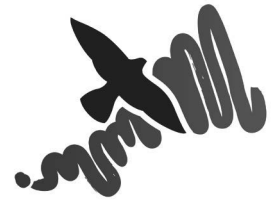


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WELCOME TO OUR NEW DEACONS AND PRIESTS

The annual Petertide Ordinations, which took place later at Truro Cathedral over the weekend, saw 11 people ordained as Deacons and two as priests.

Of the 11 ordained as Deacon, four are now beginning their journeys as stipendiary ministers and the remaining seven are self-supporting ordained ministers.

The Friday evening service was lead by the Bishop of Truro, the Rt Revd David Williams and the Saturday morning service saw the new Bishop of St Germans, the Rt Revd James Treasure take his first ordination service.

ORDAINED DEACON

Mrs Lynne Ashley-Emery to serve as Stipendiary Assistant Curate in the Clay to Coast Benefice.

Mr Roy Cooper to serve as Self Supporting Assistant Curate in the Benefice of the Callington Cluster.

Mr Peter Croft to serve as Self Supporting Assistant Curate in the Looe Valley Benefice

Mr Joel Dougan-Davies to serve as Stipendiary Assistant Curate in the Benefice of Towan Blystra and the



Benefice of St Wenn and Withiel.

Mrs Janet Fisher to serve as Self Supporting Assistant Curate in the Camel-Allen Benefice.

Mr Jason Hoole-Jackson to serve as Self Supporting Assistant Curate in the Benefice of Camborne, Tuckingmill and Penponds.

Mr Nicholas Johnson to serve as Stipendiary Assistant Curate in the Mission Initiative known as St Gregory's Church

Mrs Elizabeth Lane to serve as Self Supporting Assistant Curate in the Benefice of St Neot and Warleggan

Mrs Lydia Remick to serve as Self Supporting Assistant Curate in the Lann Pydar Benefice.

Mrs Esther Sardar to serve as Stipendiary Assistant Curate in the Benefice of Redruth.

Dr Hannah Wicks to serve as Self Supporting Assistant Curate in the Benefice of the Boscastle Group of Churches

ORDAINED PRIEST

The Revd Erica Payne serving as Stipendiary Assistant Curate in the Benefice of St Kea.

The Revd Ian Dawes serving as Stipendiary Assistant Curate in the Benefice of the North Cornwall Cluster of Churches.

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HISTORICAL ADOPTIONS

Following the Church of England's **apology** for its role in post-war historical adoption practices today, the Diocese of Truro has released the following statement.

The Diocese of Truro acknowledges the deep and lasting impact of historic adoption practices and the experience of mothers and babies connected to former mother and baby homes in Cornwall.

We recognise that, for many, these experiences were marked by trauma, loss, stigma and a lack of choice. We are profoundly sorry for the pain that has been caused to individuals, families and communities.

The diocese is committed to supporting individuals who are searching for information about their own histories, or those of family members. We encourage anyone affected to come forward, and we will do our best to assist by listening with compassion and respect, helping to locate any records held within diocesan archives or parish collections, signposting to appropriate support organisations, including counselling and specialist advisory services and working collaboratively with local authorities and other record-holding bodies.

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NEW OFFICERS BRING EXPERIENCE TO SHARE

During May and June, the Church House team has welcomed two new members of staff.

Miranda Bird has joined as the new Church Buildings Support Officer, replacing Faye Edwardes, and **Sarah Robinson** has joined the safeguarding team as Assistant Diocesan Safeguarding Officer with responsibility for Truro Cathedral.

Both bring a wealth of experience to their roles.

Kate Cortez has taken on the temporary role as Acting Diocesan Secretary following the departure of Revd Canon Simon Cade.

Contact information for the Church House team is available on the diocesan website [here](#).



LAY MINISTERS CELEBRATED

Truro Cathedral was the venue for the annual Lay Ministry Service on Sunday which saw 36 people commissioned or recommissioned as Local Worship Leaders, Local Pastoral Ministers, Local Lay Pioneers and Local Lay Leaders.

Redruth Team Ministry welcomed seven people as Local Worship Leaders with the remain 10 coming from Roseland Benefice, Kerrier deanery, Dodman Cross Benefice, Lann Pydar Benefice, Towan Blystra Benefice and Callington Cluster.

Saltash Area Ministry welcomed four people as Local Pastoral Ministers, another three came from The Benefice of Padstow Churches and the remaining two came from The Upper Fal Parishes and Fowey. Hedy Hodson from St Gregory's in Newquay was licensed as a Local Lay Pioneer and nine people from Week St Mary, St Columb Minor and Colan, South Hill, Philleigh, Linkinhorne, Mullion, and St Mawgan in Pydar were recommissioned as Local Lay Leaders.

All were commissioned or recommissioned by the Rt Revd David Williams, Bishop of Truro. The Rt Revd James Treasure, Bishop of St Germans, gave the sermon, with the Venerable Clive Hogger, Archdeacon of Cornwall,

leading the renewal of commitment. Reflecting the purpose of the service, some of the lay people played an additional role by giving the readings and leading prayers. Newly commissioned Local Lay Pioneer Hedy Hodson spoke to tell her story of how she was drawn to pioneering before those being commissioned and recommissioned received certificates and small wooden crosses.

Lindsey Morgan Lundie, Pioneer Network Facilitator, said: "The service was a wonderful celebration for all lay commissioned roles. We were delighted to hear Hedy talk about how her faith journey and how the CMS course has helped her understand her vocation further recently facilitating a new venture of Muddy Church that five new families attending."

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BISHOP JAMES CELEBRATES SLUGS AND SNAILS!

Slugs and snails are being championed in the diocese after the new suffragan Bishop of St Germans shared his views on them to BBC Radio 2 listeners during Churches Count on Nature Week.

The Rt Revd James Treasure has also been talking about the importance of biodiversity in a recent **Pause for Thought** piece recorded for BBC Radio 2 in the run up to World Environment Day.

The bishop admitted he had surprised himself by starting to enjoy gardening but had also discovered slugs were enjoying his hostas.

He told BBC Radio 2 listeners: "I did a bit of research about these slimy visitors.

"I expected to find reasons to dislike them. Instead, I discovered that slugs do quite a lot of good. They are breaking down dead plant materials, they provide food for birds, hedgehogs, frogs and other wildlife.

"They are part of the complicated web of life that help an eco-system flourish, so it made me see them differently."

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VOLUNTEER GROUP CARE FOR NATURE AND GRAVEYARD

A volunteer environmental group working to improve its village has been offered use of a listed building which was recently given a £22,000 revamp.

Members of Probus Environmental Action Team (PEAT) have been doing their bit to manage the local churchyard, tidy up and support green spaces in Probus. The group, which formed three years ago, has also been involved in fundraising to help renovate the Sexton Hut in St Probus Church yard.

Restoration of the listed building, which has been derelict for more than 30 years, cost about £22,000 – and now PEAT members are to use it as their headquarters.

Nick Lauder, chair of PEAT, said Steve Dalton, who started the PEAT group three years ago before passing away, was instrumental in securing a grant for the restoration of the building.

The total came from fundraising, grants including the Benefact Trust and The Lottery Community Fund, Probus church funds, a legacy and donations from the congregation and wider Probus community.

Nick said: “£22,000 was raised to restore the Sexton Hut and a window will now be installed which we are hoping will be dedicated to Steve.”

Nick said one PEAT project is creating a ‘dead hedge’, which uses storm-fallen trees and branches to create a new hedge to entice wildlife. He said: “When we started this hedge in September/October time, we totalled up 38 new nests, we are hoping this year we will have some nice baby birds.”

PEAT group members also work clearing the church yard to make the area more accessible. Nick said: “We are also restoring old graves too. We take the weeds off and make sure people can see the graves and read who they are. We have done between 60-70 graves, which is about six to eight a day. It takes around 40 mins a grave.”

Sharon Willoughby, Diocesan Environment Officer, said: “PEAT is a great example of a church based environmental action group making a really positive impact in their community.”

MPS LISTEN TO CHILDREN’S ECO CONCERNS

Eco-conscious pupils from across the Diocese of Truro are connecting with MPs and other officials to discuss their environmental concerns.

Children from 10 church schools, who are also members of their primary’s eco clubs, have united to create a ‘super community’ affectionately known as ‘Speak Up Saviours’.

They have been working with charity Hope for the Future to write a manifesto for a better tomorrow as part of the diocese’s Speak Up campaign.

Clare Green, the diocese’s Schools’ Creation Care Officer, said pupils have been learning how to effectively bring their generation’s important issues to those in power.

As well as the manifesto, they have

been writing persuasive letters – resulting in a number of meetings arranged with MPs.

Clare says: “With Hope for the Future, the children developed questions they could ask, and I arranged for each of them, from the 10 schools, to go and present the manifesto to various different people in power.”

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MY FAITH HAS BECOME DEEPER OVER THE YEARS

An invitation to an early morning Service of Communion turned into a life-changing moment for The Revd Dr Adam Dunning.

In his 20s, Adam, now The Strategic Rural Dean (SRD) for Cam Marth South Deanery and Rector of the Falmouth Benefice, was aiming to become a barrister until a friend invited him to attend a church service with a free breakfast afterwards.



Adam was raised in the West Midlands to parents who went to a Methodist church. As a child he attended a Roman Catholic primary school where attendance at Mass was part of the weekly routine. But in his childhood and teenage years, Christianity was more of an intellectual subject for him than a personal, emotional truth.

Adam left home to attend Oxford University and study a degree in Philosophy and Theology. He recalls: “When I was in my second year of study, a friend of mine asked, ‘do you want to come to my College’s Chapel service?’ I laughed at him and said no. I then asked what time the service was. He said 8am and I laughed even louder. But then he told me there was a three-course served breakfast afterwards.

“When I arrived, the priest saw me as I walked in through the door. He said, ‘you are Adam, your friend said you would be here.’”

That morning, it was a Service of Communion. Having been confirmed at 14, he chose to take part. He says: “I remember him standing in front of me and presenting me with the chalice of wine. He looked into my eyes and said, ‘this is the blood of Christ shed for you, Adam.’”

“That priest didn’t know me, but here he was welcoming me and using my name at the communion rail. It was as if he was fusing me and my life with something cosmic – the love and sacrifice of Jesus Christ.”

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MY JOB IS TO GIVE BACK IN A DEEPLY CHRISTIAN WAY

Being a Christian 'is a verb, not a noun,' says Lee Moscato, Diocesan Director of Education, who sees his role to help many flourish.

Education has been a constant in Lee's life and he always knew it was the path he wanted to follow.

He explains: "I did work experience at a primary school and haven't done anything else since but live and work in and around schools.

"I remember two or three people, who I am still close friends with today, telling me 'I think you have the thing it takes – you need to be a teacher.'"

After 25 years of teaching, and most recently leading as Headteacher of King Charles Church of England School in

Falmouth, Lee now works for the Diocese of Truro as the Director of Education. He sees it as a role where he can 'give back,' after all the support he's received, to encourage the next generation of teachers and pupils.

"I can use my role to nurture the God given gifts of others," he says. "Just as others have done for me."

Born and raised in Cornwall, Lee lived in Redruth for much of his childhood. When his parents separated, he moved to some other parts of Cornwall but throughout the moves he remembers he was never short of friends and was surrounded by people who loved Jesus.

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PEOPLE'S EMERGENCY BRIEFING SCREENING

The Old Cathedral School in Truro hosted a booked-out screening of the People's Emergency Briefing – a film created to highlight the urgency and scale of the climate crisis.

The film was shown to more than 40 people, including nine volunteer Creation Care Champions from parish churches across the diocese which ran the event.

Screenings are being shown across the country to highlight facts about the current climate crisis and how people can respond.

The film is described in the National Emergency Briefings A call to Action for churches document as 'powerful and potentially shocking'.

Revd Duncan Petty, PTO, who attended the screening, said: "I thought the film,

which I saw twice, was a very thought provoking and challenging video encouraging people to respond both personally and through campaigning for a national discussion."

Dr Sharon Willoughby, Diocesan Environmental Officer, said: "My sense was, the room was engaged with the film and clearly listening to each other during the discussion. Some people mentioned that they felt re-energised by the experience. I hope that many new positive actions will flow from this screening – I feel hopeful they will. This event felt like important step towards the Diocese of Truro's 'Speak Up' mission."

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16TH MEET THE FUNDERS EVENT TAKES PLACE

Churches, charities and organisation members looking for grants and lessons on how to submit funding bids attended the 16th annual Meet the Funders event in Truro.

More than 100 people gathered at St Erme Community Centre to hear presentations from funders including Cornwall Nature Recovery Fund and Cornwall Historic Churches Trust.

Organised by Transformation Cornwall and jointly funded with Diocese of Truro, the day was officially opened by Truro Mayor, Chris Wells.

Attendees could browse stalls offering information, listen to talks and attend an afternoon workshop.

Funding is often seen as a vital part of working towards deanery plan targets.

Clinton Sealy, from Transformations Cornwall and Diocese of Truro, says he's seen 'strong engagement' from churches and community groups attending, and increased interest in exploring funding opportunities following the sessions.

"Several churches have commented that the event helped demystify the funding landscape and gave them greater confidence to pursue opportunities they may not previously have considered."

Paul Phillips, Diocese of Truro's Social Responsibility Officer, said: "The 2026 edition of Meet the Funders was yet another triumph. Following on from a slight change in focus last year, this year things felt already natural and easy to engage with. I had some good conversations with people and was able to help make some good connections and was so pleased to see an atmosphere of collaboration and of action.

"Meet the Funders is not another talking shop, it is a place where action begins."

CREATION CARE NETWORK USEFUL LINKS

The next Creation Care Network gathering is on July 9, from 10am.

All are via the [Zoom link](#).

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