

OUR NEWS

OCTOBER 2017

2018 BUDGET APPROVED BY SYNOD REPRESENTATIVES

No increase in Mission and Ministry Fund (MMF) call in 2018 with a new approach expected from 2019.

At the September Synod members unanimously approved the budget for 2018.

The budget for next year is based on there being no increase in Mission and Ministry Fund (MMF), which is the money contributed by parishes.

Chair of the Truro Diocesan Board of Finance, Mike Sturgess, said: "As you can see there is no increase in MMF for 2018, although we will need to look at collection rates for next year. And I hope we will have a new approach to MMF by 2019."

Mr Sturgess acknowledged that in order to balance the books, the budgets relied on using other funds which, while currently available, did not produce a sustainable way of balancing the books in the long term.

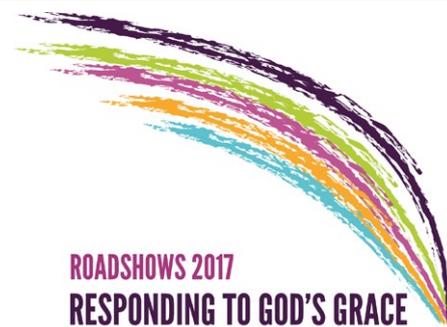
He said: "We've got a budget that is sustainable in the short term, say for five years. But looking ahead 10 or 20 years, that's not sustainable. So in order to make this sustainable, I will quote Matthew 28:19, you need to 'go and make disciples', and I'm not sure Jesus had the same concerns as me in mind when he said that.

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"However, we cannot go on asking fewer people for more money. We have to go out there discovering God's Kingdom and Growing the Church. We have to get more disciples, and not just in Falmouth or our other towns, but in every church in our diocese. So please see these numbers as a spiritual document - they tell us about the numbers in our diocese."

There followed discussion and some points from the floor about MMF, and when and how a new approach would be introduced. Revd Nigel Marns also asked everyone to consider the approach to how 'decline' was managed, and whether the answer was not increased investment rather than asking priests to manage increasing numbers of churches and parishes.

There were no votes cast against the motion to accept the budget.



ROADSHOWS 2017 RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE ROADSHOW VENUES

This week sees the start of the diocese's 2017 roadshows in St Austell and Bodmin.

Our roadshows this year are aimed at those who care about the future of the church in Cornwall and see themselves as active disciples, seeking to contribute to the life of the church and to the discovery of God's Kingdom.

MORE INFORMATION

For more information and date and venue details please go to www.trurodiocese.org.uk/2017/09/diocesan-roadshows-2017-exploring-what-gods-grace-involves/

ANNUAL READER SERVICE

The annual Readers' Service will take place at Truro Cathedral on October 14.

Starting at 11am, the service will see seven people licensed as Readers.

Jim Seth, Chaplain to Readers in the diocese, said: "Ministering to anyone with whom they come into contact, preaching the gospel and spreading the Good News - what could be more important than that? We help others explore the Gospel message, encourage people to make connections between the church and daily living, and share in the church's work of caring for people in Christ's name."

ARCHDEACON'S LETTER

“What part do you play in decision-making in your church? How do you consciously seek to live out your faith in your daily life? What should the diocese be doing as we prepare for our new bishop? How do the things we believe as Christians impact on the decisions we make as individuals, as a parish church, or as a diocese?”

ARCHDEACON AUDREY

Our roadshows this year (starting on October 3 in St Austell) are deliberately designed to be very practical.

They seek to help us all explore how our faith can and should influence the decisions we make, and the ways in which we seek to lead our churches. “Responding to God’s Grace” has already been distributed to licensed clergy, churchwardens and Readers – with the request that it is shared as widely as possible locally. The five ideas explored in this booklet will enable us to talk, discuss, consider, and explore how our faith should influence who we are, what we aim for, and what our priorities should be. Whether at an individual, parochial or diocesan level this material gives us ideas, beliefs,

scripture, and plenty of questions to get us thinking. Come and join in this exploration, play your part in allowing your faith to affect your life and the lives of others. And remember that you can attend any one of the roadshows, not just the one allocated to your deanery.

MORE INFORMATION

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‘CHURCH NEAR YOU’ WEB PAGE OPTIONS

The ‘A Church Near You’ website is changing. Earlier this year the national team in London spoke to 1,800 people across the country to gather insights and thoughts on how to make the service better for a site that receives over 13 million page views each year.

The new site is well underway for a launch in November 2017. Key new features include:

- * **Churches will be able to add extra information to events and services**, such as a location other than the church, times, accessibility and contact details. This will enable churches to showcase their one-off services out in the community or parish away days outside the church building.
- * **Space to include information about the facilities the church has**, from a post office to foodbank or Alpha.
- * **Churches will be able to see the number of page views their profile gets each week**, month and year thanks to a new analytics feature built into the logged in view.

* Users will not only be able to search for their nearest church - and now Church of England school - but also be able to filter the search to show them results that include the features and facilities they’re looking for, such as accessibility, car parking or service type.

In phase two, churches will be able to turn their simple page into a full church website - even having the option of using a unique URL, or the URL of their current website. From the launch in November, profiles will already begin to look far more like a website, with editors able to add pages, images and customise the tiles on their profile.

Church House London are keeping in regular contact with A Church Near You editors as they prepare for launch and the site will sit at the heart of the national Christmas campaign under this year’s theme of #GodWithUs. If you have any questions about the project, please email enquiry@churchofengland.org

DIOCESAN DIRECTORY CHANGES & UPDATES

Licensed Clergy

The Revd Canon David Miller has been licensed as Rural Dean of Kerrier.

The Revd Andrew Yates has been appointed as the Diocesan Inter Faith Adviser. He continues as Priest in Charge of Paul and as Assistant Curate of Newlyn and St Mary with St Paul & St John the Baptist in Penzance.

The Revd Sheila Bawden was licensed as an Associate Priest of the Benefice of Lostwithiel Parishes. She is no longer a Public Preacher.

Retired Clergy

The Revd Jo Lobb retired on July 31 and is no longer a Team Vicar of Saltash.

PTO

The Revd Jo Lobb has been given PTO (category B*) as from August 1.

The Revd Charles Sargent has moved out of the Diocese and no longer has PTO.

Church House

Jon White joined the Transforming Mission programme as the new Pioneer Student Minister in September.

Benefice changes

The benefices of St Dominic, Landulph & St Mellion with Pillaton (1) and Calstock (2) have united to form a new benefice to be known as “The Tamar Valley Benefice”.

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

CATHEDRAL: PROPOSED REVISION OF CONSTITUTION AND STATUTES

I hereby give notice that in response to a request from the Chapter of the Cathedral, the Truro Cathedral Council proposes to make various changes to both the Constitution and the Statutes of Truro Cathedral. These changes correct some anomalies, remove references to outdated practices, reflect more accurately current practice and improve the effectiveness and transparency of the cathedral’s governance.

Full details of the current Constitution and Statutes and of the changes now proposed are available from me. Comments on these changes must be received by me by no later than 30 September 2017. The Cathedral’s Measure 1999 requires the council to consider any comments made and, where it thinks fit, to alter its proposed changes to reflect those comments.

Robert J Perry, Secretary, Truro Cathedral Council

ENVIRONMENT

PLEDGE 8: TIME TO LOOK UP AND TURN THE HEATING DOWN

As we enjoy the last few days of Creationtide, its time to look at Pledge 8: **I pledge to turn my thermostat down or use a thermometer to reach the lowest comfortable temperature, typically between 18-21°C and think about putting on a jumper instead.**

It is the glory of God to conceal things, but the glory of kings is to search things out.

Like the heavens for height, like the earth for depth, so the mind of kings is unsearchable.

Proverbs 25: 2-3

Like the heavens for height and like the earth for depth. Make a point this evening to go outside and marvel at the night sky.

What a delight it is (if you have a clear night), for many who have the chance to actually see it. For some of us too busy to look up, we might forget how valuable the atmosphere is, not only in its beauty and how it makes us feel, but what we put in it and thus change course for humanity.

'Dark Skies for West Cornwall & The Isles of Scilly' is about protecting the dark night skies we already have with the international dark sky community. Everyone can get involved with our night skies; for the benefit of the environment, sleep patterns, nocturnal and migrating animals.

When you come back indoors, take some time to reflect, make a hot drink and sit at your computer to rethink what impact you have on the atmosphere and let it work out for you some suggestions automatically with Pledge 8.

SENNEN HALL VOTES NEEDED FOR SOLAR PANEL BOOST

Sennen Churchtown Hall has been shortlisted for the national M&S renewable community energy competition.

The team there have applied for £12,000 for solar panels for the Hall's new roof. You can vote by going to Sennen Churchtown Hall's project page by clicking [here](#).

Sennen Churchtown Hall has been invaluable to the village of Sennen for over a century. Sennen is a remote village, less than a mile from Land's End; consequently its hall is a social lifeline for the local



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Too much pollution in the atmosphere creates warmer seas, which in turn create more storms. Here is a great opportunity to change some of our inputs, thank you.

For home energy checks log on to hec.est.org.uk or call the Energy Saving Trust on 0800 512 012.

You can record your activity so please 'check the box' on Truro Cathedral's website under Hot Topics or the postcard available in your church.

MORE INFORMATION

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community. It provides a welcoming venue for various groups to meet and is the only village hall for miles around which has a stage. It also benefits from a large outdoor grassy space, making it attractive for special occasions, theatrical groups, auctions and many other activities.

Every vote counts!

Note: The 'log in' is simply to ensure that each person only has one vote. This will not sign you up to anything further from Marks & Spencer.

PLEDGE SEVEN: HOME ENERGY CHECK TIME

Pledge Seven: I pledge to do a 'home energy check' to find out how I can save energy in my home. Click here to follow steps. (If you don't have internet, ask the Energy Saving Trust on 0800 512 012)

The results are easily generated and can help you celebrate and cherish God's gift to humanity in creation. Please do get in touch to let me know how you get on.

When Archdeacon Bill did the pledge two years ago, he said: "I did my Home Energy Check and found it helpful and interesting. My home is only three years old and is thus energy efficient in its build, insulation etc. It also has a solar thermal water-heating system. The estimated energy cost for the property was considerably higher than our actual bills.

"The suggested improvement was Solar PV panels, but since it is a house belonging to the Church (the equivalent of a vicarage) this is not a decision that is in our hands. The issue of selecting a number of Vicarages in the Diocese of Truro suitable for the fitting of Solar PV either on roof or ground-mounted has been under discussion for a long (and frustrating) time. We fear that, with the imminent end of the Feed-in Tariffs, this proposal may get no further at this stage, but we will keep it on the agenda."

We really hope to now be in a better position to face such challenges and consider ways to meet the needs of our environment.

VOTES WANTED FOR WIN

St Gluvias Community (Church) Hall is currently in the running to win £8,000 from the M&S Energy Fund.

The hall is currently in 6th place and every vote counts so those involved are putting out a call to help from their fellow churches.

Help St Gluvias realise its goal of winning the funding which they hope to use to enable them to store and use more energy from their solar panels.

All you need to do is go to <https://www.mandsenergyfund.com/projects/st-gluvias-community-hall-energy-storage> and vote. It costs nothing but would make a big difference to St Gluvias and the environment.

Voting closes on October 20 so please do make your vote count.

ENVIRONMENTAL THEOLOGY IS AN EXPRESSION OF OUR WALK WITH JESUS

“ Since Sunday, September 1, the Church of England has been keeping Creationtide, a period in the church calendar that concludes on the feast of St Francis (October 4).

At All Saints Truro we've been thinking about what a Christian care for God's creation might look like. We've been thinking about the impact of pollution and climate change, and about sustainable living and environmental justice. We've been blessed to hear some great speakers and preachers including Dr Tim Taylor (Senior lecturer at Exeter University for Environmental Economics), Luci Isaacson (Diocesan Environmental Officer), Janette Mullett (Director of Epiphany House) and Revd Dr Lucy Larkin (Tutor for South West Ministerial Training College).

Hearing these people has reminded me of how important it is for Christ's church to take seriously the instruction to 'be fruitful, and to care for' this incredible gift of life. As I've reflected on our discussions it has been increasingly clear to me how important this is, and how it's not so much about the church being 'green', although that is important, but more about our walk with Jesus.

I've learnt that our relationship with creation is the great leveller, since all of humanity is dependent on God's gift of life - through His Word and His Spirit in a spiritual sense, and through creation in a physical sense. We all require food, we all require fresh water, warmth and shelter to live. It doesn't matter if we're a wealthy oil tycoon, or a struggling unemployed dad of three, we still need the basic elements of life to flourish. Jesus' ministry was always close to this



truth. As he mixed with the rich and the famous and the poor and forgotten, his teaching was never far away from the essentials of human need. It was a grounded ministry, held close to the dirt and earthiness of life.

The more I've studied the bible over the course of Creationtide the more I've come to realise that **Christian discipleship is lived out in our love for Jesus** and in our delight for what was created through Him.

In essence, how our love for Jesus can be reflected in our love for what was brought about through him. Sadly, much of the developed world has over-consumed and underappreciated God's creation; and as a result, the poor and forgotten have paid the price.

Christ's church can take a lead here by making small and simple lifestyle changes, such as recycling our batteries. As well as taking the the Climate Vision 10 pledges.

Creationtide is about protecting our atmosphere but also about creating a new atmosphere of action in the church to protect God's creation. And to see this environmental theology as an expression of our walk with Jesus.

We don't need eco-warriors we just need more followers of Jesus who want to keep breaking bread with the world, and want to meet more people at the well.

Revd Jeremy Putnam
All Saints Truro

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SEPTEMBER

30 Open the Book Network Day, Truro Methodist Church, 10am - 3pm, www.goo.gl/s1qqqs6
30 St Anta Harvest Supper, St Anta Church, 7pm

OCTOBER

3 Diocesan Roadshow, Penrice Academy, St Austell, PL25 3NR, 7-9pm;
3 FREE Winter Safety checks, Penryn Town Hall (9am - 12 noon), Helston Fire Station (1-4pm),
4 Let Christ in (Christian Business Networking for Cornwall), Fig Cafe, Lemon Street Market, Truro, 8am - 9am. £5 - £6.50 for breakfast.
5 Diocesan Roadshow, St Petroc's Church, Bodmin, PL31 2DT, 7pm - 9pm;
5 Four Quartets, St Endellion Church, 7.30pm, £6
6 3 Daft Monkeys - Year of the Clown, St Endellion Church, 7.30pm, £10
7 An evening with Liane Carroll, St Endellion Church, 7.30pm, £10
7 Diocesan Choral Festival, Truro Cathedral
7 Messy Church Network Day, Truro Methodist Church, 10am - 3pm, www.goo.gl/s1qqqs6
8 Pet Blessing Service, Egloshayle Church, 3.30pm
10 FREE Winter Safety checks, St Ives Fire Station, 9am - 12 noon, Redruth Community Centre, 1 - 4pm;
12 Diocesan Roadshow, Helston Community College, TR13 8NR, 7-9pm;
14 Reader Ministry Service, Truro Cathedral, 11am
14 Rummage Sale, Wadebridge Town Hall, 10am to 12.30pm in aid of parish of Wadebridge
17 FREE Winter Safety checks, St Austell Fire Station, 9am - 12 noon, St Mawes fire station, 1 - 4pm;
19 Diocesan Roadshow, Heartlands, Pool, TR15 3QY, 7-9pm
20 Dramatised Recital of St Mark's Gospel, Grampond Village Hall, TR2 4RT, 7-9pm;
21 Taizé Service, Epiphany House, 7pm
27 - 29 Refresh Weekend, Epiphany House, 10am - 4pm
28 Reflective Day 'The Unicorn in Christian Spirituality', St Minver Church, PL27 6QH, 10am - 3pm;
31 Diocesan Roadshow, St Erme Community Centre, Trispen, 7-9pm;

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 <http://www.trurodiocese.org.uk/resource-collection/families-children-resources/>

SRO NEWS <http://www.trurodiocese.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/SRO-Newsletter-October-2017.pdf>

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