

# OUR NEWS

## JUNE 2026



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## BISHOP, INTERIM DEAN, AND CANONS WELCOMED

A service at Truro Cathedral has seen the new suffragan Bishop of St Germans, the Rt Revd James Treasure welcomed and installed, alongside the new Interim Dean of Truro, Revd Canon Ali Hogger Gadsby, and two new honorary canons - Revd Keiren Marwood and Tim Pethybridge.

During the service, as well as formally occupying his 'cathedra' – his official seat – Bishop James preached to those present and Ali lead the prayers in her first service as the interim Dean.

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## THY KINGDOM COME - SHARE YOUR VIEW

For Thy Kingdom Come this year, people in the diocese shared their 'moments of wonder' and their views on when they have felt God's presence.



Short videos - Reels - were created and shared on the diocesan social media accounts and shared with Thy Kingdom Come to support the national theme of God's presence.

[VIEW THE REELS ON FACEBOOK](#)

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## CHURCH IN ACTION IN 'THE LIVING ROOM'

A shared community space in Truro city centre offering support to people in the area is going from strength to strength.

People often think The Living Room, on River Street, is another modern café in the city with its welcoming decor, fresh cakes and coffee – but it is much more than that.

The building hosts seven local projects, around 20 volunteers, and people from a variety of denominations running various sessions throughout the week. These include a Sunday church service, community larder, clothes bank, and a bible study. There are also bookshelves offering free bibles as well as a book and toy swap.

Volunteers work in the kitchen preparing soup and salads or offering tea, coffee and cake to people arriving.

Three years ago, Revd Erica Payne and a group of churchgoers formed The Dockyard Collective with the vision of creating a shared space to support their community after witnessing deprivation in the area.

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# BUILDINGS STRATEGY WILL BENEFIT PARISH CHURCHES

The diocese's **Buildings Strategy** has received final approval from members of the Bishop's Diocesan Council (BDC) this month after previously being enthusiastically welcomed by diocesan synod members in February.

Work will now begin on a delivery plan with the aim of parishes seeing the first benefits later this year.

Speaking after the BDC meeting, Kate Cortez, Deputy Diocesan Secretary and report author, said: "The key aim of this strategy is to really help parishes. This strategy drives real investment into the life and mission of the Church in Cornwall. It will support parishes in their stewardship of historic church buildings."

In 2023 the Diocese of Truro committed £22 million taken from diocesan reserves over the next ten years to support parish and deanery plans; investing in the life and mission of the church in Cornwall. £2 million of this will go towards the aims and objectives set out in the Buildings Strategy.

Revd Laura Bushell Hawke, who chaired the advisory group developing the strategy, added: "We think the proposals

for match funding, more small grants, shared services and support officers is the most effective way to reduce burden and move from fear to faith."

The strategy was subject to extensive consultation during its creation and at February's Diocesan Synod meeting, members were quick to support it.

Speaking at the time, Patrick Newberry, member from Stoke Climsland, and founder of the Cornwall Buildings Group, said: "It is an excellent paper about helping people overcome the daunting process of looking after these buildings. Great paper, great ideas... It could do a lot to help people blow away the myths."

Revd Elizabeth Burke member from the Isles of Scilly said: "I love the direction its going in. Triage of the buildings. Increase of building support officers, grant raising, help with faculties."

Revd Laura added: "Our prayer is that this strategy will help us steward these sacred places with courage and kindness, so that we remain rooted in place; growing in faith - and so that these buildings continue to be signs of God's life among us for generations to come."

## SUPPORT YOUR CHURCHWARDEN: JOIN THEM AT THE ARCHDEACONS VISITATIONS IN JUNE

A warm welcome is extended to anyone who wishes to attend the annual Archdeacon's Visitations taking place during June.

These services are particular opportunities to show support for your Churchwardens. All Churchwardens, those returning and those newly appointed, will be prayed for as we recognise their invaluable and faithful work for your parishes and communities – not to mention the diocese.

The Ven Clive Hogger will be conducting the visitation services which include the official admittance of Churchwardens to office for the coming year. This year we are also offering the anointing of oil at the end of service from the Archdeacon and Strategic Rural Deans.

A number of Church House staff will be available at each event to answer

any questions or have a chat over refreshments afterwards.

Come and join your clergy and Churchwardens for these important services.

### DETAILS

**Monday, June 1** - Germoe Church: TR20 9QX (Kerrier and Penwith

**Tuesday, June 2** – St Ives Church PL14 3LX (East and West Wivelshire)

**Monday, June 8** – Bodmin Church: PL31 2DP (Trigg Minor/Bodmin and St Austell)

**Tuesday, June 9** – Marhamchurch Church: EX23 0HY (Stratton and Trigg Major)

**Monday, June 15** – Budock Church: TR11 5BZ (Carnmarth South and North)

**Thursday, June 18** – St Enoder Church: TR8 5DF (Powder and Pydar)

**Wednesday, July 1** – Truro Cathedral

All services begin at 7pm.

# FRESH SHOOTS SPRING UP FROM GREENHOUSE COURSE

A course helping mission-minded churchgoers introduce faith to their community groups has been heralded a success after more than 60 people attended the first session.

In West Wivelshire a pilot of the course, called Greenhouse, takes place three times throughout the year, and people are already said to be putting what they are learning into practice.

Soul Space, an initiative born through Greenhouse, has seen parishioners offering an optional Christian reflective space during the community groups they run.

Lindsey Morgan Lundie, Diocese of Truro's Pioneer Network Facilitator, explained: "Sometimes people don't know how to make the move from being a community group to including faith. Soul Space, developed by Micheal Moynagh, offers the idea of creating a short reflective space which is very comfortable and flexible.

"The whole point of Soul Space is to create opportunity for faith to be shared in a really gentle way with no pressure."

The Soul Space resource has been trialled in a toddler group, a women's group and been part of a rural lay lead service.

Linda Myles, who organises a community breakfast, used ideas from Greenhouse including creating a small space with a prayer tree for people to use.

Linda said: "Greenhouse is really helping me to think out of the box and try different types of church.

"I look forward to hearing how to continue, and if you want to change how things are done or want to know more, go to a Greenhouse event. I can guarantee you will be really inspired. I already have a few more ideas that are percolating away."

More information about the national Greenhouse initiative [here](#).

## FLOURISH WORSHIPPING COMMUNITIES

Camborne Science and International Academy is one of three Flourish Worshipping Community pilot locations and in May, leaders from all three locations, colleagues from the National Society for Education and the Growing Faith Foundation joined Bishop James and Lee Moscato at the school to hear the good news about how this location is growing and growing.

Lee and James were visibly moved when hearing about the difference this club makes to the students. The young leaders shared how they lead assemblies to share what's happening in Flourish Club and how they enjoy engaging with God Send materials that help them explore and ask questions about their faith. Those gathered heard about the community events that, in partnership with local



churches, sees families gather for Christingle and Easter services.

Colleagues from the national team were clearly delighted when hearing about how this space, that's now in its second pilot year, is creating a safe space where young people can express their thoughts about faith, explore it alongside their peers and do so in a place in which they feel they belong.

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## 'KERRIER IS WHERE GOD WANTS ME TO BE'

After three years as a Strategic Rural Dean, Revd Heidi Huntley still knows this is where God wants her to be.

When she first saw the vacancy for Kerrier's Strategic Rural Dean (SRD) in 2023, Heidi felt such a 'strong sense of God' and knew she had to apply.



After being offered the position she relocated from Hertfordshire, where she served as vicar at the Parish Church of St John the Baptist for 10 years, to Helston.

"God asked me to take on this role," Heidi says. "I saw the advertisement for the Strategic Rural Dean in Cornwall – it knocked me for six. I had a real strong sense of God calling me to this."

Today, her role within the diocese sees her working and ministering with 21 churches in the Kerrier deanery, she is also an oversight minister and is a co-director of a Community Interest Company.

As part of her role, she provides advice and oversight of safeguarding in parishes and supports safeguarding training, has fortnightly meetings with Deanery Implementation Teams and attends chapter meetings with clergy, readers and lay leaders where they have a service and a lunch together.

"The day to day in my job is a real mix," Heidi explains, "I love to be out visiting and seeing people where they are."

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## KEEPING PEOPLE SAFE

As set out by the Charity Commission, PCCs and Church charities are responsible for taking reasonable steps to protecting people from harm in a church setting.

A new section on the Church of England website signposts PCCs to **existing** mandatory and best practice information relating to protecting people from harm in a church setting.

[FIND OUT MORE HERE](#)

# VOICE OF HOPE FOR COUNTY'S CANCER COMMUNITY

A new weekly podcast offering comfort and companionship to those affected by cancer has been launched in Cornwall, thanks to nearly £20,000 of support from The National Lottery Community Fund.

The Cornwall Cancer Cafe Podcast is led by Camborne broadcaster Matthi Clarke, whose own long journey through blood cancer inspired the project. Following treatment for Diffuse Large B-Cell Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma at the Royal Cornwall Hospital and Derriford Hospital, Matthi says he wants to offer others "a big virtual hug".

Drawing on his radio background and personal experience, Matthi hopes the easy-listening podcast will be a source of

encouragement for patients, families and carers across Cornwall. He also speaks warmly of the support he received from Macmillan Cancer Support at The Cove in Truro.

Joined by co-presenter Emma Coombe and occasional guest Mark Guymmer of Cancer Support UK, the team will share stories of lived experience and conversations with those working in cancer care.

In a place where community matters deeply, this new ministry of compassion offers hope and fellowship to many.

Find the podcast at <https://cancercafe.org> or search Cornwall Cancer Cafe Podcast.

## EVE OF SHOW SERVICE - COME ALONG AND JOIN IN

The Royal Cornwall Show's traditional Eve of Show Service takes place on Wednesday, June 3 and all are welcome to attend.

The service will this year be lead by the Rt Revd David Williams, Bishop of Truro.

The service starts at 6.30pm in the main ring. There is free entry to this and a pasty supper afterwards.

During the Royal Cornwall Show (June 4 - 6), the Churches Together tent at Stand 1 will again be available to offer a calm space to show visitors. This year alongside the refreshments on offer, the children's space, book stall and fairtrade stall, the Parish Nursing Team will also be on hand to offer free blood pressure checks and talk about the work they are doing in communities. Do pop in and say hello.

**Eve of Show Service**  
Wednesday 3rd June - 6.30pm in the Main Ring  
You're invited to the service, everyone is welcome, and don't forget the **pasty reception afterwards** with us at **Stand 1**.  
In conjunction with Royal Cornwall Agricultural Association.  
**Free entry and parking** (opposite the main Showground entrance) for those attending the service. Please contact Janet on 07956947413 for information including details of disability access.

## CORNISH MASS

A new music setting for the Mass in Cornish has been written by Mike O'Connor. This setting, named 'the Mass of the Resurrection', is a Mass for the people, easy to sing, and based on Cornish folk song tunes. The name signifies both the resurrection of Christ and the resurrection of Cornish.

It will be launched in Truro Cathedral on **Wednesday, June 3** at 5.30pm, in the Eucharist on the Eve of the Feast of St Petroc, led by the Cathedral Choir. The whole service will be in Cornish.

There will also be a practice of the music the evening before (**Tuesday, June 2**), in St Michael's Church, Newquay, at 7pm, for anyone who would like to learn it first.

All are welcome to both events.

**Oferen an Dasserghyans  
A Mass of the Resurrection**  
The first performance of a sung Kernewek mass, newly composed and translated.  
All welcome.  
Come and sing!  
Come and listen.

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](http://CreationCareWorkshops.trurodiocese.org.uk/resources/education/creation-care-for-schools/creation-care-workshops/)

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## CREATION CARE NETWORK USEFUL LINKS

The next Creation Care Network gathering is on June 11, from 7pm.

All are via the Zoom [link](#).

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