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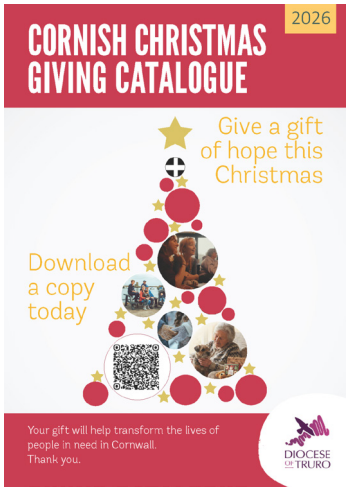
THE CHRISTMAS GIVING CATALOGUE IS OUT NOW!

The 2026 Cornish Christmas Giving Catalogue is out now!

This year 20 local groups and charities providing much-needed help in the community feature in the catalogue.

People can donate as much or as little as they would like. Items listed range from £5, for things such as a full hot breakfast and unlimited hot drinks, up to £90 for therapy sessions.



Rt Revd James Treasure, Bishop of St Germans, and Revd Canon Ali Hogger Gadsby, Interim Dean of Truro, have contributed to the introduction pages too.

Rosey Sanders, Operations and Project Assistant at Diocese of Truro, says she is thrilled the diocese is able to produce the catalogue again this year.

She said: "We know from previous experience, the people of Cornwall's wonderful generosity will continue as they think of others less fortunate at Christmas time."

Paul Phillips, Social Responsibility Officer at Diocese of Truro, said: "The Cornish Christmas Giving Catalogue is an opportunity to share the good will of this Christmas season with those charities across Cornwall who do such important work all year.

"Without these organisations, people could go hungry, be excluded from society and forgotten.

"Living in Cornwall, we are indebted to these groups.

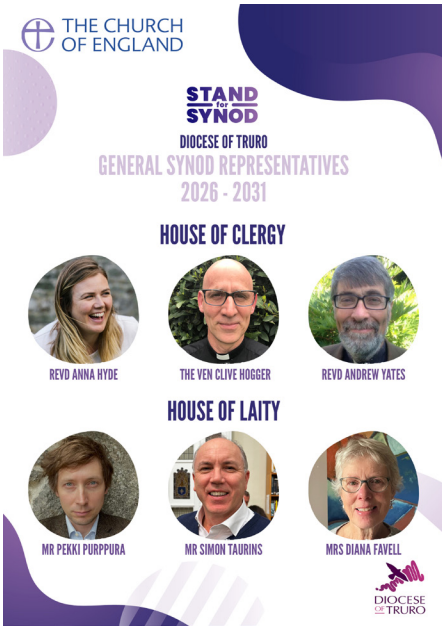
"I hope, despite the challenges we all face with the cost of living, war on our doorstep and many other things, we will still be able to bless and support these charities this Christmas time."

Rebecca Evans, Accompanied Ministry Development Lead, said: "We're delighted to be launching this year's Cornish Christmas Giving Catalogue. It is a wonderful opportunity to buy a Christmas present which helps to support our local communities. Even if you are not thinking of buying a gift, I'd encourage you to look through the catalogue and read about the amazing work that takes place to support those in need."

HOW IT WORKS

Select one (or more) of the organisations in the catalogue and decide how much you wish to donate, then either order by post or online. The deadline for postal orders is December 17 and the deadline for online orders is December 23. Donations will still be accepted up to January 8, 2027.

For more information or to request a printed catalogue email cornish.christmasgiving@trurodiocese.org.uk or call 01872 274351.



NEW DIOCESAN GENERAL SYNOD REPS ELECTED

The General Synod election results for the Diocese of Truro are now available.

The Revd Andrew Yates, The Revd Anna Hyde and The Venerable Clive Hogger have been elected to General Synod for the House of Clergy.

For the House of Laity, Mrs Diana Favell, Mr Simon Taurins and Mr Pekki Purpurra have been elected to General Synod.

You can read their election addresses on the diocesan website here.

The election results details are available here.

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PROJECT SPIRE
INFORMATION & RESOURCES

LEARN MORE ABOUT PROJECT SPIRE

In response to requests for more information, we have put together some details relating to Project Spire, the Church Commissioners' response to historic links with transatlantic African chattel enslavement.

The Church Commissioners have committed £100 million to a new charity called the Fund for Healing, Repair and Justice.

This scheme does not make direct cash payments to individuals (it is not reparations) – rather it will focus on investing in and granting to communities disadvantaged today by the legacies of African chattel enslavement.

The £100 million commitment is being funded from the £11 billion Church of England endowment fund managed by the Church Commissioners.

Parish income, diocesan budgets, parish share, or money donated directly to local churches does not contribute to this fund and it does not include money that would normally be allocated to dioceses or parishes.

The Church Commissioners have produced some resources, and we have added some local information to support you.

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DEANERY AND COMMUNITY MEET OVER HISTORY

A history project showcasing stories and experiences of working on the land has helped a deanery reach out to its community.

Over the last 12 months people around the Trigg Minor and Bodmin deanery (TMB) have been taking part in the oral history project, recording memories, traditions and tales for Returning the Stories of the Soil – part of a research project by the University of Plymouth Centre of Research Excellence in Intelligent and Sustainable Productive Systems (CRISPS).

An exhibition was displayed in Bradoc Church before moving to Egloshayle Church and then Okehampton Museum.

Jo Dean, Diocese of Truro's Change and Renewal Project Support Officer, said TMB members were looking for ways to support rural isolation issues, specifically within the Bradoc area, so it was suggested working on a joint project could help build new relationships and support rural isolation.

The deanery worked with the university to collect people's experiences of land, soil and farming to help 'build a living archive of local stories, knowledge and identity' – feeding into a larger soil research project.

Jo said: "The project enabled the deanery to extend its outreach work and support its priorities of working with local communities, Children and Young Persons Forum (CYPF) and working with other ecumenical groups."

MORE CLERGY HOMES ADAPTED TO HELP CUT CARBON

As clergy across the diocese celebrated Creationtide this year it was revealed more of their homes have been adapted to help cut carbon.

The Diocese of Truro has around 130 homes and over the past few years work has been carried out to make the buildings more eco-friendly. In 2021 none of the diocese's houses had an EPC rating of A, the top eco rating on homes, but last year it was reported 38 vicarages had been upgraded to an A or B EPC rating.

Today, this figure has been boosted to 45 properties now having an A or B rating. This means the carbon emissions reduced from 2021 equate to 327.2 tonnes per annum – the equivalent to the entire energy and electricity use of about 44 average UK homes for one year, and approximately one third of all carbon emissions from diocesan housing.

Kate Cortez, Acting Diocesan Secretary, said: "Our Church's Fifth Mark of Mission is 'To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth' and in this diocese we have committed in our environment **strategy** to Cherish Creation, Cut Carbon and Speak Up. By investing in our clergy housing to make it warmer and more energy efficient we not only value our clergy but have a direct impact on a key source of carbon emissions that we have responsibility for.

"Through our strategy and this work, we can grow the Church while reducing our environmental footprint – creation care is a missional message that reaches and engages new people, particularly the young."

TEN CLERGY COMPLETE LAUNCHPAD TRAINING FOR YOUTH WORK

An end of course celebration has taken place after clergy finished their five-week Launchpad training.

The Diocese of Truro has been working with South West Youth Mission (SWYM) to bring this course to the east of Cornwall for the first time. It has been created by charity Youthscape to help give people the confidence to start youth work in their churches.

Over the past two months, 10 clergy members from places including Fowey, Wadebridge, Roseland and Truro attended sessions to learn about a variety of different topics including teenage brain development, adolescent faith formation and pastoral care for young people.

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EACH DAY A FRESH CALLING

An archdeacon's life can be varied and being Archdeacon of Cornwall is certainly no exception, says The Ven Clive Hogger.

Clive arrived in Cornwall in 2024 to take up his role in the diocese with his wife Revd Canon Ali Hogger Gadsby, who is the now interim Dean of Truro.

If Clive is ever asked, 'when were you called to this post?' he always remembers the answer he gave when posed a similar question during his time in parish ministry – 'this morning'.

He explains: "In ministry our vocation, our sense of being called, has to be fresh. You can't flourish in ministry if you are living out an old, out of date calling. I was first called here in 2024, but I believe I am still called here today."

Keen to live out his faith fresh every day he has found his recent hobby, running a TikTok channel, is one way of putting this into practice – as well as his enthusiasm for Canon Law, helping the Church to maintain good order, and his heart to care for others and point them to God through conversation.

Being archdeacon has many strands including reading legal texts, supporting clergy, having telephone calls, participating in various committees and decision-making bodies, writing sermons and more. All before he has even looked at his email inbox. He says all he does is 'offered to the greater glory of God'.

Clive has never been one to follow the crowd – in fact, thanks to his DJ skills, he is now creating his own crowd online. One way he does this is via his TikTok account @AmenBreaks which attracts thousands of followers, opening doors to conversations about faith.

He says: "I have had prayer requests and people ask me how to become a Christian. People have started to go back to church again. Lots of people want me to take their weddings and then DJ afterwards.

"I am connected with young people asking about the 90s and those who were there in the 90s sharing their memories.

"I am able to witness across the whole world, talking about God and Jesus being real to people who otherwise wouldn't hear about him.

"I am a vicar, I play rare dance music and I talk about God. I started that a year ago. I now have over 38,000 followers and well over a million people have indicated they like what I am doing."

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CHILDREN LEAD SPECIAL COMMISSIONING SERVICE



Truro Cathedral hosted the diocese's annual education commissioning service planned and led by children from across the county.

About 20 pupils from church schools across the diocese chose songs, prayers and the theme for service, which was attended by teachers, school leaders, the diocese's education team, Bishop David Williams, Revd Canon Ali Hogger Gadsby, the Interim Dean of Truro, children and their families.

Lee Moscato, Diocesan Director of Education, said: "The service was so special and built on last year's service which saw young people plan and lead us in worship. For me, hearing the voices of our young people is so important and should shape our work. This year, they told us in their own words what they need from us – now it's over to us to do all that they need from us to help them flourish."

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TWO CHURCHES RECEIVE THOUSANDS FOR REVAMP

Two churches in the diocese have secured thousands of pounds of national funding to help with much-needed repairs and restoration.

The Church of St Elwyn, Hayle, and Parish Church of St Martin, Liskeard, will receive the money from The Places of Worship Renewal Fund.

The Church of St Elwyn will be given £746,900 to protect the future of the Victorian church. It will be spent on repointing and masonry repairs that will prevent water penetration, along with new rainwater systems which will stop water ingress problems returning in the future. Interior decorations and building fabric will also be restored to their former glory using traditional conservation methods.

The Revd Michelle Porter-Babbage, Priest in Charge, said: "It is amazing and encouraging news for both the congregation of St Elwyn's and all our churches, but also for the town. It is our vision that St Elwyn's will be the church for the people of Hayle and its restoration will bring confidence to the town."

Parish Church of St Martin, Liskeard, has been given £59,800 of funding towards repointing of the church tower and repairs to key issues identified in the structural survey, including flooring and internal areas of the tower. The project will address fabric issues and support the continued use of the Grade II* church.

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HELP FOR LOCAL LEADERS



Jo Appleton has joined the diocesan Ministry team as the Local Ministry Development Lead helping local leaders to flourish in their calling.

Jo said: "I am looking forward to getting to know local leaders across the diocese and working with them to develop their ministry as they follow God's calling."

Isaac McNish, Head of Ministry, said: "I am delighted to have Jo joining the ministry team. She brings a wealth of experience and I am excited about the contribution she will make as we continue to invest in local ministry and support church leaders across the diocese."



CREATION CARE CELEBRATION

More than 20 eco church awards have been handed out and five new Leaders for Creation Care commissioned during the Diocese of Truro's annual Creationtide service.

People from across Cornwall attended the Creation Care Service of Celebration at St Illogan church, in the village of Illogan, to mark Creationtide and the diocese's Creation Care Programme – which aims to 'Cherish Creation, Cut Carbon and Speak Out'.

This year 17 bronze and three silver A Roche UK Eco Church Awards were presented to church representatives in the diocese for working towards improving their church building and grounds' impact on the environment.

The Bishop of Truro, The Rt Revd David Williams, commissioned five new Lay Leaders for Creation Care to go out and support their communities to care for biodiversity and the environment.

There were also presentations for those achieving a Kernow Green Church Award and Schools Green Flag Awards.

Children in the St Meriadoc Church of England Junior Academy's Speak Up team sent a video of themselves explaining 'Speak Up', and copies of their manifesto was handed out to the congregation.

Sharon Willoughby, Diocesan Environment Officer, said: "It was wonderful to see the effort of so many people being celebrated. An Eco Church Award is important work towards achieving the diocesan environment strategy which aims to 'Cherish Creation, Cut Carbon and Speak Out.

"This year the Creation Care Service of Celebration was themed around 'Living Water'. I found the service very moving and inclusive. It was a very special celebration of God's good creation.

"I found the prayer activity, everyone writing their thoughts and prayers on coloured paper water drops, that were then hung on a fishing net, a very centring act of worship."

SIGN UP FOR THE LIVING CHURCHYARDS PROJECT

Churches are being encouraged to sign up to join the Cornwall Living Churchyards project.

Living Churchyards can provide an important refuge for a diversity of wildlife as well as a pleasant, reflective sanctuary for our local community. This project aims to strike a balance. A churchyard managed with sympathy and understanding for wildlife can look well cared for and be attractive to people as well as plants and animals. The Living Churchyards project is about positive community led management, recognising that small changes can make an enormous difference.

If you are interested in your churchyard being a 'living churchyard' get your PCC secretary or incumbent to sign up **here**.

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READ THE LATEST CREATION CARE NEWSLETTER HERE

DATES FOR THE DIARY

November 15: Safeguarding Sunday

November 25 - December 10: 16 Days of Activism

November 28: Diocesan Synod

December 15: 150th anniversary of the Diocese of Truro.

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February 3: Annual Safeguarding Conference

February 22 - 26: General Synod

February 27: Diocesan Synod



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