

OUR NEWS

JUNE 2024



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TO BE ORDAINED AS PRIESTS: STEVE GUFFICK, DR ANDY BOORNE, AND DAVID SMITH

PETERTIDE ORDINATIONS

The Petertide Ordinations take place later this month at Truro Cathedral.

This year, two people will be ordained as Deacons during a Friday evening service on June 28. The following morning, three people will be ordained as Priests by Bishop Hugh Nelson, Acting Bishop of Truro.

On June 28, Olly Myles will be ordained as a Deacon to the Padstow team. Olly will be undertaking self-supporting ministry. Alongside him, Grace Kanungha from the Bodmin team will be ordained as a stipendiary minister.

On Saturday, June 29, Bishop Hugh will be ordained Dr Andy Boorne as a priest to Kea. He will be joined by Steve Guffick for Looe and David Smith for St Columb Major. All will be stipendiary clergy.

All are welcome to attend the services which take place at 7.30pm on Friday, June 28 and 10.30am on Saturday, June 29.

THE WORK AND MINISTRY OF CHURCHWARDENS

The role of Churchwarden was considered at Diocesan Synod following a request from the Trigg Minor and Bodmin Deanery Synod.

Three Churchwardens and a PCC Secretary from Lanivet, Lostwithiel, Poughill, and Bodmin spoke about their individual circumstances and the challenges of the role in a discussion aimed at finding ways of

supporting and promoting the work of Churchwardens, and specifically looking at whether things could be done differently.

It is hoped that the discussion at synod might be the first of ongoing work looking at supporting Churchwardens.

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STATEMENT OF NEEDS PUBLISHED

The Vacancy in See Committee of the Diocese of Truro has published its Statement of Needs, which will help to shape the process of appointing the next Bishop of Truro.

The 33-page document has been created following months of consultations and outlines the characteristics that the church and people of Cornwall have said they want in their new bishop. It will be provided to all those who are considering, or being considered for, the role of Bishop of Truro.

The Statement of Needs says: "There is an opportunity for the right person to be a bishop for all of Cornwall, the Isles of Scilly, and our two parishes in Devon. Bringing hope to the lost, joy to those living in poverty, and Jesus to those who need to know him. Our new bishop will need to listen well to discern meaning and promote understanding with the many and sometimes contradictory demands made on them by individuals and groups. We are looking for caring, listening leadership to help us make the diocesan and deanery plans come true while building us up in the body of Christ."

The document clearly describes the church in Cornwall and the communities it serves. With details on the strategic work as well as key information on safeguarding, education and creation care, the document is realistic but filled with hope.

It says: "Our new bishop will come to a diocese that is excited about its future, a diocese of faithfulness and hope, a diocese where we have spent time discerning strategic aims and creating plans for fruitfulness and sustainability."

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BISHOP HUGH VISITS SCHOOL TO MEET SERVICE CHILDREN

Earth worms and Little Troopers were the main topics of discussion when Bishop Hugh Nelson visited King Charles School in Falmouth.

There was a warm welcome in every classroom for Bishop Hugh and Diocesan Director of Education (and former King Charles headteacher) Lee Moscato, as they toured the school with Head of School Lindsey Mackenzie.

Pupils were eager to show what they were working on, and Bishop Hugh was able to get up close and possibly more personal than he would have liked with earth worms as he joined

early years pupils learning about the creatures' lifecycle.

After leading a collective worship themed around 'trust', Bishop Hugh then joined the Little Troopers group to hear about their experiences as children of military families.

Speaking after his visit, Bishop Hugh, who is also the Bishop to the Armed Forces, said: "I had the best time visiting King Charles School. I was inspired by what I saw, and we will be working to encourage schools across Cornwall to run groups of this kind."

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ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR TRAINING FOR VOLUNTEERS

Safeguarding is everybody's responsibility and volunteers are just as important as anyone else in ensuring that our churches are safe sacred spaces.

To help with that, the diocesan safeguarding team has set up new anti-social behaviour training for volunteers at Truro Cathedral.

Over 20 people signed up to attend the first session which was led by deputy diocesan safeguarding officer Jo Pomery, a former Devon and Cornwall police officer.

Jo, along with cathedral's Safeguarding co-ordinator Charmian Law, had identified there was a need for cathedral volunteers working with the public to have the opportunity for training around anti-social behaviour.

Being centrally located in Truro and a large venue open to all the volunteers have encountered troubled individuals and groups causing disturbance. Some volunteers had become uncomfortable and felt vulnerable in these difficult and challenging situations and it was recognised that training would benefit them all.

The purpose of the training was to raise awareness of how to remain safe in uncertain and potentially intimidating situations. It touched on a wide range of aspects including types of anti-social behaviour, the legislation around use of force, and strategies that people could use to de-escalate a situation as well as the run hide tell principle. Jo provided advice around not engaging or dealing with situations or individuals alone and what the common criminal offences are so people are better able to recognise when police should be called immediately.

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AREA DEAN UPDATE

As many people know, the position of Rural Dean is carried out by parish clergy who already have demanding roles. For many years, Rural Deans have been highlighting the need for change.

As a result of many discussions between Rural Deans, Lay Chairs and the wider diocese, a plan for three 'Deans of Area' was developed. These roles were designed to support clergy and parishes and required the right people to be appointed. We knew without the right people, it wouldn't work.

Having advertised, we did not feel we had the right people and, in consultation with Rural Deans and Lay Chairs, we have decided not to proceed with the plan to recruit Deans of Area. We will now work together to look at other options.

We are clear that it's right to change a plan – even a good plan – when it isn't right or isn't working.

The original situation has not changed. We still want to give extra support to parish clergy people with already demanding roles who take on Rural Dean responsibilities. We want to support churches to have the in-depth conversations that we know are needed when there's a lot of change going on, and which Rural Deans do not currently have time for, and we know that some deaneries have found it difficult to recruit a Rural Dean because of the responsibilities of the role.

We, together with the Rural Deans and Lay Chairs, will now work on exploring alternative ways to do the things we know need to be done, building on the current Rural Dean role.

+ Hugh K Betteridge



SERVICE MARKS FIRST FISHING REMEMBRANCE DAY

The people of Looe came out in force on Sunday to mark the first ever National Fishing Remembrance Day.

The day was marked nationally with people across 21 fishing ports gathering to remember and reflect on those in their communities who had lost their lives while working in fishing.

In Looe over 50 people, including local MP Sheryll Murray, whose husband was lost at sea, gathered on the quayside. A service of remembrance was led by Revd Ben Morgan Lundie, the Rector of Looe, with musical support from the Polperro Fishermen's Choir.

There were prayers, hymns, a Bible reading and a short talk. Revd Ben told those present: "The sea has always been a dangerous place, and communities like Looe know that all too well. The names of those who have been lost at sea are this community – fathers, husbands, sons, brothers.

"We gather as a community to pray for them before God, and as we say their names, we both bring them to mind and make them real. The act of speaking something out makes it real, makes it solid."

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WEDDING JOY!

Year 3 & 4 classes from Sir Robert Geffery's Primary School in Landrake put on their posh frocks and smart clothes to take part in a full-blown wedding celebration at St Michael's Church, Landrake as part of their RE work.

Revd Laura officiated and the children took on roles of best men, ushers, ring bearers, bridesmaids, flower girls, mothers and fathers of the brides!

Back at school both classes were treated to best men and father of the bride speeches.

PARISH TRAINING

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

- June 12: **Parish Finance Drop-in online**
- July 6: **Churchwarden Training**
- July 11: **Parish Finance Drop-in online**

SEE THE FULL PARISH TRAINING OFFERS 2024 BROCHURE HERE

FOUNDATIONS IN CHRISTIAN MINISTRY

Is God calling you? Do you already serve in some way in your local church, but feel there is more that you would like to be able to do?

The Foundations in Christian Ministry course might be for you. It runs on Saturdays starting on September 28. If you would like to know more you can visit the diocesan website [here](#) or have any questions, please email [Melanie Pomery](mailto:Melanie.Pomery).



CELEBRATING ECO CHURCH GOLD IN BLISLAND

TWO CHURCHES RECEIVE ECO CHURCH GOLD AWARDS

Two churches in the Diocese of Truro have been awarded Gold Eco Church Awards, joining fewer than 50 nationally to receive the prestigious accolade.

St Mary's Church in Bradoc was the 48th gold awarded in England and Wales and the 32nd Church of England church to be awarded. It, along with St Protus and St Hyacinth's Church in Blisland which was also awarded on the same day, are the first two gold churches in the Diocese of Truro.

The Rt Revd Hugh Nelson, Bishop of St Germans, said: "Christians are called to take responsibility for cherishing God's good creation, cutting carbon, and speaking up on behalf of those most affected by climate injustice. These gold awards show that churches in Cornwall are at the forefront of this crucial work. I couldn't be more proud of the people and communities of Bradoc and Blisland, and I look forward to more churches following in their footsteps."

On receiving gold, Blisland Church's Creation Care Champion Ann Sutton said: "We are very pleased to have got the Gold Award. It has been very hard work, but we are extremely proud. The step up to the gold was a big one."

Blisland Church began its journey to Eco Church gold status two years ago with the appointment of Ann Sutton as Creation Care Champion. A team was formed which included vicar Robin

Thwaites, Gerry, Pat, Nick, Katie, and Robert.

The Blisland team were delighted to receive the gold award and have now been re-energised to carry on with the plans they have made for the future. Ann added: "We are helping set up a children's area in the church, hoping to create a small mammal bank and plant more wildflowers as well as a juniper hedge in our new churchyard extension. Katie is working on a leaflet we can put in church as we get many visitors outside of services, we already have an information station to help people who want to be more sustainable, and plan to twin the churchyard through the Ripple Effect scheme."

Bradoc Church's team were praised by Eco Church for being an 'enthusiastic, passionate, knowledgeable, positive and active team.'

The work the team have done around the churchyard and graveyard and how they are managed for wildlife, including the mowing regime, and providing habitats and structures such as bird boxes, bug hotels, grass snake 'houses' was particularly highlighted. Eco Church assessors were impressed by the long-term thought that had been given to carbon reduction in how the building is used and heating is provided.

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WHAT'S ON

JUNE

5 Quiet Day - Creation Care Teaching
Epiphany House, Truro, 10am - 4pm.

Click on title for more info.

8 Story and Sea, St Nicolas, Dowlerry,
10.30am - 4pm.

[MORE EVENTS HERE](#)

CREATION CARE NETWORK USEFUL LINKS

The next Creation Care Network gathering is on Thursday, June 13 (7pm). All are via the Zoom [link](#).

- + [CREATION CARE WEB PAGE](#)
- + [REGISTER FOR THE KERNOW GREEN CHURCH AWARD](#)
- + [BECOME A CREATION CARE CHAMPION](#)
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COULD YOU BE A CATHEDRAL GUIDE?

Truro Cathedral are looking for people to become Cathedral Guides.

Cathedral Guides provide a warm welcome to tour visitors and lead tours sharing details about the building with interest and enthusiasm.

If you are interested in becoming a guide, please contact Charmian Law, Volunteer Manager by emailing charmianlaw@trurocathedral.org.uk

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