

OUR NEWS

MAY 2017



DIOCESE OF TRURO
DISCOVERING GOD'S KINGDOM
GROWING THE CHURCH



THY KINGDOM COME PRAYER MOVEMENT

During the time from Ascension to Pentecost, the Land's End benefice is playing a key role in the Land's End to John O'Groats prayer route.

As well as being part of the Lord's Prayer, Thy Kingdom Come is the name given to a plea from the Archbishop of Canterbury to encourage as many people as possible, during the time between Ascension and Pentecost, to pledge to pray with him so that other people will know the love of Jesus.

He says, "Through the hardest and most painful times and in the best and most joyful times in my life, Jesus has worked alongside me, He's never left, even when I've wanted Him to. When I've felt ready to give up hope, He picked me up and it's His love that has healed me and strengthened me. Following Jesus has been the core point of my life, and that's one reason I want everyone to hear His voice calling to them and to learn what it is to find His love, His call, His direction, His purpose."

Revd Canon Vanda Perrett, of the Land's End Benefice, confessed at a recent Lent talk that during the ordination process she was described as being not what the church wanted, but what they needed! Like the Archbishop of Canterbury, she heard Jesus voice calling and, knowing herself to be His child, she has thrown herself into seeking His direction and purpose within the community at the far west of our county.

A thread that runs through that community is the Land's End to John O'Groats trail, pilgrimage or, for some, endurance test. Call it what you will, Revd

Vanda sees it as an opportunity to grow the Kingdom.

During the time from Ascension to Pentecost, which is May 25th to June 3rd, the Land's End benefice is designating the time to pray for everyone travelling on this route. Co-ordinating the Land's End benefice part of the adventure, Revd Vanda is hoping other churches will take up the praying baton further up country, with the hope that the whole route will be covered in prayer. Revd Vanda would also like to hear from other Cornish churches along the route who would like to get involved.

"We're starting at the most western point at Land's End, on Ascension Day, at 8am for a short time of prayer with Archdeacon Bill Stuart-White followed by a breakfast at the Land's End Hotel for anyone that wants to join in," says Revd Vanda. Then there will be a 10am Eucharist in St Levan Church in the "Walkers Chapel" followed by lunchtime prayers at 1pm in St Buryan Church, followed by a soup lunch. The day will end at the third church in the Benefice, Sennen Church, where there will be a simple Celtic evening time of prayer.

If you would like to know more about Revd Vanda's plans, or to book for the breakfast, do please make contact by emailing canonvanda@gmail.com, calling 01736 810216 or through their Facebook page <https://tinyurl.com/kue73bq>

PLEDGE 3 - EDUCATION

Luci Isaacson, Diocesan Environment Officer, invites us to take part in Pledge 3 during May:

Happy Easter! Christ has risen, let us celebrate and become better stewards of creation - not just the caretakers.

It was Bishop Chris who said, "not just caretakers" as I was lucky enough to walk alongside him on his pilgrimage. As he invited those that did to practice 'mindful walking' I was overcome by thinking about how the climate was for those early Saints travelling that path. They had come through the worst recorded plague, extreme cold weather and terrible famine - yet they made it. There we were gazing at the Holy Well founded by St. Cadoc and the realisation of the time he stood there with a significant knowledge of a different climate.

This enables us to realise climate will continue to change, but we can live in closer harmony with God's intentions and contribute to the earth's fruitfulness and sustainability. We know we need a little help, so this month I'm inviting you to do Pledge 1 if you haven't already - it is just a phone call, continue Pledge 2 (it is the favourite), but most of all, with the Saints, your family and your congregation in mind, please do Pledge 3.

Pledge Three

I pledge to educate myself about the science and impacts of climate change starting with reading Climate Vision's article (or any other)

You can find the pledge and article + record your activity here www.goo.gl/sBJ42R

To read more about the C6th Climate www.goo.gl/Q8xobC

READ MORE <https://tinyurl.com/kb88sdn>

ARCHDEACON BILL'S LETTER

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ARCHDEACON BILL

Like many people, I suspect, patience is a gift I admire in others but struggle to practice myself. Many is the time I've uttered the familiar prayer "Lord give me patience and give it to me NOW!" Which means that "watching and waiting" don't come easily. But that is precisely what I was doing last night. As I write, I am privileged to be sharing in Holy Week worship with the parishes of the Mount's Bay benefice and this has included a first for me, a "Watch" after our Maundy Thursday Eucharist into the start of Good Friday.

We gathered on benches and chairs around a brazier in the Sacred Space in Perranuthnoe churchyard and we watched and waited, putting ourselves in mind of Jesus and the disciples in the garden of Gethsemane. "Watch and pray" was his command and, swaddled in layers of clothing, that's what we did.

The prospect of 3½ hours in near silence on a chilly April night and in darkness relieved only by the flickering flames was a slightly daunting one. Whatever would I find to think about for all that time? Would I manage to pray for more than my customary couple of minutes at a time? Would I fall asleep like Peter and co?

The "Watch" turned out to be a real blessing... not always easy, but then it wasn't meant to be. Among many other things, as I reflected on the disciples and their experience of that confusing and frightening night, it gave me the chance to consider what is in store for the Diocese of Truro now that we know that Bishop Tim is moving on.

The prospect of change and loss can bring uncertainty and fear and sometimes all we can do is simply watch and pray. There will be plenty of opportunity for that over the coming months, while others work hard in the background to find the next Bishop of Truro. Sometimes, even for the activists among us, it is the most valuable thing we can do.

To watch and pray is a simple affirmation that God is in control, and that no amount of our activity, or anxiety, can match the power of trusting prayer. Maundy Thursday confusion in the garden led to Easter Sunday joy as God made good his promises and brought hope out of despair and gladness out of sorrow. He has done the same for His people countless times in countless ways ever since and He'll prove faithful to us too.

So watch and wait and pray. Pray for Bishop Tim as he prepares to move, for Bishop Chris as he prepares for new responsibilities and for all who'll make decisions on our behalf. Patience won't be easy, but it will be rewarded.

Written on Good Friday 2017.

DIOCESAN DIRECTORY CHANGES & UPDATES

Licensed Clergy

The **Revd Emma Watson*** has moved to a new address in Tregony. She continues as Priest in Charge of Tregony w St Cuby and Cornelly.

The **Revd Michael Goodland*** is no longer Rural Dean of East Wivelshire. He continues as Vicar of St Germans and Assistant Curate of Saltash.

Clergy RIP

The **Revd Canon Noel Michell*** died suddenly and unexpectedly on the 5th April.

Clergy with PTO

The **Revd Linda Isiorho*** has been given PTO category A.

Retired Clergy

The **Revd Dr Christopher Newell*** retired on 11th April and is no longer Priest in Charge of St Goran with St Michael Caerhays.

Benefice changes

A pastoral scheme affecting the benefices of Padstow, and St Merryn and St Issey with Petroc Minor will come into effect on 1st May 2017. These benefices will be united and the new benefice will named **The Benefice of Padstow, St Merryn and St Issey with St Petroc Minor.**

The Revd Canon Chris Malkinson* will be Rector of the new benefice.

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

IN2 THE BIBLE

You can read our final In2 the Bible stories at
<https://tinyurl.com/kows2zj>

CORNWALL WORSHIP

Cornwall Worship will celebrate their 10th anniversary at The Minack on 7th May at 3pm.
<https://tinyurl.com/lg62zze>

MISSION CASE STUDY

MONEY ADVICE FROM CHURCH VOLUNTEERS AT LAUNCESTON MONEY ADVICE CENTRE

For Launceston Money Advice Centre, it all started with small and humble beginnings as an initiative from Launceston Churches Together in 2013.

Fast forward 3 years and they have moved their team of volunteers to their new offices at The Gateway Centre Launceston. The new office gives a professional look and offers disabled access with a lift. From here they cover the whole of North East Cornwall Bude to Altermum to Saltash and from Bodmin to Wadebridge.

Launceston Money Advice Centre (LMAC) currently sees round 6-7 new clients each month who are referred to them in a variety of ways: self-referral through their website; referrals through the foodbank; referrals between friends and those who are signposted by the leaflets which are distributed in local libraries, churches, job centres and the one-stop shop.

The centre is managed by Sarah Vinson and it is Sarah and her team of volunteers that help people with serious money and debt issues. There are currently five volunteers including one who specialises in benefits. Each volunteer needs to undergo thorough training before they are able to meet and advise a client. The volunteers all take part in online financial awareness courses, complete courses in personal data protection and safeguarding, and all have to be DBS checked. In total they are required to complete 12 – 20 hours of training before they become a volunteer advisor. LMAC is affiliated to the national charity Community Money Advice and are regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority.

One advisor at the centre, Nigel Parker explains:



“Although we are volunteers, we have to undertake a lot of training which results in the Launceston Money Advice Centre being a professional organisation that offers expert advice to people who really need it.”

The majority of people are typically struggling with managing their money which often coincides with a life changing event such as redundancy or have a medical condition that affects their ability to work or fulfil their caring role. Other triggers to money problems may be the breakdown of a relationship, debts in social housing, and issues with late or overpayment of state and local benefits. The average debt the volunteers work with is £5000 - £6000 with some clients owning significantly more than this. The volunteer advisor starts by going through the client's money or debt worries and creates an initial online assessment of their income, expenses and creditors. Once they have done this, the client has the option to sign a contract of authorisation for Launceston Money Advice Centre to act on their behalf.

READ MORE <https://tinyurl.com/kr3j2w8>

PILGRIMAGE

Read about Bishop Chris' pilgrimage along the Cornish Celtic Way.
<https://tinyurl.com/k9zbb9y>

HERITAGE LOTTERY FUND GRANTS FOR PLACES OF WORSHIP TO CLOSE

From September 2017, the Heritage Lottery Fund's (HLF) Grants for Places of Worship programme will close to new applications. This does not affect the government's grant scheme for reimbursing expenditure on VAT (called the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme). In its place, funding for repairs of places of worship will be available through HLF's existing Our Heritage (up to £100,000) and Heritage Grants (up to £5 million) programmes. These grants will be available to both listed and unlisted places of worship.

READ MORE <https://tinyurl.com/mdbxgrm>

SURVEY TO HELP BURIAL GROUND CONSERVATION

Caring for God's Acre, a charity dedicated to conserving and celebrating burial grounds and encouraging a holistic approach to management, would like your help in developing their project to provide information and support to those managing churchyards and burial grounds. They are asking people to fill in one of two short surveys.

READ MORE <https://tinyurl.com/m3xgnrk>

EASTER CELEBRATIONS AROUND THE DIOCESE

Throughout the length of the Dicoese of Truro, parishes have been celebrating Easter in their own unique way. Take a look at some of the stories here:

Penlee Cluster -

<https://tinyurl.com/lu739ho>

Easter Picnic fun at Saint Denis,

Otterham - <https://tinyurl.com/lzpls8m>

Sunrise Service with the Atlantic Coast

Cluster - <https://tinyurl.com/lahpzoz>

PARISH OFFICER TRAINING

The next training day is in Truro on 2nd September 2017. The day will include a series of presentations, workshops and group discussions to explore the individual roles and responsibilities of parish officers and to highlight the range of resources available.

READ MORE <https://tinyurl.com/m7bj4ez>

A WAY TO WELCOME

“ We have an amazing opportunity to plant a seed of faith in each and every visitor who enters a church. ”



LIZ WALLACE
PARISH SUPPORT ADVISER

A Postcard from Cornwall.....

Dear Auntie Mary,

Having a lovely time in Cornwall! Jo and I have visited some beautiful churches and are so impressed with the way they welcome tourists like us! We'd been on a long walk and there was a jug of water and a kettle if you fancied tea, and some biscuits laid out for us to help ourselves to - how kind and generous are these Cornish! And Barney the dog had his own bowl of water by the door.

We've spent quite a lot of time in the churches we visited as there was so much to look at - interesting boards with historical information as well as photos of their recent events, prayer cards to pick up and use in a quiet corner, oh, and I lit a candle for you Auntie and wrote down a prayer for your hip replacement operation. I've picked up a lovely bookmark with a Bible verse on the back to give you when we get home.

We left our names and glowing comments in the visitors book, and of course, we were so

impressed we left a donation. They'd thought of everything, they even had the Gift Aid envelopes out and ready, with a pen! I think I'll be taking these great ideas back to our church when we get home as it made us feel very special and welcomed, which is, if you think about it, just how our Lord wants us to feel.

*See you soon,
Jean & Jo*

I love visiting churches – always something unique to see and experience in every one. I expect you have visited a church other than your own in other parts of Cornwall or further afield and they can certainly make an impact can't they? Thousands of tourists will come into our churches this year and our churches are, by themselves, a tool of mission! We have an amazing opportunity to plant a seed of faith in each and every visitor who enters a church. At the very least, every church could try to convey three messages to its visitors:

1. We are glad you are here, this place is for you.
2. This is not just a beautiful building, it is a sacred space.
3. This church is alive, loved and used regularly by people who follow the way of Christ.

Next month, each church will be receiving a pack entitled 'A Way to Welcome' with great ideas from parishes around the diocese to enhance the welcome our churches are already giving. In the meantime if you'd like some free prayer cards please get in touch with me at Church House on liz.wallace@truro.anglican.org and we will send them out to you.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

MAY 2017

- 4 Windows into Course - The Lord's Prayer**, 7 Penmare Court, Hayle, 7 - 9pm, £5, email samuelsmarsden@hotmail.com
- 4 Feeding our Future**, Innovation Centre, Exeter, 10.30am - 4pm, £15 inc lunch and drinks, email joanie.harris@exeter.anglican.org
- 5-7 Labyrinth Building Weekend**. Epiphany House, email info@epiphanyhouse.co.uk
- 6 Big Sing with Alison Adam of the Iona Community**, St Marys Church, Penzance, 2 - 4pm
- 6-7 Rays of Hope** St Mary's Church, Penzance, 2pm, email helenbrandt59@outlook.com
- 7 Celebration in the Quiet Garden with Alison Adam**, Paul Village, 2-4pm.
- 9-25 John Daniel Centre Collective**, St Marys Church, Penzance, 10am - 2pm,
- 11 From Carn to Cove** by Liz Fenwick Kenwyn Church, Truro, 10.30am
- 11 Exploring God in Dementia**, Riverside Conference Centre, Exeter, 10am - 4pm, £15 inc lunch, visit <https://tinyurl.com/mbhrj69>
- 11 Re:Fill:Source:Fresh**, Kea Church, 10am - 5pm, www.stkea.org.uk/refill.htm
- 11 - 14 Flower Festival** Kenwyn Church, Truro, 10am - 5pm (Sun 12.30 -5)
- 12 Birds, Britain and Bogged - Falkland Islands**, 7.30pm. Ladock Parish Church, £5
- 12 Benedictine Life**, Epiphany House, 2pm, info@epiphanyhouse.co.uk
- 12 Quiz Night**, St Stephens by Saltash, 7pm
- 13 Poetry Workshop**, St Endellion Church Hall, 10am - 3pm, £15
- 15-19 Painting and Prayer Retreat**, Epiphany House, £325 inc accomodation & meals
- 16-18 RSCM Music in Worship Course for Leaders**, Tiverton, 2 day course, £280, <https://tinyurl.com/lau9kh4>
- 19 Oil an Gwella in concert**, St Stephen in Brannel, 7.30pm, £5
- 20 Paul Jackson Ceramics**, St Endellion Church Hall
- 26 Johnny Cowling**, Kenwyn Church, £10
- 26-29 Flower Festival**, St Feock Church,
- 26-29 Flower Festival**, St Andrews Church, Stratton
- 27-4 June Flower Portraits by Suzi Stephens**, St Marys Church Penzance, 10am - 2pm
- 28 Misbehavin' Elemental**, St Endellion Church, 7.30pm, £10
- 28 Ludgvan Village Open Day** Ludgvan 12 - 5pm, £3.50 admission,
- 29 Spring Fair**, St Ila, St Ives, 11-4pm

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.

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