

OUR NEWS

MAY 2019

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JOIN THE CALLINGTON CLUSTER FOR THE DIOCESAN DAY OF PRAYER

The 2019 diocesan Day of Prayer is this year taking place in partnership with the Callington Cluster on Saturday, June 1 and all are welcome to attend.

The diocesan discipleship team wanted to ring the changes geographically with our annual Day of Prayer. So this year we're delighted to be partnering with the Callington Cluster in the east of the county.

Inspired and enabled by a team of folk representing the five different worship centres in the cluster, each church is offering different opportunities for prayer, inviting you to "Taste and See ... that the Lord is good" (Psalm 34.8).

Prayer is foundational in our Christian faith as we seek the presence of God and deepen our relationship through Jesus Christ. Prayer is powerful. It impacts our lives, those in our churches and communities, and through mission, to the wider world.

There are many ways to pray and we hope this day will enable you to experience something new, to gain fresh ideas to take back to your own churches and to meet with God and be blessed.

Free lunches and a 'Messy Tea' will be provided! So do come and join us!

And perhaps over the next few years we could be partnering with YOUR churches for an event like this!

The Day of Prayer programme will be available at diocesan events over the next few weeks and can be viewed/downloaded from the website [here](#).

DIOCESAN SYNOD TO TAKE PLACE AT COUNTY HALL

The first diocesan synod of 2019 will take place on Saturday, May 11. As usual, it will be held in the Council Chamber at County Hall, Truro.

Starting at 9.30am with worship lead by the Way2 Community interns, the agenda will include presentations by: Revd Dom Whitting, chair of the equality & diversity committee on Welcoming All God's People; Canon Dr

Jonathan Rowe, director for ministry on the Theology of Safeguarding and the diocesan safeguarding team on support for parishes with safeguarding resources and the roll out of the Safeguarding Handbook.

The full agenda is available on the diocesan [website](#). Members of the public are welcome to view proceedings from the public gallery.

JOIN US AT JUNE'S ROYAL CORNWALL SHOW

This year's Royal Cornwall Show will take place from June 6 to 8th and once again, Churches Together Cornwall will be occupying Stand 1 for the three days.

The show kicks off on Wednesday, June 5, with the annual Eve of Show service in the Main Arena from 6.30pm. The service is open to everyone and entry is free. Those attending are also welcome to enjoy a beer and pasty reception in the Churches Together tent afterwards.

During the show there will be many attractions on offer in the tent with family activities, stalls and delicious Fairtrade tea and coffee. Chaplains will also be available throughout the three days, clearly visible in their bright blue jackets emblazoned with 'Show Chaplain' so do stop and say hello.

Churches will also be represented again this year in the Wedding marquee with volunteers and clergy available to talk to excited couples and their families about the unique experience available from a church wedding.

We look forward to welcoming you all to our tents in the course of the three days.

Can you help?

Volunteers are needed in the Churches Together tent during the Royal Cornwall Show. In return for half a day helping out on one of the stalls, you will receive entry to the showground and the opportunity to spend the other half of your day enjoying the show's many attractions.

For more information, contact Janet Hereward via email at jhereward@gmail.com or call 07956 947413.

GO CONTACTLESS AND SUPPORT CHRISTIAN AID THIS MONTH

Churches are being offered the chance to trial free contactless payment devices and support Christian Aid in the process.

Contactless payment providers GoodBox have partnered with Christian Aid, with GoodBox providing 500 of the contactless payment devices for churches for a two month period, free of charge with funds raised going to Christian Aid.

The churches will have the chance to see how the machines work and then from the beginning of June, the devices will be available to buy with a £100 discount.

The GBx Core GoodBox device is a battery operated, self-contained unit that can record payments offline, thereby solving any issues churches may have around connectivity or mobile signal. The touch screen is large and can be customised for specific messages and the church's name and logo. A portable version will also be available.

Electronic giving is not a new concept to some churches in the diocese. Last year St Martin's Church in Liskeard introduced a card reader to its congregation.

The aim of using digital technology is not to replace the collection plate but to help reduce administration hassles, delays with cheques and not having available cash on the day.

To sign up for the trial, go to www.parishbuying.org.uk/categories/contactless-donations/christian-aid



To read more about how St Martin's Church found introducing technology to their giving, go to www.trurodiocese.org.uk/2018/05/card-reader-help-or-hindrance/

■ Christian Aid Week (May 12 - 18) is this year focusing on helping to make childbirth safe for mums and babies in Sierra Leone, the most dangerous place on earth to give birth. Resources are available for use in services and Christian Aid is keen to hear of events churches may be organising for the week. Contact the local team on 07814 131168 or email kmusgrave@christian-aid.org

SUPPORT FOR SECONDARY EDUCATION CHAPLAINS

Are you, or someone you know of in your parish, engaged in chaplaincy work in secondary or further education in Cornwall?

If so, Revd Elly Sheard at Truro College and Becky Nesbitt at Combined Universities Cornwall would like to

hear from you. The aim is to meet up with others involved in similar work to share experiences.

To find out more contact Revd Elly via email at ellys@truro-penwith.ac.uk or Becky Nesbitt at CUC: on email at R.Nesbitt@fxplus.ac.uk

ARCHDEACON VISITATIONS

A warm invitation has been extended to people who would like to attend this year's Archdeacon's Visitations.

These services represent a particular opportunity to show support for Churchwardens, as they are sworn into office.

All Churchwardens, both those returning and those newly appointed, will be prayed for as we recognise their invaluable and faithful work for our parishes, communities and the diocese.

Archdeacon Audrey will conduct all visitation services for the Diocese of Truro during May 2019.

A key part of the visitation service is the official admittance of Churchwardens to office for the coming year.

The archdeacon's 'charge' is addressed to Churchwardens specifically, but seeks to set our practical ministries within a spiritual context as together we seek to serve God and our communities.

This year's dates & venues

May 1, Penwith & Kerrier deaneries, St Mellanus Church, Mullion;
May 8, Pydar & St Austell deaneries, St Paul's Church, Charlestown;
May 13, Powder, Carnmarth North & South deaneries, St Andrews Church, Redruth;
May 15, Stratton & Trigg Major deaneries, St Mary's Church, Launceston;
May 20, Trigg Minor & Bodmin deaneries, St Minver Church;
May 21, East & West Wivelshire deaneries, St Clarus Church, St Cleer.

CHURCH COMMUNITY USE FUNDING AVAILABLE

Since 2003, Cornwall Community Foundation has awarded more than £7.5 million to Cornish communities, supporting more than 2,500 local, grass-roots organisations. In 2017 alone, £575,000 was awarded in grants to strengthen communities in Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly.

Churches interested in developing their buildings for a wider community use are invited to make applications via the website, www.cornwallfoundation.com

NEW ARCHDEACON ANNOUNCED

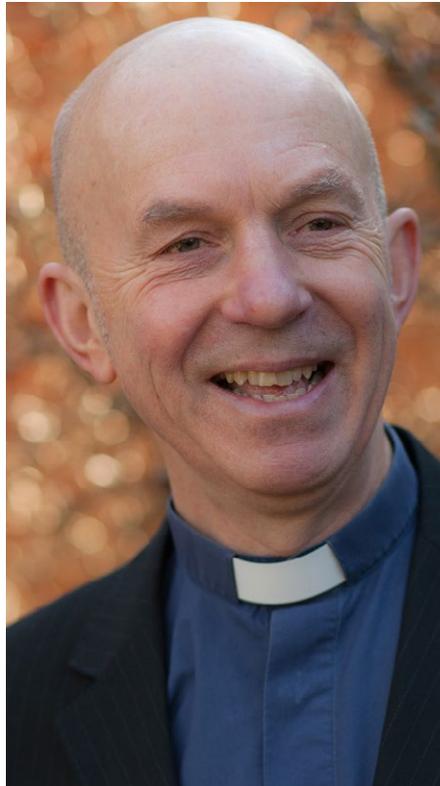
The Archdeacon of Dorking, the Venerable Paul Bryer, is to be the new Archdeacon of Cornwall.

Archdeacon Paul will move to the diocese and take up his office this summer.

Paul has been Archdeacon of Dorking since 2014. After serving a curacy at St Stephen's Tonbridge in the Diocese of Rochester, Paul moved to the Diocese of Guildford in 1994 to become vicar at St Mary's Camberley. In 2001 Paul took up the post of Vicar of St Paul's Dorking, also in Guildford diocese, where he also went on to serve as Rural Dean of Dorking. Since 2015 Paul has represented the diocese on General Synod.

As a former teacher and head of religious studies, Paul has had a lifelong passion for education. Over the past 20 years or so this has particularly been focussed on fostering the aims and ethos of church schools. He has served as a diocesan schools' inspector and as a director of Guildford diocese's Good Shepherd Academy Trust.

Throughout his ministry Paul has explored new ways of being church - particularly relating to discipleship, small groups and fresh expressions. As archdeacon he has helped steer the Diocese of Guildford in a strategic and missional direction, focussing on



resourcing and releasing parishes and deaneries for mission and ministry and encouraging initiatives for the health and wellbeing of clergy.

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GRANTS AVAILABLE FROM THE NATIONAL CHURCHES TRUST

Foundation grants are available from the National Churches Trust to churches for work that addresses urgent maintenance, as identified as a priority in a recent Quinquennial Inspection Report or survey. The works should be stand-alone projects costing between £1,000 and £10,000 excluding VAT. Grants range from £500 to £3,000. The next deadline is May 12, 2019 for a decision in July.

Applications should be made **online** via the relevant grant programme.

Other grants available include: Gateway Grants are awards of £3,000 to £10,000 to support churches to develop high quality, well researched, sustainable projects in advance of applying to a major church heritage funder.

Visit www.nationalchurchestrust.org/gatewaygrants Deadline May 9, 2019 for a decision in July.

Cornerstone Grants are awards of £10,000 to £50,000 towards urgent and essential structural repairs, with an estimated cost of at least £100,000 (including VAT and fees) and/or the introduction of kitchens and toilets costing at least £30,000.

Visit www.nationalchurchestrust.org/cornerstonegrants Deadline July 1, 2019 for a decision in November.

Contact grants@nationalchurchestrust.org or call 020 7227 1933 to speak to the grants team if you have any questions regarding grant programmes.

DIOCESAN DIRECTORY CHANGES & UPDATES

LICENSED CLERGY

Revd Canon Vanda Perrett* is no longer rural dean of Penwith.

CHURCH HOUSE

Christine Salaman has joined the Church House team on a 12-month, part-time contract as Parish Support Officer to cover maternity leave.

* Contact details can be found in the online directory

<http://www.trurodiocese.org.uk/directory-live/>

ECUMENICAL TIES TO GROW

Bishop Philip addressed the Methodist synod, in April, at Truro Methodist Church, and reinforced his commitment to encouraging Anglicans and Methodists to stand and work alongside one another.

Bishop Philip said: "I'm delighted that my Cornish ancestors numbered both Anglicans and Methodists in their number - indeed some of my ancestors were clearly caught up in mid-19th century Methodist revival in Truro.

"So I'm 'hard wired' to be ecumenical: and it ought to be our default position to work across our denominational traditions wherever we can, recognising that there's far more that unites us than divides us.

"So I look forward to increasingly close collaboration between the Diocese of Truro and the Methodist Church in Cornwall in the years to come."

CHURCHES ASKED TO MARK VE ANNIVERSARY IN 2020

Churches across the land are being asked to play their part in a series of national and international events to mark the 75th anniversary of VE Day, which will take place over the weekend of May 8, 9 and 10, 2020.

On Friday, May 8, 2020, at 7pm, churches will be encouraged to Ring out for Peace. In association with the Central Council of Bellringers, bells in churches and cathedrals will be encouraged to ring out in a collective celebration of VE Day 75.

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BRONZE AWARD FOR ST MAWGAN IN MENEAGE CHURCH

St Mawgan in Meneage Parish Church welcomed Luci Isaacson, diocesan environment officer, who gave a talk about climate change and the Green Church Kernow Environmental Award Scheme.

Luci promotes the system whereby churches are awarded certificates for various levels of achievement. Presenting Mawgan Churchwardens with a bronze level certificate she suggested they now go for silver.

Luci asked Millie, the grandchild of one of the Churchwardens, to draw flowers on a recycled cardboard box, and gave



us information on how recycling helps reduce carbon emissions.

ENVIRONMENT

PARISHES SET A GOOD EXAMPLE WITH SUSTAINABLE INITIATIVES

Extinction Rebellion have been holding a number of peaceful demonstrations in London to draw attention to the vitally urgent need to address the threat of climate change, writes *Luci Isaacson, diocesan environment officer*. This is a huge task and much remains to be done, but the Diocese of Truro has been working for a while now to help us all to cut our carbon footprint. Two recent events in our local churches are good examples.

In April Withiel Church held a spring fair with a particular focus on encouraging people to sign up for the **ten pledges**. Luci was delighted to be able to present the church with an apple tree in the light of their enthusiastic response. She was particularly impressed with pledges to write to the local MP and to cut holiday air-miles, both of which can be quite challenging.

Pledge 2 calls on us to eat local seasonal produce as much as possible and throughout Lent this year, the Penlee Cluster have been learning how to do this and more with the aid of Green Christian's 'Use your LOAF' material.

LOAF (locally sourced, organically grown, animal welfare friendly and fairly



traded) is a handy guide to eating a more sustainable, planet-friendly diet. As part of the course the cluster held a LOAF Lent lunch, highlighting how easy and delicious taking up this pledge can be! It was particularly timely as the EAT-Lancet Commission of 37 international scientists published their report '**Food Planet Health**' in February this year which shows how healthy eating for people is also healthy for the planet. The report also explains the changes that people in the West, particularly, need to make in order to move to a sustainable way of feeding the world's population now and in the future.

Interestingly, their findings line up quite well with LOAF principles, though the latter have been around much longer!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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2 Meet the Funders www.trurodiocese.org.uk/event/meet-the-funders-2019-follow-up-workshops/

6 The Persecuted Church with the Rt Revd Philip Mounstephen, Bishop of Truro, Filling Station, Penmorvah Manor Hotel, Budock Water, 7.30pm.

10 The Enneagram & the Spiritual Journey study day, Epiphany House, Truro, 10am - 4pm.

11 Choral Concert with Bristol's Exultate Singers, St Maby Church, £10, 01208 841534.

11 Diocesan synod, Cornwall Council chamber, Truro, 9.30am.

12 Vocations Sunday.

13 - 17 Prayer & Painting Retreat, Epiphany House, Truro, To book info@epiphanyhouse.co.uk

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.

OTHER LINKS

Prayer Diary www.trurodiocese.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/Prayer-Diary-April-to-June.pdf

Registry Newsletter www.trurodiocese.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/Diocese-of-Truro-Newsletter_Apr19-BW.pdf

ALL WELCOME TO ATTEND MAY FLOWER FESTIVAL

St Andrew's Church (Stratton) Flower Festival theme this year, Celebrating the Colours of the Rainbow, gives us the opportunity to share the wonder of God's creation with our community.

The festival will be open Friday, May 24, Saturday, May 25 and Monday, May 27 opening from 10am - 4pm. There will be plants for sale and refreshments served all day.

Everyone is welcome.



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