

# OUR NEWS

## APRIL 2024



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## DIOCESAN SYNOD ELECTIONS: BISHOP HUGH INVITES YOU TO CONSIDER STANDING

**Bishop Hugh writes,** I invite you to join with me in supporting an important part of our work together as a diocese – our Diocesan Synod.

Diocesan Synod is the main representative body of the clergy and lay people of the diocese. Members meet with the bishops, archdeacons and other senior officers to consider our life together and to discuss our direction as a diocese, to give thanks for God's blessings, and to understand our opportunities and challenges.

"Synod" means "coming together and finding a way" – Diocesan Synod is a vital coming together as leaders from across the diocese to find our way under God. To do this well we need members from different communities and traditions who represent the whole life of the church in Cornwall, the Isles of Scilly, and our parishes in Devon. We work best when we hear voices from different

backgrounds, experience and ages. Synod is an opportunity to speak up and be heard, to listen carefully, and to take part in leadership.

*You matter in this work, you matter for your church and your community and for the diocese. Your faith, tradition and experience matter, I want to hear your voice on Diocesan Synod.*

There is more information below, please take time to pray and consider whether you might be called to serve on Diocesan Synod, how to commend this work to others, and to offer the work of Synod to God.

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## EXPLORING EASTER IN CARNMARTH SOUTH

The Easter fun started early for 280 children from seven schools around Falmouth, Penryn, and surrounding villages.

Over the course of one week, 18 volunteers helped run nine sessions of Explore Easter at four churches in the Carnmarth South Deanery.

Jane Wheeler, Schools and families Lead for Carnmarth South, created an Easter workshop to help teachers with tricky RE objectives and the sessions were well received. The workshops included making collage pictures, drawing, reflection, drama and watching the Bible story unfold on a video called 'The Miracle Maker'.

The children engaged with all the activities and learned about Jesus as well as having fun. Jane said: "Teachers have loved watching their children be curious and ask questions. One Penryn Primary Academy teacher told me: 'Bringing the children out of school to do this has been great. They surprised us by how well they listened and engaged with the activities.' It was good for our volunteers too. One was so excited and happy to be involved that she asked at the end 'When can we do it again?!'".

Jane Wheeler is Schools and Families Lead for Carnmarth South Deanery. If you'd like to contact her about this workshop or any other resources, please do so by email: [jane.wheeler@newstreetchurch.org](mailto:jane.wheeler@newstreetchurch.org)



**Congratulations to the Cross of St Piran recipients for 2024**

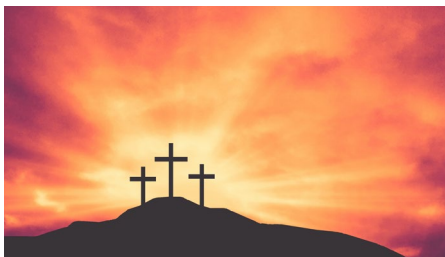
## BISHOP HUGH SHARES HIS EASTER MESSAGE

We hear a lot these days about 'Christian values'. And those values really matter - it matters that we are kind, that we treat one another as we want to be treated and that we respect others whether we agree with them or not.

Those are each deeply Christian ways of living in the world, and they are rooted in the teaching of the church over millennia. But they're not uniquely Christian and many traditions and perspectives, both religious and secular, happily live by them too.

What is distinctively Christian, and what marks out Christianity from every other faith and belief system is Jesus' resurrection. Because everyone knows that dead people don't come to life; the first followers of Jesus in the 1st century knew it, and we know it now. When someone is crucified, that's the end.

But the beating heart of Christian faith is that Jesus Christ, a human being like you and me, died and then rose again. In the Book of Revelation Jesus himself says it clearly - 'I am the



Living One, I was dead and now I am alive.'

And that impossible truth is the real heart of what it means to be a Christian. That Jesus rose from the dead and, in that moment, the usual pattern of things - life followed by death - was turned upside down.

And from that greatest truth flow the other reversals of what's 'normal' that define the deepest of Christian values. For instance, everything we in the world see tells us that powerful people who are in charge get to have the final word - but all the power of the Roman Empire didn't manage to keep Jesus dead.

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## NEW ARCHDEACON OF CORNWALL APPOINTED

The Revd Clive Hogger has been appointed as the next Archdeacon of Cornwall.

Clive, who is currently Associate Archdeacon in the Diocese of Sheffield, will be installed at a service in Truro Cathedral in early June 2024.

Clive's arrival will see him bring a wealth of experience especially around the issues of stigmatised and impoverished people and mental health.

Joining Clive in his move to the diocese will be his wife Ali and their Labrador Teddy.

Clive said: "I'm truly excited to have sensed a call from God to come and serve with you in Cornwall, to discover the riches of your Celtic heritage and to participate in encouraging all the people of God to join in with God's mission to the world. I look forward to getting to know you and journeying with you."

## HOW YOUR CHURCH CAN BRING ABOUT POSITIVE CHANGE WORKSHOP

Transformation Cornwall are leading a workshop on Tuesday, April 23 which will highlight how to build a project in your church for your community.

The online session, which runs from 10am - 11am, will look at a community-asset based approach, the effect of this on sustainability and impact for your community, funding, and the benefits of evaluation.

It will be discussion led with opportunities to discuss ideas, and case studies of social action project success.

[MORE INFORMATION & BOOKING LINK HERE](#)

## DIOCESAN DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION APPOINTED

Lee Moscato has been appointed as the new Diocesan Director of Education (DDE) in the Diocese of Truro.

Lee joined the diocese on secondment in September last year having previously worked as headteacher of King Charles C of E School in Falmouth.

Diocesan Secretary Simon Cade said: "We are delighted for Lee, for our church schools, and for the wider diocesan network. Lee brings his experience as school leader and headteacher and great work supporting other schools and school leaders. Lee has already made a significant contribution to the life of the diocese and our schools in the short time that he has held the interim role, it is great that he will now be able to carry that forward and see more great outcomes for children and for our churches."

Lee has worked in education for 25 years. He said of his new role: "I feel incredibly



excited and privileged to be appointed as Diocesan Director of Education.

"I look forward to working with school colleagues and our diocesan team to support the continued journey of our schools and enable our children and young people to know life in all its fullness."





## CELEBRATING LAY MINISTRY

A service celebrating Lay Ministry was held at Truro Cathedral over the weekend.

The cathedral was full as Local Worship Leaders, Lay Pastoral Ministers, Local Pioneer Leaders, and Local Lay Leaders along with friends and family attended the annual service which recognises and celebrates the work of the diocese's commissioned lay ministers.

Nine Local Pastoral Ministers, seven Local Worship Leaders, and four Local Lay Leaders were commissioned into their roles by Bishop Hugh Nelson

during the service. They were joined by 17 Local Pastoral Ministers, and 12 Local Worship Leaders who were recommissioned.

Lydia Remick, one of the diocesan Lay Ministry Development Officers, said after the service: "It was wonderful to see so many people in Truro Cathedral to celebrate and give thanks for the vital work of our lay ministers. There are so many unsung heroes who give their time and energies to our parishes and communities, to highlight them in this service we hope goes some way to ensuring they know how valued and appreciated they are."

## MILLENNIUM YEW TREES AVAILABLE

In 2000 a number of 'Millennium' Yew trees were planted in Cornwall and now 12 descendants from one of these original trees are being offered to churches.

The Millennium Yew Tree Project was designed to revitalise the yew to become symbols of community and signs of creation. George and

Jacqueline Dow have nurtured 12 saplings from these original trees and are keen to offer them to churches or individuals. The trees have recently been re-potted and are ready to move to their forever homes.

If you are interested, please contact Jacqueline Dow via email at [dow47@hotmail.com](mailto:dow47@hotmail.com)

## ST SAMPSON RISES

St Sampson's Church, South Hill, Cornwall is halfway to raising £300K of the £600K needed for its Herculean restoration project to make the church sustainable for the 21st century and beyond by restoring the unique heritage, increasing community use and growing the congregation.

St Sampson's celebration day, on Sunday, April 7, starts with a thanksgiving service at 11.15am lead by Archdeacon Kelly Betteridge, followed by lunch and an open afternoon at 1.30pm, of tours, talks and exhibits, highlighting the completed works. Delicious cream teas will be served in the afternoon, with a celebration serpent cake symbolising St Sampson slaying the giant serpent, and a glass of bubbly to end the festivities.

Spokeswoman Judith Ayers said: "We thought we should celebrate our amazing achievement and give thanks for the work done and the funds raised so far. This is an example of what can be done with much enthusiasm and determination."

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## GETTING TOGETHER

Holy Trinity Church in St Austell brought together young and old over lunch to build intergenerational bridges.

The Inspire group (65+) hosted a lunch for the younger church members and seeds were sown for future friendships.

While conversation flowed over lunch, there was then a question and answer section with people taking turns to ask questions and find out about each other.

Perhaps one of the most revealing moments was when the Youth Lead explained what the church was doing not only with our church families but for those in our schools and the wider community. This was new information to some of the older members.

The event opened up the gap between the two ends of the church family and hope is already growing. A passing comment as an older person passed a younger person on the way out: "Thank you for coming ...see you next Sunday!"

# PARISH TRAINING OFFERS 2024

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 One of the roles of the team at Church House is to provide support for people in the parishes, whether clergy, PCC officers, lay ministers, employees or volunteers.  
 This is a summary of training courses on offer in 2024. Attendance on the trainings or dates, please let us know. If there is enough demand, we are happy to run further sessions.  
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# 'POWERFUL' SAFEGUARDING CONFERENCE TAKES PLACE

"Challenging" and "powerful" were just two of the words used to describe a safeguarding conference held at Truro Cathedral this week.

The conference, which was looking at trauma informed theology and how the Church can implement a trauma-informed approach, featured speakers including victims and survivors, independent experts, and organisations who work with victims and survivors. It was organised by the Diocese of Truro safeguarding team.

Head of Safeguarding and Diocesan Safeguarding Officer Andy Earl said: "I was delighted to present our second annual conference as we develop our understanding of a Trauma Informed Response. I am grateful for the courage of those who shared their lived experience and for the commitment to embrace what it is to be a Trauma Informed Diocese."

Among those taking part was Chris, a survivor. Chris said: "It was a privilege as a survivor to be asked to speak. I hope it was useful to people attending and hopefully, as survivors we pray that we may start to see the small changes that would make a big difference."

Chris went on to note the work of the diocese. "You have an excellent safeguarding team and have a real opportunity to lead the way in terms of trauma informed safeguarding."

Speaking after the conference, Bishop Hugh Nelson, said: "We were privileged to hear important, brave, and powerful input from survivors of church abuse and their advocates at the Safeguarding



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Conference today. Huge thanks to everyone involved and everyone who came."

Parish safeguarding officers, churchwardens, clergy, ordinands, lay leaders and diocesan and cathedral staff were all encouraged to attend alongside partners from other agencies.

Reflecting on the conference, Revd Becca Bell tweeted: "So much to chew over from the #safeguarding conference. There is amazing work that goes on. But also, a long way to go. It was really valuable to hear a range of voices and thoughts."

Anne Hicks, a local pastoral minister from St Ives, tweeted: "I learned a lot and it was well worthwhile."

Highlighting the points made by speaker Antonia Sobocki, who is Director for LOUDFence UK, Esme Page said: 'It takes a whole church to heal a whole church! Antonia Sobocki sharing powerful, global survivor solidarity work of #LOUDfence today. Truly inspiring – and there's a LOUDfence in Truro Cathedral to add to right now.'

**LOUDFence is still available to see at Truro Cathedral, so do visit and add your message.**

## BUILDINGS FOR MISSION: REPAIR GRANTS AVAILABLE

The Buildings for Mission Minor Repairs and Improvements Grants Fund is open to all churches in the diocese who want to repair or improve their church building, to secure the fabric of the building, or to grow and support mission within the church.

There are two types of grants available: small grants, up to £5000, and large grants of £5,000 – £8,000.

Churches can apply for any repair or

improvement works that meet the eligibility criteria. Where greater works are required, the Faye Edwardes, the Church Buildings Support Officer, will signpost and support applying for further funding. The grants will be issued to support the deanery plan visions and will be managed by Faye, who will work closely with the applicant church, the DAC, the Change and Renewal team, and the Deanery Implementation Team (DIT).

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## WHAT'S ON

### 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, April 11 (7pm). All are via the Zoom [link](#).

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