

OUR NEWS

JUNE 2025



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ARCHDEACONS VISITATIONS

The Archdeacons' visitations will be taking place during June, and one in July.

This year the visitations will be celebrating the rich diversity of ministry offered by lay and ordained leaders and church officers.

The services will offer opportunities for people to worship together across parish and deanery boundaries with the aim of resource people in ministry, acknowledging our shared calling, enjoying

hospitality, and fulfilling some of the legal responsibilities needed to be admitted to office.

There will be seven visitations each beginning at 7pm.

Do come along and support your churchwarden as commit themselves to your parish.

Members of the safeguarding team, buildings team and International Links Committee will also be there so do say hello.

VENUE	DATE	TIME
St Nicholas and St Faith, Saltash PL12 6JX	Monday, June 2	7pm
St Hilary TR20 9DQ	Tuesday, June 3	7pm
North Petherwin PL15 8LR	Monday, June 9	7pm
St Paul Chacewater TR4 8PZ	Tuesday, June 10	7pm
St Dennis Church PL26 8BA	Thursday, June 12	7pm
St Allen Church TR4 9QX	Monday, June 16	7pm
Truro Cathedral	Thursday, July 3	7pm

CORNWALL FAITH FORUM EXCITED FOR FUTURE

It's only been six months since members of the county's faith groups met to sign Cornwall's new Faith Covenant – and they already have many plans for the future.

Since signing in November, faith groups have been working together on plans to increase faith literacy within Cornwall Council.

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**2-PAGE FEATURE ON
BISHOP DAVID'S SERVICE
OF WELCOME**

PARISH TRAINING OFFERS

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

AT A GLANCE

June 4: Safeguarding Leadership training
June 4: Energy Footprint Tool Parish Support
June 11: Safeguarding Leadership training
June 12: Creation Care Network Gathering
June 21: Safeguarding Leadership Training
June 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](#).



SERVICE OF WELCOME FOR BISHOP DAVID



A service of welcome for the new Bishop of Truro, the Rt Revd David Williams, saw Truro Cathedral packed with people on Saturday.

Bishop David welcomed almost all who attended on the steps of the cathedral before the congregation, which included the Lord Lieutenant of Cornwall, Sir Edward Bolitho, and other dignitaries, filed inside to be greeted by Falmouth Community Gospel Choir performing a selection of songs.

the bishop and Archdeacon of Canterbury into the building and later giving a reading.

Truro Cathedral's choir performed throughout the service which saw the new bishop anointed by the Archdeacons and others before a Cornish Bard gave a prayer in Cornish.

Bishop David then formally took up his seat in the Cathedra before being given with the stole, cope and mitre. The Dean of Truro, The Revd Simon Robinson then presented the new Bishop of Truro to the congregation.

The service concluded with Bishop David going out into High Cross and giving a blessing of the city and diocese.

If you were unable to be there on the day, Truro Cathedral live streamed the service on their YouTube channel. You can watch it [here](#).



Outside, Bishop David was blessed by bishops, clergy, Readers and others before they processed into the building for the start of the service. As is tradition, Bishop David remained outside and the doors were closed on him forcing him to knock for entry.

Children from local church schools played a role in the service by processing with banners, welcoming





JOIN BISHOP DAVID TO WALK AND PRAY FOR THY KINGDOM COME THIS MONTH

During the 11 days of Thy Kingdom Come, the Rt Revd David Williams, Bishop of Truro will be walking around the diocese to pray with churches.

Bishop David will be spending his first 100 days as Bishop of Truro meeting people across the diocese and listening to their stories and views. The Thy Kingdom Come Walk and Pray will form part of that.

Starting on May 29, Bishop David will be in Stratton and West Wivelshire Deaneries visiting a number of churches in the two deaneries.

He will then move on to East and West Wivelshire on May 30, Trigg Minor and Bodmin on May 31, St Austell, Trigg Minor and Bodmin and Pydar on June 1, Powder on June 2, Carn Marth North on June 3, Pydar on June 4,

Trigg Major on June 5, Kerrier on June 6, Penwith on June 7 and Carnmarth South on June 8.

Bishop David is keen to welcome anyone who wants to, to walk alongside him. For more information on where to meet and when, [click here](#).

Thy Kingdom Come is a global ecumenical prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray for more people to come to know Jesus. What started in 2016 as an invitation from the Archbishops of Canterbury and York to the Church of England has grown into an international and ecumenical call to prayer.



JOIN BISHOP DAVID - WALK & PRAY
MAY 29 - JUNE 8

DATE	LOCATION	EVENT	TIME
May 29	St Andrews, Stratton Lady & St Anne's, Widemouth Bay Forebury Church St Neot Church St Neot	Ascension Day Morning Prayer Walk Service Parade	9.30 AM 10 AM 12.30 PM 4.30 PM 6 PM
May 30	St Germans Priory Downderry St Nicholas Church, Looe	Service Walk	9 AM 9.30 AM 4 PM
May 31	St Thomas, Camelford	Five Churches Walk	10.30 AM
June 1	St Blaise Church, St Blazey	Walk	9.30 AM
June 2	All Saints Hightown St Crida Church, Creed Community Kitchen, Probus	Service Walk Service Walk Visit	10 AM 10.45 AM 2 PM 2.45 PM 4.30 PM
June 3	Redruth/ Camborne	Clothes Bank Visit	12.45 PM
June 4	St Piran's Church, Perranzabuloe Tidgate Farm parking area	Eucharist St Piran's Trail Walk	10 AM 12 NOON
June 4	Wadebridge Showground	Eye of Show Service	6 PM
June 5	Wadebridge Showground Launceston Foodbank St Thomas' Church to St Cuthbert Church	CTC stand Visit Walk	AM 3.30 PM
June 6	St Wynwalloe Church, Landewednack Gunwalloe Beach	Landewednack walk, walk	10 AM 2.30 PM
June 7	St Ury Church, Lelant All Saints Church, Carbis Bay St Paul's Church, St Ives St Paul's Church, Ludgvan All Saints Church, Marazion	Service Blessing Walk Prayers & Blessing	9 AM 10.30 AM 11.15 AM 2 PM 3 PM
June 8	Swanpool car park (Falmouth) King Charles the Martyr Church, Falmouth Truro Cathedral	Seafrost walk, Prayers on Pendennis Point Deansy Pentecost Service Installation of new Canons	7 AM 10.30 AM 4 PM

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MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT

If you are visiting the diocesan offices at the Old Cathedral School in Truro, you may notice some of the team displaying orange badges.

The Orange Button highlights that the person wearing it is OK to say/hear the word suicide, can listen without judgement, and can support people with signposting.

Encouraging links
between churches &
their local schools

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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](http://CreationCareWorkshops.trurodiocese.org.uk/resource/education/creation-care-for-schools/creation-care-workshops/)
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All you need to organise and run Creation Care Workshops for Schools in your church

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



CREATION CARE NETWORK USEFUL LINKS

The next Creation Care Network gathering is on Thursday, June 12, 7pm). All are via the Zoom [link](#).

+ CREATION CARE WEB PAGE
+ REGISTER FOR THE KERNEW GREEN CHURCH AWARD

+ BECOME A CREATION CARE CHAMPION
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+ CREATION CARE FACEBOOK GROUP

TRUST AND RELATIONSHIPS KEY TO SUCCESS

Building relationships and trust is the key to being a successful Strategic Rural Dean as far as Revd Helen Baber from the Pydar deanery is concerned.

The role of Strategic Rural Dean was introduced to the diocese in November 2024 to lead deaneries in implementing their deanery plans. The process to fill the 12 Strategic Rural Dean roles is well underway with seven now in place.

Helen, who has been in her incumbent post in the deanery for eight years, was previously Pydar's Rural Dean and agreed to take on the Strategic Rural Dean role earlier this year. Helen said: "I don't think I could have taken this on before. I needed to establish myself in my benefice first, establish those relationships and build strong teams, so that I could take the time out to do this role and trust that my benefice can function effectively without me always there."

Helen says she is a firm believer that Local Leaders should lead local churches because they have that relationship with their community. She is proud to say that in Pydar they have many fantastic lay leaders who take on work and lead but is keen to point out that it takes time.

"I have some great local leaders, and we are building up strong local teams, but it takes time. My role is to identify and develop local leaders and build teams. You have to speak the same language, and you must enable them. It takes trust and relationship building. If you don't enable them, you are basically just telling them what to do. Part of my role is to accept they may not do it the way I would, but as long as you trust God, speak the same language and have the same ideas, it will work."

To support the development of Local Leaders, Helen uses the gift of time from PTOs sparingly. PTOs are all licensed to the deanery rather than individual churches and benefices and many are active in social and charitable events, one is even a PCC secretary.

Funding from the diocese enables the



deanery to employ a deanery admin for seven hours a week and Helen says this is invaluable.

Helen said: "Through identification, development and upskilling, they have become a fantastic asset to our team. They provide the admin support, and this is helping me get a good oversight of the whole deanery. Because we've taken time to build relationships, I know I can trust them to do that job."

Jackie is one of two Local Leaders supporting Helen who completed the diocese's Sens Kernewek programme which helps people to discern their calling during its first cohort. "I always use the diocesan resources to train my team. There are fantastic opportunities available such as Sens Kernewek and the Worship Leader course run by Lydia Remick and as a result, I have people who now bring such gifts."

Helen believes it is important to have a confident, developed team so that if someone with a collar walks in, they don't automatically defer to them and expect them to do everything. "This benefice can function without me because it has good people."

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'CHAOTIC BUT PRECIOUS' SESSIONS WELCOME COMMUNITIES TO CHURCH

Sunday afternoons are the new Sunday mornings in Gulval and Madron parish community thanks to the hard work of Revd Jo Thomas.

Family life is busy and whether it's a football match, the only time to do a food shop or a moment to rest, it can sometimes be hard for families to make a morning church service too – so Families@4 has become a solution for many.

Revd Jo Thomas has created space in St Thomas LMCh, Heamoor, church for parents and children of all ages to meet once a month on a Sunday at 4pm. The session includes craft activities, songs, bible stories, cakey tea and a place to connect.

Revd Jo says: "In days gone by, everyone would go to church as a family and do nothing else. These days both parents are working and Sundays are the only days families get to see each other. So, 4pm is a really good time to get families fed with a hearty meal and for them to have time to be with others."

The sessions started three years ago to welcome baptism families and make the church their home. There are now around 45 people attending each month. It's open to all members of the community – from those who are used to church to those who have never been, from those from more prosperous backgrounds to those from more struggling areas.

Revd Jo said: "The aim is to make it somewhere for the whole family.

"I like to think, what would Jesus do? Jesus would tell stories, he would feed people, he gathered people together and he prayed. I try to show who Jesus is and if I am asked a curious question, I answer it. We eat together over a meal like Jesus told us to.

"There are stories all the time about families coming to us and finding a place, a community, and belonging with no judgement. They love it, no one is judging them."

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