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NEW DEAN OF TRURO INSTALLED AT CATHEDRAL

The Very Revd Simon Robinson, the new Dean of Truro and Rector of St Mary's Parish, Truro, has been installed by the Bishop of St Germans, The Right Revd Hugh Nelson.

The cathedral was packed for the Evensong which saw people attending from all over the UK. The service sung by Truro Cathedral Choir, was also live-streamed and is available on the Truro Cathedral YouTube channel [here](#).

There was a celebratory reception afterwards for all attendees.

Rt Revd Hugh Nelson, Bishop of St Germans, said: "Simon has brought so much to the life and work of the cathedral since he arrived with us, and it was wonderful to welcome him fully as the Dean of Truro. He is a man of deep faith and inspiring leadership, and I am delighted to be serving the church and people of Cornwall alongside him."

Dean Simon said: "Working at Cornwall's great cathedral here in Truro over the past year has been such a privilege. I have so loved being in Cornwall and knowing that I am now staying here fills me with joy. I pray and hope that together we can secure the next part of the journey for the cathedral for the whole Cornish community. Thank you for the very many kind words and the ongoing support."

Dean Simon first came to the cathedral as Interim Dean in October 2022 before His Majesty The King approved the nomination of Canon Simon as Dean in August last year.

Vice Lord Lieutenant of Cornwall James Williams said: "In Cornwall we are all delighted to have someone of Simon's calibre to lead the worship and the life of Truro Cathedral."

TRAUMA-INFORMED APPROACH: CAN IT WORK IN CHURCH?

The Safeguarding annual conference will this year provide an opportunity to hear from victims, survivors, and experts on how the Church can implement a Trauma Informed Response.

The free conference will take place at Truro Cathedral on Monday, March 18 from 9.30am to 2.30pm.

It is hoped that Parish Safeguarding Officers, churchwardens, clergy, ordinands, lay leaders, as well as diocesan and cathedral staff and volunteers will take part alongside professional partners from other agencies.

The conference will draw on lessons from evolving responses in schools and within responses to domestic abuse.

This is a free event. Please register [here](#).

HOW TO RUN YOUR APCM - SUPPORT AVAILABLE

Two sessions called 'How to run your APCM from start to finish' has been organised to assist parishes. Run by Lesley Fusher and Kate Cortez, the sessions are aimed at supporting parish officers and are free.

To book please click on the date.

7 FEBRUARY 10AM-12PM (ZOOM)

13 MARCH 2PM - 4PM (ZOOM)

VACANCY IN SEE CONSULTATIONS: HAVE YOUR SAY



A public consultation meeting is being held in February to give people from across the diocese of the chance to share their views on the next Bishop of Truro.

The consultation meeting at 7pm on February 6, will be chaired by Simon Robinson, and is an opportunity for people across the diocese to speak to Stephen Knott (the Archbishops' Secretary for Appointments) and Helen Dimmock (Archbishops' Secretary for Appointments).

The aim of the consultations is to explore from a broad range of perspectives the challenges and opportunities that will be encountered by the next Bishop as they start their ministry. The Appointment Secretaries want to understand the opportunities to work in partnership for the benefit of the people of our diocese, so they can begin to reflect on the qualities that might be required in the next Bishop.

The agenda for this public meeting is:

- Introduction from the Chair of the Vacancy in See committee
- Introduction from the Archbishops' Secretary for Appointments and the Archbishops' Secretary for Appointments
- Information on the process & timetable from the Archbishops' Appointments Secretary
- Questions on process invited at this point

Attendees then invited to comment on the needs of the diocese and the characteristics and qualities needed in the next Bishop*.

*If you will attend the meeting and would like to speak, please be aware that the Secretaries will be in 'listening mode' and will ask you the following questions, so please prepare your responses accordingly:

- What gifts, qualities and experience do you think are needed in a new Bishop?
- What fills you with joy and hope about the ministry and mission of the Church in Cornwall, the Isles of Scilly and two parishes in Devon?
- What are the challenges and frustrations and what would you like to change?
- What opportunities do you see are open to the Church in Cornwall, the Isles of Scilly and two parishes in Devon?

Please note that only a very short amount of time can be given to each speaker, to enable all those who wish to speak to do so.

If you are unable to attend the Zoom but would like to contribute you are welcome to submit comments in writing [here](#).

This consultation is in addition to a series of interviews with individuals and groups reflecting the life of the Church and beyond in our diocese. Invitations for which are being sent out separately.

If you have any questions about this meeting or the wider process, email [Kate Cortez](#). There is information, which is updated, on our website.



BIG WORLD FAIR - SAVE THE DATE

Preparations are well underway for this exciting event, which will take place in Truro Cathedral on April 20 from 10am – 3:30pm.

The cathedral will be full of stands with information and activities from a wide range of local, national and international mission and development agencies, as well as a programme of inspiring speakers and uplifting performances.

The event will be opened by Bishop Hugh Nelson and speakers include representatives from Tearfund, Christian Aid, Five Talents and Edukid who will be sharing inspiring stories about their work, how Cornish churches and schools are already getting involved, and how you and your church may get involved.

The amazing, award winning Cornwall Youth Choir will be performing during the day together with other performers and artists with an international flavour! There will be fun and interactive activities for children to get involved with and something for everyone to enjoy.

All are welcome - Please book this date in your diaries and spread the word amongst your churches and friends!

[DOWNLOAD THE POSTER HERE](#)

PUBLIC CONSULTATION MEETING

February 6, 7pm.

[JOIN VIA ZOOM HERE](#)

Meeting ID: 997 1717 1573 Passcode: 983305

CHURCH BUILDINGS SUPPORT FOR PARISHES AVAILABLE

Assistance with church buildings will now be available to parishes.

Ben Wood and Faye Edwardes have joined the diocese with the aim of helping parishes to care for their buildings and develop their usage as part of their deanery plan aims.

Both Ben and Faye started work this month with Faye taking the role of Church Buildings Support Officer and Ben taking the role of the Cut Carbon Support Officer for Churches. Both roles will be working closely with the DAC and will support churches to ensure that they consider faculty requirements from the outset with regard to any proposed works, upgrades or repairs.

Funding for the roles has come from national grants.

Faye will assist parishes by providing specialist advice on the management, conservation, repair, and development of church buildings, including community use alongside worship. Part of her work will include advising on creative uses of spaces; visitor experience; community usage; outreach and revenue generation. Faye is on hand to support deanery and parish teams to access funding to repair and develop their buildings, including support to complete applications and working in partnership with the Generous Giving Team.

Faye said: "I am a strong believer in community to support worship and mission and I am very much looking forward to being out and about across the diocese meeting clergy, PCCs and congregations. I love Cornwall, church, people and buildings so I am really excited about meeting the people who are at the heart of these beautiful buildings, and working with them to ensure that they remain with us for the future generations to worship in and enjoy."

Joining Faye is Ben who has started work as the new Cut Carbon Support Officer for Churches.

Ben's work will enable parishes to make their churches more comfortable, healthy, and welcoming environments while also reducing their energy bills. Ben said: "I'm going to be the 'go to' person for support in understanding your church's carbon output, then collaboratively



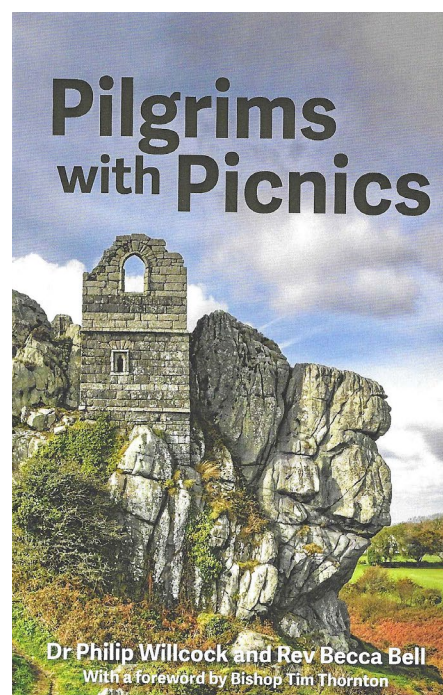
create solutions with you to reduce this in order for us to achieve our Net Zero 2030 strategy. You'll also experience direct beneficial and tangible results from these measures."

Ben is keen to work with local people as he notes that 'when it comes to your churches, you're the experts'. Ben added: "You understand and love these places deeply, you appreciate the issues your congregation faces and you know far better than I their comfort, financial, and environmental needs."

Kate Cortez, Head of Operations for the diocese, said: "Through the deanery planning process and in our ongoing conversations with people in parishes, we have heard how the much-loved churches in our dioceses also cause anxiety. The time taken up in caring for them and in finding the funding to do so is significant.

"We are delighted that our successful funding applications mean we can offer parishes and deaneries support with their buildings. These two roles and the small grants are a step we really hope will help."

CONTACT FAYE
CONTACT BEN



PICNICS WITH PILGRIMS

Germoe Church has become a 'Publisher' with the release of Picnics with Pilgrims.

The book, which is written by congregation member Dr Philip Willcock, was commissioned by the Parochial Church Council.

Dr Willcock had been writing pieces for the parish magazines and the PCC felt his entries should be serialised his entries into a book.

The book features 28 beautiful and significant days out in Cornwall in a guide to Cornwall's 'nooks and crannies'. It is a thoughtful guide and includes thoughts and prayers by Revd Becca Bell of St Cleer to accompany each day's excursion.

Becca and Philip collaborated for six years to produce the book. Rosanna Marns of Falmouth was their graphic designer who put together their beautiful handbook to fit in an anorak pocket or the car glove box.

The book costs £12 with all the purchase price going to the church. It is available from the author at pshute@aol.com or direct from Revd Becca Bell at St Cleer.

LENT RESOURCES 2024

LENT COURSE FOCUSED ON POVERTY AND CLIMATE INJUSTICE

As Lent approaches, with a General Election on the horizon, take a look at this new course to help churches engage with Parliamentary candidates and their new MPs.

The Act on Poverty! course, from Christian Aid, explores themes like taking action to end climate injustice and creating a better world for all. For more information click [here](#).

GREEN CHRISTIAN'S FIVE WEEK LENT COURSE

Calling a Wounded Planet Home, is now available for churches to use. Inspired by Green Christian's Deep Waters course, it asks "What kind of people might we need to be to face the challenges of climate change?" For more information click [here](#).

TWIN YOUR CHURCH GARDEN THIS LENT

Twin your church garden with Ripple Effect this Lent and your donation of £120 could help families living in rural Kenya, with three years' training in sustainable, organic farming. Starting with small kitchen gardens, families can grow enough to eat, set up small



businesses, send their children to school and go after their dreams. In return for your donation, you'll receive:

- a sustainable wooden plaque to display in the church grounds
- a vegetable growing guide from Charles Dowding, our no-dig expert
- some wildflower seeds to get you started on your Garden Twinning adventure
- a poster to display inside your church
- an opportunity to have a speaker attend one of your meetings to help bring our work to life.

Visit rippleeffect.org/lent to find out more about Garden Twinning and Ripple Effect's work in rural Africa. You'll also be able to use our African designed solutions in your church grounds to help support your church's eco activities. What a great way to show love to our neighbours across the globe this Lent! Please do get in touch with me if you would like any further information: ann.hatton@rippleeffect.org

A host of other Lent Resources are available on the diocesan website [here](#).

SAFEGUARDING SURVEY: GET YOUR VOICE HEARD

A series of safeguarding questionnaires aimed at getting the views and opinions of people across the diocese have been published.

These surveys are an opportunity for you to share your views so don't miss out. The questionnaires are available until **February 8, 2024**. There are four separate questionnaires aimed at different groups, meaning everyone who wants to share their thoughts can. Simply select the questionnaire that applies to you.

The questionnaires, which seek to find out what you think about the type and amount of safeguarding training asked of you and the safeguarding demands on parishes among other things, are available on the diocesan website [here](#) and will be shared on social media.

The questionnaires form part of the preparation work for an External Audit, which will take place in the diocese in April.

COMPLETE THE SURVEY HERE

PILGRIMAGE TO GREECE

Archdeacon Nick Shutt will be leading a tour to Greece in April alongside Bishop Nick McKinnel.

The pilgrimage, which is with McCabe Pilgrimages, will last 11 days and will follow St Paul's route from Thessaloniki to Athens.

The trip takes place between April 15 and 25th and costs £2,999.

For more information, contact Archdeacon Nick on nick.shutt@truro.anglican.org

CREATION CARE NETWORK USEFUL LINKS

The next Creation Care Network gathering is on Thursday, February 8 at 7pm on zoom. [Register here](#).

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GETTING SCHOOLS & CHURCHES WORKING TOGETHER

Clare Green has been appointed as the Schools' Creation Care Officer. The role involves working with Church of England schools and their MATs in improving their environmental impact primarily through engaging with the "Eco-Schools" initiative.

In arranging events, Clare is hoping to create links between schools and their local churches, facilitating relationships and co-operation between them to the benefit of both.

CONTACT CLARE