

OUR NEWS

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PCR2 REPORTS PUBLISHED

The National Church has published its report into Past Cases Review 2.

The Diocese of Truro, including Truro Cathedral, was one of the first dioceses to complete its reviews and as a result, its reports are now almost two years old.

During that time, the Diocesan Safeguarding Advisory Panel and a sub-group formed specifically to review the recommendations have been overseeing the implementation of new procedures and actions into its work programmes.

This week's publication relates to the National report of recommendations for actions and procedures after review of all 42 dioceses' reports. We, in the Diocese of Truro and Truro Cathedral, will now review what other work we may need to do as a result.

READ THE NATIONAL REPORT AS WELL AS THE DIOCESAN AND CATHEDRAL REPORTS HERE.

The Rt Revd Philip Mounstephen, Bishop of Truro, said: "We welcome the release of the national report into the PCR2 process and will now take some time to review whether there is any further work we need to do beyond our local recommendations.

"We have been far from inactive in the time between completing our reviews and the national release. We have used these past two years to get to work on the implementation of our recommendations and many in the diocese and cathedral community



can attest to that through their input into areas like safer recruitment.

"We are pleased that the reviewers noted the will of the people in our diocese to improve safeguarding practices and procedures and that there was good support and advice

available from our safeguarding team, but nonetheless we are not complacent.

"Safeguarding is a key part of our diocesan life, and an essential expression of our commitment to the gospel of Jesus Christ, and we are committed to do all we can to get it right."

Sharon Minty, a Survivor advocate who has worked with the diocese throughout the process, said: "In my role as the Sexual Violence Services Manager for First Light, I have been working with the diocese providing expertise and guidance to ensure the survivors of sexual violence have a place at the heart of the work being undertaken.

"Part of my role is to work with the diocesan safeguarding team with the aim of helping the diocese to remain focused on sexual violence and to ensure its employees and volunteers have a high level of understanding and awareness of Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence and how to manage potential disclosures.

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DONATE THE REBATE

The Diocese of Truro has teamed up with Transformation Cornwall, The Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Methodist District and Cornwall Faith Forum to encourage residents to donate their energy rebate to Poverty Hurts, the Cornwall Community Foundation's cost of living appeal.

There is no minimum donation amount for this campaign, which aims to inspire thousands of locals to share just part of their rebate and make a tangible difference in their own community.

Funds raised by the Poverty Hurts appeal will provide grants to grassroots charities and community organisations who are facing increased demand for their support due to the rising household costs faced by people across Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly. Cornwall has 17 council wards in the 20% most deprived in England. The cost-of-living crisis is creating a perfect storm for many people in Cornwall.

Bishop Hugh Nelson, Chair of Transformation Cornwall, said "This campaign is in the true spirit of 'One and All'. For many people the support that's coming for energy bills is desperately needed and won't be enough. Others don't need the help and will be able to donate their rebate. If we all pull together like this, we can make a real difference and make sure people get the support they need. Please give all you can!"

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ANNA CHAPLAINS - WHY DO OUR ELDERLY NEED THEM?

Anna Chaplains are commissioned to look after the spiritual needs of older people, ensuring that they are valued for more than just being a good sort who helps out behind the scenes. But do they need them?

Jill Adams and Susan Godolphin believe they do and that they have been called to this special ministry. Both were recently commissioned by the Venerable Paul Bryer, Archdeacon of Cornwall. Like Jesus' disciples, they feel strongly that they have been sent, and it is this sending that resonates.

"I worked in worked in care for the older community for many years," says Jill. "Tending to people's physical needs but not really allowed to offer spiritual support. So it's so freeing to now be released into this ministry."

Likewise for Susan. "I've worked all my life in children's work. Both as a leader in the Girls Brigade and as a licensed Reader, going into schools for assemblies and encouraging children during family services. I thought I was about to enjoy retirement but then clearly felt God nudging me towards this ministry for older people. For me, the catalyst was hearing how many of our older folk felt about church after the pandemic."

The pandemic was hard on everyone, but as Susan identified, it impacted on the way many older people felt about their church. Overnight they were cut off from a support system that shaped their routine and community. A place where



they felt at home, at peace and included. Unlike many younger people, older people didn't feel liberated by the explosion of online services, podcasts and Zoom gatherings. They felt left behind. And when they finally were able to return to their beloved churches, for some, everything had changed.

In Camborne, where Susan is based, they have been blessed with an amazing Transforming Mission team, most of whom joined the cluster during the pandemic. They worked hard to grow the church, reach out to the unchurched, and are making a genuine impact on the lives of young people and their families. But when the older people returned to church, it wasn't the same as they had left it.

READ THE FULL STORY HERE

BUDGET FOR APPROVAL AT NOVEMBER'S SYNOD

The last Diocesan Synod of 2022 will take place on November 19 at Holy Trinity Church, St Austell and on Zoom.

Synod members will be asked to approve the 2023 budget during the meeting. There will also be information around the use of Lower Income Communities Funding and a look at the approaches to addressing poverty across the diocese.

Members of the public are welcome

to attend synod to watch proceedings either in person or online.

The meeting starts at 9.30am.

To sign up for Zoom please click [here](#).

The papers for the meeting will be on the diocesan website [here](#).



BISHOP PHILIP SHARES HIS TRIP TO LEBANON

During his trip to Lebanon, which he is undertaking with David Fieldsend, Rachael Varney and Revd Etienne van Blerk, Bishop Philip has been sharing news and views with us via his blog.

His latest blog, The Face of Persecution, clearly highlights the issues around Freedom of Religious Belief in stark reality:

"During a visit to one organisation here I met a man who leads a Christian agency elsewhere in the region. He told me how he and his organisation had been helping a woman who had come to faith in Christ. And then he showed me the pictures of what her husband had done to her as a result. He showed me pictures of limbs terribly, awfully bruised. And he showed me a picture of a face terribly red and raw and scarred by acid. I will never, ever, forget those pictures.

"And that is, literally, the face of persecution in the world today. And it is a great evil which must be addressed, which must be faced.

"And it reminded me that it's all very well standing up in lecture rooms and speaking about persecution, and analysing the phenomenon, but in the end this is all about people's lives – and indeed their deaths.

"May God give me grace never to forget that."

READ BISHOP PHILIP'S LEBANON BLOGS HERE



ST MABYN'S SUPPORT SQUAD MENTAL HEALTH ASSISTANCE

It was in the early autumn of 2021 and Assistant Curate, Stephen Williams began leading a prayerful discernment group at St Mabyn church. Following an online survey and consultation in the village, it became evident that there was a need for mental health support. The community was reeling from the effects of four suicides within the village and hinterlands during the past 18 months.

This need struck a chord with Stephen who, throughout his professional life has demonstrated a passion for supporting those adversely affected by mental health.

The prayer group quickly discerned the need to set up some support in St Mabyn and the wider agricultural community as a form of mission and outreach to the local community.

The group was already aware of a retired mental health professional working in the village and a member of the congregation who had previously managed a psychiatric ward for people with dementia. Then a Samaritan moved to the village and a manager of ward on a local hospice made contact. All were keen to be involved.

Conversations with Mind and Rethink helped the group formulate their structure. Rethink provided much of the practical support, including DBS Checks,

start-up funding and communication systems. The group considered too, how to support one another through post-session debriefs and peer supervision.

The Support Squad became the name for the group but it was fundamental that they were clear from the outset on what they can and cannot do so they formulated a vision to reflect this:

The Support Squad strive to bring together St Mabyn residents and local communities by promoting well-being and helping members of the group build valuable friendships.

We aim to offer emotional support to adults experiencing mental health issues, whether it be personally, caregivers, friends or family, and provide them with the practical help needed to access local and national services.

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CHURCH SEEKS VIEWS ON CONTESTED MEMORIAL

King Charles the Martyr (KCM) Church in Falmouth is in the process of consultation over a contested memorial within the church.

In 2020, the Church of England began to roll out a consultation to churches with the aim of getting them to review their memorials as part of a process on Contested Heritage.

King Charles Church began its consultation process late last year to decide on the best course of action regarding the future a memorial to Thomas Corker, a 17th Century slave trader and owner and member of a prominent Falmouth family at the time. Since then, there have been conversations with local councillors, we have heard the heartfelt sentiments of the black community and others including local historians as well as a direct descendant of Thomas Corker, himself of mixed heritage, representing the Caulker family.

Revd Canon Bill Stuart-White, vicar, said: "The Corker Memorial is in a prominent position in the church and the message it currently conveys about the despicable transatlantic slave-trade clashes starkly and profoundly with the message of the Christian Gospel."

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READER CELEBRATION FAREWELL FOR REVD CANON JANE KNEEBONE

The annual Reader service took place at Truro Cathedral in October and as well as celebrations, it was also a service of hellos and goodbyes.

Revd Canon Jane Kneebone gave the sermon in her last duty as Director of Reader Training, a post she has held for eight years.

Jane said: "Standing here today, I can see



the faces of those with whom I trained as a Reader, several years ago now; and then those of you whom I have had the joy of walking alongside as you trained and were formed for Reader, or Licensed

Lay Ministry. I have lectured you, prayed for you, chased you for work, tried to inspire and encourage you, had lots of fun with you, and you know I have loved you all. In return, you have humbled, inspired and encouraged me, and given me back far more than I ever gave you.

"Readers truly are 'Community theologians who teach, preach and enable everyday faith'. I can't think of a better definition of what I consider Readers are all about."

[MORE PHOTOS & FULL STORY HERE](#)

SERVICE OF CELEBRATION

Church communities from across the diocese gathered together at Truro Cathedral to celebrate a shared commitment to creation care.

During the service Bishop Hugh Nelson shared with those present the call to work toward a restored earth, reflecting the words from the Lord's Prayer; 'as it is in heaven'.

During the service, six churches – Old Kea, All Hallows (St Kea), St Colan (St Colum Minor with Colan), St Mewan, St Mark Mission (St Mewan) and St Stephens by Saltash – received the new Kernow Green Church Award.

There was also the opportunity to recognise the excellent work of all eight churches that have achieved an Eco Church award so far. These awards represent significant commitment from the church communities and the Creation Care Champions who lead them. More than this, the journey to gaining these awards establishes a creation care DNA within the church community and enables great missional



opportunities for engagement with others for whom creation care is a priority.

The most recent silver award was gained by the creation care team at Ludgvan in the week leading up to the cathedral service. Julia Havard who leads the team of Creation Care Champions said: "We are delighted, and a bit amazed with the news of the Eco Church Silver award. We looked at all the small things we do for creation care and realised how they added up to make a real difference."

MORE PHOTOS & DETAILS HERE

CREATION CARE PILGRIMS TAKE TO THE COAST

A group of pilgrims and their dogs assembled at Cubert Church for a short act of worship before setting off on a walk through the local countryside led by Creation Care Canon Revd Elly Sheard.

Along the way, the group paused to observe the landscape, reflect on the ways in which humanity interacts with the earth and pray for God's call on our lives to care well for the planet.

On Holywell beach, after scrambling into the cave and viewing the holy well there, everyone gathered on the sand and the Bishop of St Germans, the Rt Revd Hugh Nelson led a service of Holy Communion.

Elly said: "For many of us this was the highlight of the day as we were invited to reflect on the meal shared by the risen



Jesus on the beach with his disciples (John 21: 9 – 14) and to share wine and locally grown and made bread."

On the return to Cubert the pilgrims visited a second holy well and joined in a second short service of reflection in the church. Tea and cake in the local bakery rounded off the day to everyone's satisfaction!

CREATION CARE NETWORK USEFUL LINKS

The next Creation Care Network gathering is on Thursday, November 3 (10am - 12 noon). All are via the Zoom [link](#).

+ CREATION CARE WEB PAGE

+ REGISTER FOR THE KERNOW GREEN CHURCH AWARD
+ BECOME A CREATION CARE CHAMPION
+ SIGN UP TO RECEIVE CREATION CARE UPDATES

WHAT'S ON NOVEMBER

3 Abiding at the Well prayer, 8.30am, Zoom.

12 Christian Aid's Talking Climate Justice Tour, All Saints Highertown, Truro, 10.30am - 1pm.

17 Share Story - Share Jesus, St Andrew's Church, Stratton, 7pm.

19 Diocesan Synod, Holy Trinity, St Austell, 9am.

29 St Mellitus College Open Day, 9am - 2pm.

MORE EVENTS HERE

SCHOOL GOVERNORS

School governors are always required for Church of England schools across the diocese.

If you think you have time you could commit to supporting the future, you can find out more information about School Governor roles [here](#).

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THE LATEST ON THE WAY UPDATE

CREATION CARE NETWORK

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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