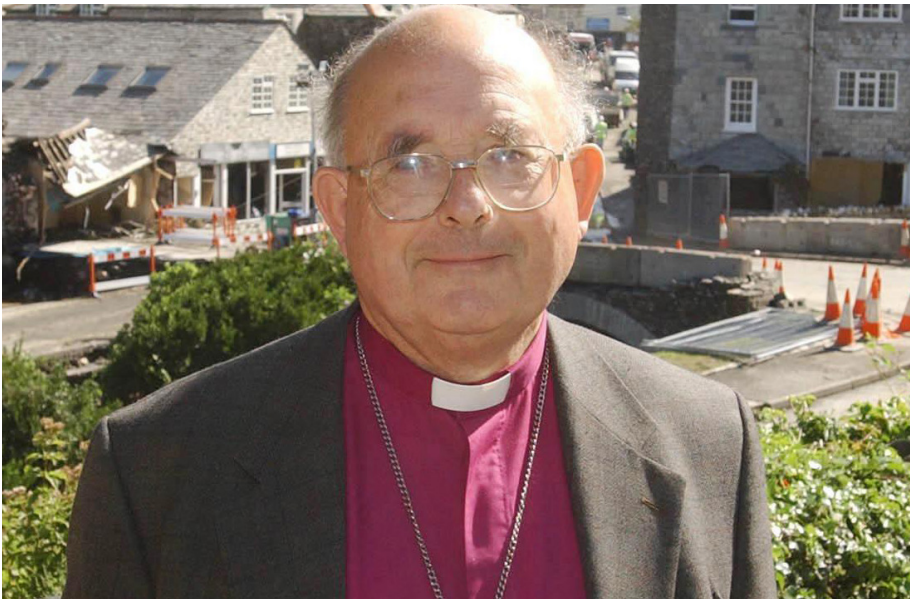


# OUR NEWS

## MAY 2026



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## THE RT REVD BILL IND

The Rt Revd Bill Ind, the 14th Bishop of Truro has died at the age of 84. He will be fondly remembered by many in this diocese.

Bishop Bill guided the diocese from 1997 until his retirement in 2008. During his tenure he was awarded the Trelawny Plate, an award given to people who are seen as making an 'outstanding contribution to Cornish life'. He was also a TV star, appearing in the BBC series A Seaside Parish during its three-year run in the early 2000s.

Bill was ordained in 1966. Prior to his arrival in Truro in 1997, he was Suffragan Bishop of Grantham in Lincolnshire. Bill trained at the College of the Resurrection, Mirfield, then served curacies in the Diocese of London before being appointed Team Vicar of Basingstoke, in the Diocese of Winchester, where he served from 1973-87 in a rapidly expanding, busy parish. During some of this time he was also

Diocesan Director of Ordinands, and Vice Principal of the Aston Training scheme for clergy, and built up a formidable reputation as a pastor, with a keen sense of humour, which never left him.

The Rt Revd David Williams, the current Bishop of Truro, said: "I had heard of Bill's remarkable time as a vicar in Basingstoke, and as Bishop there, was delighted that he and Frances [his wife] came for the opening of 'The Bill Ind room' at Popley Church. Bill's ability to connect and to exercise 'servant leadership' characterised his whole life.

"To be one of his successors as Bishop of Truro is a privilege. As a diocese we hold him and Frances in our prayers and hearts."

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## INTERIM DEAN OF TRURO ANNOUNCEMENT

The Rt Revd David Williams, Bishop of Truro, is pleased to announce the appointment of Revd Ali Hogger Gadsby as Interim Dean of Truro.

Ali will be in post until the end of 2026. The process of appointing the Dean of Truro is expected to be completed by the end of the year.

Ali is currently the Dean of Ministry at St Mellitus College, with national oversight of ministry, formation, worship and pastoral life, including being the safeguarding lead. She was also appointed as the Dean of Women's Ministry in this diocese earlier this year.

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## 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](#)

## DIOCESE LAND PROVIDES AFFORDABLE HOUSING

A ribbon cutting ceremony took place to celebrate the beginning of work to build more affordable homes in St Ewe for young families.

A few years ago, the diocese sold glebe land in the village to St Ewe Affordable Homes Limited (SE AHL) and has now sold the adjoining part too.

This means there will be four more social rent homes built for local people in need of housing.

Kate Cortez, Head of Operations and Governance at Diocese of Truro, said: "A key priority of the diocesan glebe strategy, approved in 2025, is to enable the use of glebe to provide homes, and land for homes, where local people need them.

"We are delighted that SE AHL will be able to do this using this land. It is a real community endeavour and the turn out for the ribbon cutting really shows this."

# SERVICE OF WELCOME FOR NEW BISHOP & INTERIM DEAN

People across the diocese are invited to Truro Cathedral on May 10 to officially welcome the new suffragan Bishop of St Germans and to also witness the installation of the new Interim Dean of Truro.

Bishop David will lead the welcome and induction of the soon to be Rt Revd James Treasure and he will be helped in this by the new interim Dean of Truro Ali Hogger Gadsby. If that was not enough excitement, the service will also see the creation of two new honorary canons for the cathedral – Revd Keiren Marwood and Tim Pethybridge.

These announcements mark the completion of the Bishop's Leadership Team, one year after his arrival in the diocese. Bishop David said: "The life and work of the diocese continue, and these final appointments strengthen



an already strong team. It is important that as we work towards fruitfulness and sustainability that we do so from a stable base."

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

James is due to be consecrated as a bishop in St Paul's Cathedral by the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Revd Sarah Mullally, on Friday (May 1).

All are invited to the welcome service in Truro which starts at 4.30pm. In addition, the service will be live streamed on the cathedral's [YouTube channel](#) for those unable to attend in person.

## SURGE IN CONFIRMATIONS WELCOMED

A surge in confirmations in the Diocese of Truro this year has been reported – with more people taking the pledge in the first quarter of 2026 than in the whole of 2025.

In the first quarter of 2026 there have already been 67 confirmations – 28 males and 39 females. During the full 12 months of 2025, there were 50 people confirmed – 24 males and 26 females.

Bishop of Truro, Rt Revd David Williams, who has been present at all the confirmation services, said around half of this year's confirmations took place in the Penwith Deanery.

He said: "It is significant news that teenagers and adults, ages ranging from 12 to 91 years, are going for confirmation. This represents some unexpected results of some very committed ministry, including imaginative youth work and faithful visits to older housebound parishioners.

"In several churches this is the first



time in many years confirmation services have happened, and some of our clergy have been left both deeply encouraged and also surprised."

Bishop David added that with the arrival of the new Bishop of St Germans, both bishops in the Diocese of Truro are committed to responding to baptism and confirmation requests.

Revd Adam Thomas, Penwith Strategic Rural Dean, said: "The methodology of the research for the Quiet Revival might not have been sound, but the under 40s are hungry to know about Jesus."

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# BISHOP JAMES CONSECRATED AT ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL

The new suffragan Bishop of St Germans, James Treasure, was consecrated by the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Revd Sarah Mullally, at St Paul's Cathedral, London, on May 1.

Archbishop Sarah, heard the oaths of the new Bishop of St Germans as he was consecrated in a joyful service.

The Rt Revd James Treasure was consecrated by three bishops laying their hands on him – xxxxxxxx.

Archbishop Sarah also preached at the service and presented James with his symbols of office – his ring, cross and staff.

Attending the service were Bishop James' family, and the Bishop of Truro, the Rt Revd David Williams.

Archbishop Sarah said: "I send my warmest prayers and congratulations to Bishop James as he begins this new chapter of his ministry. I know from his time in the Diocese of Worcester that he brings rich experience of engaging the community, sharing the Gospel and inviting others to faith in Jesus Christ.



Photo: Diocese of Worcester Facebook

I'm delighted that he'll be bringing this dedication to sharing God's love to the Diocese of Truro. I look forward to serving alongside Bishop James, will be praying for him and his family as they move southwest."

## PETERTIDE ORDINATIONS WILL SEE 13 ORDAINED

This year's Petertide ordinations which are due to take place on June 26 and 27 will see 13 people ordained as Deacons and Priests.

Revd Erica Payne and Ian Dawes will be priested this year, having been ordained as Deacons last year.

Esther Sardar, Joel Dougan-Davies, Nick Johnson and Lynne Ashley Emery will be deaconed and take up curacies across the diocese.

Hannah Wicks, Jan Fisher, Jason Hoole-Jackson, Liz Lane, Lydia Remick, Peter Croft and Roy Cooper will also be ordained as Deacons and will take up roles as self supporting ordained ministers.

There will be more information on the services in next month's newsletter. You can also read more about some of



those being ordained on the diocesan website.

[READ JOEL'S STORY HERE](#)

## IT'S A PRIVILEGE TO DO THIS, SAYS DIT ADMIN

Helen Uglow took a leap of faith to help make a difference in her community by applying for a Deanery Implementation Team (DIT) Administrator role.

She loved her job within the Department of Work and Pension team but handed in her notice after 25 years of service in 2025 to become Trigg Major's DIT Administrator.

She explains: "I watched an interesting presentation about rural churches including a message about being able to take a risk in faith and church life.



"That same evening I heard about the Deanery Administrator vacancy. I went away and found the advert – the role really interested me, so I applied."

Helen has always attended church in Cornwall.

She says: "My mother took me to Kenwyn church and I was in the choir. I was also baptised, confirmed and married there.

"Faith is always the thing I turn to if I have got a problem.

"My personal opinion is we need churches in our communities. I know how much church can help us during many life changing events."

It was this belief that had led her to apply for the Administrator role in the first place. Weeks later she was offered the position.

Helen recalls: "I spent most of the first weeks just reading a lot of information to understand the role and what difference I could make.

"I am from a church going background and have been involved in the church all my life, but I still had to learn so much. I didn't really see behind the scenes until I got this role, and did not know how much work is involved."

# NETWORKING EVENT FOR RURAL YOUTH MINISTRY

Children, young people and families workers across the diocese met to discuss the challenges and joys of working in rural areas.

The Growing Younger team at the Diocese of Truro held a networking event in All Saints Hightown's newly opened community space. It was a chance to discuss the realities of ministry in isolated areas of Cornwall and some parts of Devon, share experiences and look towards a future of hopeful ministry together.

The event, hosted by Jonny Lewis, the diocesan Growing Younger Lead, included representatives from North Westmorland in Carlisle Diocese (virtually), a panel of ministers from Cornwall's rural area for a question and answer session, and roundtable discussions.

The network event takes place once a term for anyone working with, or

have oversight of work with children in churches across the diocese.

During the panel discussion, Revd Helen Baber, Strategic Rural Dean for Pydar, and Revd Susie Templeton, Pioneer Priest in Kerrier, discussed the challenges and joys in their work.

Jonny Lewis, Growing Younger Lead, said: "It is so important for us to gather together, share our experiences and our hope. Ministry to young people and their families is challenging, especially in rural contexts. To scope what this missional landscape looks like, be encouraged by new ideas and build partnership across deaneries and parishes is a vital part of how we will all 'grow younger' as a church together."

## MEET REVD JACOB

Revd Jacob Tyers recently moved to the diocese to take his place at New Street Church, Falmouth, and is excited about what the future holds.



For many years Jacob has felt called to Cornwall and this January he and his family left St Wilfrid's, Wilford, in the Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham, when he was asked to become New Street's Lead Minister.

As he settles into his new role, he says he is spending much time praying and listening to God.

Jacob said: "We feel really privileged to be here. We feel really blessed. It is a huge privilege, a joy to intercede. I believe significantly in the life of New Street."

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*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/resource/education/creation-care-for-schools/creation-care-workshops/)

All you need to organise and run Creation Care Workshops for Schools in your church

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## People's Emergency Briefing

### Truro

Wednesday, June 17, 7pm

[tinyurl.com/PEBTruro](https://tinyurl.com/PEBTruro)

## CREATION CARE NETWORK USEFUL LINKS

The next Creation Care Network gathering is on May 28, from 10am.

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

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