

MINISTRY MATTERS FROM OUR DIOCESE



Welcome to Ministry Matters from the Diocese of Truro ministry team

Updating you on diocesan ministry news, together with information and links to internal and external learning opportunities

GROWING YOUNGER

Having spent most of my working life in Youth, Kids, Families, Students, and Schools ministry, it is a real privilege to now lead on Growing Younger.

Advocating for youth voices, navigating both the challenges and the joys of intergenerational church, and recognising how adolescent development shapes ministry have all been central to my work in a variety of contexts. Across four dioceses, I've served as a Youth, Students, and Schools Minister, before moving to Cornwall to become the Pioneer Youth and Students Minister with Transforming Mission. I'm deeply grateful for the opportunity that move gave our family. Our heart is firmly for Cornwall, to understand what makes this place unique, and to join in the mission God sets before all who call it home.

I believe **Growing Younger** offers a valuable framework for understanding the good work already happening across the Duchy, identifying where we can learn and grow together, and discerning what we can boldly and hopefully aim towards. An analogy we have spoken about to help describe the positive effect this framework can potentially have, is thinking of it like a trellis; giving structure and support for the vines to grow and establish themselves to flourish. Of course, the trellis needs to be firmly built, sturdy and well designed, to give the plant

time to germinate and take hold. In this next season we hope Growing Younger will not just be a theory but will begin to be embedded in our thinking around mission on a parochial, deanery and diocesan level.

There are going to be multiple levels of engagement with Growing Younger, from bespoke courses aimed at raising confidence to begin new work, grounded in good theory and practice, to regular gatherings of Children, Young People and Families workers from across Cornwall. Please do get in touch and get involved. **Our next CYPF network meeting is Tuesday 24 March.**

Henri Nouwen once wrote "We need each other's stories—those told with the wisdom of age and the wonder of youth." Growing Younger looks to advocate for elevating the unheard voices in our communities, to grow in both our understanding as well as celebrating the amazing move of God in our contexts. Let us strive to find those stories, share where God is already at work, and seek out the green shoots of renewal and change.

Jonny Lewis



LEADERS FOR CREATION CARE WANTED

Starting in January 2026 in partnership with the Diocese of Exeter we will be offering training for a new commissioned lay ministry role '**Leaders of Creation Care**'. Eco Theology training within this course will be provided by Spiritus Theological College. This role sits within the Diocese of Truro's ambition to significantly grow lay ministry, recognising and encouraging the gifts and vocations that each person brings to our church. The role also aligns with our commitment to Net Zero 2030 and Creation Care.

Leaders for Creation Care are those who:

- feel a sense of calling to steward the creation we share;
- help lead and support others within their community to do the same.

Potential Leaders of Creation Care must be nominated and supported by their parish incumbent and the PCC.

For more information and an application form please visit the **website** or contact **Sharon Willoughby**, Diocesan Environment Officer.



Sens Kernewek 2026

Places available on our next cohort beginning in January 2026

Contact the **ministry team** for more information.

Date for your diary: Sunday 7 December, 4pm, Truro Cathedral
Evensong and Farewell to Bishop Hugh Nelson

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES FOR 2026

Understanding Christianity Resource for Schools

Thursday 12 February,
1pm-3pm, online
Led by teachers, Felicity Henchley & Nicki Bonell

This session is designed for Clergy and anyone who wants to gain an understanding of how RE is taught in schools.

Understanding Christianity is a whole school approach. Join this session for an overview of this fantastic teaching resource with details about how it teaches Christianity to children across the different age ranges.

[BOOK HERE](#)

150 Years of Mothers' Union

Thursday 12 March,
10am-12pm, Epiphany House
Led by members of MU

Mothers' Union will celebrate its 150th anniversary in 2026, a milestone that marks its founding in 1876.

Come and learn more about the work of the Mothers' Union throughout the world and in the diocese of Truro. Hear about the work they are already doing and what they can do for you in your benefices.

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Bishop's Study Days

Wednesday 6 May,
Tuesday 3 November 2026
9.30am-4.30pm,
The Pavilion Centre, Wadebridge
Details tbc

An Introduction to Diocesan Communications for Clergy

Tuesday 17 March & 15 September
10am-10.30am, online
Led by Kelly Rowe,
Head of Communications

Join Kelly for this important half hour session on diocesan communications. Hear about Kelly's role, explore how the team can help you and discuss challenges you may encounter in your role. Kelly will point you to useful resources on the website and answer any questions you may have.

[BOOK HERE](#)

Lessons for 'Mission and Ministry' from New Testament congregations

Wednesday 29 April,
10.30am-1.30pm, Epiphany House
Led by the Revd Dr Robert Evans

Our Diocese is developing new patterns of ministry. The different circumstances of New Testament communities give us a number of patterns of leadership, of team ministries, of 'local leaders' and trans-local organisation. Which of them can we learn from?

[BOOK HERE](#)

Leading and Managing People in Ministry - Empowering People, Honouring Difference, Serving Together

Thursday 21 May,
10am-1.30pm, Epiphany House
Led by Helen Baber
Details tbc

The Gospel According to Mark

Wednesday 21 October,
10.30am-1.30pm, venue tbc
Led by the Revd Dr Robert Evans

This session will be led by the Revd Dr Robert Evans. Robert has degrees from Oxford, Cambridge and London, and is recently retired from an academic career in New Testament theology and biblical interpretation.

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BEYOND THE WALLS

Webinars to support pioneer leaders and fresh expressions of church.

Mission, Theology and Ministry on the Margins

with Jon Swales
Tuesday 13th January 2026, 1pm

Revd Canon Kerry Dixon CA

Tuesday 10th February 2026, 1pm

Thinking missionally within a neighbourhood ecology

with Revd Dr Al Barrett
Tuesday 10th March, 1pm

[More information and booking links](#)

PODCASTS

[Listen to our podcasts here](#)

ADVENT ADVENTURES FOR SCHOOLS

School children across the diocese are being invited to take part in Advent workshops after the success of Creation Care activities in the summer.

The **Advent Adventures** resources have been put on Diocese of Truro's website to help people run workshops for schools in churches. The package of resources, developed jointly by Tina Venton and Jane Wheeler from Carnmarth South Deanery and Clare Green, Diocese of Truro's Schools' Creation Care Officer, fit in perfectly with the required primary school curriculum and cover a number of objectives detailed in the Cornwall RE Syllabus followed by all Cornish Primary schools.

Titled Advent Adventures, the workshop is for those in Years 1 and 2



and can also be adapted for early years or lower juniors.

The workshop explores the Christmas story, discusses advent as a time of preparation and invites children to take part in practical activities involving craft, drama and storytelling.

Any church interested in running a workshop with school children can contact **Clare Green** for advice.

[Read more here](#)

INTERIM WARDEN OF READERS

For the last two years Revd Canon Paul Arthur has been carrying out the role of Warden of Readers, overseeing the Reader community and leading the Wardens Team. Paul has recently been appointed as Strategic Rural Dean of St Austell Deanery and will be stepping back from the Warden of Readers role.



We are delighted to announce that Sally Piper has agreed to be our Interim Warden of Readers. Paul will stay on as Deputy Warden, a role he has done for many years. We thank Paul for his commitment and service to the Reader community.

CLERGY MOVES

Below is an update on clergy announcements in the diocese. Please note, some of these are planned moves and may change due to unforeseen circumstances.

Revd Christopher Thomas Harrigan at present Assistant Curate of the Benefice of Redruth in the Diocese of Truro, is to be Vicar of the Benefice of Towan Blystra & Rector of the Benefice of St Wenn and Withiel.

Revd Jacob Tyers, at present Assistant Curate at St Wilfrid's, Wilford in the Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham is to be Lead Minister at New Street, Falmouth in the Diocese of Truro. He will be licensed on 15 January.

Revd Robert Jeffrey Terry previously Associate Priest in the Camel Allen Benefice in the Diocese of Truro, was licensed as Associate Priest of the Benefice of North Kernow and commissioned as Strategic Rural Dean of Stratton.

Revd Penelope Jane Leach previously Assistant Curate of the Roseland Benefice was licensed as Associate Priest of the Roseland Benefice.

Revd Adam Douglas Thomas Priest in Charge of the Benefice of St Buryan, St Levan and Sennen was commissioned as Strategic Rural Dean of Penwith.

Revd Christopher Butler Priest in Charge of the Benefice of Gulval and Madron was commissioned as Associate Strategic Rural Dean of Penwith.

Revd Dr Adam Jonathan Dunning, at present Dean of Chapel and Senior Chaplain of Cheltenham College, in the Diocese of Gloucester is to be Rector of the Benefice of Falmouth. He will be also be commissioned as Strategic Rural Dean for Carnmarth South Deanery.

Mrs Angelika Kearey – was Ordained Deacon on Thursday 20 November by the Rt Revd David Williams Bishop of Truro, to serve as Self Supporting Assistant Curate in the Benefice of Ludgvan, Marazion, St Hilary and Perranuthnoe.

NEW DEAN OF WOMEN'S MINISTRY

In May 2025, the House of Bishops approved a proposal for every diocese to have at least one diocesan advisor in women's ministry. The National Association of Deans and Advisers in Women's Ministry (NADAWM) worked with the Standing Commission on the Five Guiding Principles on that proposal, and we are keen that the Diocese makes our own appointment to the role.

Women clergy are under-represented both in the Diocese as a whole and in our governance structures, and we would like that to change. This role will help us

achieve that objective. The role is voluntary but there will be some resources available for the Dean to access, these to be agreed prior to appointment, as will the time commitment. It is anticipated that the appointment will be for a 2-year period.

If you are interested or would just like to see the role description please do contact **Louise Court**, Director of HR.

Closing date for expressions of interest is midday 16 December. Informal interviews to be held in January.

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MISSION AND PASTORAL COMMITTEE

This committee is a consultative body that scrutinises proposals for pastoral re-organisation, usually arising from deanery plans, before they are recommended to the Diocesan Mission and Pastoral Committee. The committee meetings take place 4 or 5 times a year, usually hybrid with in-person attendance in Truro or the option to attend by Zoom. The meetings are usually not more than 2 hours long, depending on the number of matters to be discussed and there is only a small amount of pre-reading required.

We seek a new member, lay or ordained, who has experience in parish life. Experience of engagement with deanery plans would be helpful.

The role is not remunerated, but volunteers are encouraged to reclaim all necessary expenses of office. This includes things like travel, stationery and childcare to attend meetings. To find out more please contact **Kate Cortez**.

WOMEN IN ORDAINED MINISTRY DAY

Tuesday 13 January 2026
9.30am-3pm, Truro Cathedral

All women who are ordained are invited to attend.

Lunch will be provided

[Book your place here](#)

EXTERNAL OPPORTUNITIES

Endelienta Reflective Day
Jeremiah Among the Prophets
March, 14, Port Isaac

[More info here](#)

Cranmer Hall, Durham
Power and Planting
July, 6-8, Durham

[More info here](#)



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