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NEW BISHOP OF ST GERMANS & ARCHDEACON OF BODMIN

Revd James Treasure and Revd Dr Helen Williams have been named as the next Bishop of St Germans and Archdeacon Designate of Bodmin.

James and Helen were formally announced in the diocese on March 9.

James will be consecrated on May 1 before taking up his seat in Truro Cathedral during a service of welcome on May 10. Helen will start her role during the summer.

Speaking on the day, James said: "I am absolutely delighted to be joining the Diocese of Truro, the land of the saints, at this exciting time and cannot wait to discover all that God is doing amongst you! I am especially looking forward to discovering more of the beauty of the Church across our diocese – in its worship, its communities, and its faithful presence in every place."

Helen said: "I am thrilled to be invited to take up the role of Archdeacon Designate of Bodmin and am looking forward to getting to know the Christian community in this stunning area. I am excited by

what I hear that God is doing in Cornwall and can't wait to join in."

Welcoming the appointments, the Bishop of Truro, the Rt Revd David Williams, said: "James has spent his whole working life in church leadership and will bring significant pastoral, preaching and strategic gifts to our team. I am delighted we have discerned a call for him and his family here.

"Helen's entire adult life has seen a deep commitment to the life of the local Church including a substantial amount of time as a lay reader. I look forward to seeing all of her deep spirituality, her intellect but most of all her compassion to the life of the Diocese of Truro and look forward to working alongside her in our senior team here.

"Do please pray for Helen and James as they prepare to move to Cornwall."



DEAN OF TRURO ANNOUNCEMENT

Following the announcement by Downing Street that the Dean of Truro, the Very Revd Canon Simon Robinson, will be the next Bishop of Warrington, the Bishop of Truro, the Rt Revd David Williams has given his thanks and prayers for Simon's time in the diocese.

Dean Simon will be consecrated on April 30 before taking up the role in May 23.

Bishop David said: "I am delighted that the Church has called Simon to be a Bishop. Simon came as interim Dean of Truro and has graciously stayed! In a lifetime of ministry, I have rarely met someone as prayerful as Simon. He has welcomed Helen and me to Cornwall, through his generous gift of time and counsel.

Simon has been a passionate advocate for the Truro cathedral, which he has often been quoted as saying is a Cathedral for Cornwall. We thank Simon for his service, and we pray for him and wish him all the very best for this next exciting phase."

THY KINGDOM COME - IS YOUR CHURCH JOINING?

This year's Thy Kingdom Come is all about the presence of God.

The God who is with us in the everyday – in the joys and sorrows of life (and everything in between) and the One who, through His spirit, longs to reveal Himself to those who do not yet know Him.

From the story of Ruth to the story of Gideon, from the story of Elijah to the story of the early church who waited for the promised Holy Spirit to come – over the 11 days we will explore a different Bible story each day, which demonstrates God's transformative presence, power and love at work in the lives of people and places.

FIVE WAYS FOR YOUR CHURCH TO GET INVOLVED

Thy Kingdom Come have shared five ways that churches can get involved in this year's campaign. Find out more [here](#).

For more information and resources visit [Thy Kingdom Come](#)

EVER WONDER HOW CLERGY ARE APPOINTED?

If you've ever wondered why it seems to take so long to recruit clergy, you are not alone – but it's because the whole process is far from simple.

Outside of the Church of England, taking part in interviews are nerve-racking but can be over in half a day.

But for clergy, two days need to be set aside for their interview process. They are invited to visit the parish, meet the new people they could be working alongside and take part in a number of activities including talking to a psychotherapist. But this is often towards the final end of a long process.

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DEANERY PLANS UNDERGO ANNUAL REFRESH

Deanery Implementation Teams across the diocese are refreshing their deanery plans this year to help revitalise ambitious visions for their communities.

Deanery plans, which were first implemented about three years ago, are an important part of discovering community needs and seeing how the church can work to help.

Ruth Marriott, Director of Change and Renewal, describes these plans as a 'road map to help each deanery to become fruitful and sustainable'. She said they evolve and adapt to the needs of the deanery. This is why they are reviewed each year.

"These plans can change over time depending on what is happening in the deanery," she explained.

Ruth revealed churches following



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deanery plans have been witnessing a number of positive outcomes.

She said: "We are seeing some culture change in some places. We are hearing positive stories of things happening as we go out on visits."

Project Support Officers (PSOs) are available to Deanery Implementation Teams all year round to enable them to implement their plans, offer advice and give practical support.

Jo Dean, a Project Support Officer, said: "All the deaneries are at different stages in their plans, and we are there to give them the support needed to successfully implement their plans and create a lasting legacy."

"THERE IS A LOT OF HOPE IN THIS DEANERY"

The deanery plan is a document to help churchgoers focus on their goals, visions and how best to help their community.

In Penwith, the plan was 'well written', but it wasn't being followed, explained Revd Adam Thomas. So when he and Revd Chris Butler took the reigns as Strategic Rural Deans in Penwith last year, they decided to start from scratch and invite people to a 'shared conversation' event. Everyone in the deanery were invited, including the Archdeacon who was there as a 'listening ear'.

"We were hoping for 50 or 60 people to come," Adam said, "but 110 people turned up."

The day started with The Ven Clive Hogger, Archdeacon of Cornwall, presiding over an eucharist. This was intentional to show they were all putting God first.

Adam said: "Archdeacon Clive came to listen. He didn't talk, just listened. We designed the whole process so people were truly listened to. We agreed how



to talk to each other, nobody spoke badly and agreed to disagree gracefully. It was a cathartic moment. The day flowed amazingly."

Chris said those from Paul Church, hosting the event, were great examples of servanthood – especially as there were twice as many people than expected.

In fact there were so many people, it was decided they should split into two groups for discussion activities. Each group were given pen and paper to write down their wishes and priorities for the deanery plan.

Adam said: "On that day in the two rooms, the same priorities came up."

Since the event three months ago, people are reported to be feeling more positive about the future in Penwith.

Adam said: "I am really excited by the buzz maintained from the day and the feedback we have received since."

Chris added: "There is a lot of hope in the deanery."



CELEBRATIONS AT CROSS OF ST PIRAN AWARDS

Celebrations took place at St Piran’s Church, Perranzabuloe, where more than 30 people were presented with a Cross of St Piran.

Each year the Cross of St Piran Award service is held to thank those who go above and beyond. Bishop David with all the recipients of the Cross of St Piran.

This year, Bishop of Truro, The Rt Revd David Williams, presented the awards during a special service at St Piran’s Church, Perranzabuloe, on Saturday March 7.

The church was filled with the recipients and their supporters. They were given the accolade for efforts in one of a number of categories including creation care, care of church buildings, local leadership, long service, support for community initiatives and schools work and more.

AWARD WINNERS

- Ley Adewole – Carnmarth South
- Vivien Benjamin – East Wivelshire
- Sandy Cheshire – Stratton
- Roger Clode – St Austell
- Jane Darlington – Powder
- Penny Ellis – Penwith
- Wendy Francis – Penwith
- Mary Gilbert – Kerrier
- Katie May – Trigg Minor and Bodmin
- Julia Mackenzie – Powder
- Michael Rowe – St Austell
- Maureen Rundle – Pydar
- Caroline Stone – Trigg Major
- Mike Sturgess – West Wivelshire
- Susan Truscott – Powder
- David Woodhouse – North Carnmarth



CREATION CARE AWARD WINNERS

- Andrew and Sally Prince – Powder
- Simon and Caroline Norris - East Wivelshire

CHURCH SCHOOLS AWARD WINNERS

- Nicola Bonell – St Mary’s Church of England Nursery Primary School
- Nelly Hammonds – St Tudy Church of England Primary School
- Dave Hannah – Duloe Church of England Primary Academy
- Suzie Hartshorn – St Nicolas Church of England Primary, St Barnabas Mat
- Beth Horwell – Bishop Bronescombe Church of England Primary (Rainbow Academy Trust)
- Patrick – St Mary’s Church of England Nursery Primary School
- Kirsteen Mims – St Mellion Church of England Primary School – St Barnabas – MAT School
- Tom Riggs – St Barnabas MAT
- Louise Roseveare – St Issey Church of England School, Rainbow MAT
- Emma Seager – King Charles Church of England School
- Mary Ann Trethewey – St Mary’s Church of England School



SECOND ANNUAL ECO CONFERENCE A SUCCESS

Young environmentalists have taken part in the diocese's second annual Eco Conference and activity day to learn new skills, inspire and encourage others.

The day was designed for pupils, who have responsibility for leading environmental school projects, to meet, share ideas and learn new skills. It also showed how the important work they do in their schools was part of something bigger.

The event started with a welcome from Clare Green, Diocese of Truro's Schools' Creation Care Officer, before Revd Hugh Barnes, from Kea Church, talked about Creation Care.

Pupils were then invited to speak about what they do in their eco clubs to help the environment.

The rest of the day was dedicated to workshops run by a number of groups including the Diocese of Truro, Cornwall Community Flood Forum, Suez and Corserv.

Children made bee bombs, planted tomato seed and beans, took part in a mindfulness session, learnt about green energy, recycling and how to use water wisely, as well as other activities.

Anja, St Meriadoc Juniors and Infants Academy, said: "It was really interesting. It was very eco-friendly. The activities were creative and fun. I am glad I came."

Sarah Broomhead, Family Liaison Officer at St Meriadoc Juniors and Infants Academy, said: "This has absolutely been fantastic. It is a wonderful opportunity for the teachers to network and for the schools to mix and share ideas."

Clare said: "It was lovely to see so many eco schools at the conference. It only happens once a year when schools all get together and talk about what others are doing."

COFFEE TO CONFIRMATION

When church is the people, worship can take place anywhere – including a coffee shop.

A group of young people aged between 10 and 18 years old have been meeting in a coffee shop near to Sainsbury's in Penzance, to learn more about Christianity.

Named ChatGOD, those attending are invited to watch the Youth Alpha course online during the week and then bring their questions and observations for discussion to the café.

The idea came from young people in the area who wanted to explore faith and offer a space for others they know to join them. And 10 of the young people asked to be confirmed at St Levan Church by the Rt Revd David Williams, Bishop of Truro.

Revd Adam Thomas said: "It was thought a cafe was a safe space for everyone to attend without feeling they had to make a commitment of faith straight away."

Encouraging links
between churches &
their local schools

SCHOOL CREATION CARE WORKSHOPS

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://www.trurodiocese.org.uk/resources/education/creation-care-for-schools/creation-care-workshops/)
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