

# OUR NEWS

## JUNE 2018

### DEANERIES TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR MMF ALLOCATION AFTER PARISH REPRESENTATIVES' VOTE

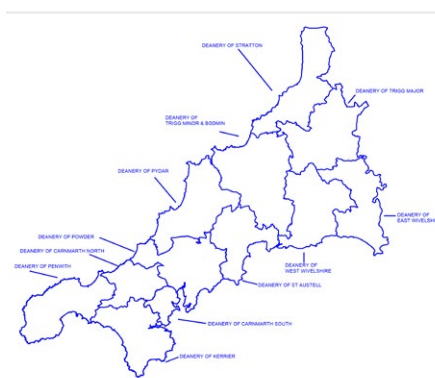
Majority vote by Diocesan Synod members will mean deaneries will decide on how the Mission and Ministry Fund is divided between parishes from 2019.

Members of the Diocesan Synod voted to approve a change in the way the Mission and Ministry Fund is allocated during May's meeting.

With a majority vote, members agreed that from January 2019 deaneries would be responsible for the allocation of the fund among their own parishes. The vote followed a number of facilitated discussions, which saw the benefits of the new system highlighted and a number of concerns raised.

In his response to the synod, Bishop Chris promised that those concerns would be addressed over the next six months before the new system went 'live'.

In other business, members heard from Canon Dr John Spence, chair of the Archbishops' Council Finance



Committee who was speaking about Renewal and Reform and also Canon Dr Mike Todd, who was reporting on General Synod.

The meeting ended with the Annual General Meeting of the Truro Diocesan Board of Finance Ltd.

### LACK OF UPTAKE RESULTS IN TRAINING CANCELLATION

It is with great regret that the decision has been made to cancel this year's **Parish Training days** planned to have taken place in May and June, due to the lack of uptake.

Four days across the diocese had been arranged with sessions ranging from finance to safeguarding, communications and youth work.

Following a review of the numbers booked to attend, alongside the substantial degree of organising and resourcing required to host the days, the decision to cancel was made.

Esther Pollard, Diocesan Secretary, said: "The decision to cancel the parish training days has not been taken lightly and we hope you understand. We cannot justify the days if there are not sufficient numbers of people attending."

The team at Church House now have an opportunity to re-think how parish training days are provided and as a result you will be invited to feedback on how you think this area of work can best be resourced. The work of parishes is hugely valued and so part of the plan going forward is to provide more localised training. There will be more details on parish training in the coming weeks.

### PASTORAL MINISTRY BEREAVEMENT COURSE PLACES

There are still a few spaces available on the pastoral ministry bereavement training course which is taking place in Perranporth on Wednesday, June 6 and Wednesday, June 20.

It is important that those booking a place will need to be able to attend

both sessions which run between 1.30pm and 4pm.

#### MORE INFORMATION

For more information and to book a place please contact Sarah Welply.

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### PARISH SUPPORT AT RCS

At the Royal Cornwall Show in June, members of the diocesan team will be on hand to offer parish support and answer any questions. Liz Wallace, Parish Support Advisor, will be on the Weddings stand and Shelley Porter, discipleship co-ordinator, will be in the Churches Together Tent (Stand 1).

## PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR ST JOHN AMBULANCE

Prayers are being requested for the St John Ambulance this Sunday (June 3) to mark the 100th anniversary of the bombing of the St John Ambulance Hospital in Etaples in Northern France.

On that day in 1918, 16 people were killed and the hospital sustained so much damage that it did not re-open.

The request for prayers has come from the St John Ambulance county president Major Charles Edward-Collins, who was in the diocese in May to see Revd Canon Jem Thorold commissioned as the county chaplain to the St John Ambulance.

During that service, which was held

**St John Ambulance**



at St Michael's Church in Newquay, the Dean of the Priory of England and the Islands, of the Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St John of Jerusalem (The Order of St John), the Very Revd Nicholas Frayling, commissioned Jem as chaplain.



## Commissioning service held for LWLs & LPMs

A commissioning and recommissioning of Local Worship Leaders and Local Pastoral Ministers for the deanery of Pydar took place at St Eval Church in May.

Revd Helen Baber from the Lann Pydar Benefice welcomed 18 Local Worship Leaders and eight Local Pastoral Ministers for the service which included Local Pastoral Minister Pat Walton reading prayers she'd devised and readings and liturgy by Local Worship Leaders Steve Irwin, Jan Edwards, Ron Holland and Mike O'Connor.

Five Local Worship Leaders from Newquay Churches and Atlantic Coast Cluster were newly commissioned by Archdeacon Audrey and 13 from St Enoder and

St Newlyn East, Atlantic Coast Cluster and Lann Pydar Benefice were recommissioned.

Archdeacon Audrey also recommissioned seven Local Pastoral Ministers and commissioned one new Local Pastoral Minister.

Following the service, there were refreshments and cakes served in the hall.

Local Worship Leaders and Local Pastoral Ministers are recommissioned every five years.

Plans are underway for deanery services across the diocese to celebrate the calling and recommissioning of these very special ministries. The next service will take place in Penwith Deanery in June.

## DIOCESAN DIRECTORY CHANGES & UPDATES

### LICENSED CLERGY

**Revd David Barnes\*** has been licensed as Rural Dean of Stratton. The Revd Phipp Conway is no longer licensed as a Public Preacher in this diocese.

### PTO

**Revd John Hollins\*** is now PTO category B (formerly A). **Revd Roger Elks\*** has been given PTO. **Revd Hilary Spong** has been given PTO in the parish of Newquay. **Revd David Jasper, Revd Harry (Aelred) Burlton** and **Revd David Bell** no longer have PTO in this diocese.

### CHURCH HOUSE

**Sue Day** has joined the safeguarding team as the Diocesan Safeguarding Governance Manager. **Rachel Hepburn** has joined the team as the AMD Facilitator.

## HOME COMMUNION SET NEEDED FOR ST GERRANS

St Gerrans Church, Gerrans, needs a home communion set for January 2019 when the current priest-in-charge retires. Can you help? Call 01872 580467.

**CHURCHES TOGETHER CORNWALL**

**EVE OF SHOW SERVICE**  
*A Welcome For All*

June 6th, 6.30 pm | Main Arena  
 Featuring **JOSH CURNOW**  
 Beer & Pasty Reception in Tent/Stand 1  
 in conjunction with RCAA

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**CHURCHES TOGETHER TENT**

Fairtrade Tea and Coffee  
 Chaplains available throughout the Show  
 Family Activities and Stalls

## ENVIRONMENT

# CHURCH GREEN AWARDS AIM TO PROMOTE PROJECTS WITH COMMUNITY HEALTH BENEFITS

What do the Green Church Kernow Awards, the Church Times Green Health Awards and a government plan all have in common?

Building on the success of last year's Green Church Awards, the new Church Times Green Health Awards encourage churches to use their green spaces to help communities benefit from improved mental and physical wellbeing. Mental health problems in local communities are now one of the biggest social issues clergy encounter and research by the King's Fund in 2016 found that gardening reduces depression, social isolation, anxiety and stress and alleviates symptoms of dementia.

Many Cornish churches are part of the living churchyards scheme, others have regular church gardening work-parties offering open-air fellowship to all-comers and still others provide a contemplative space for locals and visitors alike, but sometimes we can take the physical, mental and spiritual benefits for granted rather than naming them for what they are. So if your church offers some of these unsung contributions to your community, you could think about applying for a Church Times Award, see: <https://www.churchtimes.co.uk/green-health-awards> – Or you could write up what you are doing and send it to the diocesan newsletter, so that others in Cornwall can be inspired.



## GREEN CHURCH KERNOW

Projects for the Church Times award must promote mental and/or physical wellbeing and take place on ground that belongs to a Christian church. Winners will receive their awards at Lambeth Palace on October 2.

The Government recently launched its 25 Year Plan for the environment. They are now inviting people to have their say about how a watchdog might be formed to "leave our environment in a better state than that in which we inherited it". You can take part in the consultation [here](#), and please do get in touch if you would like further information.

Truro Diocese's Green Church Award Scheme received worthwhile publicity at the recent CME day in Truro and

leaflets giving full details are available to all churches or click [here](#).

Here are this month's ideas from the Award Scheme for encouraging Green Growth in our churches:

### Christian Living

9. Invite your Diocesan Environment Officer &/or **Robert Moor** to come and talk about Living Churchyards or a representative from one of the national charities to speak on the environment – eg Christian Aid, A Rocha

10. Invite local environmental activists/specialists to speak about community green events

### Community

7. Run an eco-column in the church magazine/pewsheets/website. You can find plenty of resources [here](#)

9. Set aside an area of the church grounds as a 'meadow' to encourage wildlife

As the recent CME day in Truro reminded us, care for creation is a spiritual as well as a practical vocation – there is something for everyone.

## TRANSFORMING MISSION GETS BOOST WITH LICENSING OF REVD CANON BILL

The licensing of Revd Canon Bill Stuart-White as Priest-in-Charge at All Saints Church in Falmouth marks the start of a new phase for the Transforming Mission team in the town.

With Bill also taking on the role as Transforming Mission Lead, it is expected that the programme will now surge forward with renewed vigour.

More information on Transforming Mission can be found at [www.trurodiocese.org.uk/about-us/transforming-mission/](http://www.trurodiocese.org.uk/about-us/transforming-mission/)

*Pictured right: The Rt Revd Dr Chris Goldsmith, Bishop of St Germans, with Revd Canon Bill Stuart-White during the licensing service in May.*



# CARD READERS - A HELP OR HINDERANCE?

Parish treasurer Mike Sturgess is the first in the Diocese of Truro to make use of a Card Reader for St Martin's Church in Liskeard.

What is a Card Reader? It's exactly what it says it is. The device, which can be set up on a smart phone or tablet, can read credit and debit cards and even Applepay, just like in a store.

Is it effective? In its first month of usage, it helped to raise £800. "Now that could have been raised without the device I'm sure," says Mike, "But it certainly made things easier." Mike believes that the system works at its best in conjunction with all the other methods of donating or paying from cheques, to direct debits to good old fashioned cash.

Can anyone get one? Absolutely, so long as your church is part of Parish



**In addition to offering its Air Card Reader for just £19, @sumup is offering Church of England new joiners 0% fees for up to £250 of transactions for 90 days! More info [here](#)**

Buying. A Card Reader isn't designed to replace the collection plate but to help reduce administration hassles,

delays with cheques and not having available cash on the day. **Read more**



## Meet the Funders 2018 – Follow up Event

(2nd in a series of 3 workshops held in the West of Cornwall\*)

### Applying for funding for a project

(for beginners)

Where to look for potential funding, looking at a basic application and Top Tips for a good application

Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> June at 10.00 am – 1.00 pm

refreshments served from 9.45 am and with lunch provided to be held in Chacewater

(details of the venue will be provided closer to the time)

We will cover:

- Where to look for potential funding
- How to complete funding application forms and enrol funders in your project
- Top tips for a good application



To book a place please click [HERE](#) to book online or email [info@transformation-cornwall.org.uk](mailto:info@transformation-cornwall.org.uk) or tel. 01872 274351 Ext 205 and leave a message. Please note limited space available.

Closing date for bookings – 6<sup>th</sup> June 2018

\* Optional Follow on workshop see below – and see our webpage for more information [Transformation Cornwall Events](#)

- Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> July in Redruth – Running a project



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### MAY

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

**25 - 28 Flower festival - I am, The Sacred & the Secular**, St Andrew's Church, Stratton, 10am - 5pm daily (Sunday 12 noon - 5pm)

**25 - 28 Whatever floats your boat - a history of water craft in words, flowers & images**, Lanlivery Church, 10am - 8pm (25/26/18), 11am - 5.30pm (27th)

**26 Why Celtic Christianity?** Revd Brian McQuillen, St Crida, Grampound

**26 A Theology of Container Ships study day**, St Endellion Church, 10am - 3pm, [www.endellionta.org.uk](http://www.endellionta.org.uk) for more details

**27 Pet Service**, St Uny Church, Lelant, 4pm. All Welcome.

**28 - June 1 Gorran Parish Spring Bank Holiday Walks**, meet Old School Rooms (Mon/ Wed/ Fri) or Coast Path Cafe (Tues/ Thurs), 10am.

### JUNE

**2 St Tudy Church Garden Party**, Butts Parc, Redvale Rd, St Tudy, 2pm - 4.30pm, £2 (u16s free)

**4 - 8 Prayer & Painting Retreat**, Epiphany House, Truro, [info@epiphany-house.co.uk](mailto:info@epiphany-house.co.uk)

**6 Eve of Show Service**, Royal Cornwall Show, Main Showground, Wadebridge, 6.30pm, all welcome

**8 Kings & Saints of Cornwall**, Canon Pat Robson, St Crida, Grampound

**8 Antony House open house & gardens**, proceeds to St Mary's Heritage Gateway Fund, Tickets £15/25; to book 01503 230334/ 230076 or 01752 851406.

**9 Reflection in Action - an Iona Day in Cornwall**, Truro Methodist Church, 10am to 3.30pm, More info [katherinememrennie@btinternet.com](mailto:katherinememrennie@btinternet.com)

**16 - 21 Arts Festival Week**, St Andrew's Church Redruth,

**21 Chosen, Blessed, Broken, Given**, Canon Shane Griffiths, St Crida, Grampound

**30 Cup of Life**, Revd Linda Whetter, St Crida, Grampound (bring your favourite drinking cup).

## 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](mailto:comms@truro.anglican.org) before the 17th of each month.

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