

DEANERY NEWSLETTER: FEBRUARY 2023

BISHOPS' VISITS TO THE DEANERY



Bishop Hugh visited St Odulph in Pillaton on Sunday 22 January 2023 to lead a service commemorating the 10th anniversary of the lightning strike which badly damaged the church building. During the service, a commemorative plaque designed by a member of the PCC and created in mosaic by the Captain of the Bells was unveiled by Bishop Hugh.

St Mary's in Sheviock were delighted to host Bishop Philip and Ruth on Sunday 5 February at a United Benefice Service, which was followed by a dedication of their new Memorial Path, allowing for the continued interment of cremated remains. Blessed with a glorious day, Bishop Philip commented on the range of inanimate objects he had been asked to bless – including a loo – going on to provide a very fitting blessing for those who would be drawn to the path in times of great sadness to draw comfort and peace from the churchyard. Inevitably, it was their Westie “Noggin” who completely stole the show!

ON THE WAY VISIT

St James in Torpoint will be hosting Bishops Philip and Hugh on **Saturday 25th February 5-7pm** to meet people, pray together, share hopes and concerns and hear our views for the future.

DEANERY WORKSTREAMS

Pastoral reorganisation

Transitions meetings have commenced in the proposed Southern and Northern Benefices and we just need dates for the Central Benefice. Work has started on selecting the parsonages which will be identified in each scheme. Parishes now need to select 2 Parish Reps as well as their Transitions Reps for the interviews and visits.

Ministry, Worship & Discipleship

There will be a meeting at St Nicholas Church, Donderry on **Sunday 26 February at 2pm** to look at Ministry, Worship and Discipleship. Sally Piper, Head of Ministry in Truro will lead the afternoon, celebrating what is already happening in the Deanery and looking at what MWD might look like in the future.

Mission and growth

We have now received approval to recruit the posts from our LICF and Mission Funding being:

- 2 x CAP debt advice workers
- 3 x term time Chaplains
- 1 x part-time Pioneer Minister.

We will shortly publish the outcome of the Mission Audit undertaken in January this year.

Governance

The appointment of a Rural Dean has been approved as a stipendiary post and we are currently drawing up the role profile alongside the Transitions Process. We are currently looking at how to set up a Deanery CIC to enable the employment of other Deanery posts.

Finance and estates

Thanks to your efforts last year, we managed to pay more in 2022 than the new MMF call for 2023. Deanery Synod will consider the allocations within the Deanery for 2023 and the importance of committing to pay this sum. Ultimately, we all need to commit to **GROWTH**.

For more information, please visit our website at:
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