

OUR NEWS

DECEMBER 2017

HAVE YOUR SAY: TIMELINE SET FOR MMF CONSULTATION

A timetable for the consultation over the new method of allocating the Mission and Ministry Fund among parishes has been finalised.

The November 2017 meeting of the Truro Diocesan Synod agreed the consultations with deaneries and other key individuals would run between January and March 2018.

Read the full synod report [here](#)

PROPOSED TIMETABLE

9.1.18 & 11.1.18: One or more meetings with Rural Deans, Lay Chairs, Deanery Treasurers and other key people to discuss the proposals.

7.3.18: Rural Deans' meeting to discuss feedback from January meeting.

Jan - March 2018: Allow time for feedback from Deaneries on proposed way forward, and modify the proposed system where appropriate.

5.5.18: Presentation to Diocesan Synod on the proposal for the new way of allocating the MMF and seeking approval to put in place effective 1 Jan 19.

May - July 2018 Explanatory sessions with Deaneries and PCC representatives. Meetings to cover all 12 deaneries, provide an explanation of the new approach and determine what additional support will be needed for its implementation.

16.6.18 & 27.6.18 PCC Officers' Training days.

29.9.18 Diocesan Synod: approval of 2019 budget, incorporating the new approach, and update on progress towards implementation.

1.1.19 Implementation of new MMF approach.

NEARLY 800 SERVICES THIS CHRISTMAS IN OUR DIOCESE

You can choose from over 798 services and festive events taking place in the Diocese of Truro this Christmas.

From Christmas tree festivals to Christingle services, festive bazaars, and

even carols in the pub, there is something to suit most tastes with 100 Midnight Mass services planned for Christmas Eve and 134 services on Christmas Day. See the full listing [here](#) and please share it with friends.

PLEDGE 10: LOVE IN ACTION

PLEDGE 10: I pledge to research 'driving in a greener way' online or by contacting a driving instructor and booking a lesson to learn eco-drive ideas.

"Every one of the Marks of Mission calls us to a radical and whole-life response. Reducing our carbon output is missional. For each tonne of carbon produced, 3 square metres of arctic summer sea ice disappears (Notz & Stroeve, 2016). Learning to drive in a greener way enables us to contribute to a more just, sustainable and peaceful society.

"Hopefully you will have taken part in the 10 pledges. The aim has been to help you get ready for climate change, so you in turn can get your family and friends ready and then be in a position to look after your church and congregation.

"The church, in my opinion, is the perfect agent for this change. As Michael Gove makes announcements about Green Brexit, let us pray and support him, through Pledge 4 'pledge to contact my MP and my friends and ask them to make these pledges too'. He asked the **Natural Capital Committee** to advise him. Of the 10 goals they suggest, I believe the church can fulfil 25% of them. As an example, one of the Green Church Kernow Awards (Read more on page 3) asks participants to set aside an area of the church grounds as a 'meadow' to encourage wildlife. If this was taken up across the whole country, over 10,000 would be working towards becoming Living Churchyards, answering this call, growing the church and reaching out to children and younger people.

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BISHOP'S LETTER



The Diocese of Truro

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"By this they will know that you are my disciples, that you love one another"

John 13

Dear Friends, my sisters and brothers in Christ,

Jesus tells us that the world will know we are his disciples by the love we have for one another; and so this Lent I write to you with words of love.

I write to tell you, my beloved ones, that because we are one body, I rely on you. I can never really flourish unless you are flourishing, we are members together of the body of Christ and one part of that body cannot reject another part or be careless of it, for to do so would be to reject the Christ who lives among us.

So I am writing you a love letter. A letter that tells you how much you mean to me, that puts into words a longing within me for your good and for the unity of the body of Christ, which was his prayer.

We know that as Christians we are also called to love beyond the community of the church, even to love our enemies. We are called to have a special care for those who live in poverty, for prisoners, and for the stranger, among others. But this Lent, in obedience to Jesus' prayer for unity, called as disciples and as children together in Christ I am asking you to receive this love letter from me, and I am challenging you to write your own love letter.

This Lent, in obedience to Jesus, will you join with me in writing love letters to sisters and brothers in Christ? Will you tell another Christian soul that you depend on them? Be bold, write to someone in another church, from another tradition; write to someone that you find it hard to love, think of them, pray for them; write words of love to them.

This is not a gimmick. I am serious, I believe that Jesus was being serious when he told us to love one another. Our love needs to be expressed and yet all too often it remains hidden and we are known not for our love but for our divisions. Learning to be the body of Christ together is part of learning to be disciples of Jesus, so I challenge you to write love letters this Lent.

With much love,

*Chris
St Germans*



RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE: LENT COURSE 2018

There are only 73 days between Advent Sunday and Ash Wednesday; and vicars will be rather busy on a few of them! So here is an early gift for Shrove Tuesday: a Lent course written by Archdeacon Audrey in a format that can be used easily by groups during Lent.

Using the "Responding to God's Grace" themes from the 2017 Roadshows and

May Synod, this six-session course is available in booklet form or online. Each booklet has everything that a member or leader will need, including Bible studies and reflections, materials for prayer, and ideas for further reading.

The information will be available from early **January 2018**. Watch this space for how to get your hands on the resources.

DIOCESAN DIRECTORY CHANGES & UPDATES

Licensed Clergy

The Revd Jo Mulliner* now has a landline number.

The Revd Chris Painter* has been licensed as Rural Dean of East Wivelshire deanery. He continues as Rector of the Tamar Valley Benefice.

The Revd Chris Malkinson has retired and is no longer Rector of Padstow, St Merryn and St Issey with St Petroc Minor.

The Revd Anne Charlton* was licensed on 11 November as Priest-in-Charge of St Goran with St Michael Caerhays

Clergy RIP

The Revd Pamela Roskrow has died. Pamela had previously had PTO in the diocese and was a valued and much loved member of the congregation of All Saints Tuckingmill.

PTO

The Revd Gordon Smyth* now has PTO category B (formerly category A)

The Revd Jake Loewendahl has rescinded his PTO in this diocese.

The Revd John Littlewood has rescinded his PTO in this diocese.

The Revd Philip Lamb* has a new email address and telephone number.

* Contact details can be found in the online directory
<http://www.trurodiocese.org.uk/directory-live/>

PARISHES & THE GDPR: RESOURCES AVAILABLE

The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) is a law to strengthen data protection for people in the UK and Europe. It will apply in the UK from 25 May 2018.

Is your church ready? Parishes must comply with its requirements, just like any other charity or organisation.

New helpful guidance including templates and checklists can be found on the Parish Resources **website**

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The Church of England's
2017 Christmas Campaign

MORE INFORMATION

churchofengland.org/media-centre/christmas-2017-godwithus.aspx

GREEN CHURCH KERNOW

THE DIOCESE'S ENVIRONMENTAL AWARD SCHEME FOR CHURCHES

We hope that for 2017 you will be ready to think about how your church can respond to the challenges facing the environment.

The Anglican and Methodist Environment Group (AMEG) invites churches of all denominations to embrace the recommendations of the Environment Core Group and work towards achieving status as a Green Church Kernow, through the Bronze, Silver and Gold awards.

From January, we will feature four recommendations a month in this newsletter. AMEG recognises that not all of the suggestions listed will be achievable for every church and some will be harder to achieve than others. For instance, some churches may not have mains water, which would have implications for serving refreshments in disposable cups as well as installing a water meter. However, many of the recommendations would cost little or nothing to implement.

It is important to recognise that we do many things as churches not because they will make or save money, but because they are worth doing. Reducing the environmental impact of our activities and buildings is an important aspect of our mission and should be considered as such at local, regional and national level.

Just by achieving three recommendations from each of the three categories; CHRISTIAN LIVING, COMMUNITY and RESOURCES you receive a Bronze award certificate and sticker to display in your church.



GREEN CHURCH KERNOW GOLD AWARD

If you wish to have a look online and find out what you can work towards (great things on Gold), please look [here](#).

If you feel left behind, please take some time for yourself, personally, and look at the 10 Pledges, have a go at them. We want you to be ready yourself, for climate change and making your own mission links with these actions.

We asked ten extremely busy high-profile people to do them in 2015, they did two a month, you too can do them. Feel free to give your DEO a ring for some help. You will then be ready to look at the Green Church Kernow scheme.

NOTE: We are choosing four a month, to enable people to consider 'one a week' to complete the recommendations in a year. Of course, as above, 'one a week' might not be suitable for you, but we do hope you can fully embrace this LOVE IN ACTION.

STATS FOR MISSION INFORMATION INFLUENCES DECISIONS

The Church of England has released the 2017 Statistics for Mission collection form. The Statistics for Mission form now reflects the growing incidence of fresh expressions of church and other developing mission opportunities.

The Statistics for Mission form is requested annually by the Research and Statistics Department of Archbishops' Council. Information gathered is used both nationally and locally; the information when collected over a period of years, can give a useful insight into the continuing life of a parish.

Increasingly data from this form and the separate Finance Returns are used to inform decision making at Deanery and Diocesan level; helping to assess emerging mission opportunities and we therefore ask that a form is completed for every church to ensure that accurate data is received and used.

The final submission date for forms covering October 2017 is **January 31, 2018**.

MORE INFORMATION

User guides and the Statistics for Mission form is available on our website. Click [here](#)

UPDATE ON SAFEGUARDING

An update on the work of the safeguarding team and deliberations of the Safeguarding Advisory Panel has been given by panel chair Nigel Druce.

Feedback and the initial report on the diocese inspection by the Social Care Institute for Excellence (SCIE) inspection are included in the update.

READ MORE

The full update can be read [here](#).

CHURCH REPAIR GRANTS

Churches Conservation Foundation is delighted to announce that its new small grants programme is now open for applications. Grants of £250 to £2,000 are available for conservation work to the fabric and contents of historic listed churches that would not normally be undertaken in the regular cycle of repair and maintenance. Examples include work to listed headstones and monuments, wall paintings, rood screens, fonts, carved stonework, stained glass and altar cloths.

MORE INFORMATION

To download an application form go to www.churchesconservation.org
E foundation@theccf.org.uk

GIVE A GIFT THIS CHRISTMAS AND HELP LOCAL CHARITIES

With Christmas less than a month away, towns are packed with shoppers all looking for that perfect gift. Why not give a gift locally this Christmas and do something good for the community at the same time?

The Cornish Christmas Giving catalogue features many worthy local groups and charities who are all working in Cornwall to provide assistance, support, activities, beds and more to people in our own community.

This year you can choose from 20 Cornish charities to donate to and in return you will receive a gift certificate to pass on to your family member or friend. Gifts start from just £1 up to £100, for meals for a month from a food bank.

READ MORE

To see the 2017 Christmas Giving Catalogue click [here](#) or call 07842 391654 or email cipf.catalogue@gmail.com

A PARISH NURSE FOR ST GORAN WOULD BE A FIRST FOR COUNTY

Who knew there was such a thing as a parish nurse? St Goran with St Michael Caerhays did and has put plans in motion to fund one.

The name evokes a 'Call the Midwife' image of a woman in an old-fashioned nurse's uniform on a bicycle rushing to administer kind words and fresh dressings. The reality is a registered nurse, male or female, who will most certainly offer kind words but not fresh dressings - a cup of tea would be more in order. A parish nurse does not replace whatever can be offered through the health service, but adds to it.

Jesus said, "I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full." (John 10:10). And that's what parish nursing is about.

Recognising that healthcare is so much more than injections, drugs and going to the doctor's, parish nursing tends to the whole person, offering reassurance and, most importantly, time, time to chat through things and time to listen.

Supported, trained and accredited by Parish Nurse Ministry UK, a parish nurse could be a volunteer or employee of the local church. At St Goran and St Michael Caerhays, the pastoral team

identified there was a need in their parish and, together with the PCC, made the commitment to raise sufficient funds to employ a parish nurse for two days, for a minimum of three years. They then discussed their plans with the local health care teams who were fully supportive, recognising the value of parish nursing and the wide-ranging benefits he or she would bring to the community. A parish nurse is also a fantastic example of loving thy neighbour, fulfilling one of Jesus' greatest commands. It's not just about physical well-being, but a holistic, whole-person approach that supports mental, social and spiritual health. It offers a very natural way of integrating spiritual care with everyday life.

A parish nurse at Goran would be the first in Cornwall and would join the 100 already working throughout the UK. With an estimated 60,000 Christian nurses, there is plenty of scope to increase that. It's a wonderful idea and not hard to imagine how a parish nurse could enrich a community. Imagine how the landscape of care would look like if every church had one!

MORE INFORMATION

Read the full story and watch the video by clicking [here](#).

PROCESS TO FIND NEXT BISHOP SPEEDS UP IN NEW YEAR

The process to find the next Bishop of Truro picks up pace in the new year, with a series of consultation events.

The Prime Minister's and Archbishops' Appointments Secretaries, Richard Tilbrook and Caroline Boddington, will visit Cornwall during January to have a series of meetings and conversations with people to help them narrow down the essential characteristics for the role. They will work with the Vacancy-In-See Committee in putting together the statement of needs.

Caroline and Richard will have two full days of meetings - some with individuals and others with groups. Dozens of invitations are currently being issued to people from many

different walks of life within the Diocese of Truro. If people are unable to attend their individual slots, they are welcome to attend the public consultation session, details of which will be announced during December.

Members of the Vacancy-in-See Committee will also select the six from among their number during January, who will travel to Lambeth Palace later in the year to help finalise the shortlisting and interview process.

You can email any of the Vacancy-in-See Committee members at any time to express your views.

MORE INFORMATION

For their details, click [here](#).

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

DECEMBER

2 Advent & Resurrection Reflective Day with Canon Mark Chapman, St Endellion Church, 10am, £10, book www.endellion.org.uk

2 Flower Fund Coffee Morning, St Anta Church, Carbis Bay, 10am - 12 noon

2 Reflective Day on Stanley Spencer, St Endellion 10am

6 Quiet Day - Advent Oasis, Epiphany House, Truro, 10am - 4pm

7 RSCM Carols around the crib, Truro Cathedral, 8pm

9 Taize Service, Epiphany House, Truro, 7pm

10 Wells Cathedral School Musicians, St Endellion Church, 3pm, £8

15 - 27 Christmas Tree Festival, St Columb Major Church, 10am - 4pm (excl. Christmas Day & reduced hours Boxing Day (11am - 2pm))

A FULL LIST OF DECEMBER'S SERVICES CAN BE FOUND HERE

Lanlivery Parish Church



"Carols in the Crown"
Friday 22nd December
at
8.30 p.m.

Enjoy singing all the favourite carols and stay to enjoy the company.

WINDOWS INTO...

The next Windows Into course of six weeks in Hayle will look at the first Holy Week and Easter. Venue: 7 Penmare Court, Hayle Starting on Thursday, 8 January, at 7pm for two hours exactly. Cost £7. Please register with Samuel Marsden by January 1: (01736) 756669 or samuelmarsden@hotmail.com

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.

USEFUL LINKS

DOTCANDY Read it in the Children, Families & Youth Resources section [here](#)

PRAYER DIARY trurodiocese.org.uk/faith/prayer-diary/

REGISTRY NEWSLETTER Click [here](#)

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churchofengland.org/prayer-worship/join-us-in-daily-prayer.aspx

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SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY BRIEFING

SUPPORT LOCAL CHARITIES WITH A GIFT THIS CHRISTMAS

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meals for a month from a foodbank.

The organisations featured in this year's catalogue are:

CIPF - Backpack Beds, Cornwall Befriending Service, Cornwall Community Foundation, Cornwall Prayer Shawls, Cornwall Refugee Resettlement Network, Cosgarne Hall, Coastal Zone, DISC, Fresh Start, Hidden Help, Nature Workshop, Norda House Project, the Chy Sawel Project, the Gershie Project, the Samaritans, the YMCA, Sea Sanctuary, St Petroc's Society, Truro Community Football and food banks throughout Cornwall.

[SEE THE CATALOGUE HERE](#)



BACKPACK BEDS

Over the past four years, the Cornwall Christmas Giving Catalogue has helped fund the charity project Backpack Beds (developed and managed by Cornwall Independent Poverty Forum) and the donations have resulted in the purchase of over 100 of the portable shelter backpacks, which have been distributed to people facing a night rough-sleeping on the street.

Paul Green, project development manager for Backpack Beds, says: "This simply would not be possible without the support of the Christmas Giving Catalogue and the donations pledged because of it."

CAMBORNE, POOL & REDRUTH FOOD BANKS

Other organisations which benefit from the money raised through the catalogue

WHAT THEY SAY...



↑ **Donovan Gardner, manager of the Camborne, Pool, Redruth food banks**

are the many foodbanks, throughout Cornwall. Donovan Gardner, manager of Camborne, Pool and Redruth Foodbanks (CPR) says: "The proceeds of the catalogue help us to deliver 10,000 meals each month to people who need them most. In addition to this, the team of 84 volunteers will also be delivering 1,080 Christmas

lunches this year. The catalogue is a great support to our ongoing work and we couldn't do without it."

CORNWALL BEFRIENDING SERVICE

For the Founder and Director of Cornwall Befriending Service (CBS) Rowena Koning, this is the second year the charity has taken part in the catalogue. Rowena believes inclusion in the catalogue in 2016 helped CBS reach more of those in need of the free debt, financial advice and support the charity provides and featuring again in 2017, will help extend that reach further.

Rowena says: "I think the Cornish Christmas Giving Catalogue is a great idea and Cornwall Befriending Service feel privileged to be part of it. We greatly appreciate the donations, which help support CBS in the work we do. The Cornish Christmas Giving Catalogue really is such a worthwhile project."

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NEW SERVICE CORNWALL TIME CREDITS

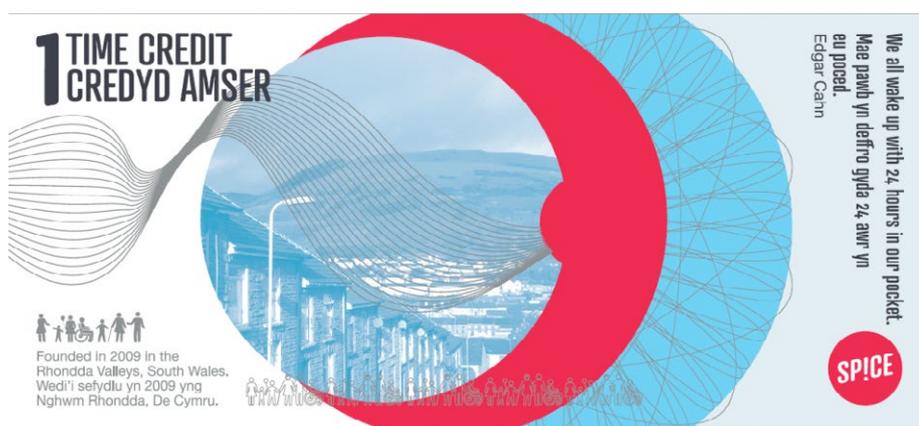
Spice Innovations are in the process of setting up Cornwall Time Credits, supported by Cornwall Council, to enable service users to earn credits which they can spend.

Initially working in Penzance with those who struggle with substance misuse, they intend to roll out the scheme, both geographically and thematically.

They are currently advertising two jobs on their website, and are looking forward to working with other organisations in Cornwall to enable more service users to 'earn' credits, and also provide venues at which they can 'spend' them.

MORE INFORMATION

Download the **flyer**.



SRO DIARY DATES

DECEMBER

- 5 Cornwall Independent Poverty Forum**, Launceston Parish Centre, 2.30pm
- 7 Churches Homesless Network**, St Petroc's Society, Truro, 9am
- 7 Cornwall Faith Forum Projects Meeting**, all welcome, 7pm
- 8 Workplace Chaplaincy Event**, Royal Cornwall Hospital, Treliske, Truro, 9.30am

JANUARY 2018

- 9 Cornwall Independent Poverty Forum**, Truro Samaritans, Treyu Road, Truro
- 24 Climate Change Book Club - Naomi Klein's book No is Not Enough**, 7pm, More info from andrew.yates@truro.anglican.org

MARCH

- 9 Environment & Churches Study Day**, Truro Methodist Church, more info luci@climatevision.co.uk

WORKPLACE CHAPLAINCY

Following the publication of the excellent and far reaching Report on Workplace Chaplaincy in Cornwall undertaken by THEOS, Bishop Chris has asked to meet with as many chaplains as possible to discuss the implications of the research. This is to consider both support for the present ministry and also to look at how chaplaincy might be enabled to grow across Cornwall.

You are invited to a meeting at The Royal Cornwall Hospital, Treliske, Truro on Friday, December 8. It will run from 10am to 1pm with refreshments available from 9.30am. There will be an opportunity for those who are able to give the time to continue the discussion informally over a 'bring your own' packed lunch.

To book a space please contact Gillian McMullen via info@truro.anglican.org If you are not able to join us but have suggestions about the current practice of Workplace Chaplaincy and /or about its development please do get in touch with Revd Andrew Yates via srotruro@btinternet.com or Becky Nesbitt via rebecca.nesbitt@fxplus.ac.uk

Please feel free to pass on this information to anyone who might be interested in attending.

'WE SEE YOU' CAMPAIGN: MOBILISING THE CHURCH

Have a look at the new film 'We See You' featuring Archbishop Justin Welby and newsreader and presenter Julie Etchingham.

It shows that modern slavery is hidden in plain sight on our high streets and even in our churches.

We are asking Christians across the country to take off their blindfolds and say 'We see you' to the vulnerable and exploited who are all around us.

The Clewer Initiative enables Church of England dioceses and wider church networks to develop strategies for detecting modern slavery in their communities and help provide victim support and care. Learn more **here**

MORE INFORMATION

If you are keen to have regular updates on the Clewer Initiative, you can sign up to the newsletter via www.theclowerinitiative.org

INCLUSIVE CHURCH: WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT

Helen Tyers, was one of the speakers at this year's Disability Conference. This is what she told delegates:

"What is the point of putting in a ramp if the attitudes inside are disabling?"

"What is the point of having a loop system if the words spoken are disabling?"

This gets to the heart of what Inclusive Church is about – encouraging The Church, local churches and individuals to see beyond the obvious with issues of inclusion.

It is no good having a ramp or a great sound system – if what is going on in the church is disabling and excluding.

All churches have signs outside their buildings and on their websites advertising a welcome to all. The experience of too many is that although they may advertise a welcome, what they offer is far from that.

Helen went on to say: "Disabled Christians are disabled by the church."

Too many of us are excluded by a church that says welcome.

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FUNDING

FUNDING FOR HARD-TO-FUND PROJECTS

THE HENRY SMITH CHARITY'S Improving Lives programme is part of its Main Grants programme, and aims to support people in the UK for whom other sources of support have failed, are inappropriate, or are simply not available.

The priorities are:

- Help at a critical moment – helping people to rebuild their lives following a crisis, critical moment, trauma or abuse;
- Positive choices – helping people, whose actions or behaviours have led to negative consequences for themselves and others, to make positive choices;
- Accommodation / housing support – enabling people to work towards or maintain accommodation;
- Employment and training – supporting

people to move towards or gain employment;

- Financial inclusion, rights and entitlements – supporting people to overcome their financial problems and ensure that they are able to claim their rights and entitlements; and
- Support networks and family – working with people to develop improved support networks and family relationships.

Grants of between £20,000 and £60,000 are available per year. Funding for up to 3 years is available.

There are lists of eligibility criteria and exclusions on the Henry Smith Charity **website**. You will also find application guidelines, and an application form to download. These must be submitted by post.

SOUTH WEST LEGAL FUND OPEN TO APPLICATIONS

THE SOUTH WEST LEGAL FUND is currently open to applications. Grants between £500 and £5,000 are available.

Preference will be given to activities that enable the provision of free legal advice to members of the public who would otherwise be disadvantaged, though other types of funding needs may be considered.

Examples of the type of project that could be supported through the fund include IT or other equipment that increases an

organisation's proven capacity to undertake casework.

Further information, together with an application form can be found on the South West Legal Support Trust **website**. The closing date is 2pm on Friday, December 8, 2017.

MORE INFORMATION

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GRANT FUNDING FROM OTHER ORGANISATIONS

THE OLIVER FORD FOUNDATION supports projects and initiatives in the fields of: housing, education and training for individuals with a learning disability. Charitable organisations may apply for a grant of between £2,500 and £10,000.

More information is available from Matthew Pintus, The Oliver Ford Foundation, 20 Cursitor Street, London, EC4A 1LT or 0207 831 9222

THE WOODWARD CHARITABLE TRUST offers grant funding for smaller charities offering direct services to vulnerable groups, primarily aimed at one-off projects. Charities with an annual turnover of less than £300,000 are eligible. The closing date for the current funding round is December 22. A full list of restrictions, and

the application procedure can be found on the trust's **website**.

THE MASONIC CHARITABLE FOUNDATION offers grants to registered charities in England and Wales for projects in the following areas: Financial hardship, Health and disability, Education and employability, Social exclusion and disadvantage

Two grant programmes are available: Grants over £5,000 (deadline Friday, February 2, 2018) and Grants of between £500 and £5,000 (applications are on a rolling basis).

More information is available on the **website** or The Masonic Charitable Foundation, Freemasons' Hall, 60 Great Queen Street, London, WC2B 5AZ
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CORNWALL FAITH RESPONSE TEAM MEMBERS SOUGHT

Plans are under way to form a Faith Response Team made up of people prepared to offer support in times of emergency crisis within the county.

Members of the group will be fully trained and will work very much as a part of the Council's Resilience & Emergency Management team.

An initial meeting for interested persons will be held on Wednesday, February 14, 2018 at County Hall in Truro.

MORE INFORMATION

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BECOME A SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS VOLUNTEER

Charities, organisations and community groups will often need extra help at Christmas. For many it can be one of their busiest times of year. If you would like to give a helping hand there are lots of opportunities. Find out more **HERE**

This includes supporting the Cold Weather Provision at St Petroc's Society.

St Petroc's Society is looking for volunteers to work with individuals who are homeless during the coldest months of the year, assisting them to identify their support and housing needs, advocating for them and helping them to access services. Find out more **here**.

UNIVERSAL CREDIT BEGINS

During December Universal Credit will start to be rolled out beginning in the east of the county. Research by the Trussel Trust has shown a 30% increase in demand at food banks in those areas where it has been introduced. So what can we as churches do?

1. Promote donations to your local food bank.
2. Contact your MP to question a system which pushes people into greater hardship at a cost to the customer and to services which have to pick up the costs of additional support.
3. Consider signing up to be a holder of a **Cornwall Community Foundation Crisis Fund pot**.