

OUR NEWS

MARCH 2024



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Some of 2023's recipients

CROSS OF ST PIRAN 2023 RECIPIENTS ANNOUNCED

The recipients of 2024's Cross of St Piran's Awards have been announced. This year there are 15 people set to receive the iconic cross.

The service will take place at St Piran's Church, Perranuthnoe, on March 3.

The Cross of St Piran is an annual award. Each year deaneries are asked to nominate individuals who have gone above and beyond in their service.

2024'S RECIPIENTS

- Martin Wright, Powder
- David Williams, Kerrier
- Jan Varney, St Austell
- Merisa Macinnes, St Austell
- Lesley Seth, Carnmarth North
- Mary Pearce, Trigg Minor & Bodmin
- Richard Margetts, East Wivelshire
- Verna Jones, Trigg Major
- Ian Halford, Powder
- Andy de Rozarieux, Penwith
- Liam Crabtree, West Wivelshire
- Lyn Colborne, West Wivelshire

- Jill Bunt, Pydar
- Lucy Thompson, South Carnmarth, Bishop's Award for Climate Justice & Creation Care
- Revd Mark Richards, Bishop's Award

WHO THEY ARE

You can find out more about this year's recipients on the diocesan website where we will be sharing their stories over the coming weeks.



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FREE SAFEGUARDING CONFERENCE: ALL WELCOME

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](#).



VACANCY IN SEE: CNC TRURO MEMBERS NAMED



The six representatives from the Diocese of Truro who will sit on the Crown Nominations Commission have been named.

Revd Laura Bushell-Hawke, Revd Anna Mason-Hyde, Mike Sturgess, Roger Smith, Simon Taurins, and Revd Andrew Yates will join the committee for the next stage of the Vacancy in See process.

You can find out more about the Vacancy in See Process and its timeline [here](#).

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR CNC REPRESENTATIVES

Holy and unchanging God,
Creator of a changing world,
grant your servants, who have been
called to discern the
next Bishop of Truro,
the necessary gifts of wisdom,
courage and insight, as they seek
your will and your way.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
Amen.



ENTRIES WELCOME FOR NICK CAHILL AWARD

The Diocese of Truro Advisory Committee (DAC) and Cornwall Council are again welcoming entries for the 2024 Nick Cahill Award.

This annual award commemorates our friend and esteemed colleague Nick Cahill. A hugely influential and highly respected member of the heritage community, Nick was a scholar and authority who was unfailingly generous in sharing his wealth of knowledge and expert opinion, leaving no corner of Cornwall or aspect of our regional heritage and historic environment forgotten.

The award scheme reflects Nick's passion for Cornish churches and chapels.

The award is open to projects carried out on Cornish ecclesiastical buildings or within their settings and associations (graveyards, cemetery buildings, Sunday schools). It will recognise excellence in design and craftsmanship in restoration, conservation and/or improvement projects. Entries are welcome from all faiths and denominations.

The **award criteria** are deliberately wide-ranging, and we encourage entries across diverse areas of work.

Completed entries must be submitted by April 14, 2024.

For full terms and conditions and details on how to enter please email Paul Holden, DAC chairman paul.holden@truro.anglican.org

CELEBRATION OF LAY MINISTRY ON MARCH 9

A service celebrating Lay Ministry will take place at Truro Cathedral on March 9.

The annual service, which starts at 11am, recognises and celebrates the work of the diocese's commissioned lay ministers – our Local Worship Leaders, Local Pastoral Ministers, Local Pioneer Leaders and Local Lay Leaders.

During the service, which will be led by Bishop Hugh, there will be testimony shared by some of these lay ministers. New lay ministers will be commissioned into their roles and



some of those actively serving their parishes will be recommissioned.

All are welcome to attend and support these valuable parish leaders.

SENS KERNEWEK 2024 BEGINS IN APRIL

Equipping you to respond
to God's call to local
church leadership

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NEW BEGINNINGS WITH CLERGY APPOINTMENTS

Spring will see new life breathed into parishes across the Diocese of Truro with the licensing of six new clergy in March.

Four of those being licensed in March are curates who trained in the diocese and have chosen to remain as they move into their first posts. The remaining two will be coming from the Diocese of Oxford. Revd Michael Johnson was particularly attracted by the vision of his new deanery and the diocese.

Michael said: "I was inspired to accept this role because of the deanery's commitment to change, to reorganise, to connect, to serve, to welcome and to grow together."

Revd Laura Bushell-Hawke will be licensed as Oversight Minister for the Benefice of Saltash, Landrake w St Erney, Botus Fleming, and the Tamar benefice. She said: "I am delighted to be staying in the diocese. As a home-grown Curate who also had the opportunity to study full time living in Cornwall whilst training

for ordination, my family and I really feel part of the diocese. My husband George is an active member of the Clergy Spouse Support group who have been really helpful during the ups and downs of curacy and throughout the recruitment process.

"I've worked on the 'On The Way' programme and it is part of the reason I wanted to stay here. I am excited to see new patterns of ministry developing, this is a diocese that is not frightened to try something new and discover where God is at work inside and outside of our buildings. I'm really looking forward to seeing how the Deanery Plan evolves and how it will shape the new benefice I shall be bringing together.

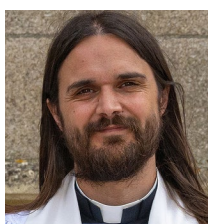
"As a Curate who has been trained by the diocese, I also know how well supported I will be by the Ministry Development

team, through training and mentoring, which makes the prospect of taking on my first post much less formidable. I'm hugely excited.

"Saltash is an area I know and love and as a family we very much feel we are going home."

Archdeacon of Bodmin, the Ven Kelly Betteridge, said: "I am so pleased that we have been able to make a significant number of clergy appointments in recent months, particularly as we know that it is a challenging season nationally for recruitment.

"It is so encouraging that our own curates want to remain in the diocese and equally good to hear that people from other regions are attracted by all we have to offer and the way in which the Diocese of Truro is seeking to invest in the life of the local church."



■ Revd Robin Thwaites, Benefice of Camelside.



■ Revd Nicki Farr, Benefice of Camel-Allen.



■ Revd Laura Bushell-Hawke, Benefice of Saltash, Landrake w St Erney, Botus Fleming, and the Tamar Benefice



■ Revd Carol Edleston, Fowey Parish



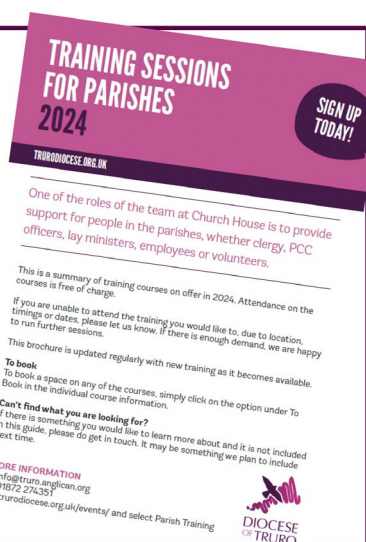
■ Revd Michael Johnson, East Wivelshire Deanery



■ Revd David Saunders, Bude Coast & Country Benefice

PARISH TRAINING OFFERS 2024

SEE THE FULL BROCHURE HERE



MARCH PARISH TRAINING

The 2024 Parish Training Programme is now available. The **FREE** sessions coming up in March are:

March 2: **Safeguarding Virtual Leadership Training C2**

March 11: **Safeguarding Virtual Leadership Training C2**

March 13: **Parish Finance Drop-in online**

March 13: **How to run your APCM from start to finish**

March 16: **PCC Treasurer Training**

March 21: **PCC Treasurer Cashbook Training**

ENERGY FOOTPRINT TOOL OPEN

The Energy Footprint Tool has opened for 2023 returns!

This year the Energy Footprint Tool opened as part of the Parish Returns in February.

This simple to gather, but essential data, helps us understand energy usage and find ways to meaningfully respond to our Net Zero mission. It might be you or your treasurer or another enabler in your church who

gathers this information.

Thank you for taking the time to do this.

Last year we achieved a 76% return rate which gives us genuinely usable data. If you require log ins for the parish portal to complete the EFT, or would like a form to complete, please email Rosey Sanders [HERE](#). The deadline for the EFT return is the end of July 2024.

READ THE LATEST CREATION CARE NEWSLETTER HERE

EXPERIENCED GOVERNANCE VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT

As an important part of our diocese, you will be aware of how important our church communities are.

Do you have skills and experience that might stretch beyond your local church? Are you looking to maintain your skills and experience outside of the workplace? Are you looking for a new challenge or feel you still have a lot to give?

We are currently looking to recruit skilled and experienced volunteers (still working or retired) to share their talents with us and strengthen our governance.

The diocese includes over 300 churches in more than 200 parishes across the whole of Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly (and two parishes in Devon). We are made up of thousands of volunteers and clergy working together to support our communities. The Truro Diocesan Board of Finance (TDBF) Ltd is responsible for supporting this work by providing governance, resources, and guidance.

While the governance is led by the Bishops Diocesan Council, chaired by the Bishop of Truro, they are supported by volunteers bringing a wealth of

expertise to a number of expert committees.

Each role offers the opportunity to have a real impact on a large organisation that is recognised in every community in our diocese. We hold significant assets and responsibilities, which we take seriously, and want to engage the best, most able, individuals to hold us to account. Most importantly, these roles provide the opportunity to offer significant Christian service to our Church. These roles are:

- Chair of the Truro Diocesan Board of Finance
- Chair of Investment Management Committee
- Chair of the Glebe Management Committee
- Member of the Glebe Management Committee
- Member of Property Management Committee

The time commitment varies depending on the role, but most committees meet either online or as hybrid, so travel is not a barrier to participation.

FIND OUT MORE HERE

GENERAL ELECTION HUSTINGS RESOURCES

With a General Election due to be called at some point in the next 12 months, Churches Together has produced [resources](#) for churches interested in holding a hustings or other event.

Churches often play an important part in promoting democratic discussion,

and in hosting safe and neutral spaces for local people to meet candidates.

The resources include practical tips for churches and, once an election is called, will be regularly updated with news on how churches and Christian groups are responding and getting involved with the election process.

WHAT'S ON

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5 TravellerSpace, online, 10am - 11.30am. Click on the title for more info.

14 Trusting God in troubled times, Epiphany House, Truro, 9.30am - 3.30pm. Click on title for more info.

APRIL

20 Big World Fair, Truro Cathedral, 10am - 3.30pm. Click on the title for more info.

23 How your Church can bring about positive change in your community, with Transformation Cornwall, Online, 10am - 11am. Click on title for more info.

MORE EVENTS HERE

CREATION CARE NETWORK USEFUL LINKS

The next Creation Care Network gathering is on Thursday, March 14 (10am). 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](#)
- + [CREATION CARE FACEBOOK GROUP](#)



30TH ANNIVERSARY OF WOMEN'S MINISTRY

To celebrate the ministry of women and to pray for their continued ministries and a creative future of inclusive ministry, a service of celebration and thanksgiving was held in Truro Cathedral.

The service saw some of those first female priests gather joined by more recently ordained priests.

READ THE FULL STORY HERE