-making to biscuit



decorating, and even a photo booth for the children and adults to dress up and have their photos taken together. A team of volunteers led the crafts and games and the children enjoyed healthy snacks and bible stories.

The atmosphere was busy and joyful with parents and carers enjoying the chance to socialise, relax and find support while their children had space to play and create. The regular faithful Little Sparks refreshments team were happy to continue throughout the summer and everyone was grateful to be served tea, coffee and cake with such love from the familiar faces.

ECO CHURCH BRONZE AWARD FOR CHURCH HOUSE

The team at Church House are delighted to announce that the diocesan offices have been given a Bronze Eco Church award by A Rocha. The diocesan offices registering as an Eco Church is a requirement for our diocese to become an Eco Diocese.

The team are now working towards the Silver award which they hope to obtain in 2023.

Kate Cortez, Head of Operations at Church House said: "A key thing for us

is that we know churches are being asked to make changes to help reach Net Zero by 2030 and we want to walk alongside them in this. We are all part of the diocese and staff are really keen to do their bit."



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CREATION CARE NETWORK USEFUL LINKS

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

The next Creation Care Network gathering is on Thursday, September 8 (10am - 12 noon) when will feature Helen

- CHAMPION
- + SIGN UP TO RECEIVE CREATION CARE UPDATES

Stephens from Eco Church as our guest speaker. All are via the Zoom [link](#).

[FIND OUT MORE HERE](#)

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**

WHAT'S ON SEPTEMBER

8 Data & community consultation workshop, St Petrocs Church Bodmin, 12.30pm - 2.30pm.

16 - 18 Flower festival & fair, St Goran Church, 10am - 5pm.

20 Jonny Baker Pioneer Tour, All Saints Church, Falmouth, 4pm - 8.30pm.

25 Love our earth & harvest special service, St Paul's Church, Chacewater, 9.45am - 11am.

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](#).

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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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