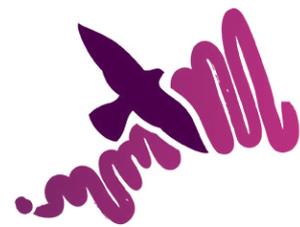


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CHURCH-FUNDED RESEARCH ON INEQUALITY OF RURAL LIVING

Research being funded by the Diocese of Truro will focus on the government's official measure for experiences of deprivation in England and whether it is appropriate for people living in rural Cornwall.

The Cornwall Rurality Matters research, which is being carried out by Plymouth Marjon University in Cornwall, will be used to demonstrate the reality of living in Cornwall's rural neighbourhoods. This understanding may contribute to more appropriate measures of rural deprivation by the government in future.

Joel Dougan-Davies, Social Responsibility Officer for the Diocese of Truro, said: "We are very excited to embark upon this project with Marjon University Cornwall. There is great beauty in the rural communities of Cornwall, but unfortunately in many areas there is also profound deprivation.

"Many people around Cornwall are living in great need and it is a vital part of the vision of this diocese to be good news for the most disadvantaged. This vision has many expressions, from debt coaching to afterschool clubs, but through this project we are campaigning for social justice and transformation.

"Those in rural communities can be left behind by the collected statistics that define deprivation, and this has significant ramifications on funding

distribution. By researching the real lived experience of those in need in rural Cornwall, we are looking towards a future with a more just mechanism for the allocation of resources. We have a vision that prioritises all people in need equally, wherever they live, in urban or rural communities."

The aim of the project is to provide evidence for a change in understanding of how place-based deprivation in Cornwall's rural neighbourhoods is experienced by its residents through the development of a robust understanding of the lived experiences of adults in six rural Cornish neighbourhoods identified as being under resourced through socioeconomic deprivation, geographical remoteness, and cultural isolation; articulated through infrastructural challenges of low/seasonal/unemployment, limited access to affordable housing, poor public transport access, limited education and skills facilities, low cultural diversity and opportunity.

Findings will support a suggested definition of rural deprivation in Cornwall.

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WORKING TOWARDS CARBON NET ZERO CLERGY HOUSES

As part of its commitment to achieving carbon net zero 2030, the Diocese of Truro has been undertaking work on its clergy housing to make the properties more environmentally friendly.

In 2021 none of the diocese's houses had an EPC rating of A, most were rated D. Today there are 13 A-rated houses, and the diocese is on course to reach 20 by the end of the year. The work will continue until all 120 houses have been upgraded.

While some of the improvements have come about through house sales and purchases, most of the changes have involved retro-fitting houses with improved insulation, solar panels, and air-source heat pumps. This is not a cheap process, and the diocese has allocated reserves to improve its housing stock.

Simon Cade, Diocesan Secretary, said: "We manage our houses to provide great homes for clergy and their families, and a good base to work from in ministry. The carbon net zero targets were set by General Synod and we are well on our way towards them, working with our clergy and their families to make sure that the houses continue to be affordable and comfortable."

Mike Sturgess, Chair of the Diocesan Board of Finance, said: "Too many organisations set net zero goals but don't allocate any or sufficient resources to achieving it. As faith organisations, we have the opportunity to play a significant role in fighting the climate crisis, but only if we can demonstrate that we do indeed cherish creation, we are cutting carbon, and we actively speak up about it."

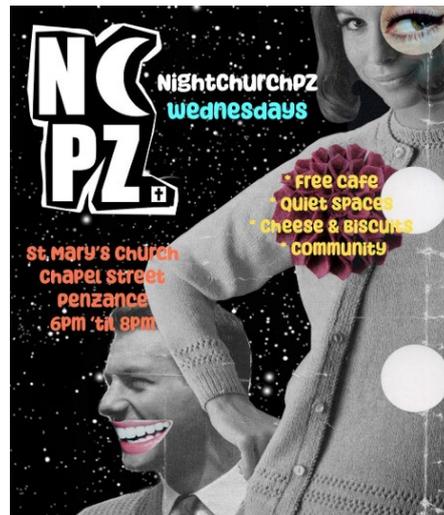
DOING CHURCH DIFFERENTLY IN PENZANCE WITH NIGHTCHURCH

Since it first opened its doors in November 2023, NightChurchPZ has grown and grown.

The unique community is a mix of people including those living on the streets, people dependent on substances, some who have a travelling or transient lifestyle, older people, people suffering with mental ill health, holiday makers, and most recently, young families. Visitors come from all walks of life and the church is fully inclusive and proud of it.

While it started as a monthly Saturday night venture from 8pm to 3am (now to 1am), the church soon evolved to include NightChurch Wednesdays following the arrival of one particular visitor. Rhys Jones first came to NightChurch in January and immediately impressed those present with his piano playing skills. Learning that Rhys was homeless, NightChurch Coordinator Alice Phoenix felt Rhys should have access to the instrument and so NightChurch Wednesdays, which run from 6pm – 8pm, were born.

The NightChurch has grown into a strong community of people. There is a permanent volunteer team who are on hand for the Wednesdays and a core team plus extras for Saturdays. Alice says what is lovely is that the line between volunteer and visitor is now blurred with many attending regularly and feeling at home.



Safeguarding is something NightChurch takes seriously, and Alice has undertaken safeguarding leadership training with the diocese. Her duties have seen her heavily involved with the safeguarding of adults, working closely with Breadline, the police, and Adult Social Care.

The volunteers have also benefited from training by Breadline with the aim of orientating volunteers to some of the nuances of the causes and reality of homelessness. Alice has plans for another session which would be open to the wider church community.

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AIR CADET CHAPLAINS SOUGHT FOR FOUR TOWNS ACROSS THE DIOCESE

Chaplains (padres) are being sought for Royal Air Force Air Cadet squadrons in four towns across the diocese.

There are currently vacancies for chaplains or padres in Helston, St Blazey, Truro, and Liskeard, and candidates are now being sought.

Air Cadet Chaplains are part of the Squadron staff and work closely with the Officer in Charge. They are available to provide appropriate pastoral care for all staff and cadets irrespective of religion, belief, or

status. They also provide spiritual and moral guidance, as far as possible, in accordance with the faith tradition of the individual.

Revd Di Burrows, Deputy Wing Chaplain, said: "Being a Chaplain is a fantastic opportunity. Where else as ministers do we get the chance to meet a group of young people and really talk to them about all kinds of subjects. It's really interesting to see how our own views differ from the young generation, and you are also able to help those young people too."

SUNDAY PLUS TRAINING

Sunday Plus, the initial training course for Local Worship Leaders, is a course intended to give people the skills and knowledge to enable them to confidently lead worship.

This eight session course looks at service, structure, prayer, words, music, all age worship and how we can create engaging worship for everyone.

Local Worship Leaders are recommended by their PCC and incumbent using 'LWL Recommendation for Training PCC Form' in the LWL Resources section on the Local Worship Leader page of the diocesan website.

There are two courses starting in September 2024:

Germoe starting Tuesday 3rd at 7pm, held fortnightly until December 10.

Online using Zoom starting Thursday 5th at 7pm, held fortnightly until December 12.

Local Worship Leaders are also required to hold leadership level safeguarding training.

If you have any questions or you like to book a place on either course please contact Lydia Remick, Lay Ministries Development Officer on lydia.remick@truro.anglican.org

PARISH GIVING PODCAST

In the latest edition of the CMD Bitesize series, Rebecca Evans, Ministry, Parish Development, and Inclusion Officer, talks to Grant Forrest, CEO of the Parish Giving Scheme. Listen [here](#) or on Spotify - look for Diocese of Truro Podcasts.

If you are interested in this role and would like to find out more, please contact Di at revdburrows@gmail.com



DIOCESE CHOSEN AS 'FLOURISH' PILOT

The Diocese of Truro has successfully bid to be one of 12 pilot dioceses for a two-year programme aimed at establishing partnerships between schools and their local churches, with the aim of engaging children, young people, and their families.

Working across three locations in the diocese – Bishop Bronescombe C of E Primary in St Austell, Bodmin College, and Camborne Science and International Academy – and 40 nationally, FLOURISH will see adult and young leaders from schools and churches, receive training and development. This initiative will be led by the Church of England's Education team in collaboration with Ministry Development colleagues.

The worshipping communities will begin their pilot phase in autumn 2024, with research into the growth and effectiveness of this approach shared throughout the two-year pilot. Learning from this could lead to the potential expansion of this vision beyond the pilot group to other locations in the coming years.

Lee Moscato, Diocesan Director of Education, said: "I am so excited for what the Flourish Network can bring. For me, thinking about the work of our Diocesan Board of Education, this sees us bring some of our strategic commitments to the fore: This is most certainly a

Powerful Partnership – a partnership of schools, community, home, and church and supported by the partnerships within our central teams in our diocese – education, change and renewal and ministry working together to make this happen.

"It's also exciting to consider how this will speak into other strategic commitments including the 'Worshipping Life of Schools' and 'Community, Care and Connectedness' – looking at how we can have the right people, in the right place with the right core mission of serving our young people, their families and the community together."

The three Diocese of Truro locations will share their insights at local, diocesan, and national levels to assess whether this innovative approach to worshipping communities in educational settings could be a viable opportunity for dioceses to consider in future strategic funding plans.

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For more information regarding directions to the office, transport options and parking options, click [here](#).

GENEROUS GIVING ADVISOR

A **Generous Giving Advisor** is sought to work with parishes in the west Cornwall area.

The role, which is 21 - 28 hours per week, is a permanent position. The applicant will work from home, at The Old Cathedral School in Truro and in the communities they cover.

To apply and for more information please visit [Pathways](#). Sorry, we do not accept CVs.

TRELAWNY PLATE AWARDED TO EDWARD RICHARDSON OF FARM CORNWALL

The award of the Trelawny Plate this year went to Edward Richardson of Farm Cornwall. Farm Cornwall supports farmers in what ever need they have.

The award was presented by the Lord Lieutenant of Cornwall, Edward Bolitho. The service, conducted by the Revd Richard Allen, Rector of Trelawny Benefice, took place at Pelynt Parish Church which was Bishop Trelawny's parish.



ST MARTIN'S CHURCH TO RECEIVE NET ZERO GRANT FUNDING

St Martin's Church in Liskeard is one of more than 100 of the country's highest carbon emitting churches to receive money to fund net zero projects which others can learn from as part of a new multi-million-pound project.

The £5.2M Demonstrator Churches project from the Church of England's Net Zero Programme aims to help 114 churches in 2024 and 2025 pay for items such as solar panels, heat pumps, insulation, secondary glazing, LED lighting and infrared heating systems.

St Martin's Church will receive a Stage One Preparatory grant towards their £1.5m to £2 million project to make their church centre net zero and improve its facilities. The grant includes a package of up to £18,000 in cash and access to in-kind support in the form of independent technical advice and fundraising consultancy support.

Mike Sturgess from St Martin's Church said: "Having reordered our church in 2018, we are now focusing on this exciting and ambitious project to upgrade our church hall complex. Seeking funding for a project of this size is difficult and time consuming, which is why we are delighted to be awarded this stage 1 application, with the hope that it will continue to a stage two application, where we start the first phase of the building work. That work will involve replacing the 160-year-old roof, reusing as many of



the original slates as possible, adding insulation, repairing or replacing the guttering and adding solar panels. Part of this stage of the project will also involve installing a "bat hotel" and nesting boxes for swifts."

Ben Wood, Cut Carbon Support Officer for the Diocese of Truro, said: "St Martin's will provide a shining example of how an aged building can heat itself effectively using purely electrical power, much of which is renewable energy generated on site, providing a comfortable environment whilst slashing its energy bills."

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CREATION CARE NETWORK USEFUL LINKS

The next Creation Care Network gathering is on Thursday, September 12 (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

READ THE LATEST CREATION CARE NEWSLETTER HERE

ENERGY FOOTPRINT TOOL

There are just a couple more days left to complete the Energy Footprint Tool (EFT).

The deadline is July 31, 2024. Please could you check with your church (e.g. with your parish treasurer or churchwarden) that your EFT has been completed. To date we have only had a 40% return. We are hoping to achieve a 80% return rate in order to make the data viable to use from year to year.

For more information email rosey.sanders@truro.anglican.org or call 01872 274351.



'CORNWALL MY HOME' SINGER SEEKS CHURCH VENUES

Will Keating is embarking on another tour of historical Cornish venues, notably churches, throughout November/December 2025. There are already lots of venues interested as this will be the third time he has done such a tour, however, he would dearly love to perform in some new churches, reaching out to the rural areas of Cornwall.

Will is endeavouring to reach more people with his music and, given the Christian tone of his songs, he naturally concluded that a collaboration with a church and congregation could be a worthwhile pursuit, whilst potentially raising money for the church as well.

If your church is able to host one of the evenings, please get in contact via email [here](#).

