

## Give to Go Green at Veryan Church

Truro Diocese have been part of the "Give to Go Green" initiative this year with a good number of churches taking part, by fundraising through Give a Little with their contactless card readers and online giving.



Pippa Stephens of Veryan Church writes,

We first heard about the *Give to Go Green* scheme at a diocesan workshop at Church House in Truro. The scheme offered churches the chance to double their fundraising, with up to £10,000 of match funding available. It sounded too good to miss, so we decided to go for the full amount!

We were given a six-week window to raise the money, so we decided to make the most of the summer holidays and the busy tourist season in Cornwall. We held our annual church fête, a Teddy Bear Zip Wire from the tower, a sandcastle competition, two concerts in the church, weekly Lego and craft sessions, Knit & Natter, a bingo evening and even a village treasure hunt. It was full-on, sometimes chaotic, but enormous fun.

We've had great support from the Diocese of Truro throughout our fundraising journey. Early on, I spoke to one of the Generous Giving Advisors, Christine Salaman, who was wonderful at offering advice on how best to use our SumUp card machines and a great contact whenever I had a query.

Our church is large and, like many others, expensive to heat. The money we've raised, along with the match funding, will go towards installing new infrared Halo Heaters. These chandelier-style heaters warm people rather than the building, making them efficient and environmentally friendly.

The best part wasn't just the total we raised but the wonderful community spirit that grew along the way. It's brought a new energy and enthusiasm to our church.