

## Bishop's Continuing Ministerial Development day, at Truro Methodist Church, Truro, Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2018, 9.30am-4pm.

Please arrive from 9.30 tea/coffee/biscuits

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### Environment Day - Caring for Creation as Mission

The Bishop's Spring CMD Day will be a great day for embracing every one of the Five Marks of Mission and how they call us, in a whole variety of ways, for a radical and whole-life response.

It might be tempting to confine our environmental responsibility simply to the fifth Mark of Mission: "To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth" to address the huge issues raised by climate change. In reality, however, the opportunities embedded in the first four, to grow the church through knowledge and understanding of a changing climate and being ready for it, through behavioural change are to be easily found.

Switching to renewable energy is missional, why? *Choose your favourite:* because...

- it can visibly bring the power of God to the people of God
- it helps build a fairer, healthier and more participatory world
- doing so contributes to a more just, sustainable and peaceful society
- it transforms a short-term way of life into a longer-term possibility

Our aim is to stimulate, support and resource locally generated projects, on a day where great speakers will inspire, followed by a choice of valuable workshops to kick-start your missional work.

We seek growth in faith, numbers and community engagement in order to be transformed into the communities God wants us to be. The research into the 10 pledges, tells us people act when a trusted messenger invites them to do so. Please come and be guided to be able to do that and be in a better position to support and encourage environmental awareness.

The day will be led by [Mike Hulme](#) who is Professor of Climate and Culture in the Department of Geography at King's College London, who's lecture will be entitled, "What's Virtue Got to Do with It?".

If you want to start thinking about this day, here is some suggested background reading:

[Climate Change and Virtue: An Apologetic](#)

[Why We Disagree about Climate Change](#)

Luci Isaacson Diocesan Environment Officer, will be making reference to two live government documents that contain warnings and opportunities to enable the church to grow healthily, enable clergy to encourage action and to become more resilient to climate change, in line with government plans. She will bring life to the risks within the [UK Climate Change Risk Assessment 2017](#) that the church needs to be aware of, and highlight the great opportunities that lie within the [25 Year Environment Plan](#). You will be able to become the voice of the future generation and find ways the work you do today can help connect the young people of our communities. Both of which can be

enabled further by booking 2 of the workshops for the day. “This is entirely essential, with events like Coverack, with more rainfall than Boscastle, dropped by a storm forecasted for Plymouth, we need to be prepared, but understand our role in this. People generally are not interested until it is too late, I see the Church as the agent for this fast change, with venues to facilitate the emotional, physical and spiritual needs for the community and resilience. What a great opportunity to grow the church in a different way, while celebrating Creation”.

## Workshops

Please book **TWO** of the following workshops by emailing [chaplain@truro.anglican.org](mailto:chaplain@truro.anglican.org)

<p>1. Becoming Trusted Messengers on Environment - Luci Isaacson MSc Diocesan Environment Officer</p> <p>Our research has shown that people ‘act’ when Trusted Messengers asking them to do something and it is easy to do. This workshop will enable you to be able to voice a wider view, inviting people to understand local issues to better interpret global issues, be able to inspire those in denial and augment change.</p>	
<p>2. Green Church Kernow Award Scheme – starting out - Dr Tamsin Spargo</p> <p>Greening town-centre churches: Dr Tamsin Spargo is the Environmental Champion at St. Andrew’s Redruth, and will discuss ways of enhancing the green standing of churches in urban settings.</p>	
<p>3. Living Churchyards - Robert Moor</p> <p>The Living Churchyard workshop will demonstrate how your church could qualify for one of the GREEN CHURCH KERNOW AWARDS.</p> <p>Attendees will gather information about improving biodiversity and natural flora of church surrounds. Also, there will be an opportunity to learn various ways to involve the wider community for support, and ways to include local history and heritage of the area. By starting with just a small area to be managed for the benefit of struggling wildlife around us, young people can become encouraged and involved.</p>	
<p>4. Renewable Energy Installation – Stephen Chidgey</p> <p>Setting your goals and outcomes, measure benefits, planning, costing, project managing, reaching out to the community, community involvement, displace Oil wherever possible, look at RHIP (Government payments as incentives to use renewables).</p>	
<p>5. Liturgical ways in to the Environment - Andrew Yates</p> <p>The Worship Workshop will explore materials that are available for Celebrating Environment Sunday and Creationtide.</p> <p>There will also be suggestions at how this theme can be incorporated into prayers and sermons at other times of the year.</p> <p>There will be a strong emphasis on sharing our own ideas and resources so please come prepared to do this!</p>	
<p>6. Disinvestment/reinvestment-general spending - Mike Sturgess</p> <p>You may think that few of our parishes have much by way of investments, but that is not so. The last Returns of Parish Finance the diocese has are for 2016, and they show that our parishes have approximately £13.4 million in cash and investments. It is therefore relevant to question how that money is invested, and whether that investment strategy reflects our principles as Christians. This session will look at the options available, what disinvestment and reinvestment means, and the pros and cons of any such approach.</p>	
<p>7. Mike Hulme – FREE DISCUSSION</p>	

## Awards

The day will also see Award presentations made to those who have taken the time to really get the congregation involved in the pledges and award schemes. Tamsin Spargo says, "Participating in the Green Church Kernow scheme involves everyone: our youngest members have made bug hotels for our new wildlife-friendly gardens; we all use china cups rather than disposables after services; we've had fun swapping and done our bit for the environment".

## After the Event – Bring Your Diary!

If you would like the Diocesan Environment Officer to attend your Church to take part in a Service, please do bring your diary and book one up with Luci Isaacson on the day. Luci is in post until December 31<sup>st</sup> 2018, please use the opportunity to help your church make a start on the pledges and then follow up with the Green Church Awards. [luci@climatevision.co.uk](mailto:luci@climatevision.co.uk)