

DIOCESE OF TRURO

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# OUR NEWS

## FEBRUARY 2017

### LENT CHALLENGE FOR 2017

Bishop Tim has launched the Lent Challenge for 2017 with the aim of encouraging people to read the Bible with another person, and to let this start a conversation.

This years 'In2 the Bible' challenge sees the bishop asking us to make reading the Bible part of our everyday journey as disciples of Jesus, and for this to be a journey that we share with someone else. It isn't about a big group of people, but about two or three gathered together reading the Bible and listening to one another.

Following on from the 2016 challenge to speak out and to share your faith stories, this challenge focuses on the journey IN.

Letters have gone out to all churches in the diocese setting out the challenge and encouraging everyone to take part.



In this letter, Bishop Tim explains: "One of the great prayers of the Church of England notes that

God 'caused holy Scriptures to be written for our learning', and asks God to help us to 'hear, read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them'. The prayer asks this so that through patience, and the comfort of the word, we might embrace and hold fast to the hope of everlasting life.

That prayer was written by an archbishop four hundred years ago, but it is my prayer



today, and is the heart of my challenge to you this Lent.

Simply put, I am encouraging you and challenging you to see that reading the Bible is a familiar and everyday part of our Christian journey together. That word "together" is important, discipleship is a journey taken in company, so my challenge is to read the Bible together, with another person or two this Lent. To read, mark, learn and maybe even inwardly digest Scripture together."

Bishop Tim is encouraging people to share reading the Bible in the way they would share a cup of tea or a meal; to share the feast of scripture with another person, encourage questions about the Bible and for this to start becoming a normal part of their journey together.

**READ MORE** <http://tinyurl.com/h8vvohn>

### PLEDGE TO STOP CLIMATE CHANGE

Anglicans across Cornwall are being asked to make a firm commitment to helping the environment during 2017 by taking 10 green pledges over the year.

The call is being led by The Bishop of Truro, the Rt Rev'd Tim Thornton, and the Archdeacon of Cornwall, The Ven Bill Stuart-White. Archdeacon Bill is the chair of the diocesan environment core group.

Bishop Tim said: "Think Global, Act Local is a motto of the environmental movement and it's not a bad one for us, too, at the start of a new year. Having just celebrated the worldwide significance of Christmas we can turn to practical actions we can undertake in our own particular situations."

Bishop Tim and Archdeacon Bill last year both took the pledges themselves.

**READ MORE** <http://tinyurl.com/jheb5vm>

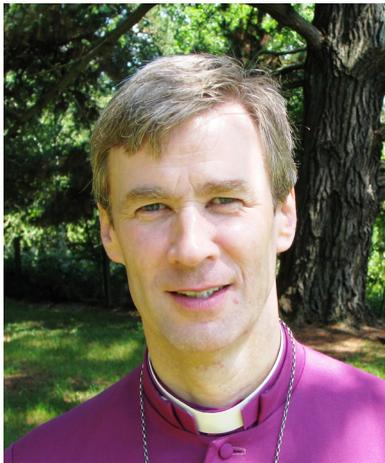
### NEW DIRECTOR OF MINISTRY

Canon Dr Jonathan Rowe has been appointed as Director of Ministry (his role of Director of Accompanied Ministry Development will no longer exist).

Jonathan will continue to oversee Accompanied Ministry Development, and take on responsibility for Continuing Ministerial Development and the training of curates (Initial Ministerial Education Phase 2). He will also work on a wide range of ministry issues in Cornwall and with colleagues from the Diocese of Exeter plus undertake research and teaching for the benefit of the wider church.

# BISHOP TIM'S LETTER

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**BISHOP TIM**

I want to wish you all a very Happy New Year and pray that 2017 is a good year for you all. Clearly none of us knows what is in store, the future is the future, and no doubt many people are concerned still about some of the major shifts in the political climate that have happened and are still happening across the world. We live in troubling and troublesome times and when everything happens at such a pace it can be hard to make any sense of things. It is impossible to know what will unfold and we do sometimes need to take time to try and reflect on what is happening all around us.

I wanted therefore also to let you know that as we start this New Year I have chosen to take some time on study leave or, as it is sometime known I am taking a sabbatical. I will be away from the diocese from January until the end of March. I know all will be well here in the safe hands of Bishop Chris, the Archdeacons, the Dean and Esther, our Diocesan Secretary.

I am very fortunate to be able to take some time in the way that I am and realise how precious this is. I want therefore to try and make the most of it.

I will be reflecting on a number of things while I am away. Firstly, I want to spend time praying and thinking about what it means to be a bishop. Having done

the job, as it were, for 15 years now it seems that this is a good time to reflect a little on what it means and how it has changed and is changing. I chair a national committee of the Church of England which has responsibility for the development and appointment of bishops and other senior clergy. In this capacity I am heavily involved in shaping leadership development programmes and considering how we set in train processes to discern those who might become the senior leaders of the church in the future. I want to try and read and perhaps write about the role of a bishop and especially what it means to be a bishop in the church as we face challenging times.

I also want to do some further thinking and praying and writing about how the diocese might look in the future given the reducing number of stipendiary clergy, and the opportunities we have to shape things differently and the desire and plans we have to grow the church here in Cornwall. There are, of course, pressures on us, as upon all institutions, but I do think there are ways in which we can re shape how we respond to what is happening which will mean that we are more likely to be a growing and curious church in the future. The way we expect clergy to work and operate and the way we can enable all people to take hold fully of their discipleship will be areas that can develop and give us great opportunities in a number of ways.

Sabbatical or study leave gives me also time to pray and reflect more generally about what God is saying to me and hopefully to others. I am looking forward to taking time and making the most of this precious opportunity. As we start the New Year I hope that all of us might make some space to reflect and pray and take time. I recognise of course that not everyone can take the opportunity I have been given but it is important for all of us to ensure the busyness of the everyday does not stop us from considering our priorities and what God wants us to do and who he wants us to be.

## DIOCESAN DIRECTORY CHANGES & UPDATES

### Licensed Clergy

The **Revd Chris Parsons** was instituted and inducted as Vicar of Kenwyn with St Allen on 12 December 2016 (he was previously Priest in Charge).

The **Revd Juliet Williams** was licensed as Priest in Charge of Luxulyan and St Blazey on 14 December 2016. She continues as Priest in Charge of Boscoppa, ceasing to be Deanery Priest.

### Clergy with PTO

The **Revd John Barfoot** is now category B (previously A).

The **Revd David Wills** is now category C (previously B).

The **Revd Peter Bradford** is now category A (previously B).

The Revd Peter Blackwell-Smyth is now category A (previously B).

The Revd David Steven is now category B (previously A).

The Revd Michael Parsons\* has been given PTO category A.

### The following clergy no longer have PTO:

The **Revd Ron Lucas**

The **Revd Sue Shooter**

The **Revd John Pratt**

The **Revd David Arthur Woods**

### Clergy RiP

The **Revd Frank Chalk**, a retired clergyman from Penwith Deanery, sadly passed away on Monday 9 January 2017.

### Church House

The **Revd Canon Paul Arthur** has stood down from his work coordinating CMD (Continuing Ministerial Training) and looking after the training of curates (Initial Ministerial Education IME 4-7), and has been appointed Priest in Charge of Roche and Treverbyn as well as continuing in his current role in St Dennis.

**Dr Canon Jonathan Rowe** has now been appointed as Director of Ministry.

**Clare Jones** has decided to resign from her role as DAC & CBC Secretary effective 22 March.

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

## NEW CHAIR FOR CHURCH SAFEGUARDING PANEL

A former director of social services for Cornwall has been appointed chair of the diocesan safeguarding committee by the Bishop of Truro, the Right Reverend Tim Thornton. He takes over in the new year from Jane Sloan, who has chaired the safeguarding committee for more than five years.

**READ MORE** <http://tinyurl.com/hxmwh5q>

## MISSION CASE STUDY

# ST PETROC'S CHURCH SHARING AGREEMENT CONTINUES TO BE A SHINING EXAMPLE 5 YEARS ON

It has been nearly five years since the Anglican and Roman Catholic communities in Padstow made the decision to share St Petroc's Church and the arrangement is working better than anyone could have hoped for.

The town's Roman Catholic congregation had used St Petroc's Church for many summers when they outgrew their own church. However, it was following a survey on the Roman Catholic Church which highlighted that one side of the building was falling out and would need extensive work, that a conversation about sharing a church took place between St Petroc's Revd Canon Chris Malkinson and Father Keith Mitchell from the Catholic church.

St Petroc's is the only church this side of Gloucester that has this arrangement. Initially there were a number of legalities for both the Roman Catholic and Anglican Churches to work through, in particular with the Aumbry, a recessed cabinet Anglicans used for storing sacred vessels and the Tabernacle, a fixed box the Roman Catholic Church had. Although there are different teachings on the Blessed Sacrament, it was agreed both congregations would pray together before the Blessed Sacrament while respecting the different doctrines.

St Petroc's Anglican minister Revd Canon Chris Malkinson said: "The arrangement is absolutely perfect. There really haven't been any problems. You would think that there would be the occasional blip but we just haven't had any. I would definitely recommend it to any parishes in a similar situation."

He added: "I believe it has helped to give the Roman Catholic congregation a focus. They weren't able to keep their church open all day but we can at St Petroc's and they really appreciate being able to pray at any time of the day."



Father Ciaran McGuinness, from the Roman Catholic Church agrees. "I am absolutely delighted with the sharing arrangements at St Petroc's, Padstow. It is a wonderful privilege to be able to worship in such a beautiful and ancient church, knowing our ancestors in the faith have worshiped for centuries. It has brought us all closer together. We Catholics really appreciate the spirit of unity and fellowship in Padstow."

Revd Canon Chris Malkinson is also pleased with the arrangement both practically as well as spiritually. The Roman Catholic Church pay a sum each year which helps with the maintenance of the church and buildings, and having two congregations using the church means they have double the efforts for fundraising and community events.

Five years on the arrangement is continuing to work well and Revd Canon Chris says there have been surprisingly few problems. "In fact, throughout five years of the twice yearly council meetings, the only disagreement that has arisen was about a notice board!"

**READ MORE** <http://tinyurl.com/hjq9uyh>

### DAFFODIL FESTIVAL

The community of St Mawgan in Meneage are gearing up for their sixth biennial Daffodil Festival, which celebrates the delightful daffodil and will feature over 7000 variants of the flower. **READ MORE**

<http://tinyurl.com/hj2kfug>

## NEW GRANT OPPORTUNITY FOR ORGANISATIONS WORKING TO ADDRESS FAITH TENSIONS

A new Church Urban Fund (CUF) grant is available for local groups and organisations who are working to address recent and long entrenched tensions in local areas between faith and ethnic communities. The Common Good Fund has four key objectives:

- Creating a common agenda
- Promoting a sense of personal responsibility
- Increasing levels of participation and social cohesion
- Promoting an alternative to hate, intolerance, and prejudice

**READ MORE** <http://tinyurl.com/hegbcyg>

## AWARD TO CELEBRATE EXCELLENCE IN CONSERVATION AND REPAIR

The Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings (SPAB) is inviting entries for its annual award given in honour of Sir John Betjeman.

The award is given to celebrate excellence in the conservation and repair of places of worship of any faith in England and Wales. It recognises and rewards the highest standards of conservation craftsmanship and the winning project is publicised as an example to others of good practice. The Award is made for the repair or conservation of the fabric, fittings or furnishings of historic churches, chapels or other faith buildings in England or Wales, which remain in use for worship. For details of how to enter, visit <http://tinyurl.com/z2nsxxg>

The closing date is 21st February 2017.

## CHOIR SINGERS NEEDED

Singers are needed for the choir 'Cantate Domino', a small chamber choir specialising in singing at church services. They especially need tenors but enthusiastic and experienced singers in all parts are welcome. Rehearsals take place at 6pm in Lostwithiel. For more information, contact [angelina.edney@btinternet.com](mailto:angelina.edney@btinternet.com) or 07999 518584.

# TRAINING DAYS FOR PARISH OFFICERS IN 2017

“ A great opportunity for Churchwardens, PCC and DCC Treasurers, PCC and DCC Secretaries, PCC members, Parish Administrators, and anybody else interested in building their church to expand their knowledge and skills. ”



**BY ESTHER POLLARD**  
**DIOCESAN SECRETARY**

## Parish Officers' Training Days 2017

A morning and afternoon of talks, seminars, workshops, coffee, tea and pasties along with the opportunity to network with other PCC officers from across the diocese and staff from Church House.

It has been a few years since we have offered training days for parish officers, so we would like to invite you to attend our Parish Officers' Training Days in March and in September.

• Saturday 11 March, at Bodmin College  
From 10am to 3:30pm

• Saturday 2 September at Truro College  
from 10am to 3:30pm

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 to help you in your vital and valued contributions to your parish ministry.

This is a great opportunity for Churchwardens, PCC and DCC Treasurers, PCC and DCC Secretaries, PCC members, Parish Administrators, and anybody else interested in building their church to expand their knowledge and skills.

Attendees will have a chance to hear from the Archdeacons of Bodmin and Cornwall, The Ven Audrey Elkington and The Ven Bill Stuart-White and participate in seminars and attend workshops on a range of subjects including:

- Responsibilities and duties of Churchwardens
- Fostering good practice in parish finance
- Making your building work for your ministry
- Cultivating Generosity
- Ways to improve Church Communications
- Safeguarding for a safer church

These days are open to existing and potential future Parish Officers. Because places are limited we will be using an online booking system and we will provide details of this soon.

Esther Pollard, Diocesan Secretary

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### FEBRUARY 2017

**2 - 16 Crafting the Cathedral** Truro Cathedral, <http://tinyurl.com/hugj84p>

**3 Prayer Workshop** Epiphany House, 10am - 4pm. Cost £18 <http://tinyurl.com/j5t6us2>

**4 Open Day for prospective students** Trinity College, Bristol. Contact [n.willcocks@trinitycollegebristol.ac.uk](mailto:n.willcocks@trinitycollegebristol.ac.uk)

**8 What do you need to know about Dementia?** Eglosayle Church, Wadebridge, 7.30pm

**11 Taize Service** Epiphany House, 7pm.

**13 - 16 Half Term Fun** Truro Cathedral

**18 - 20 Daffodil Festival** St Mawgan in Meneage Church, 10.30am - 4.30pm

**18 The Grace Notes Concert** St Endellion Church, 7.30pm, [www.endellionta.org.uk](http://www.endellionta.org.uk)

**18 The Grenaways Concert** Illogan Parish Church, 7.30pm. Call 07798 630475.

**24 Preparation for Lent** Epiphany House, 10am - 4pm, £18 including light lunch and drinks, [info@epiphanyhouse.co.uk](mailto:info@epiphanyhouse.co.uk)

**27 Window into the English Bible** Truro Cathedral Office, 10am, 2pm Or 7.30pm, £12 per course, [www.trurocathedral.org.uk](http://www.trurocathedral.org.uk)

**28 Big Pancake Parties - Churches Urban Fund**, Churches asked to participate. <http://tinyurl.com/jcbbnya>

**28 Friends of Truro Cathedral Fundraiser with BBC's Donna Birrell** Cathedral Restaurant, Truro Cathedral, Tickets £10 including supper, <http://tinyurl.com/jvcxz8v>

Further events can be found at <http://www.trurodiocese.org.uk/events/>

## 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

**IN FOCUS** <http://tinyurl.com/hs9yasq>

**IN REVIEW** <http://tinyurl.com/zftsh84>

**GO CHATTER** <http://tinyurl.com/jbgfdbz>

**SRO NEWS** <http://tinyurl.com/h2efbuu>

**WATCH THE GIVING FOR LIFE VIDEO**

<http://tinyurl.com/z975rg5>

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