

GODREVVY TEAM NEWS FROM 21 DECEMBER 2024

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"What a remarkable place this is! I've worked in and visited Cornwall many times over the last 30 years and each time have come back feeling refreshed and renewed - both spiritually and physically.

I am, at heart, a parish priest. I want to continue working for the flourishing of local churches. The local church is vital to a local community. It's a place where we encounter God. It's a place where you're encouraged and comforted when you're in trouble. It's also a place where we are challenged and learn how to live in God's light.

"So, as I look forward to coming to this place, I wonder if I can ask you to pray with me, as I will pray for you, that we would be faithful to who God is and what he calls us to be. That we would travel together, would go on a new adventure together to discover the goodness of God, not in some distant place, but in our own localities. May the Lord bless you."

David, along with his wife Helen, has been warmly welcomed by the Bishop of St Germans, the Rt Revd Hugh Nelson, who has been acting Bishop of Truro since the departure of Bishop Philip Mounstephen. Bishop Hugh said: "I am delighted by David's appointment and am looking forward to welcoming him and working with him. His wealth of experience, love of people and deep faith will inspire us on, as we continue to work for a fruitful and sustainable church in Cornwall."

It is likely that Bishop David will be installed in Spring 2025 when a service to welcome him as bishop will take place.

Video from Bishop David's announcement day so everyone can get a little bit of an idea of who Bishop David is.

Watch it here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AI3sVNRqSiE>

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December Services from 22 December

Sunday 22 December

4pm Phillack Christingle
11am Gwithian Holy Communion
6pm Gwinear Carols at Wall
9.30am St Elwyn's Eucharist
9.30am St Erth Holy Communion

Tuesday 24 December Christmas Eve

9pm Phillack Holy Communion
9.30pm Gwinear Holy Communion
4pm St Elwyn's Christingle
11.30pm St Elwyn's Midnight Mass
11.30pm St Erth Midnight Mass

Wednesday 25 December Christmas Day

11am Gwithian Holy Communion
10.30am Gwinear Holy Communion
9.30am St Erth Holy Communion

Sunday 29 December

11am Gwinear All Together.

No shared lunch in order to allow people more time with their families at this time of year.

JANUARY SERVICES

(To be confirmed)

Sunday 5 January

9.15am Phillack Holy Communion
11am Gwithian Holy Communion
11am Gwinear Holy Communion
9.30am Sung Eucharist
9.30am St Erth Holy Communion

Sunday 12 January

4pm Café Church with Communion
11am Gwithian Holy Communion
11am Gwinear Holy Communion
9.30 am St Elwyn's Eucharist
9.30am St Erth Holy Communion

Sunday 19 January

9.15am Phillack Holy Communion
10.30am Gwithian Breakfast; 11am come as you are
11am Gwinear United Communion Service
4pm St Elwyn's Choral Evensong
9.30am St Erth Holy Communion

Sunday 26 January

4pm Phillack Taize/Holy Communion
11am Gwithian Holy Communion
11am Gwinear Holy Communion & Baptism
9.30 am St Elwyn's Eucharist
9.30am St Erth Holy Communion

COPPERHOUSE COMMUNITY CAFÉ

Phillack Church Memorial Hall.

Copperhouse, Hayle

OPEN on BOXING Day

Thursday 26 December 11.30-2pm

All welcome - we meet every Thursday, for lunch included, soup and roll to start with and refreshments.



DIOCESE OF TRURO
DISCOVERING GOD'S KINGDOM
GROWING THE CHURCH

ST EARTH COMMUNITY CAFÉ

St Erth Church Hall

CLOSED Friday 27 December

Will start again in the New Year on 3 January.

We meet Fridays 12noon to 3pm during the cold winter months. Come and relax in a warm and welcoming environment. Light refreshments available and free Wi-Fi.

GWITHIAN CRAFTY WARM SPACE

OPEN Friday 27 December 1-3pm

Runs each Friday from 1pm until 3pm with soup and light refreshments. Bring your own craft to work on or enjoy our participate in one of our small workshops. No need to book, just turn up on the day and enjoy the friendly welcome!

MEN'S BREAKFAST

The next Men's Breakfast will be held in St Erth on Saturday 11 January 2025.

St Elwyn's Church
Invites you to our...

*Dress up as
your favourite
nativity
character!*



Christmas Eve Nativity Service



24th December 2024
St Elwyn's Church, Hayle
3.30pm Doors Open
4pm Start

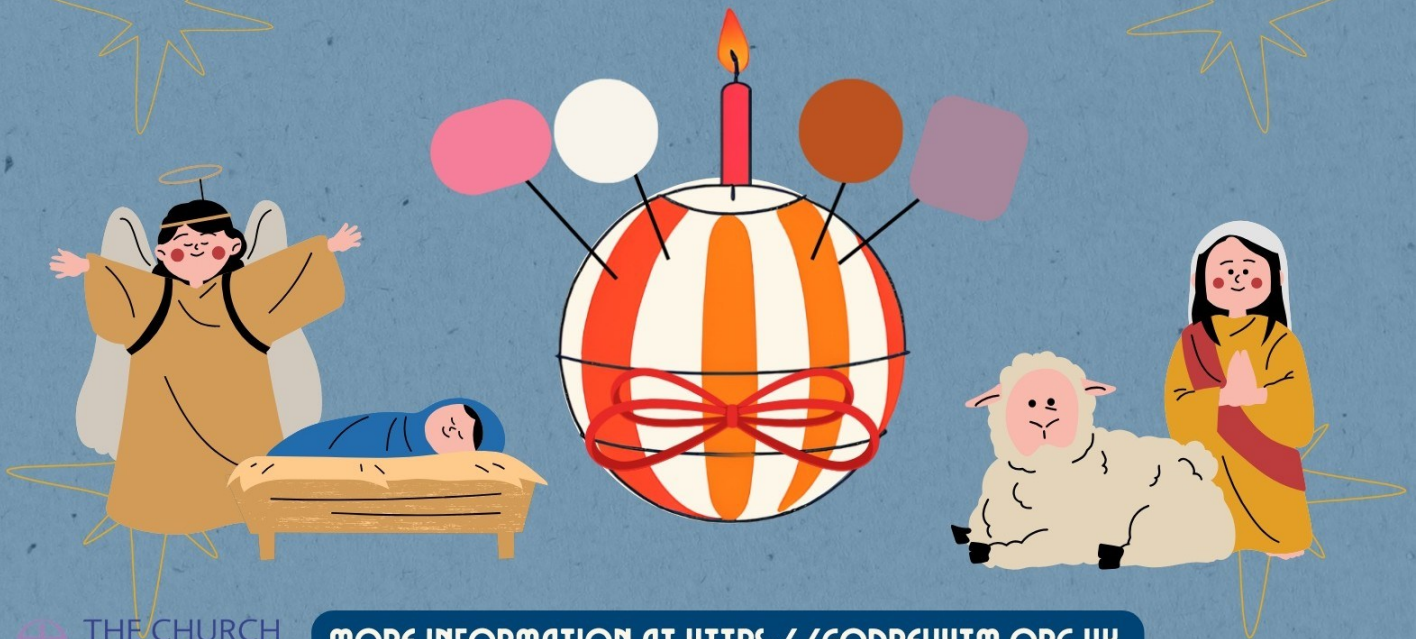
**We invite you to come and
join in as we tell the
nativity story and sing
well-known carols
together.**
**A service for one and all-
whatever your age!**

Celebrate this wonderful season

JOIN THE GODREUY TEAM
Follow The Star
Family & Christingle
Services

Sunday 22 December
Phillack Church - 4pm Christingle

Tuesday 24 December - Christmas Eve
St Elwyn's Church - 4pm Nativity



 THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

MORE INFORMATION AT [HTTPS://GODREUYTM.ORG.UK](https://godreuytm.org.uk)

Celebrate this wonderful season
ACROSS THE GODREUY TEAM

CALM and **BRIGHT**
Christmas
Services

Sunday 22 December
Phillack Church - 4pm Christingle

Tuesday 24 December - Christmas Eve
St Elwyn's Church - 4pm Nativity
Gwinear Church - 9.30pm Candlelight Holy Communion
Phillack Church - 9.30pm Candlelight Holy Communion
St Erth Church - 11.30pm Midnight Communion
St Elwyn's Church - 11.30pm Midnight Mass

Wednesday 25 December - Christmas Day
St Erth Church - 9.30am Holy Communion
Gwinear Church - 10.30am Holy Communion
Gwithian Church - 11am Holy Communion

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Gwinear Church Christmas Day

Service 10.30am



Gwithian Church

'Come As You Are'

You are warmly invited to join the church family at Gwithian on the third Sunday of each month as they host a 'come as you are' service. Starting at 10.30 am with a FREE BREAKFAST followed by a short session of themed worship and crafting, which is in turn followed by more fellowship and refreshments.

ALL WELCOME

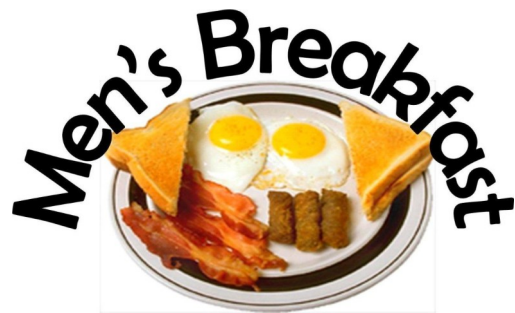
NO NEED TO BOOK, JUST TURN UP!

The photo shows Bryher and Lowen who enjoyed writing and sharing pledges they made to help the church's wildlife art throughout the winter together with prayers of gratitude for the congregation's pets.



St. Erth Church Christmas services 2024

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|-------|---------|-------------------------|
| 8/12 | 10am | Christingle |
| 15/12 | 6pm | 9 Lessons and Carols |
| 22/12 | 9.30am | Eucharist |
| 24/12 | 11.30pm | Midnight Mass |
| 25/12 | 9.30am | Christmas Service |



Gentlemen – your attention please!

The next Ecumenical Men's Breakfast will be held on Saturday, 11 January, at 8.30 a.m. in St. Erth Old School Hall.

Please give your name to Geoff Webster (01736 851173; geoff.webster249@btinternet.com) at least by Monday, 6 January, if you would like to come.

NB. If you do register, it would be helpful if you can make every effort to come.

ST ERTH FILM CLUB

Saturday 21 December

The Miracle Club

7 for 7.30pm St Erth Church Hall

The Miracle Club

There's just one dream for the women of Ballygar to taste freedom: to win a pilgrimage to the sacred French town of Lourdes. With a little benevolent interference from their local priest, a group of close friends get their ticket of a lifetime.

Starring: Laura Linney, Kathy Bates, Maggie Smith, Stephen Rea

Directed by: Thaddeus O'Sullivan

Certificate: 12

Cost £3 for members
£6 incl entry for non-members



FUTURE FILMS -25 January
What's Love Got to Do With It!

ST EARTH FILM CLUB

Saturday 25 January

What's Love got to do with it?

7 for 7.30pm St Erth Church Hall

For documentary-maker and dating app addict Zoe, swiping right has only delivered an endless stream of Mr Wrongs, to her eccentric mother's dismay. For Zoe's childhood friend and neighbour Kaz, the answer is to follow his parents' example and opt for an arranged (or "assisted") marriage to a bright and beautiful bride from Pakistan. As Zoe films his hopeful journey from London to Lahore to marry a stranger, chosen by his parents, she begins to wonder if she might have something to learn from a profoundly different approach to finding love.



Starring: Lily James, Shazad Latif, Emma Thompson

Directed by: Shekhar Kapur

Certificate: 12

Cost £3 for members

£6 incl entry for non-members

OUR NEWS

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR



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HOLY HOTDOGS!

Holy Hotdogs and Praise Him Pizza are just two of the items on the menu in Camborne on a Tuesday after school – and the kids are lining up to get some.

During covid, with a youth worker recently recruited and no clubs running, Camborne Cluster of Churches was wondering how it was going to continue reaching out to children, young people and families when the world was shut away. It was then that the idea of giving out hotdogs outside of the church came about.

This simple gesture quickly became 'Tea Time on Tuesdays' and once restrictions were lifted, families and teenagers were invited to drop into the church hall on their way home from school to pick up some tasty treats.

Fast forward almost four years and the church now regularly see 80 to 100 teens every week plus younger children with parents. The menu has grown too, and it now includes a variety of hot and cold food with homemade cakes being supplied by an army of volunteers from across the cluster's five churches.

Revd Rosheen Browning said: "It has just evolved. We tried things out and responded rather than imposed. We learnt that it's better to provide food people will actually eat instead of food we might personally consider 'healthy'. It's our job to share Christ's love, not take the moral high ground and share healthy



eating tips! Healthy Cornwall do come and join in with us on occasion!

"As well as the children we have got to know the parents and we know we're getting it right because they keep coming back for more."

Revd Graham Adamson, who was previously based in the cluster but is now deanery Mission Enabler and Rural Dean, says: "We do get asked why they don't come to church on Sundays. I reply by inviting those asking to join us on a Tuesday! The truth is that it will all happen in God's time. It is not a straight line on a project graph. And it does beg the question, what would worship look like if they did?"

[READ MORE HERE](#)

GIVE THE GIFT OF HOPE THIS CHRISTMAS

There is still time to grab a gift from the Cornish Christmas Giving Catalogue which features many worthy local groups and charities who are all working in Cornwall to provide assistance, support, activities, beds and more to people in our own community.

This year you can choose from 20 Cornish charities to donate to and in return you will receive a gift certificate (printed or digital) to pass on to your family member or friend. Gifts start from just £1 up to £100+.

Projects this year include Hidden Help, iSight Cornwall, Young People Cornwall, the Cornish foodbanks, the Wave Project, Backpack Beds, Kernow Positive Support, Home Start Kernow, Go Beyond, Food Troops, Cornwall Refuge Trust, Citizens Advice Cornwall and Baby Basics Cornwall.

Last year over £12,000 was raised for the charities and we are hoping you can help us to beat that total this year.

Scan the code to find out more, [download the catalogue](#) or [donate online](#).



SAVE THE DATE!

The annual Safeguarding Conference will take place at

Truro Cathedral

on

February 24, 2025.

Watch this space for more information.



PARISH SAFEGUARDING OFFICERS CELEBRATED

Almost 50 Parish Safeguarding Officers (PSOs) from across the diocese came together at Truro Cathedral for an event to acknowledge the work they do and raise awareness of the importance of safeguarding.

The event, which was also attended by Bishop Hugh Nelson, both Archdeacons, clergy and churchwardens, saw PSOs thanked for their hard work and commitment.

Speaking after the service, Bishop Hugh said: "This was a perfect opportunity to thank our wonderful Parish Safeguarding Officers for their commitment and hard work in keeping our churches and communities safe. It was the first time we had done anything like this, and we will definitely be doing it again."

Mandy Wells, Safeguarding Trainer, said: "It was, in my opinion, a very honest, supportive service that valued and congratulated the PSOs on their hard work and commitment to their parishes. Many of the attendees have been in the role of PSO for more than five years. They are the parish voice for encouraging all that need training and DBS as well as safer recruitment."

Mary Ann Trethewey, a Parish Safeguarding Officer in Kenwyn with St Allen Parish, said: "It was good to meet members of the diocesan safeguarding team and other PSOs face-to-face and to join in the service together. There was a really positive atmosphere, and I came away feeling valued and enthusiastic. The prayers, responses and hymns were

very meaningful, and the singing was excellent."

Churchwarden Ann Bradbury who is also the Parish Safeguarding Officer in Landewednack Parish and St Ruan with St Grade Parish, said: "The Parish Safeguarding service was very special, tucked away in St Mary's aisle in the cathedral – it was not only lovely to be together in person with other PSOs but good to collectively recognise the 'eyes and ears on the ground' in our churches and communities.

"It was particularly reassuring to hear Bishop Hugh speak about hope, especially given the difficulties in the church at the moment."

BDC DEMANDS ACTION FROM NATIONAL CHURCH OVER SAFEGUARDING FAILINGS

Following a meeting of the Bishop's Diocesan Council this week, members have written to churches, schools and communities in the diocese to share their views on the current situation facing the Church of England.

The letter is the result of a discussion at the meeting about the Makin report and the response nationally and locally. This session ended with the unanimous decision by the council. A letter will also be sent to the Archbishop of York and the Archbishop's Council.

You can read the full text of the letter [here](#).

Over the last three weeks the safeguarding failures of the Church of England have been laid bare yet again.

We are hearing clearly from survivors and victims of abuse in this diocese and

beyond that the national church response is causing intense pain. It has deeply and repeatedly hurt the people we are here to serve and has demoralised those who are trying to do the right thing in parishes, schools, chaplaincies and other places.

As the Bishop's Council we join our voice to Bishop Helen-Ann Hartley's prophetic call for us to be a different sort of church. A church that does not seek first to protect itself, but which champions those who are most vulnerable. A church where people with power are clearly and consistently held accountable.

Fundamental changes to the way the church works have been recommended and accepted again and again, but too often real change has been delayed or denied. The House of Bishops and Archbishops Council have failed to implement the recommendations made

in numerous reports and reviews, and we call for urgent change and action to show that national leadership is ready and able to lead the changes required."

The Bishop's Council is grateful to survivors who contributed to this wording.

We continue to be grateful to you for your work to promote safeguarding and to show God's love in the world.

The Diocese of Truro is committed to a trauma-informed response. If you have been affected by this information, need support or wish to make a disclosure, we are here and we are listening. You can speak to the Diocesan Safeguarding team directly [here](#) or to the independent and confidential support service [First Light](#). You can also contact the Independent Chair of the Diocesan Safeguarding Advisory Panel [here](#).

READ THE LATEST CREATION CARE NEWSLETTER HERE



Encouraging links between churches & their local schools

SCHOOL CREATION CARE WORKSHOPS

Are you passionate about Creation Care? Would you like to forge links with your local school? Would you like to work with children in your church?

The Creation Care Resources are a set of resources designed for churches that wish to engage with their local schools. Many churches and dioceses provide an evening resource for young people to experience the wonder of nature and learn about the world around them.

Download the free pack from our website: [Creation Care Workshops for Schools](https://www.creationcare.org.uk/resources/school-creation-care-workshop)

All you need to organise and run Creation Care Workshops for Schools in your church

FOR MORE INFO - CALL 01534 620100 OR EMAIL clive.gilbert@truro.ac.uk



OUTDOOR CHURCH DRAWS PEOPLE TOGETHER

Once a month in the Looe Valley Benefice worship takes a different approach, with the congregation finding themselves on village greens and by holy wells, in riverside spots in the town and cattle sheds on local farms. Outdoor Church is a different way of being church.

Outdoor Church is headed up by Revd Clive Gilbert, but is a team effort involving the entire benefice. Clive said of outdoor church: "It has drawn together people from across the benefice in a way that few other things can. People seem able to set aside their particular tradition and worship with others who appreciate different traditions."

With no expectation of format that sometimes comes with a Sunday service, perhaps people feel freer to engage with creation and creator more freely. The ethos of the outdoor church gatherings is to keep Christ at the centre, but to do so in new ways. Members of the benefice are invited to regular planning sessions to help think of new places and ways to worship in a way that by its very nature is a witness to the wider community.

Revd Clive points out that Outdoor Church has allowed some people who are not comfortable worshipping in our churches to be involved in church activities - thereby reaching beyond the normal congregations.



This has been particularly evident in village communities like Herodsfoot, where outdoor church services on the village green combining the love of Christ, the history of the village and the environment we worship in, has seen curious residents first come for a look at what was happening, and then stay and engage for the whole time of worship.

The lack of expectation of formality has helped to begin to develop new leaders too. People who had long sat in the pews and worshipped, have been invited to help lead sections, and have feel enabled and empowered to do so. Several people have made first steps into realising they can lead worship too.

[READ MORE HERE](#)

CREATION CARE NETWORK USEFUL LINKS

The next Creation Care Network gathering is on Thursday, January 9, 10am). All are via the [Zoom link](#).

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PARISH TRAINING 2025

The 2025 Parish Training Programme is now available. You can see what is available throughout the year [here](#) or download the brochure [here](#).

LISTEN HERE



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A Prayer for Ukraine

God of peace and justice,
We pray for the people of Ukraine today.
We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.
We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,
that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them,
We pray for those with power over war or peace,
for wisdom, discernment and compassion
to guide their decisions
Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at
risk and that you would hold and protect them.
We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.
Amen.

Archbishop Stephen Cottrell