

# OUR NEWS

## NOVEMBER 2017

### LENT LOVE LETTERS 2018: TAKE THE BISHOP'S CHALLENGE

“ By this they will know that you are my disciples, that you love one another. ”

John 13

For Lent 2018, Bishop Chris will be challenging all of us to write letters of love.

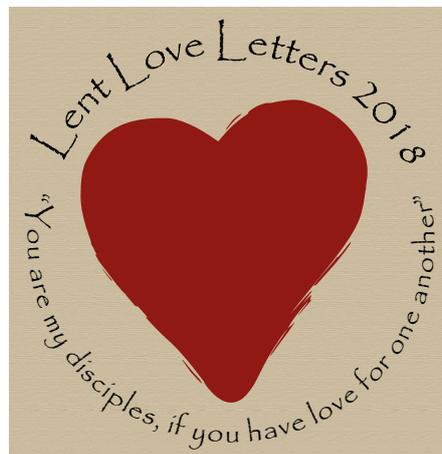
Building on the One Body theme from the 2017 diocesan roadshows, the aim of this 2018 Lent Challenge is to get us all thinking of the bonds that join us as disciples of Jesus Christ.

We are members together of the body of Christ and one part of the body cannot truly flourish unless the rest does so. One part cannot simply reject another part or be careless of it, for to do so would be to reject Christ living among us.

We know that as Christians we are called to love beyond the community of the church, even our enemies. This Lent, in obedience to Jesus' prayer for unity, we are asked to express our love for each other.

The love letters will remind those of us writing them and those of us receiving them of how much we mean to one another.

Bishop Chris will be writing his own love letters and it is hoped you will all join in.



There is no right or wrong way to write a letter. While you can email, there's something special and lasting about putting pen to paper. The letters can be displayed like bunting in your church or kept private.

Jesus was serious about love and so are we. We all know how easy it is to grow apart. These letters just remind us that we depend on one another.

**Resources will be available on the diocesan website from January 2018.**

### LAST CHANCE TO ENJOY DIOCESAN ROADSHOW

The last of this year's hugely successful diocesan roadshows will take place on Tuesday (October 31) in Trispen.

Trispen will be the last chance to take part and see what everyone is raving about.

The roadshows have been 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

Diocesan Roadshow, St Erme Community Centre, Trispen.

(Please don't follow your SATNAV!)

### DIOCESAN SYNOD

The last diocesan synod of the year takes place on November 4 at County Hall in Truro.

Starting at 9.30am, the meeting is scheduled to include a report on the work of the Diocesan Board of Education as well as an update from the Safeguarding Advisory Panel following a recent Social Care Institute for Excellence (SCIE) Audit. Other items include updates on the Environmental strategy, Transforming Mission, the Never Alone working party and the Bishop's Diocesan Council.

Members will also see a presentation about a new way of allocating the Mission and Ministry Fund (MMF) including principles and a timetable for action.

Members of the public are welcome to sit in the gallery during the meeting.

# SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY LETTER

“ With Christmas just around the corner there are a number of things you can do to help those in our communities who are struggling. From the Christmas Giving Catalogue and Cornish Christmas Boxes to Night Shelter and Foodbank volunteering, there’s plenty you can do to make Christmas special for someone this year. ”

## REVD ANDREW YATES

With Christmas just eight weeks away and shops filling up with seasonal offerings, people are starting to think about looking for that perfect gift.

Rather than giving another pair of socks which may never be worn, why not do something good for the community?

The Cornish Christmas Giving Catalogue features 20 charitable organisations, who are all working in Cornwall to provide advice, assistance, support and much more, to people in the local community.

You choose the ‘Gift’ and in return you will receive a certificate to pass on to your family member or friend. Gifts start from just £1.

Among the charities featured are homelessness groups such as St Petroc’s and Cosgarne, and Mental Health Projects such as Sea Sanctuary. New this year are the YMCA, Cornwall Refugee Resettlement Network ‘Chy Sawel’ and Prayer Shawls as well as all the food banks across Cornwall.

The catalogue will be available in the next few weeks via [www.trurodiocese.org.uk](http://www.trurodiocese.org.uk) or [cornwallindependentpovertyforum.wordpress.com/cornish-christmas-giving/](http://cornwallindependentpovertyforum.wordpress.com/cornish-christmas-giving/)



or a hard copy can be ordered from Church House by calling 01872 274351.

Or if you prefer a more ‘hands on’ approach, St Petroc’s Society needs volunteers to help and assist with the cold weather provision which is offered via the winter night shelter in Truro.

This is vital work – and without volunteers it could not happen.

Volunteers are needed from December to February, not just over Christmas.

The role of the Cold Weather Provision is to work with individuals who are homeless during the coldest months of winter while assisting them to

identify their support and housing needs, advocating for them and helping them to access services.

We have a variety of roles we require support with over the winter period this year which require different skills and personalities, and which are available at different times of day and night.

Those aged 18 and over who are interested in volunteering need to contact Lois Wild, Volunteer Coordinator at St Petroc’s Society.  
**E** [lois.wild@stpetrocs.org.uk](mailto:lois.wild@stpetrocs.org.uk)  
**T** 01872 260948/07484 069165.  
**W** [www.stpetrocs.org.uk](http://www.stpetrocs.org.uk)

## GIVE A GIFT LOCALLY - THE CORNISH CHRISTMAS BOX

In 2016 257 boxes were donated to local people in difficult circumstances in Cornwall. Each box contains the items needed to provide a Christmas lunch (plus a few little extras) for a family of four to six people.

This year the boxes will be distributed by Cornwall Council’s Children’s Early Help, Social Care and Psychology Service

to families in need. Boxes collected in a particular area will be distributed in that area. Drop off points are listed on the website along with more information about what to add or not. The drop off deadline is December 12.

**MORE INFORMATION**  
[cornwallchristmasbox.co.uk/](http://cornwallchristmasbox.co.uk/)

## DIOCESAN DIRECTORY CHANGES & UPDATES

### Licensed Clergy

**The Revd Dom Jones** has moved out of the Diocese and is no longer Associate Priest of the Eight Saints Cluster (Devoran, Feock, St Stithians with Perranarworthal and Gwennap; Chacewater with St Day and Carharrack).

**The Revd David Stevens\*** is no longer Rural Dean of Penwith. The Revd Canon Vanda Perrett\* has taken on this role.

**The Revd Ken Boullier\*** has resigned as Rural Dean of Powder deanery as from 30 September. The post is currently vacant.

**The Revd Philip Greenhalgh\*** has been licensed as Priest in Charge of Veryan with Ruan Lanihorne.

**The Revd Elly Sheard\*** has resigned as an Assistant Curate of the Eight Saints Cluster (Devoran, Feock, St Stithians with Perranarworthal and Gwennap; Chacewater with St Day and Carharrack). She has been licensed as a Public Preacher in the diocese.

**The Revd Jo Mulliner\*** has been licensed as Team Vicar for Mission in the Redruth Team Ministry and the Deanery of Carnmarth North.

**The Revd Steve Morgan\*** has been inducted as Rector of Liskeard and St Keyne; he is currently Priest-in-Charge of the benefice.

**The Revd Michael Goodland\***, Vicar of St Germans, has moved out of the diocese ahead of his official retirement (October 31).

### Clergy RIP

Sadly the **Revd Fr Christopher Reeves** died on October 1. Fr Christopher held posts in the diocese of Bath and Wells, the Diocese of Europe and the Diocese of Chelmsford before retiring in 1997. He then held Permission to Officiate in Truro diocese for several years.

### PTO

**The Revd Chloe Jones** has been given PTO in this diocese.

**The Revd David Daley\*** has been given Permission to Officiate in this diocese

**The Revd Harold Stribley** no longer has Permission to Officiate in this diocese.

**The Revd Preb Gorran Chapman** no longer has Permission to Officiate in this diocese.

\* Contact details can be found in the online directory

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

## #GODWITHUS

The Church of England’s  
2017 Christmas Campaign

### MORE INFORMATION

[churchofengland.org/media-centre/christmas-2017-godwithus.aspx](http://churchofengland.org/media-centre/christmas-2017-godwithus.aspx)

## TRANSFORMING MISSION

# CAFÉ MANAGERS GEAR UP FOR HUDDLE LAUNCH NEXT MONTH

Bianca and Matt Parry are the new managers of Huddle, a café due to open next month on the main street in Falmouth, just below Church of King Charles the Martyr. If you know Falmouth, you'll know exactly where it is – right in the corner where Church Street meets Arwenack Street, the main shopping thoroughfare in Falmouth. You might even say it sits like a cornerstone.

They have lots of wonderful stories to share about their faith and their journey with God and, sitting with them discussing their plans for the café, it's impossible not to warm to the couple and know that Cornwall has been richly blessed by God sending them to us.

Married with three small children, Matt is originally from Wales and Bianca from Croydon. They'd made their home in Caterham before leaving everything behind at the end of this summer. "We were very comfortable – close family nearby, good jobs, schools and amazing church – but we felt God had something up His sleeve!" says Bianca. Both say they knew at the beginning of this year that change was in the air, that God had plans but they had no idea at the time what those plans might be.

"It was amazing," says Matt, "so many people took us aside and said they felt God was prompting us to prepare for change. We just said, OK Lord we're open and available."

"We even started to sort out our house – clear the loft, de-clutter, streamline our lives I guess, so that we would be ready if the time came," says Bianca. And come it did in the shape of the position as café



managers at Huddle as part of the hugely exciting Transforming Mission Cornwall. "Moving to Cornwall is like our wildest dream come true", says Matt. "I holidayed here every year as a child and pretty much every year since we've been married – we are blown away that we are actually living here!"

Being café managers does little to describe the job that is evolving around them. Huddle will be a key part in the Transforming Mission programme. It will be the aptly positioned cornerstone that will not just reach out to students and the people of Falmouth, but hopes to provide the means to unite and create opportunities for multi-generational fellowship.

They'd also like the café to be the first venue in Falmouth to go plastic free. "That would be amazing. We're looking into the feasibility of it," says Bianca who used to work for Christian Aid and knows all about the impact and shame of waste in the world.

The couple's zest for life and enthusiasm for the tasks ahead is infectious.

**READ MORE**  
[www.trurodiocese.org.uk/](http://www.trurodiocese.org.uk/)

## VOCATIONS: HELPING PEOPLE TO MAKE GOOD CHOICES

The array of choices open to young people can be bewildering for them, weighing up whether to continue in education or venture into the world of work.

Add to that mix a sense of a calling to do God's work, but not knowing quite what that means in practical terms, and it can be

difficult for individuals to know quite which route to take.

Theology student Jemima Bush has recently completed an internship at Church House, to try and help her make some of these decisions.

She talks about what she has learned, and the choices she still has to make, in this [article](#).



## PLEDGE NINE: HOLIDAY PLANNING TIME!

**Pledge Nine: I pledge to reduce my holiday air miles by 50%.**

Rebecca Evans, Parish Support and Schools Advisor, shares her experience of Pledge 9: "In March, we opted for a 'stay-cation' and decided to find somewhere unique to stay. On board a railway carriage in Hayle was perfect and we got to explore a part of Cornwall we had not visited much before. For any rail enthusiasts; I would highly recommend our holiday destination: <http://www.railholiday.co.uk/>

*As we journey through the 10 pledges I'd like to encourage everyone to think about a different sort of sustainable holiday this year."*

Diocesan Environment Officer Luci Isaacson says: "This is a great example of love in action as we consider the very easy actions we can take to celebrate and care for creation.

"Climate change is affecting everyone and senior policy advisers will be asking everyone to play their part in the Government's 25 Year Environment Plan shortly (due November), as advised this September by the Natural Capital Committee. It is worth getting ahead now and ensuring the whole diocesan community are active and whole while they can. It's also a chance to relish and rapidly consider the opportunity to grow the church through the many operations involved with climate change and resilience to come.

"Please pray for the three cyclists who set off from Truro Cathedral in October, on a journey to deliver the Carbon Logic report to the COP23 UN climate change conference in Bonn, Germany. The next round of climate change talks will take place in Bonn from November 6-17 this year.

Euan McPhee from Falmouth said: "Having cycled to Paris two years ago to express support for the climate change agreement, we need to maintain the pressure to match, if not exceed, the targets that have been agreed. We owe it to our children and to all the other species."

# WE ARE PROUD TO BE PART OF THE PARISH GIVING SCHEME - WHY NOT JOIN US?

REBECCA EVANS  
PARISH SUPPORT ADVISOR

“ The Parish Giving Scheme is fast becoming the preferred method of giving across the Church of England. With 20 dioceses now part of the scheme and more signed up to launch in 2018, this tax efficient system is proving extremely popular and looks set to help us go some way to preventing static giving in years to come.

Within the Diocese of Truro there are parishes within every deanery signed up to using PGS. In fact, over £55,000 a month is now being paid into church bank accounts across the diocese. In August 2017 the average weekly donation through PGS (including gift aid) reached £18.30. With more than half of donors opting to increase their giving in line with inflation, PGS is serving as a regular reminder of our stewardship commitments.

The Parish Giving Scheme works most effectively as a tool to enable stewardship as part of a wider programme within the local church. From the administrative centre there is no pressure exerted on those using the scheme to increase their gifts or to suggest what their gift should be; it is simply a mechanism for enabling the gift to be made.

It is not too late to join the Parish Giving Scheme and as Parish Support Advisors, Liz and I continue to give regular



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presentations to parishes explaining how the system works and helping churches to sign up. In addition, we have been helping some parishes explain to their congregations what PGS is and how being part of it can help their local church, thus increasing the number of donors using PGS within a given parish. Both of us also make our offerings through Parish Giving Scheme and can share our personal experiences of the system.”

#### MORE INFORMATION

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### OCTOBER

**27 - 29 Refresh Weekend**, Epiphany House, 10am - 4pm  
**28 Reflective Day 'The Unicorn in Christian Spirituality'**, St Minver Church, PL27 6QH, 10am - 3pm;  
**30 Windows into the Christian Faith: Holy Communion**, £12, Pearson Room, Cathedral Office, Truro, 10am - 12noon, 2-4pm, 7.30-9.30pm;  
**31 Diocesan Roadshow**, St Erme Community Centre, Trispen, 7-9pm;

### NOVEMBER

**3 - 4 Enneagram & the Spiritual Journey, A workshop** led by Revd. Dr David Rake, Epiphany House, £35. More information & to book info@epiphanyhouse.co.uk or 01872 272249.  
**4 Martin Luther talk**, St Tudy Church, 2:30pm  
**4 Galini Piano Trio**, St Endellion Church, 7:30pm, £5  
**5 The Outgoing God course with Revd Canon David White**, Old Cathedral School, Truro, 7.30pm. To book 01872 276782  
**8 Sustainability Workshop**, St Agnes Eco Park, £10, 1pm, book via hello@st-agnes.com  
**10 Truro Cathedral choir concert**, St Tudy Church, 7:30pm  
**12 Remembrance Sunday services**  
**16 Soup'a Thursday**, Lanlivery Church, 12.30pm - 2pm, all welcome  
**18 Winter Fayre**, St Anta Church, Carbis Bay, 10.30am - 1.30pm  
**18 Christmas Fair**, Goran Church, 10am - 3pm  
**19 Taize Service**, St Endellion Church, 6pm  
**19 Taize Service**, St Thomas' Church, Launceston, 6pm  
**24 Flats and Sharps**, St Endellion Church, 7:30pm, £10  
**25 Fairtrade Christmas Fair**, St Gerrans Church, Portscatho, 10am - 2.30pm  
**25 Remembering our loved ones service**, Lelant Village Hall, 4pm  
**25 Light Bearers Training Day**, 10.30am - 3pm, Redruth Baptist Church, learn how to spread the Good News. Book via f.bray11@btinternet.com or andrew.chapple56@icloud.com  
**30 Christmas Bazaar**, Lanlivery Parish Church, 12 noon to 4pm

### DECEMBER

**2 Advent & Resurrection Reflective Day with Canon Mark Chapman**, St Endellion Church, 10am, £10, book [www.endellionta.org.uk](http://www.endellionta.org.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.

## USEFUL LINKS

**DOTCANDY** [trurodiocese.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/October-2017.pdf](http://trurodiocese.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/October-2017.pdf)  
**SRO NEWS** [trurodiocese.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/SRO-Newsletter-November-2017.pdf](http://trurodiocese.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/SRO-Newsletter-November-2017.pdf)  
**PRAYER DIARY** [trurodiocese.org.uk/faith/prayer-diary/](http://trurodiocese.org.uk/faith/prayer-diary/)  
**CoFE DAILY PRAYER** [churchofengland.org/prayer-worship/join-us-in-daily-prayer.aspx](http://churchofengland.org/prayer-worship/join-us-in-daily-prayer.aspx)

## SEVEN READERS LICENSED IN OCTOBER



Nina Batley, Robert Terry, Sheri Sturgess, Rebecca Greenough, Jane Darlington, Keith Waters and Sally Piper with Bishop Chris on the steps of Truro Cathedral after their licensing in October.

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