

OUR NEWS

APRIL 2018

THE BIBLE SOCIETY'S SERIOUSLY SURPRISING STORY

As we move towards Easter the Bible Society has launched a new film for 2018 – **The Seriously Surprising Story**.

The video tells the story of how Jesus met with two disciples on the road to Emmaus and explained everything!

Credit: The Bible Society



JOIN IN WITH THE SPRING CORNISH CELTIC WAY WALKS

The Cornish Celtic Way-led walks are in full swing with the next walk on April 28, meeting at St Gothian's Church, Gwithian (10am) and walking to Lelant. Everyone is welcome and lifts are available back to the start.

In May the second Walking Festival will take place, consisting of eight led walks on different parts of the route. Details are available on the Cornish Celtic Way website and Facebook page.

FULL PROGRAMME FOR PARISH TRAINING DAYS

Ever wondered if there are any easy ways to grow your church through Baptism? Want to know how to get your church noticed? Need some DAC advice or interested in Transforming Mission?

Then our training days are for you! We recognise how much you are all doing and hope the extended range of workshops available this year will help you.

WHAT'S AVAILABLE?

Not every workshop will be available on each of the days and booking is on a first come, first served basis, so if there is something you are keen to do, book early!

SESSIONS

- ▶ Easy ways to grow the church through baptism;
- ▶ MMF Explained;
- ▶ Churchwardens Update;
- ▶ Can we grow the church by working with schools?
- ▶ Engaging with young

people (Guest speaker Sophie Doyle from South West Youth Ministry);

- ▶ Leading your church to growth;
- ▶ Safeguarding;
- ▶ Making the Parish Giving Scheme work for your community;
- ▶ Where have all the children gone?;
- ▶ Getting your church noticed (guest speaker Neil Pugmire, Diocese of Portsmouth);
- ▶ A way to welcome; You're welcome: Training the Trainers;
- ▶ Working with the media;
- ▶ Using the internet effectively & safely;
- ▶ Finance.

A purple poster for Parish Training Days. At the top, it says "PARISH TRAINING DAYS" in large white letters, followed by "MAY 19, 23 & JUNE 16, 27". Below this, it lists venues: "TRURO COLLEGE ▶ CALLYWITH COLLEGE BODMIN ▶ BODMIN COLLEGE ▶ CORNWALL COLLEGE POOL". The main body of the poster features several white speech bubbles containing workshop topics: FINANCE, SAFEGUARDING, STEWARDSHIP, COMMUNICATIONS, CHURCH WARDENS UPDATE, EDUCATION, WELCOME, DAC, MISSION & MINISTRY FUND, CHILDREN & FAMILIES, LEADING YOUR CHURCH TO GROWTH, and GETTING YOUR CHURCH NOTICED. At the bottom, it says "BOOK HERE: WWW.TRURODIOCESE.ORG.UK/PARISH-TRAINING-DAYS/" and includes the Diocese of Truro logo with the tagline "EMPOWERING GOD'S KINGDOM GROWING THE CHURCH".

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MARKET PLACE

This year there will also be a 'market place' where you can get one-to-one support on DAC, DBS, A Church Near You, Data Protection and GDPR, Statistics for Mission, Return of Parish Finance, the Parish Giving

Scheme, Mission, Church Growth and Transforming Mission and even a Communications MOT.

INTERESTED?

To book go to www.trurodiocese.org.uk/parish-training-days/



ARCHDEACON'S LETTER

“ Thy Kingdom Come this year takes place between May 10 and 20. We look forward to hearing and sharing your stories and praying together. ”

As many of you may already be aware, Thy Kingdom Come is a special season of prayer, initiated by our archbishops, that will be taking place around the world (85 countries participated last year) between Ascension Day and Pentecost (May 10 - 20).

Plans are already well advanced for a special ecumenical Beacon event that will be held this year at Truro Methodist Church on Sunday, May 13.

If you took part in Thy Kingdom Come in 2017 or 2016, we very much hope you're planning to participate again and we would love to hear and publicise your stories from previous years – so do please get in touch with the Discipleship team.

If you haven't taken part before, we would love to encourage you to get involved in some way, whether as individuals and families, across your benefice or deanery, even beyond. There is plenty of information available at www.thykingdomcome.global/ - including several short videos made by the Archbishop of Canterbury, the most recent of which has been very much in evidence on social media. There are also some excellent resources available, including resources to use with families and young people.

This year, the Lambeth Palace team

have offered some free resources to dioceses. We will have some available for collection at the following places:

- ▶ The Chrism Mass, Truro Cathedral, Maundy Thursday, March 29, 10.30am
- ▶ Church House, Threemilestone
- ▶ Diocesan Synod (May 5)
- ▶ The Beacon Event at TMC (May 13)

Do please take advantage of this offer and pick up as many as you think you can use and share widely.

WHAT'S AVAILABLE

The Morning and Evening Prayer: An easy to use booklet to encourage individuals who don't normally join in Morning and Evening Prayer, beautifully presented. With an encouragement at the end to keep going.

The Prayer Journal: To encourage people to sketch and scribble thoughts, prayers and any answers as they go through the 11 days, with a different theme for each day. It has been designed with youth and young people in mind, but would work for all ages. Interactive and creative, this will make it easy for people to get involved.

The Novena: Each page has a beautiful piece of artwork, devotional guidance, a Bible passage and prayer.

DIOCESAN DIRECTORY CHANGES & UPDATES

LICENSED CLERGY

The Revd Tony Windross, Rector of the Week St Mary Circle of Parishes, has left the diocese to take up a post in the Diocese of Chichester.

RETIRED CLERGY

The Revd Di Burrows* has retired and is no longer an Associate Priest of Saltash. She has been given PTO.

RIP

Jo Jago, wife of the late Revd Douglas Jago, long serving of this diocese, died peacefully at RCHT in February.

CHURCH HOUSE

Julie Gardner has joined the Finance team in the role of part-time Finance Manager.

Jane Mackenzie will join the Finance team as part-time Finance Assistant in early April. Julie and Jane's roles replace the full time Financial Controller post.

Agatha Hodges has been promoted to the role of Finance Officer.

Following secondment in Discipleship, **Rebecca St Ledger-Renfree** returns to her role of Office and Communications Administrator to support the front of house team.

GDPR TRAINING: NEW DATE

GDPR training for parishes will now take place on April 23.

The sessions will be in the same locations and times as before:

9.30am – 11.30am in Gulval Village Hall; 12.45pm – 2.45pm at All Saints Church Hightown in Truro; 3.30pm – 5.30pm at All Saints Church Hightown in Truro; 7pm – 9pm at St Petroc's Church, Bodmin.

A video of the GDPR training is now available on the diocesan [website](#).

TO BOOK

Click [here](#)

GRANT FOR ST MARY'S

Shevioc's St Mary's Church has been awarded initial support for a grant of £248,500 by the Heritage Lottery Fund towards the development of a Heritage Gateway to the Rame Peninsula. The church's team will initially receive a development grant of £36,000 to enable them to progress the project's plans with the aim they will be in a position to apply for the rest of the grant (£212,500) later this year.

RESPONSIBLY GROWING OUR CHURCHES

CELEBRATE THE GOVERNMENT'S 25 YEAR ENVIRONMENT PLAN

The Bishop of Salisbury, Rt Revd Nick Holtam, the Church of England's lead bishop for environmental affairs, recently welcomed the "ambitious and attractive plan" and said: "The Lords spiritual have a strong interest in the environment out of a concern for the care of God's creation as well as the opportunity," in the debate in the House of lords.

You are invited to prepare for those "opportunities" and enjoy the Green Church Award Scheme as each month we will feature 4 simple tasks inviting you to take part together across the whole diocesan community. By completing these too, you could now qualify for a Bronze Award!

CHRISTIAN LIVING

1. Switch church bank account to an

ethical bank <http://www.gocompare.com/current-accounts/ethical-banking/>

COMMUNITY

2. Allow fruit/vegetable planting on church land

RESOURCES

3. Install water collectors

4. Install water meters

MORE DETAILS

For some more ideas and to see a bit of what we got up to at the Bishop's Environment day have a look here www.goo.gl/iTCUQa

For more details about the Award scheme, click [here](#)

SUPPORT SOUGHT FOR SAFE CAR WASH CAMPAIGN

Churches and individuals are being asked to support The Clewer Initiative's Safe Car Wash campaign which aims to combat modern slavery.

After Easter all clergy will receive information about the campaign, which officially launches in June, with a request for support. An app is currently being developed which will help people to detect instances of slavery when having their car washed and to report their suspicions.

The Clewer Initiative is a three year project to enable dioceses and wider church networks to develop strategies to detect modern slavery in their communities and help provide victim support and care. The initiative forms part of the Church of



THE CLEWER INITIATIVE

England's approach to eradicating modern slavery.

The Rt Revd Dr Alistair Redfern, as chair of the Clewer Initiative, has written to all bishops asking for their support and Bishop Chris is keen that we, in the Diocese of Truro, get behind it.

MORE INFORMATION

Read the Bishop's [letter](#) [The Clewer Initiative](#)

ARCHDEACONS' VISITATIONS BOOKED FOR THIS MAY

Archdeacon Bill Stuart-White and Archdeacon Audrey Elkington will visit the deaneries of the Diocese of Truro for their annual visitations in May 2018.

For a full list of the locations please click [here](#).

A key part of the Visitation Service is the 'charging' of the Churchwardens for another year of office but during the visits the Archdeacons will also be providing copies of the Archdeacons' Visitation News.

NATIONAL CHURCHES TRUST GRANTS

If you need funding for a church repair project, want to install a toilet, kitchen and improve community facilities, or are seeking early stage funding (such as for a feasibility report) for your place of worship, then the National Churches Trust grant schemes can help you.

The Trust provides repair grants, community grants, partnership grants, project development grants, and maintenance grants.

MORE INFORMATION

Download the National Churches Trust Grant Programme 2018 booklet [here](#)

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

This Christian Aid Week, its focus is to support the thousands of people in Haiti, who regularly experience some of the worst natural disasters on earth.

Just £25 could buy a hygiene kit to prevent disease after a disaster and £210 could pay to train a local builder in Haiti to build a safe, secure home for families in need.

This Christian Aid Week, you can help to change the lives of people forced to lose or leave their homes due to disasters and conflict by holding a church collection or arranging a fundraising event like a Big Brekkie. You can find resources and donate online at www.caweek.org

SHARE A PENCIL DAY

Millions of children the world over dream of the chance to attend school but simply do not have that opportunity.

Many lack the basic tools they need for learning. Natural disasters, war and extreme poverty are the main reasons.

This year the Church of England Education office is collaborating with the charity Hope; Education for a better life on 'Share a pencil' day and is encouraging all Church schools to consider getting involved on or near Wednesday, May 23.

MORE INFORMATION

www.hope.co.uk/share-a-pencil-day/

GREAT SUCCESS FOR LATEST MEET THE FUNDERS EVENT

Representatives from more than 70 organisations gathered in Bodmin for the annual Meet The Funders event, writes *parish support and schools' advisor, Rebecca Evans.*

Organised jointly by Transformation Cornwall and the Diocese of Truro, the Meet the Funders programme is now entering its seventh year and continues to be as popular as ever for faith and community organisations throughout Cornwall.

This year's event was for the first time sponsored by Allchurches Trust and featured presentations and workshops from Big Lottery, Cornwall Historic Churches Trust, Parish Buying/2Buy2, All Churches Trust, Tesco Bags of Help, Joseph Rank Trust, Heritage Lottery Fund, Cornwall Community Foundation, Data Developments, Co-op Local Community Fund and Children in Need.

Average £60,000+ funding obtained

Back in 2014, some research into the impact of the Meet the Funders programme found that delegates at the main event had on average gone on to successfully apply for funding worth more than £60,000 worth per organisation.

The annual event is followed up by a series of workshops around the county to help organisations to develop their projects, apply for funding, monitor and report on their work, with the aim of enhancing their sustainability.



For more information about these workshops or to register your interest email: info@transformation-cornwall.org.uk

Copies of all presentations from the day are available on the Transformation Cornwall website: www.cuf.org.uk/resources-transformation-cornwall



CHURCH OF ENGLAND OFFER FREE DESIGN WEBINAR

Add 'pizazz' to your parish magazine and posters. Make them stand out in a crowd.

If your designs need some help, join a FREE one-hour webinar and sharpen your skills.

The webinar, a new joint venture by the Diocese in Europe and Church of England Communications Training, will examine the fundamental importance of hierarchy, explore the diverse 'voices' of fonts and their impact on audiences

and the value of harnessing the power of grids and columns in your layout.

The webinar will focus of design principles and is not about which software package to use.

The Dynamic Design webinar takes place at 12 noon (BST) on Thursday 12 April.

MORE INFORMATION

www.eventbrite.com/e/dynamic-design-tickets-43886792578

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

APRIL

5 Blessing Book Necklace workshop, Tremorran & The Angel Gallery, St Just (PZ), 10am - 12.30pm, £10 (all materials & refreshments included). Booking essential.

6-8 Individually Guided Retreat, Epiphany House, Truro, £175 (incl. meals & accommodation), To book 01872 272249 email info@epiphanyhouse.co.uk

9 Soup & Silence, Tremorran & The Angel Gallery, St Just (PZ), 12.15pm; Booking T 07768 155309

14 St Euny Ramblers, St Euny Church, 10am, all welcom (family & dog friendly)

15 Walking meditation in Quiet Garden, International Middle Earth Day, 4pm - 4.55pm, Tremorran & The Angel Gallery, St Just (PZ)

16 Windows into Christian Spirituality, 6 week course, 7, Penmare Court, Hayle, 7pm, £7, T 01736 756669 E samuelsmarsden@hotmail.com

17 Art & Spirituality Day, Tremorran & The Angel Gallery, St Just (PZ)

24 Conscientious Objectors & World War One talk, Paul Church, Penzance, 7.30pm

24 Quiet Day 'Mining for God' led by Revd Bridget Macauley, Tremorran & The Angel Gallery, St Just (PZ), 9.45am - 4pm. All refreshments, lunch and art materials provided. £10. Booking Essential

27 Solar Eclipse over America Talk, Ladock Parish Church, 7.30pm, £5

28 Workers Memorial Day

MAY

5 Diocesan Synod, County Hall, Truro, 9.30am

5 - 20 Pilgrimage Festival

10 - 20 Thy Kingdom Come

13 -19 Christian Aid Week

25 Madagascar & the Galapagos Island origins & consequences, Ladock Parish Church, 7.30pm, £5

SAVE THE DATE

SEPTEMBER 8 DAY OF PRAYER

St Michael's & All Angels Church, Newquay.

OCTOBER 31 GROWING THE RURAL CHURCH

The Welcome Centre, Coventry, CV1 2HG. A day conference exploring how rural churches can use their buildings creatively to support ministry and better serve their communities. Workshops will explore a range of sustainable approaches to mission and ministry in rural churches. Bookings will open in May 2018: see www.exeter.anglican.org for details.

GET IN TOUCH

If you have a news story or a diary date to share, please get in touch: 01872 360037 comms@truro.anglican.org before the 17th of each month.

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