

OUR NEWS

MAY 2018

WELCOME FESTIVAL WALKERS

A festival of walking is being planned during May along the Cornish Celtic Way.

Between May 5 and 20, a series of guided walks will take place along the route that is inspired by journeys and settlements linked with the Cornish Celtic saints. The Cornish Celtic Way is a new pilgrimage route covering 125 miles. It includes 60 miles of the South West Peninsula Coastal Path as well as two established pilgrimage routes: The Saints' Way and Saint Michael's Way.

While the festival is a great opportunity for walkers to enjoy the beautiful and spiritual routes, it also provides a great opportunity for churches to welcome more visitors.

The church at Luxulyan is just one getting a reputation among pilgrims for its generosity and warm welcome. The church provides free refreshments for the weary walker needing a break on the Saints' Way and it may have brought an unexpected return. "Our efforts are appreciated and although



we can't say for sure, it does appear the walkers are generous to us in return," says parish treasurer Shelley Porter.

With the summer season about to start in earnest and thousands expected to flock to the county, what does your church do to welcome visitors?

MORE INFORMATION

Read more about the festival [here](#) or email cornishcelticway@truro.anglican.org

If you would like to know more about how your church can welcome visitors, please contact Liz Wallace, Parish Support Advisor, on 01872 360039, E liz.wallace@truro.anglican.org

AMD2: WHAT IT MEANS FOR YOU & YOUR PARISH

Accompanied Ministry Development is a programme designed to encourage, bless and challenge the people of God as we discover God's Kingdom and grow the church. Focused on supporting both clergy and their congregations to respond to God's call to tell the good news of Jesus Christ with their communities, AMD provides opportunities to share challenges and joys, learn from others and to experience the support from one another.

The programme has been running successfully for four years and in 2018

is moving into a new format, AMD2. The revised programme will offer clergy and their parishes time and resources to explore themes relevant to their contexts and culture. The clergy in each cohort will meet to agree their shared priorities, and to design the content of their programme to help them work on those priorities.

READ MORE

www.trurodiocese.org.uk/2018/04/amd-2-what-it-means-for-you-and-your-parishes-and-how-its-progressing/

SYNOD APPROVAL FOR NEW MMF METHOD SOUGHT

May 5 will see the Chairman of the Archbishops' Council Finance Committee, Canon Dr John Spence, give a presentation to diocesan synod members on the Church of England's Renewal and Reform programme.

May's Diocesan Synod, which will be followed by the Annual General Meeting of the Truro Diocesan Board of Finance Limited, will also include a presentation on the new method of allocating MMF followed by a proposal for its approval. If given the green light, the system would be implemented by January 1, 2019.

SEE THE AGENDA

www.trurodiocese.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/TDS1801-Notice.pdf

PARISH TRAINING DAYS: STILL TIME TO BOOK

There is still time to book onto the Parish Training Day workshops which are due to take place in May and June.

With sessions on everything from finance and safeguarding to communications and working with schools, it is hoped the session will provide a good selection for different members of your parish team.

The workshops will take place in four venues across the diocese: Truro College, Bodmin College, Callywith College, Bodmin and Cornwall College, Pool.

TO BOOK

www.trurodiocese.org.uk/parish-training-days/

ARCHDEACON TO OVER-ARCHING TRANSFORMING MISSION

Many know Bill as Bill the Archdeacon, affable, solid and wise. But who is he really and why has he taken the unusual step of rocking, what could have been a relatively comfortable, retirement boat?

In 2006, when the Archdeacon of Cornwall, the Ven Bill Stuart-White, was a Rector in Camborne, he hit the national headlines not because he'd hitched up his robes and chased some teenagers down the street after they'd pinched a parishioner's handbag, but because he caught them! The Lord is My Shepherd was playing, "It was quite appropriate," said Bill, "As the last verse says, 'Goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me.'"

It could be argued that Bill has continued the challenge of helping goodness and mercy to follow young people as he takes up his new role of heading up Transformation Mission in Falmouth. Except this time, the hope is he will be chasing them into, and not out of, church!

After studying classics at Oxford, Bill said he didn't know what he should do, so he prayed. "The answer that I should be ordained came so clearly that I looked up to see who was speaking!"

After three years theological training in Bristol, Bill's first posting as curate took him to Leeds before moving on to a rural corner of Birmingham Diocese for his first incumbency before taking up the post of rector in Camborne and the road ahead became a lot more challenging. "I had got married and ordained at almost exactly the same time and I think it's true to say



I became a better vicar than I did husband."

The marriage broke down and it became a very public and painful time for the couple and their family. Bill considered leaving the ministry but ultimately didn't feel that was what God wanted him to do. "It has to be said, my preaching went up several notches. What people perhaps don't realise is that when a vicar preaches, he is preaching firstly to himself – and I had a lot that I needed to say. I was frail, broken and it was messy. Exactly like everyone else, as I always had been, but now people knew it to be true."

READ BILL'S STORY

www.trurodiocese.org.uk/2018/04/from-archdeacon-to-the-over-arching-transforming-mission/

DIOCESAN DIRECTORY CHANGES & UPDATES

LICENSED CLERGY

Bill Stuart-White will be licensed as Priest-in-Charge of All Saints in Falmouth on Tuesday, May 15 at 7.30pm.

PTO

The Revd Canon Andrew Wade* has been given PTO Category B. **The Revd Alison Hardy*** has been licensed as interim Associate Priest of Launceston. **Revd David Williams*** has been given PTO category B. **Revd Jane Hollins** is now PTO B (formally A). **Revd Roger Elks** has been given PTO.

CHURCH HOUSE

Alex O'Byrne has joined as Archdeacon Audrey's Executive Assistant as she takes over the additional duties of the Archdeaconry of Cornwall.

VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT FOR HOMELESS SUPPER CLUBS

Truro Supper Clubs are looking for volunteers to help with their Thursday Night Supper Club and Sunday Afternoon Tea, based at St Petroc's Society building on City Road, Truro.

Currently they are the only hot food provider in Truro on a Thursday and Sunday and are currently feeding about 20 homeless people and others in need.

They are seeking a few more volunteers. Whether that is for cooking (anything from lasagne to chilli to sausage and mash) or helping to serve the food and make tea and coffee; they would be very grateful for your support!

MORE INFORMATION

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APCM REMINDER - LOCAL PASTORAL MINISTERS

Don't forget to include a report on your Local Pastoral Ministers.

The APCM provides a great opportunity to highlight the valuable work of Local Pastoral Ministers as well as updating the PCC on who is in the team.

Over 300 Local Pastoral Ministers are out in our parishes every week providing a vital link with the wider community.

GODPARENTS' SUNDAY RESOURCES AVAILABLE

With Godparents' Sunday just around the corner, resources to make the service special are now on the Church Support Hub, including the 2018 liturgy.

Specially written for May 6, this outline service includes an adaptable talk and the recommended Lectionary readings and Collect.

Click [here](#)

JOY AS ST DAY OLD CHURCH SET TO BE HANDED OVER TO GROUP

A 30-year journey by a local community group is about to reach a triumphant conclusion when the roofless Holy Trinity Old Church, St Day, is handed over by the Church of England to the St Day Old Church Community Interest Company (CIC).

The CIC plans to turn it into a community space for theatre, music, film, art, and all sorts of educational and social uses.

A big community celebration is being planned by the CIC to mark this historic occasion on Monday, April 30, at 2pm, at St Day Old Church. The Archdeacon of Cornwall, the Venerable Bill Stuart-White, will formally hand over the building to the CIC, and everybody will then be invited to share in a cream tea at the church hall.

Archdeacon Bill said: "I am really very pleased that we can now hand this building over to the community who have wanted it for several years, and

hope that it will play a pivotal role in the life of St Day.

"It has not been a straightforward journey, as there are always lots of complexities involved in arrangements like this, but thankfully with goodwill and a desire to see this happen on both sides we have got there."

Click [here](#) to read more.



PARISHES SOUGHT FOR JOINT FUNDRAISING EVENTS

Cornwall Historic Churches Trust's annual county-wide fundraising event, Cornwall Churches Day, is due to take place in September and parishes are being encouraged to take part.

There is potential for a wide range of events to be planned from linking with church schools, exploring the parish church yard, having a sponsored hymn singing event, holding an art class in the church, climbing the church tower or linking with creative groups, such as knitting or quilting groups. Money raised from the day will be divided equally between the parish PCC and the CHCT.

Events will be publicised on the CHCT website where you will also find sponsor forms available to download and other resources to help you promote your event.

Cornwall Churches Day is part of CHCT's nationwide initiative, Ride and Stride, www.rideandstrideuk.org/counties/cornwall

REACH THE YOUNG? PARENTS FIRST

Many parents have probably been there. In church with a fractious child, our stress levels rising with every tut and pair of disapproving eyes boring into the backs of our heads. Feeling judged for poor parenting skills and wondering why we bothered.

Those disapproving vibes might be imagined, but the feelings are very real. Amy Wheeler, Families Leader at the Callington Cluster is on a mission to change that. "We talk about youth, the missing generations and how to reach them – but we'll only do that if we reach the parents first. And we won't reach them if they don't feel welcome in our churches with their children. Our vision is to make church as comfortable as a home from home."

Amy joined the team in Callington last September,

and has spent most of the time since then watching, waiting on God and getting to know the particular characteristics of each of the churches within the cluster. She is often asked, "What is it you actually do?"

Amy breaks down her role into different parts: to attract new families to church; to keep them; improve the resources churches have; support families and better connect with schools and colleges. Most importantly, Amy believes that "As Christians, we need to be fearless in our approach and allow God to shape the way we perceive and support families."

READ MORE

www.trurodiocese.org.uk/2018/04/family-fear-how-can-churches-hope-to-take-root-in-the-hearts-of-the-young/



Meet the Funders 2018 – Follow up Workshops

All from 9.45 am for refreshments, 10.00 am start – close at 1.00 pm
(Full postal addresses of venues to follow)

West Cornwall

Wednesday 2nd May - St Just

Workshop 1 - Developing a project:

How to find evidence for your project and turn those great ideas into reality. Click [HERE](#) to book a place

Thursday, 14th June - Chacewater

Workshop 2 - 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. Click [HERE](#) to book a place

Thursday, 5th July - Redruth

Workshop 3 - Running a project:

Building a sustainable project: Measuring project outcomes and how to evaluate, monitor and evidence your work. Click [HERE](#) to book a place

East Cornwall

Thursday, 20th September - Saltash

Workshop 1 - Developing a project:

How to find evidence for your project and turn those great ideas into reality. Click [HERE](#) to book a place

Thursday, 11th October - Wadebridge

Workshop 2 - 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. Click [HERE](#) to book a place

Thursday, 8th November - Liskeard

Workshop 3 - Running a project:

Building a sustainable project: Measuring project outcomes and how to evaluate, monitor and evidence your work. Click [HERE](#) to book a place

Full booking details are also on Transformation Cornwall's website

<https://www.cuf.org.uk/transformation-cornwall>

If you have any queries please email info@transformation-cornwall.org.uk or tel 01872 274351 Ext 205 and leave a message.



CONTACTLESS GIVING - DOES IT MATTER HOW SOMEONE GIVES?

One could easily be forgiven for raising an eyebrow of concern at the Financial Times sensationalist article from June 2017 which described how “the centuries-old ritual of passing round the church collection plate is going digital with plans by the Church of England to use the “tap and go” contactless payment system for donations”, writes *Rebecca Evans, Parish Support Advisor*.

In reality though, could digital giving in churches ever really work? It clearly would not be an appropriate mechanism for the Offertory, for example. However, that is not the only way in which churches receive donations and payments. There are administrative fees and retiring collections after concerts and occasional offices.

I've been considering recently the LICC (London Institute of Contemporary Christianity) materials. They've focused on meeting people where they are, the idea of 24/7 discipleship and faith on the workplace frontier. It struck me when I was reading up on Digital Giving that such a system is integral to meeting people outside the church where they are. It is integral for enabling people to be generous in the 21st Century.

Most churches are very aware of financial pressures on people today. Foodbanks, Acts 435 and the work of Christians Against Poverty are all tribute to this. We're somewhat more reticent to talk about giving, about generosity and the joy of being able to help someone.

Back in 2016, research from the Money Advice Service highlighted that many Britons were moving away from carrying cash with 47% of people saying they carry less than £5 in their purse or wallet.

In stewardship the teaching about the Widow's Mite always springs to mind and we are careful not to judge how much a person gives – that after all – is a matter between them and God. But what if we are missing the point? Is it any better to say we'll be grateful for your donation but only if you give it in this way or in that way?

Contactless giving may not be right for every church but we should at the very least be open to considering it as a method of collecting donations. After all, it could be funding the furtherance of God's Kingdom!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY MAY

- 4 Shaped by Prayer** with Canon Lynda Barley, St Crida, Grampound
- 4 Cwmbach Male Choir concert**, St Michael's Church, Newquay, 7pm, £4.50
- 4 - 6 Thomas Hardy Weekend Festival**, St Clether Church, Flower festival 9am - 6pm daily.
- 5 Diocesan Synod**, County Hall, Truro, 9.30am
- 5 Evening of Music & Talks about Thomas Hardy**, Rosehip Barn, St Clether, 7pm, £7, E grimmarmark79@aol.com to book
- 6 Re-enactment of The Face of Casement poem**, St Clether Church, 12.30pm
- 5 - 20 Pilgrimage Festival**
- 10 Bishop Chris Pilgrimage talk**, St Petroc's Church, Bodmin, 7pm
- 11 Kings & Saints of Cornwall**, Canon Pat Robson, St Crida, Grampound
- 10 - 20 Thy Kingdom Come**
- 13 - 19 Christian Aid Week**
- 15 Organ Recital with Martin Baker, Master of Music at Westminster Cathedral**, St Nonna's Church, Altarnun, 7pm, £8
- 19 Parish Training Day**, Truro College
- 23 Parish Training Day**, Lallywith College
- 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 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

- 4 - 8 Prayer & Painting Retreat**, Epiphany House, Truro, info@epiphanyhouse.co.uk
- 8 Kings & Saints of Cornwall**, Canon Pat Robson, St Crida, Grampound
- 16 Parish Training Day**, Bodmin College
- 21 Chosen, Blessed, Broken, Given**, Canon Shane Griffiths, St Crida, Grampound
- 27 Parish Training Day**, Cornwall College Pool
- 30 Cup of Life**, Revd Linda Whetter, St Crida, Grampound (bring your favourite drinking cup).

SAVE THE DATE

SEPTEMBER 8 DAY OF PRAYER
St Michael's & All Angels Church, Newquay.

GET IN TOUCH

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