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# OUR NEWS

## JUNE 2017



## WOULD YOUR CHURCH INTERRUPT ITS AMBITION?

When London Marathon runner Matthew Rees stopped 200m from the finishing line to help struggling runner and stranger, David Wyeth, the world gasped. We watched as one runner helped another, replacing ambition and accolade with kindness and selflessness.

**At the May Diocesan Synod, Simon Cade, Director of Education and Discipleship, asked how amazing would it be if love within our diocese was such that individual churches would interrupt their ambition to stop and carry a neighbouring church.**

Simon was talking about how Synod leads for discipleship, and how decisions made at Synod can either encourage unity and interdependence, or permit the myth of independence and competition between churches.

Synod used five ideas to reflect on leadership for discipleship, among them the idea of unity and Jesus' advice that others would know us as disciples by our love for one another.

**“Would your church stop in its tracks, put plans and training to one side, sacrifice the result you were expecting, pick up a neighbouring struggling church, carry it forward and help it to a better time?” he asked.**

Simon talked about beginning with personal calling and vocation, which meant making worship the priority, taking sin seriously, and leading in ways that assume God will change us.

### SYNOD 2017

Read Bishop Tim's Presidential Address from Synod

<https://tinyurl.com/l5z4y95>

Abundance was the second idea, comparing our belief in a loving God who gives us more than we can ever need, with a global mindset that promotes the idea of scarcity. Synod was challenged to think about how we lead for one, rejecting the other.

Unity was the third idea, with the runners as the example, leading to the fourth idea which asked about how we lead for witness. The idea that brings these together is hope, and not just a vague optimism, but hope in the Resurrection. How can we lead in ways that have real courage, that are generous and overflowing with Resurrection love?

Synod imagined the diocese as a lifeboat in a storm. Members were asked to consider what sort of leadership would we need to show the courage to abandon the lifeboat and trust in God more than we trust in plans, budgets, or yesterday's achievements?

Leading for discipleship will be a theme for the diocese over the next few months with rural deans looking at the five ideas in June, and deaneries working on it in the autumn. Please pray for our leaders as they seek God's will and courage to run the race that is set before us.

\* During the Presidential Address, Bishop Tim asked whether we even listened to the words uttered by candidates during the General Election campaign, or had we already decided how to vote. "I urge you all to vote and exercise your duty as citizens and I urge you to consider how you vote through the lens of your faith," he said.

\* Peter Rand of Friends of the Holy Land reminded Synod that Christian churches there are being persecuted and in danger of extinction. He asked for prayer and support, especially as we try to imagine a Holy Land without Christianity.

\* Jonathan Rowe updated the Synod on ministry, focusing on the progress of AMD, the plans to develop it into a two-year programme, and an overview of ministry generally across the diocese.

# BISHOP'S LETTER

“ I am delighted to introduce ‘A Way to Welcome’, a new resource to help parishes review and enhance the welcome we give to visitors and tourists. ‘A Way to Welcome’ will be available to you from June. ”

## THE RT REVD CHRIS GOLDSMITH, THE BISHOP OF ST GERMANS

Like you, I have visited churches around the country and abroad and I have always been grateful to find a church which is unlocked and accessible.

“There is both anticipation and joy in entering a place of rest and refreshment, sanctuary and prayer.”

Our beautiful land of Cornwall is visited by thousands of people every year and they will want to step inside our churches for a variety of reasons: they may be curious about the building, have some family connection, or it may be raining and they want somewhere to wait for the clouds to pass. For whatever reason, our vision of discovering God's kingdom and growing the church is put into effect by welcoming those visitors. It doesn't necessarily need to be in person, it can simply mean having an unlocked church door, a 'We are open'



sign, and an indication that we want to share with them this holy place.

If you need some ideas and examples of how other churches are doing this, 'A Way to Welcome' is for you. This resource can help every parish to fulfil our calling to be the outstretched arms of God declaring 'You are welcome', and to help you listen to how God might wish to shape and guide you in your ministry of welcome.

**'A Way to Welcome' will be available from mid-June and you can request your copy from Church House on 01872 274351 or by emailing parishsupport@truro.anglican.org**

Heavenly Father,

Thank you for the inspiration of those in the past whose visions for the church in this community has created this shelter house of prayer.

Guide and protect all those who visit or worship here. May their souls find peace in this place and strength for the days ahead.

Amen.

## DIOCESAN DIRECTORY CHANGES & UPDATES

### Licensed Clergy

The **Revd Helen Baber\*** is now Rector of the Lann Pydar Benefice.

The **Revd Canon Paul Arthur\*** is now Priest in Charge of Treverbyn and Roche. He continues as Priest in Charge of St Dennis.

The **Revd Chris McQuillen-Wright\*** has moved to St Austell. He continues as Priest in Charge of St Columb Minor and St Colan.

The **Revd Steve Morgan** is now Priest in Charge of Liskeard and St Keyne.

### Clergy with PTO

The **Revd Malcolm Griffiths** and the **Revd Bridget Guzek** have been given PTO category B.

\* Contact details can be found in the online directory

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

## PLEDGE 4 - CLIMATE VISION

**PLEDGE FOUR: I pledge to contact my MP and my friends and invite them to make these pledges too.**

Are you willing to contact your parliamentary candidates? What a great opportunity we have to extend the invitation to our prospective MPs and those elected to discover God's kingdom. Pledge 4 invites you to contact your MP and your friends and make these pledges too. These pledges are all about understanding ourselves to be part of God's creation, and recognising the imperative of working in harmony with it. We have these easy steps to follow to help turn understanding the importance of protecting the environment into action.

Post Brexit we will be outside the supportive framework and objectives set for environmental protection by the EU. We must ensure we have our own targets for environmental protection into the future. We need an equivalent structure for the protection of the natural environment to that provided by the Climate Change Act: a new long-term commitment for the protection of habitats, land, water and air, including hard targets (e.g., biodiversity to be improved to x% by 2050).

You can record your activity so please 'check the box' on the postcard available in your Church.

**Luci Isaacson, Diocese Environment Officer**

## MISSION CASE STUDY

# FROM KEA TO KENYA TO HELP ORPHANED YOUNGSTERS

For Georgie Hallet, who is just weeks away from swapping Kea for Kenya, it was never an 'if' but a 'when' she was going to live and work as a missionary in Africa.

As she prepares to take on the role of Manager of the Marejesho Family Project in Kisumu, Kenya, Georgie's enthusiasm for the task ahead is enviable.

What started as a simple fostering project by two local women, Georgie hopes with support and guidance from her board of trustees in Kenya and the UK, it will restore dignity and stability to vulnerable children in Kisumu. The project believes children belong in families, and it has developed four projects to see this happen: family preservation, foster care support, family-style homes, and evangelism and discipleship.

It was not until three years later when she had completed her degree in International Education at Bath Spa University that Georgie returned to Africa and fate landed her in the town of Kisumu in Kenya.



“ I was really aware that there were lots of people wanting to help orphans in Africa but there was something missing. We wouldn't dream of putting a child in the UK into an orphanage yet it seems acceptable in Africa – ”

Georgie Hallet

**READ MORE**

<https://tinyurl.com/kn9t3ya>

## THY KINGDOM COME - WHAT'S GOING ON

There is so much prayer planned around Cornwall for Thy Kingdom Come, here is a round-up of some of the events. See more on our [website](#)



### Ascension Day, Thursday, May 25

\* 8am, join in at Land's End to start off the wave of prayer along the Land's End to John O' Groats route with Archdeacon Bill Stuart-White, followed by breakfast at the Land's End Hotel (please [book](#)).

\* 7pm - 9pm, Prayer Evening, Sheviock Church;

### Friday, May 26

9am - 6pm, All Saints Church Falmouth, Prayer Stations offering chance for quiet prayer, All week (excluding Sunday);

### Saturday, May 27

9.30am, Prayer walk from Budock Church to Conway Road, with Falmouth and Penryn Churches Together

### Sunday, May 28

\* Start your day with Radio Cornwall. Revd Lucy Larkin will begin with a prayer, at 8am, children from St Meriadoc Junior School at 8am will be saying their own prayers.

## CURRENT VACANCIES

### DISCIPLESHIP CO-ORDINATOR

We seek to appoint a Discipleship Co-ordinator to play a key role in the promotion and development of discipleship. This role requires someone with a strong base of theological knowledge, excellent communication skills and a passion for discipleship. It is an exciting opportunity to foster spiritual development with people and churches across Cornwall. Walking with those on their 'journeys'.

Visit our [VACANCIES PAGE](#) for details

### STRATEGIC PROGRAMME MANAGER

We are recruiting for a Strategic Programme Manager to lead the Transforming Mission programme. The role initially focusses on Falmouth and then extends across Cornwall and includes management of key programme elements including establishing the Student Hub (café) and redeveloping the Resource Church. This is an exciting opportunity for an individual with exceptional project management skills including the ability to successfully manage stakeholders, implement change and balance multiple projects simultaneously.

Visit our [VACANCIES PAGE](#) for details

### CORNISH CELTIC WAY FACILITATOR

We are recruiting for a part-time Facilitator who will assist Revd Nigel Marns with planning and promotion of the Cornish Celtic Way – a pilgrimage route that spans the county. This role requires someone with strong administration and communication skills and the ability to multi-task. This is a great opportunity for someone who likes working with people and has an interest in the cultural and social history of Cornwall and/or a love of the county's varied landscapes.

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## LEARN THEOLOGY LOCALLY

South West Ministry Training Course and St Mellitus College are both offering a mix of theological courses for the coming academic year. The deadline for applications for courses starting in September this year is 23 June. For more information see [www.stmellitus.org](http://www.stmellitus.org) or <http://swmtc.org.uk/>

**READ MORE**

<https://tinyurl.com/l37tapx>



# A SUMMER PRAYER

“ Welcome is important...We have the chance to help our visitors be refreshed in body, mind and soul.”

## REVD CANON VANDA PERRETT RECTOR LAND'S END BENEFICE

Cornwall: a land of mystery, mizzle, shimmering sea, scorching sand, fertile fields and narrow roads. Cornish people are amazingly talented: among them artists, fishing folk, farmers, miners, foodies, locals who were born here and the "Cornish by Choice".

Into this come visitors, be they tourists, explorers or pilgrims. From all corners of the world folk come. Without them our fragile economy would implode. At times the infrastructure groans and Cornish summertime is as much about queues as the sun! It is a challenge to remain calm when stuck behind tourists who struggle on narrow lanes, or believe a Kelly Whip ice cream makes them immune to danger as they stroll in the centre of the road!

**Matthew 28 v 19** says: "go and make disciples of all nations". In Cornwall we don't have to "go"; the world comes to us! We have the chance to help our visitors be refreshed in body, mind and soul.

Our Cornish mission is to work with the glorious landscape, the ancient spiritual sites and glorious churches, so that we

“Welcome is important. We know what it feels like to be somewhere where you are not welcome: Luke 9 v 5 tells us to shake the dust from our feet as we leave! If our visitors do not return or encourage others to come to Cornwall it would be dire news for our economy, and our people.”

can help visitors become pilgrims. In our welcome and care we can offer a chance for battered souls to find some rest, fragile lives to find healing.

### THIS SUMMER:

\* When queuing, pray that our visitors know God's peace, love and joy, and we know tolerance!

\* Welcome holidaymakers as you would want to be welcomed.

\* In your church: what are YOU doing to make pilgrims out of visitors, disciples from all nations?

## TRAINING DAY REMINDER

The second Parish Officers' Training Day takes place in Truro on September 2. Taking place from 10am to 3.30pm, there will be sessions on finance, publicity, safeguarding, DAC and Stewardship from experts.

To book your place [CLICK HERE](#)



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“ I have been a treasurer for 20 years, but I always come away from these training days with a new idea or fresh look on an old issue.”

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### MAY 2017

**26 Steve Knightley in Concert**, All Saints Church, Tuckingmill, £18 01276 879500  
**26-29 St Feock Flower Festival**, St Feock, Mon-Sat 10-4, Sun 11-4

### JUNE 2017

**1-2 Mental Health First Aid Courses**, Bodmin, 9-5, Cost £25  
**1-4 Words into Blossom Flower Festival**, St Mary Magdalene Church, Thurs-Sat 10-4, Sun 12-4, odmin, 9-5, Cost £25, <https://tinyurl.com/n8foe38>  
**2 Corineus Quartet**, St Endellion Church, 7.30pm, £10  
**2 Quiet Day** 'In the Footsteps of Christ', £6, 01872 530265  
**3 Taize Service**, Epiphany House, 7-11.30pm.

### EVE OF SHOW SERVICE

Royal Cornwall Showground  
June 8 - 6.30pm  
Free Entry

**8-10 Royal Cornwall Show** Churches Together & Weddings Marquee  
**7-25 'Bright and Beautiful Things' by Jackie Hitchens**, St Marys Church, Penzance, 10am - 2pm  
**14 Quiet Day on Clouds**, Epiphany House, 10-4pm, Cost £18 inc light lunch & all drinks, email [info@epiphanyhouse.co.uk](mailto:info@epiphanyhouse.co.uk)  
**16-18 Flower Festival**, St Michaels Church, Caerhays, 11am - 4.30pm  
**22 Truro Adoption Information Session**, Foot Anstey, High Water House, Truro, 10am - 12noon  
**23-25 Flower Festival**, St Eval Church, 10am - 5pm, <https://tinyurl.com/lr5cdtk>  
**23 Franciscan Life**, Epiphany House, 2pm, Cost £7, [info@epiphanyhouse.co.uk](mailto:info@epiphanyhouse.co.uk)  
**24 A day on the origins of Orthodox Christianity Flower Festival**, St Eval Church, 10am - 5pm, <https://tinyurl.com/lr5cdtk>  
**24 Origins of Orthodox Christianity**, Revd John Binns, St Endellion Church, 10am - 3pm, £10, to book: 01208 880181  
**25 Open Gardens** in aid of church repairs, Grampond with Creed, 10am - 4pm. Entry by programme £5 (village hall)  
**28 - July 18 Painting what we love, with love**, St Mary's PZ, 10am - 2pm.

## 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.

## OTHER LINKS

**GO CHATTER** <http://tinyurl.com/jbgfdbz>  
**SRO NEWS** <https://tinyurl.com/l8sn9v7>  
**BELL CARE** <https://tinyurl.com/kz5c2v7>  
**DOTCANDY** <https://tinyurl.com/mpldn2l>  
**REGISTRAR NEWS** <https://tinyurl.com/lzugdz>

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