

OUR NEWS

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FAREWELL SERVICE FOR BISHOP PHILIP

A Choral Evensong service of thanksgiving and farewell for Bishop Philip and Ruth Mounstephen has taken place at Truro Cathedral.

The service, which featured singing by the Cathedral Choir, saw Bishop Philip officially hand back the diocesan crozier as he prepares to head to Winchester.

The service was lead by the new Dean of Truro, Father Simon Robinson with the lessons read by Rachael Varney, Lis Escap Operations Manager and Lay Chaplain, and The Ven Kelly Betteridge, Archdeacon of Bodmin. Bishop Philip gave the sermon.

Following the service, there was an informal gathering which featured speeches by the Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Cornwall, James Williams, Bishop Hugh Nelson, Archdeacon Kelly Betteridge and Gary Anderson, who spoke on behalf of clergy spouses. There was then the chance for those attending to say goodbye in person and enjoy refreshments with both Philip and Ruth, and of course, Noggie. The couple received cards, gifts, and well wishes as they prepare to leave the diocese in the next few days.

[WATCH THE SERVICE HERE](#)

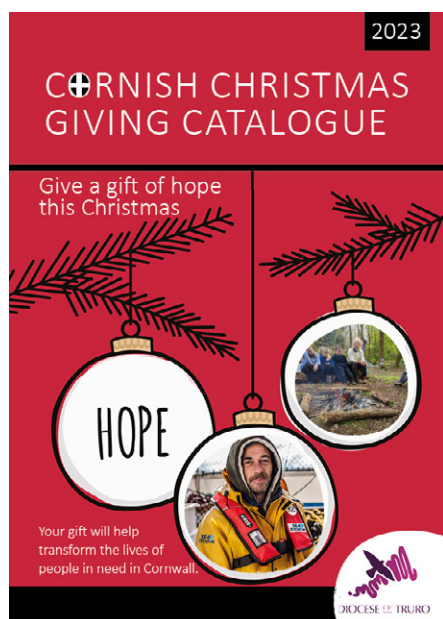


ABOVE: Bishop Philip places the diocesan crozier on the altar of the cathedral; Bishop Philip helps Bishop Hugh to put on the robes of the Bishop of Truro as he takes on the leadership of the diocese until a new diocesan bishop is appointed.

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GIVE THE GIFT OF HOPE THIS CHRISTMAS

With Christmas just around the corner, give a gift of hope this Christmas by supporting local organisations.

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 family of four for one month from a foodbank.

Last year over £13,000 was raised for the charities and we are hoping you can help us to beat that total this year.

For more information or to request a printed catalogue email cornish.christmasgiving@truro.anglican.org or call 01872 274351 or scan the QR code below.



HELP NEEDED TO CHOOSE NEW BISHOP OF TRURO

As the process of finding a new Bishop of Truro begins, the process of appointing people to the Vacancy in See Committee can be completed.

As well as the suffragan bishop, dean, archdeacons, General Synod members and other elected members, the Bishop's Diocesan Council nominates four additional members.

It is a unique privilege and a responsibility for members of the Vacancy in See Committee to contribute to the process of identifying a new Bishop of Truro.

If you would like to be considered for one of these four additional places, please send a short biography to



Simon Cade, Diocesan Secretary at simon.cade@truro.anglican.org

If you would like more information on how diocesan bishops are chosen in the Church of England, there is useful information available [here](#).



NEW ROLES TO SUPPORT CLERGY AND RETIRED CLERGY

The Diocese of Truro has appointed Father John Eatock as Dean of Retired Clergy and Father Jeff Risbridger as Dean of Self-Supporting Clergy.

These roles are seen as vital in supporting people for whose ministry we will always owe a profound debt of gratitude, and in ensuring that we continue to hear their voices and promote the value of their contributions to our diocese.

"As a diocese we are committed to supporting the wellbeing and flourishing of all our clergy, throughout their ministry, and following their retirement,"

says Sally Piper, Head of Ministry at the Diocese of Truro. "All priests share the same call and have been ordained to the same ministry, but we recognise that there are particular perspectives and experiences, and sometimes additional challenges, for clergy who are self-supporting and for those who are retired, but continue to exercise an active ministry. I'm looking forward to working with Father Jeff and Father John to develop the support we offer to meet the specific needs of these particular groups of clergy, and I'm so grateful for their enthusiasm and commitment."

[READ THE FULL STORY HERE](#)



FOUR NEW HONORARY CANONS INSTALLED

Four new honorary canons were installed at a special evensong service in September.

The service was conducted by the Right Revd Philip Mounstephen, Bishop of Truro, and the Very Revd Simon Robinson, Dean of Truro.

The Revd Canon Steve Morgan, the Revd Canon

Chris McQuillen-Wright, Canon Esme Page and Canon Sarah McLachlan were formally admitted to their stalls in the cathedral, in recognition of their exceptional service and contribution to the Church and their communities.

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CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE AT HEART OF SEPTEMBER'S SYNOD

The second Diocesan Synod of 2023 took place at Bishop Bronescombe School in St Austell at the end of September.

The theme was 'A Church that conspicuously celebrates children and young people at its heart. and this was evident throughout the gathering as members heard from children and young people, listened to a presentation on the teaching of religious education in church schools and met the new interim Diocesan Director of Education, Lee Moscato. Lee explained that he was working towards a new strategy which would include looking at ways of making better connections between schools and parishes.

School governors required for Church of England schools.
More information here.



"Readers are Community Theologians who teach, preach and enable everyday faith"

CELEBRATION OF READER MINISTRY

ADMISSION AND LICENSING OF NEW READERS

11.30am
Saturday, September 30
Truro Cathedral

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CREATION CARE SERVICE

A special Creation Care service was held at Truro Cathedral in September to highlight the urgency of environmental action, both locally and globally, and to emphasize the Diocese of Truro's commitment to climate justice.

The service included performances by the Cornwall Youth Choir.

"The choir were totally brilliant – they stole the show," said Rosey Sanders, one of the organisers of the event.

There was also a video presentation by children from St Uny Academy in Carbis Bay. The primary schoolchildren had been filmed cleaning up a local beach and arguing for the need to "take action now".

During the service, the diocese's Kernow Green Church awards were received by the parishes of Hightown, Padstow and Ludgvan. Representatives of St Kea, St Stithians, Madron, Redruth and Bradoc

were there to accept their awards in the national Eco Church scheme. The awards were presented by Diocesan Environment Officer, the Reverend Ben Lillie.

"The Creation Care service of celebration and thanks is such a pivotal part of our ongoing work to cherish creation, cut carbon and speak up," Ben said. "When we recognise and honour all the efforts, however small or big, of our amazing champions, we're saying this work is valuable, and each of us is valuable and has a unique role to play. It's a genuine privilege to work with such an extraordinary group of volunteers and celebrate their successes."

The service also coincided with the news that the diocese has earned its own diocesan Eco Church award.

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[READ THE LATEST CREATION CARE NEWSLETTER HERE](#)

DIOCESE AWARDED BRONZE ECO CHURCH AWARD

The Diocese of Truro has been awarded bronze in the national Eco Church award system which recognises the environmental work achieved by churches and church organisations.

The diocese registered for consideration for this award in February 2021, when it created its Creation Care Group and its Diocesan Environment Board.

The award recognised that five per cent of churches in the diocese have now earned their own Eco Church awards, and that ten per cent have registered into the Eco Church process. It also required that

Church House itself earn such an award, which it achieved in August 2022.

In working towards this award, the diocese has embedded environmental issues within its ongoing ministerial training. For example, it ran a continuing ministerial development day on these topics in March 2022, followed by a Bishop's study day that June. Diocesan Synod in May 2022 focused on Creation Care and Net Zero, and in February 2023 the diocese implemented an ethical investment strategy, divesting its investments in fossil fuels.

[READ MORE HERE](#)

WHAT'S ON

OCTOBER

7 Big Clothes Share, St Thomas' Church, Heamoor, 10am – 12noon.

17 Collective Worship: Entitlement, Theory & practical ideas, For those who lead collective worship in schools, Zoom, 3.30pm – 4.30pm..

28 Gospel Choir concert & workshop, St Petroc's Church, Bodmin, 7pm..

MORE EVENTS HERE

CREATION CARE NETWORK USEFUL LINKS

The next Creation Care Network gathering is on Thursday, October 12 evening in Truro Cathedral.

- + [CREATION CARE WEB PAGE](#)
- + [REGISTER FOR THE KERNOW GREEN CHURCH AWARD](#)
- + [BECOME A CREATION CARE CHAMPION](#)
- + [SIGN UP TO RECEIVE CREATION CARE UPDATES](#)
- + [CREATION CARE FACEBOOK GROUP](#)

PARISH TRAINING

The 2023 Parish Training Programme is now available. The FREE sessions coming up in October are:

Oct 12 **Finance Drop-in session**

Oct 12 **Creation Care Network Gathering**

Oct 21 **Churchwardens training**

[FIND OUT MORE HERE](#)

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.

