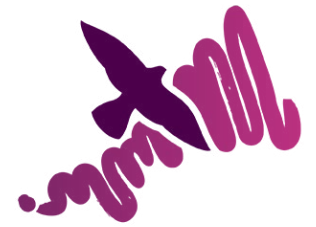


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SAFEGUARDING AUDIT REPORT RELEASED

An independent **Safeguarding Audit** of the Truro Diocesan Board of Finance (TDBF) and Truro Cathedral has found that strong and effective leadership by both the Bishop of St Germans and the Dean of Truro has resulted in a clear and effective focus on safeguarding across the whole of the Diocese of Truro.

It also highlighted that there was substantial confidence in the Diocesan Safeguarding Team (DST) calling them 'an asset' and pointing out the 'high levels of confidence in their competence'.

The **independent audit** was carried out in late 2023 and early 2024 by INEQE Safeguarding Group, which was commissioned by the Archbishop's Council to audit all dioceses and cathedrals. Truro is the fourth diocese to be audited.

The report, which was published today, noted a continued commitment to embedding a safeguarding culture in all contexts and praised the work of all involved in safeguarding from victims, survivors, and thrivers, to the parishes, diocesan and cathedral staff, the bishop, clergy, and senior leaders.

The report's authors said: "Strengths in Truro's current safeguarding arrangements are evident at both a strategic and operational level. These have been built upon the foundations of focused leadership, the expertise and commitment of the DSO / DST and the maintenance of strong links with statutory partners. The



contributions made by the many volunteers in parishes and those who support the Cathedral have also been highly significant.

"Good practice was seen by the Audit through the collective focus on the voice of survivors, care for choristers, innovative and engaging outreach at the cathedral and the 'working with us' approach to safer recruitment. Training, awareness raising, communication strategies (not least online), the intelligent use of

thresholds and the triaging, allocation, and overall management of cases, are also helping to make people safer."

Welcoming the report, the Rt Revd Hugh Nelson, Acting Bishop of Truro, and Bishop of St Germans, said: "Safeguarding is at the heart of everything we do. I am delighted both that such a thorough audit has taken place and that it tells us we can be confident in the work we are all doing,

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SAFEGUARDING - EVERYONE MATTERS - EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY

The Diocese of Truro strives to be trauma informed, and is committed to developing safer policies, cultures, and practices.

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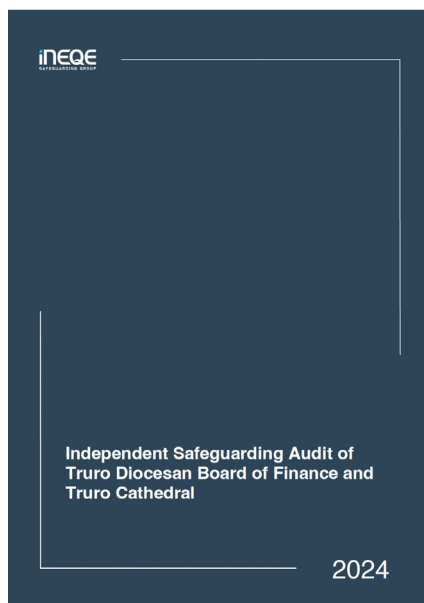
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and in the people doing it. There is more to do now, and we are already working to implement the report recommendations.”

The Very Revd Simon Robinson, Dean of Truro, said: “Safeguarding is about the very heart of God who wants everyone to flourish and grow. I welcome this audit process and this report. Public scrutiny of this type will support us in our work and our ambition to ensure that everyone feels as safe as possible in our cathedrals and churches. Truro Cathedral in partnership with the Diocese of Truro is working on implementing the report recommendations as thoroughly as possible.”

The report found that the organisation had ‘worked consistently ... to build an engaged and safeguarding focused culture’.

This was reflected in the responses from the worshipping community with the majority stating they feel safe in their parishes, describing them as



‘inclusive’, ‘happy’ and ‘nurturing’.

The work being undertaken with victims, survivors and thrivers was also noted by the auditors, who said: “The DBF Leadership is absolutely focused on collaborating with victims and survivors and learning from their experiences.”

While overwhelmingly positive, the report noted challenges but noted: “..there are areas that could be strengthened, and some stubborn challenges remain. Critically, the most senior leaders recognise this and are committed to pushing ahead with the improvement journey they now lead.”

Bishop Hugh added: “While the report speaks positively about much that is happening in the diocese; we know there is a long way to go and that there is no place for complacency with safeguarding. We will work hard to implement the audit recommendations.”

THE RECOMMENDATIONS

There were 32 separate recommendations for the Truro Diocesan Board of Finance and 29 separate recommendations for Truro Cathedral.

You can read them in the report [here](#).

SAFEGUARDING AUDIT: WHAT WAS INCLUDED

- 382 documents
- 30 interviews with staff and volunteers, external partners, victims and survivors and other stakeholders,
- 497 anonymous survey responses submitted by victims and survivors, children and young people as well as those worshipping or working within the parishes, cathedral and diocese.
- Six focus groups took place, two engaged with 32 children and young people, one was conducted with five chorister parents, one focus group drew input from eight Parish Safeguarding Officers (PSOs), one with 11 Cathedral Volunteers, and one with nine clergy within the diocese, and
- 43 separate engagement sessions reaching 592 people.

FIND OUT MORE

The full audit report is available to read on the diocesan website [here](#).

There is also a booklet available which highlights how the report and recommendations will affect different groups across the diocese and cathedral. you can read that [here](#).

Watch the video with Bishop Hugh Nelson and Dean of Truro Simon Robinson [here](#).



PETERTIDE ORDINATIONS

Truro Cathedral was full on Friday evening and Saturday morning (June 28/29) to witness the ordination of Olly Myles and Grace Kanungha as Deacons and the ordination of Dr Any Boorne, Steve Guffick and David Smith as Priests.

Bishop Hugh Nelson, Acting Bishop of Truro, led the services.

Olly Myles will serve in the Padstow

team undertaking self-supporting ministry. Grace Kanungha will serve with the Bodmin team as a stipendiary minister.

Dr Andy Boorne will serve as a priest to Kea. Steve Guffick will serve in Looe and David Smith will serve in St Columb Major. All are stipendiary clergy.



THE VEN CLIVE HOGGER INSTALLED AS NEW ARCHDEACON OF CORNWALL

We welcomed the Revd Clive Hogger at Truro Cathedral in June when he was installed as the next Archdeacon of Cornwall.

The Evensong service was led by the Dean of Truro, the Very Revd Simon Robinson and the Bishop of St Germans, the Rt Revd Hugh Nelson. Clive was joined by his wife Ali and children Thomas, Jacob, and Iona at the service.

Clive, who was formerly Associate Archdeacon in the Diocese of Sheffield, brings a wealth of experience especially around the issues of stigmatised and impoverished people and mental health.

In 2021 Clive was appointed as Associate Archdeacon Transition Enabler in the Diocese of Sheffield, another diocese which, like Truro, is grasping some of the nettles of church life, and he played a significant part in helping that diocese to become both fruitful and sustainable by engaging with the need for change. In 2023 he graduated from Cardiff University with a Master's degree in canon law.

Bishop Hugh said: "I am absolutely delighted to welcome Clive to the diocese. His deep faith and rich experience will be a gift to us all, and I know that the people and churches of Cornwall will be a gift to him in turn."



WE'RE MOVING!

The Church House team are moving. From the beginning of July, you will be able to find us at:

**THE OLD CATHEDRAL SCHOOL,
CATHEDRAL CLOSE, TRURO,
TR1 2FQ**

The Church House team moved to the Threemilestone office in 2014. With most staff now working from home or hybrid following the pandemic, the office at Threemilestone had become simply too big. To provide the best value to our parishes, we felt a smaller office, at a reduced cost was the obvious solution.

We are now located on the first floor of The Old Cathedral School behind Truro Cathedral.

If you require disabled parking, please contact info@truro.anglican.org so we can reserve you a space. There is a lift in the building.

For more information regarding directions to the office, transport options and parking options, please visit trurodiocese.org.uk/2024/06/the-church-house-team-are-moving/



GREEN INVESTMENT DECLARATION

The Truro Diocesan Board of Finance Ltd has signed a Green Investment Declaration committing to increase its investments in climate solutions.

Faith institutions are the third largest economic power on earth and so have capacity to make a real difference. The Green Investment Declaration is an initiative developed by Operation Noah under the umbrella of the FCI Collaboration, to encourage faith organisations to mobilise their investment capital to tackle social and environmental challenges.

In making the declaration on behalf of the Diocese of Truro, the Rt Revd Hugh Nelson said: "As Christians we have the moral obligation to be advocates for climate, nature, and humanity, which are all impacted by the climate crisis. We believe that our actions must help build a society that is just for all. We therefore believe that it is our responsibility to align our investments with our faith and move beyond negative screening to consider how our investments actively fund climate solutions to create positive social and environmental impacts.

"By signing this declaration, we acknowledge our commitment to using our investments to build a more just world for both people and the planet."



Mike Sturgess, Chair of the Truro Diocesan Board of Finance Ltd, said: "So much of what we are doing in the Diocese of Truro stems from, or is designed to support, our Creation Care strategy, summarised as Cherish Creation, Cut Carbon and Speak Up.

"As a faith organisation we need to be demonstrating our commitment to reversing the decline in biodiversity and cutting greenhouse gas emissions. We also need to 'speak up' and seek to be an agent for change. It is often said that actions speak louder than words, but we need both."

The diocese estimates that 10% of its investment portfolio is now in renewables.

3,000 PUPILS JOIN IN MORNING WORSHIP WITH BISHOP

What an absolute joy this was! More than 3,000 pupils across the diocese joined in morning worship with Bishop Hugh on Tuesday morning. There were 80 different classrooms, halls, and school spaces all joined together to mark the end of term. The online service is a regular feature in the Diocese of Truro's education team calendar and forms a key part of the strategic aim to Join the DoTS (Diocese of Truro Schools).



CREATION CARE NETWORK USEFUL LINKS

The next Creation Care Network gathering is on Thursday, July 11 (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

Has your church completed the Energy Footprint Tool (EFT)?

The deadline for completion 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.

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