

New Bishop of St Germans announced by Downing Street

Downing Street has this morning announced that the next Bishop of St Germans is to be the Revd James Treasure.

James was ordained priest in 2017 and was previously a leader in a free church before his move back to the Church of England. He brings with him a wealth of experience in community engagement and growing congregations.

From 2018, James served as Vicar and Resource Church Leader at St Thomas and St Luke's (locally known as "Top Church") in Dudley. In this capacity, he spearheaded a major redevelopment and mission project, supported by significant grant funding, to revitalise the historic Grade II* listed building and expand its parish outreach.

In 2023, James was also appointed Team Rector for the wider Dudley parish. In this role, he maintained responsibility for four additional churches while continuing his leadership at St Thomas and St Luke's.

James is married to Esther, who is a curate, and they have three young adult sons.

James said: "I am absolutely delighted to be joining the Diocese of Truro, the land of the saints, at this exciting time and cannot wait to discover all that God is doing amongst you! I am especially looking forward to discovering more of the beauty of the Church across our diocese - in its worship, its communities, and its faithful presence in every place."

Welcoming his appointment, the Bishop of Truro, the Rt Revd David Williams, said: "I am so pleased to welcome James here as bishop-designate of St Germans. We are looking forward to James, Esther and their family joining us later this year.

"James has spent his whole working life in church leadership and will bring significant pastoral, preaching and strategic gifts to our team. I am delighted we have discerned a call for him and his family here."

James and his family will move to live in the Diocese of Truro in Spring. He will be consecrated as a Bishop on May 1 in St Paul's Cathedral, London, after which he will formally be welcomed to the diocese and will take up his seat in Truro Cathedral in a service on May 10 at 4.30pm. All are welcome. Further details will be available in the coming weeks.