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BISHOP DAVID'S WELCOME SERVICE THIS MONTH

The next Bishop of Truro, David Williams, will be installed at a service of welcome at Truro Cathedral on Saturday, May 17, 2025 at 11am.

SEATING ARRANGEMENTS

Bishop David is keen for as many people as possible to join him on this special occasion. You are welcome to arrive at the cathedral from 9.45am, seats are on a first come, first serve basis. To ensure anyone who wishes to watch can, the cathedral will also be live streaming the event.

YOU CAN VIEW IT HERE

The service will see the new bishop formally occupy his 'cathedra' – his official seat – and the Dean of Truro, the Very Revd Simon Robinson, will also present him with Bishop Benson's 'crosier', or pastoral staff, a special link with the first Bishop of Truro.

In addition to these formal elements, the service will feature the Cathedral Choir and children from schools across Cornwall. It will offer a joyous and proper



Cornish welcome to the new bishop, his wife, Helen and their family as we adventure together to discover the goodness of God and faithfully learn how to live in God's light.

This will be a significant day in the Diocese of Truro and we look forward to giving Bishop David and Helen a wonderful warm welcome.

We do hope you will be able to join us.

BESPOKE TRAINING CREATED FOR LOCAL PASTORAL MINISTERS

To support the great work of Local Pastoral Ministers (LPMs) and recognising their unique role in the church, we are pleased to offer "bespoke to role" safeguarding training in conjunction with the ministry team, the first bespoke to role module produced within the diocese.

This new training, which has been created by Safeguarding Trainer Mandy Wells and Sarah Welply, Lay Ministry Development Officer, will form part of the initial and repeat training that LPMs complete.

The new programme will be rolled out to those not in date with their safeguarding training and will then be part of the normal pattern as people renew training.

Mandy said: "The LPMs will still follow the national safeguarding training but this new module will allow emphasis on best practice unique to their role. We believe that having the opportunity to hold conversations directly relating to their role will strengthen their understanding of safeguarding, lone working guidance; the importance of supervision; and recognising where there are concerns that they are reported early on."

Sarah added: "It has been great to work with Mandy to develop this training for our Local Pastoral Ministers. Having safeguarding training tailored to their role which explores some of the situations that they might encounter is a great opportunity to boost their confidence when out and about."

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KEY FINDINGS INTO CORKER MEMORIAL PRESENTED

The key findings from a Heritage Impact Report into the memorial of Thomas Corker in King Charles the Martyr Church, Falmouth, were presented to stakeholders in April.

During the meeting, report author Dr Alice Kinghorn, who has worked with the Church of England and other dioceses with contested heritage, offered her recommendations for the most appropriate outcome regarding relocation of the memorial and discussed the impact of the proposed move as well as outlining and sharing her evaluation of all the other options that have been considered for the memorial. Her recommendations are based on the Church of England's Contested Heritage Guidance and have drawn on examples from other churches around the country.

The findings of this report will support a faculty application by the church for the relocation of the Corker memorial.

Dr Kinghorn was commissioned to prepare the report on behalf of King Charles the Martyr Church Parochial Church Council. The paper not only covers the historical, artistic, architectural, and social context of the Corker memorial within the church itself, the town of Falmouth, and its connection with African chattel enslavement; it



also includes further research into other memorials within the church with contested histories.

This presentation was an opportunity for feedback, engagement and questions and to learn about the history of the memorial, including precedent for monument relocation, the impact of the memorial on the church's mission as a space of worship, and the considerations necessary for the next recommended steps.

If you would like more details, please email Rebecca Evans at rebecca.evans@truro.anglican.org

CALLING ALL LOCAL LAY MINISTERS & READERS

This year's Reader Day will take place on Saturday, May 10 at St Petroc's Church in Bodmin and we are inviting you to join us.

This year, the Rt Revd David Williams, the new Bishop of Truro, will be there to meet you all and hear what you have to say. Bishop David has a keen interest in Lay Ministry and was Warden of Readers in Winchester Diocese for ten years.

Refreshments will be available from 9.30am for a prompt start at 10am and the day will run until 3.15pm/3.30pm. Lunch will be provided.

Joining Bishop David on the day will be Archdeacon Kelly Betteridge who will be sharing some more of her expertise in the field of family worship and church growth.

With deanery plans now beginning to bed in and fruit, the day will also include varied presentations from parish teams on their interesting and inspirational activities. So, come and be Inspired!

Local Lay Ministers have all received an email already but if you have yet to respond, please do let us know you are coming by emailing readerevents@truro.anglican.org

We are keen to encourage new people to consider Reader/LLM training. Please do ask your parish team and clergy person if there is anyone you could invite along or if you are interested in Reader Ministry, please do speak to your local Reader or clergy.

PARISH TRAINING OFFERS

During May there are a number of **FREE** parish training offers available.

AT A GLANCE

- May 6: Meet the Funders Conference
- May 7: Safeguarding Leadership training
- May 8: Creation Care Network Gathering
- May 12: Safeguarding Leadership training
- May 12: Deanery Plans: Change & Renewal, what does it mean for you?**
- May 14: Safeguarding Leadership Training
- May 19: Safeguarding Leadership Training
- May 21: Safeguarding Leadership Training
- May 21: PCC Secretary Training
- May 28: Safeguarding Leadership Training

If you are interested in any or all of the above, you can find out more and book by visiting the diocesan website [here](#).

Encouraging links between churches & their local schools

SCHOOL CREATION CARE WORKSHOPS

CLICK HERE TO DOWNLOAD THE POSTER

Are you passionate about Creation Care?
Would you like to forge links with your local school?
Would you like to work with children in your church?

The Creation Care Resources are a set of resources designed for churches that wish to engage with their local schools. Many churches and churchyards provide an amazing resource for young people to experience the wonder of nature and learn about the world around them.

Download the free pack from our website [Creation Care Workshops](https://trurodiocese.org.uk/resources/education/creation-care-for-schools/creation-care-workshop/)

All you need to organise and run Creation Care Workshops for Schools in your church

FOR MORE INFO OR HELP - CALL 01872 301388 EMAIL CLARE.GREEN@TRURO.ANGLICAN.ORG



NEW PODCAST! RETIRED CLERGY

The latest CMD bitesize podcast from the diocese features Rebecca Evans talking to The Revd John Eatock, Dean of Retired Clergy. You can listen to this episode, and all our podcasts, [here](#).

VE DAY RESOURCES FOR CHURCHES

Churches preparing to participate in commemorations to mark the 80th anniversary of Victory in Europe (VE) Day on Thursday, May 8, 2025 can access resources on the Church of England website and on the government's [website](#).

Events will offer an opportunity for reflection, remembrance, and a renewed commitment to peace, echoing the spirit of unity that defined the end of the Second World War in Europe.

On the day, communities will come together to honour the sacrifices made by those who served in the conflict and to pray for lasting peace both at home and abroad. The Church of England is providing resources and encouraging parishes to engage in acts of commemoration and prayer.

A key element of the commemoration will be the ringing of church bells at 6.30pm on VE Day. Echoing the sounds that swept across the country in 1945, churches and cathedrals are invited to ring their bells as a collective act of thanksgiving.

Parishes are also encouraged to hold **services** to commemorate the anniversary. Worship resources are also available to assist clergy and lay leaders in planning these acts of worship, providing a framework for remembrance, reflection, and prayer.

Individuals will also have the opportunity to light a **virtual candle** online to honour loved ones who were part of the war effort.

The Bishop of St Germans, Hugh Nelson,

the lead Bishop for the Armed Forces, said: "The 80th anniversary of VE Day is a moment of profound significance for our nation. It is a time to remember with deep gratitude the courage and sacrifice of those who fought for the freedoms we enjoy today.

"In an increasingly dangerous world, I encourage all our churches to participate in these commemorations, to ring their bells, to offer prayers for peace, and to provide spaces for their communities to come together in remembrance. As we honour the past, so we renew our commitment to building a more peaceful and just world for all."

GOVERNANCE VACANCIES

Looking to use and grow your skills and experience outside of the workplace? Looking for a new challenge with a real purpose?

The Diocese of Truro is the Church of England in Cornwall, and we are looking for professionals (current or retired) to share their talents with us.

The diocese includes over 300 churches in more than 200 parishes across the whole of Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly (and two lucky 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.

We are currently looking to recruit skilled and experienced volunteers to strengthen our governance for: Finance, Assets & Risk Committee and Property Management Committee.

For more information [visit trurodiocese.org.uk/vacancies/governance-vacancies/](https://www.trurodiocese.org.uk/vacancies/governance-vacancies/)

FAREWELL BEN!

The Creation Care Network, and the Diocese of Truro, paid a fond farewell to Ben Lillie, Diocesan Environment Officer, in April.

Ben, who had been in the role for four years, has left the diocese to take up the post of National Director of Christian Surfers UK.

Ben, a keen surfer, has been a guiding force during his time at the diocese. He authored the Environment strategy for the diocese and under his leadership, the Creation Care Network has gone from strength to strength now boasting 90 Creation Care Champions. He has guided parishes towards multiple Kernow Green Church Awards and 37 bronze, 12 silver and two gold A Rocha Eco Church awards.

Ben's presence will be missed but we wish him success in his new job.

The Creation Care Network will continue with Rosey Sanders, Ben's trusty righthand woman, steadying the ship until a replacement for Ben is appointed.

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CREATION CARE NETWORK USEFUL LINKS

The next Creation Care Network gathering is on Thursday, May 8, 10am). All are via the Zoom [link](#).

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