

TM MINISTER FOR CAMBORNE RESOURCING CHURCH

Information pack



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Letter from Bishop Philip

In this Diocese of Truro we are deeply committed to 'Discovering God's Kingdom: Growing the Church'. Ordained ministers are crucial to this task, so I sketch out here the kind of priests we invite to work with us. First and foremost, we are looking for joyful disciples and ambassadors of Christ, who share the Gospel they have come to know themselves both in word and deed - and above all with love. We seek people who are committed to serving the whole people of God free in mission, ministry, and in loving service.

We are looking for people who, on this journey, are imaginative and realistic, creative and determined and are hopeful of a better future. But we also want to work with those who recognise that they are not perfect and will sometimes fail, who learn from their mistakes and will take the initiative in seeking reconciliation with others.

We are convinced that all ministers need the support and companionship of others and we help priests in a number of ways so that they never work alone. In this spirit, we encourage priests who can forge good relations with others and actively collaborate with them for the sake of the Kingdom to join us in Cornwall: a very special place with its own distinctive identity and Christian heritage which we are called to value, serve and love.

I pray that as you consider this position you might discern God's calling and purpose for you in this next chapter of your discipleship and service.



RT. REVD. PHILIP MOUNSTEPHEN
BISHOP OF TRURO

Introduction from the Archdeacon

Thank you for your interest in what we believe is an exciting and challenging post and, whether or not you submit an application, we ask you to join with us in praying for God's hand on this appointment process.

In May/June 2017, we heard that Truro Diocese's bid for Strategic Development Funding had been successful and the first phase of "Transforming Mission" could finally get under way in Falmouth. In 2019, we were delighted to hear from the Church Commissioners that they were prepared to co-finance phase two which includes funding for developing Transforming Mission projects in Camborne and the surrounding area, Truro, St Austell and Liskeard.

Even to get to this point has been the fruit of a great deal of dreaming, praying, discussion, consultation and sheer hard work on the part of many people, but now the adventure really begins for Camborne and the surrounding villages.

Together the Church Commissioners and the Diocese of Truro are investing £2.8 million, along with much hope, faith and prayer, in the 6-year project you will find described in the following pages (although this TM Minister for Camborne and Team Leader for Camborne Cluster appointments are under Common Tenure and are not time-limited). By the grace of God and in the power of the Spirit, we long to see the Gospel of Jesus renewing His church and changing lives through this project.

The TM Minister for Camborne Resourcing Church will lead the newly appointed TM ministry team. This role will be responsible to the Team Leader for Transforming Mission in the Camborne Cluster. We believe that the successful candidate will be someone with a rare combination of pastoral and leadership skills, together with pioneering experience and a collaborative approach to ministry. You will be someone who can catch and share the vision God has given us for transforming the mission of the Church of England in Cornwall, and inspire and encourage others to do the same. You will be responsible for leading a team of pioneering ministers building and supporting who will serve together to establish new mission and ministries in Camborne and surrounding areas. We offer you the support of a mentor and the opportunity to work with a supportive rural dean and chapter colleagues. We also offer a diverse CMD programme and the opportunity to be involved in Accompanied Ministry Development (AMD).

Much of the content of this pack is adapted from the Transforming Mission bid document, but it also includes a profile of the two benefices where the post will be based, and whose congregations will form key parts of the ongoing ministry and mission. We invite you to read it and to consider whether what it describes fires your imagination and inspires you. If so, it would be good for you to have an informal discussion with me and we look forward to receiving your application.

Once appointed the TMMinister for Camborne Resourcing Church will be leading the ministry team as described in this document and, with them and the existing clergy and people of the local churches, will be in at the start of something great for God. If you'd like to explore this opportunity further, please email me at **paul.bryer@truro.anglican.org** to arrange a phone-conversation.

In Christ,



PAUL BRYER
ARCHDEACON OF CORNWALL

Transforming Mission Cornwall (TM)

Background

The aim and the vision of the Diocese of Truro is to continue to resource and encourage church communities in Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly to "Discover God's Kingdom, Grow the Church".

Transforming Mission is a model for the renewal of Anglican Church life across the Diocese of Truro which seeks to develop a version of Resource Church that learns and borrows from current practice in other dioceses but is tailored to fit the Cornish context:

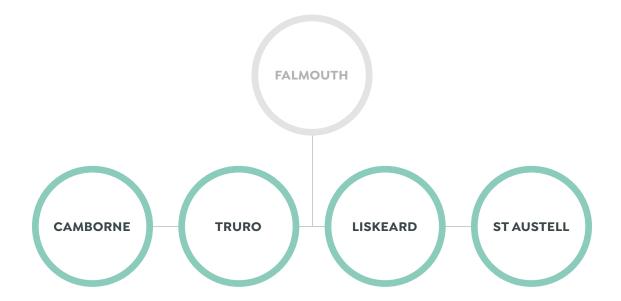
- 1 Develop a thriving missional community in the churches in Camborne and the surrounding areas
- 2 Develop an effective ministry to the 'missing generations' in Camborne and the surrounding areas, especially young families
- 3 Identify, nurture and train future leaders in ministry, lay and ordained, who can be deployed in the Deanery, Diocese and the wider Church
- 4 Develop an interconnected network of resources to be shared across the area to best serve the missional community, including venues, equipment and people
- 5 Develop a culture of church planting.

Strategic alignment

TM is our most significant initiative to stimulate church growth in the diocese. It is a model for the renewal of Anglican church life across Cornwall, focusing particularly on the "missing generations", young people and families.

In May 2017, the diocese successfully bid for the first phase of TM, to develop a Cornish model of resourcing church based in Falmouth, which could act as a model for further locations across Cornwall.

In June 2019 the Diocese of Truro was successfully awarded additional Strategic Development Funds in order to broaden the TM Resourcing Church programme to 4 more areas including;



This covers the major urban centres, forming a dynamic and mutually supportive network of TM leaders and churches across Cornwall.

Funding for TM in these four towns is for six years from June 2019 by which time we are praying and planning to be fully sustainable.

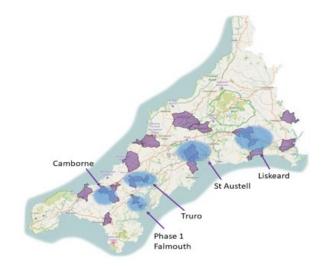
Context

Camborne cluster

In 2018 the Benefice of Camborne and Tuckingmill with Penponds began working together with the Benefice of Crowan and Treslothan to form a new cluster. They recently welcomed a new interim Priest-in-charge to serve the five churches, following vacancies in both benefices.

The location encapsulates all that makes Cornwall so famous. Dramatic cliffs and wonderful seascapes bound our northern border. Inland are rolling hills of farmland and small settlements, which then give way to the historic mining town of Camborne. To the south-west the downs and parkland valleys with scattered villages and hamlets are supported by small business commerce, engineering, horticulture, craft, modern tourism and agriculture.

The people of these areas are proud of their roots, but are also eager to move forward and provide exciting opportunities for their families, many having suffered considerable hardships since the decline of mining, fishing and heavy industry. Our church



families work hard to support those in need, both in the urban and more dispersed rural communities, but they are aware that there is much more that could be achieved. Such needs are not confined to material elements, but also spiritual aspects and the five churches have in the recent past worked via the Diocesan Accompanied Ministry Development Programme (AMD) to address some of these issues.

Across the five churches there is a variety of worship styles, ranging from Café Church to a more Anglo-Catholic style Eucharist.

The existing Ministry team includes a recently-appointed Interim Priest in Charge, an Associate Self-Supporting Minister, PTO clergy, Licensed Lay Ministers and other lay worship leaders.

The ecumenical opportunities offered by 'Churches Together in Camborne' and the valued connections with the Methodist chapels offer exciting prospects for the future.

What will 'good' look like in 6 years' time?

By 2026 there will be vibrant, missional, multi-generational worshipping communities in Camborne town centre and in the surrounding rural villages. Camborne Parish Church will be operating as an effective Resourcing Church. In Camborne town centre there will be a flourishing 'High Street' Christian presence incorporating a weekday Drop-in centre/café (staffed by a team of volunteers led by the Drop-in Centre/Ops Manager). The Drop-in Centre will be working together with existing projects including the All Saints Community Centre and Centenary Methodist Church (Foodbank etc) to connect with the 'missing generations' in Camborne, providing a welcoming, safe space where they can seek help to cope with life's struggles and where they will 'see the gospel in action'.

There will be new worshipping, missional communities in Praze, Troon and Tuckingmill and valuable connections made with local colleges and adjacent parishes. Each worshipping community (both existing and new) will feel part of what is happening, supportive of each other and be excited by what God is doing in their midst.

There will be effective Youth work and Children & Families work, resourced by workers/leaders identified, grown and developed within the Resourcing Church (providing opportunities for interns and others exploring vocations) and there will be growing congregations (numerically and in depth of discipleship) in both existing and new churches.

There will be effective connections with all schools (1 Secondary, 9 Primary, 2 Nursery) within Camborne & in the surrounding villages, and with Cornwall College and Duchy College Rosewarne. We will also have formed strong links with the 2 Family Hubs (formerly known as Children's Centres) in Camborne and the surrounding areas. These links will be the means of connecting with our communities, bringing hope through meeting people where they are, developing relationships, meeting needs and sharing the gospel through actions of love (e.g. Kids Matter programme)

We will have built on the work begun by The Community Kitchen, All Saints Community Centre, Troon Hall Trust. We will be working ecumenically and include the whole cluster, with each church valued for what they offer.

What we plan to do

KEY VISION FOR TRANSFORMING MISSION IN CAMBORNE AND SURROUNDING AREA

- Establish a 'high street' presence in the form a drop-in centre from which we will engage with the community (focused around single-parents, young families and young people)
- Identify and train new leaders to start new worshipping, missional communities in the surrounding rural villages
- Resourcing Church: Grow a vibrant multi-generational resourcing Church in Camborne Parish Church. This will be the TM Resourcing Centre and will work in close partnership with the neighbouring parish churches. It will serve to resource mission and ministry in the town and surrounding areas
- Establish 'rural hubs' in the larger villages, utilising existing community/church buildings, such as the local school or pub and family centres. These rural hubs will be where mission activities take place, such as children and family groups, youth work, pop up cafes, outreach events (such as Alpha, Grave talk, etc..), discipleship groups and Bible study groups. To be the Body of Christ in that place and from where they can reach out to their local community
- Develop effective connections with all schools within Camborne & the surrounding villages (1 Secondary, 9 Primary, 2 Nursery) and the 2 Family Hubs (formerly known as Children's Centres) and with Cornwall College and Duchy College Rosewarne
- Provide teaching and support to enable congregational members to be confident in talking about their Christian faith, resulting in a growth numerically and in depth of discipleship.

Role Description

TM Minister for Camborne (St Martins and St Meriadoc)

LOCATION:

Based in Camborne.

LINE MANAGER FOR:

TM Worship Leader, TM Young People's Leader and TM Children and Families' Leader.

PCC APPOINTED ROLES:

Administrator, organist and music director.

PURPOSE OF THE ROLE

To develop and lead a thriving resourcing missional church in Camborne. In partnership with the TM Team Leader, lead renewal and growth in Camborne and to resource the surrounding areas for Transforming Mission.

Key responsibilities

LEADERSHIP, ENABLING & OVERSEEING

- To build a vibrant multi-generational resourcing church that can support other churches in the community by:
 - leading and growing the current worshipping communities
 - establishing and developing new congregations and groups as appropriate
 - working together with colleagues to promote church growth across the wider rural areas



- To be the visible, accessible leader of ministry of Camborne Resourcing Church
- To lead and develop the TM Ministry Team
- To establish a pioneering and missional culture with a view to creating new worshipping communities.
- To seek to engage people where they live, work and are at leisure.
- To develop a culture of support and resourcing of wider ministry in the cluster
- To plan, monitor and report on activity intended to achieve the objectives of Transforming Mission in Camborne and the surrounding areas.
- To develop strong relationships and partnerships with other churches and community organisations in Camborne and surrounding areas
- To invest in the development of leaders, lay and ordained, and to walk with them in their journey.

PREACHING AND WORSHIP

- To be a confident and compelling preacher who can apply the scriptures faithfully and in the power of the Spirit, in a variety of contexts, according to the needs of the congregations
- To be confident and adaptable in the planning and leading of high-quality worship in widely differing contexts across a breadth of traditions, including contemporary and those of a more traditional nature
- To enable and develop the diversity of gifts and creativity amongst the congregations, using new and online media where appropriate
- To encourage the deepening of the prayer life of both congregations and individuals.

COMMUNICATION

- To develop and maintain strong links with other churches and community organisations seeking open, meaningful and fruitful partnership working;
- To work with the Transforming Mission Cornwall team to further develop and deliver a communications strategy that informs and engages the community;
- To develop an engaging and welcoming culture within and beyond the church, extending to places such as the colleges, schools and other community settings;
- To develop strong working relationships with fellow leaders across all churches and relevant organisations/agencies.

COMMUNITY BUILDING

- To develop ministry to the local communities that reflects actual needs and aspirations;
- To work in partnership with others to build communities that reflect the values of the kingdom of God;
- To open doors to those from all backgrounds so that they may know Christ and have the opportunity to explore and grow in faith;
- To actively build relationships with the other parishes in the cluster.



HEALTH & SAFETY

• To adhere to the Diocese of Truro's Health and Safety policy and procedure as well as any other related laws and to do all that is reasonable to promote care and safety in the fulfilment of the role and in daily working life.

SAFEGUARDING

• To adhere to the Diocese of Truro's Safeguarding Policy and procedures as well as any other related laws and to do all that is reasonable to promote care and safety in the fulfilment of the role and in daily working life for all who may be vulnerable. This includes a responsibility to remain up to date with your own safeguarding training at the level appropriate to the role. Please note that this role requires an enhanced DBS check.

Person Specification

We are looking for an inspirational person with energy, ambition, vision and ability to work collaboratively as part of a dedicated and enthusiastic team.

Personal characteristics

- A clear testimony of faith in Jesus Christ and a vital, growing personal relationship with Him.
- Commitment to the mission and vision of Transforming Mission in particular, to growing a multi generational resourcing church.
- · An ordained Priest in the Church of England
- An established pattern of personal prayer
- A Spirit-filled Christian with a clear sense of God's call to pioneering ministry
- Demonstrated excellence as a leader in ministry and mission
- A desire to resource and plant churches and see new worshipping communities established
- Openness and generosity of spirit
- A passion for people, with a particular desire to see families and young people flourish
- · A vocational desire to develop leaders and an ability to recognise and release the gifts of others
- Innovative and creative approach
- Resilient, flexible and adaptable.

EXPERIENCE

ESSENTIAL

- Experience of growing new congregations;
- Experience of leading high quality contemporary worship;
- Experience of managing others, including their development;
- Experience of working with families and young people.
- Experience of working with marginalised or deprived communities.



DESIRABLE

- · Experience of multi-agency working
- Experience of both traditional and contemporary worship
- Experience of working with the more isolated older generations.

SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE

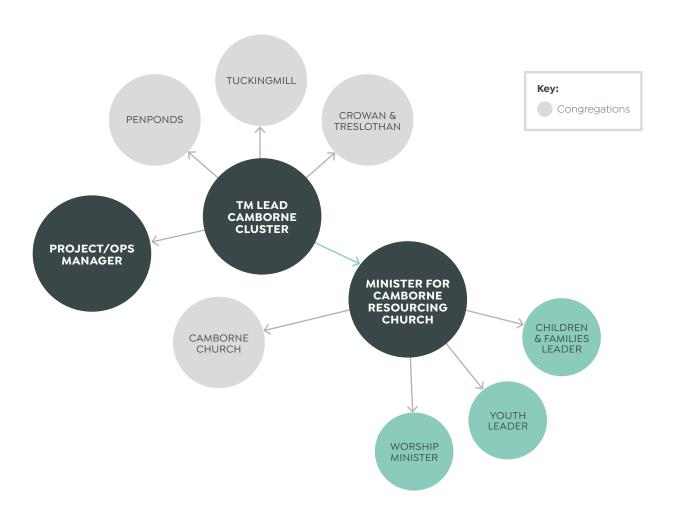
- Engaging and thought-provoking preaching, adaptable to different contexts
- Ability to build community and engage with all, particularly younger people and those who are vulnerable;
- Strong people management & leadership skills, including effective time management, prioritising and delegation;
- Excellent pastoral care provision;
- Strong organisational & administration skills;
- Strong written and verbal communication skills;
- Proficiency in IT including email, the internet and social media.

THE KEY RELATIONSHIPS FOR THE POST HOLDER ARE WITH:

- TM Lead for Camborne Cluster
- The TM Ministry Team
- Camborne Congregation and DCC
- The wider congregations in the Cluster
- SSM Associate Priest
- The Rural Dean
- Deanery Chapter
- The Archdeacon of Cornwall
- TM Programme Team
- The Bishop of Truro and the Bishop of St Germans
- Ecumenical leaders and Churches Together in Camborne
- Network of other TM Ministers
- TM Network of other TM town leaders.



Indicative TM Camborne Team

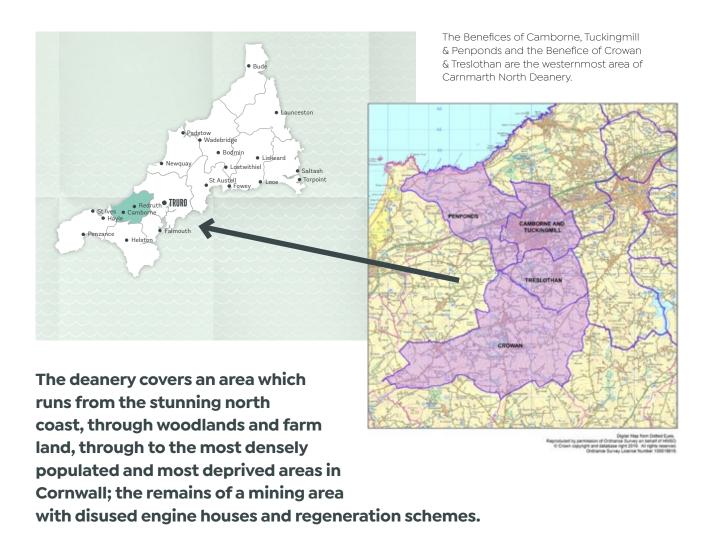


This diagram shows the proposed structure that was submitted to the Church Commissioners as part of the Transforming Mission Phase 2 Bid, however it is recognised that this may well evolve over time.

This role description is a summary of the key areas of responsibility. It is not intended as a definitive statement of role content.

A Statement of Particulars will be issued on appointment, according to the requirements of Common Tenure.

The Deanery of Carnmarth North



Then down again to dispersed villages smattered with churches and chapels, village halls and an occasional village green. There are traditional Cornish activities like village fairs, pantomimes, summer concerts, pilgrimages, meetings at Gwennap Pit, Trevithick Day, Murdoch Day, Portreath Harbour Fun Day, Portreath Fireworks, Mining and Pasty Festival, Music Festivals and other such customs.

It is here that we work and minister in the 19 Parish Churches situated in 13 Parishes with 2 attached from another deanery (Devoran & Feock); churches that are uniquely different in style, tradition, worship, leadership and community. At present we have 5 stipendiary clergy in post working alongside self-supporting and retired clergy, 3 curates, licensed lay ministers (Readers), worship leaders, lay pastoral workers, church wardens, other volunteers and church councils to respond to the diocesan challenge to

'Discover the Kingdom and grow the Church'.

Our vision is that we would 'Be Good News for those who come to church and Good News for those who don't'. We recognise that to do this effectively we must be prepared to work across parish boundaries and that while we each do what we can, where we are, with what we have, there are many things that we can do better together.

Collaborative ministry is encouraged and we believe this is for all ministry. Deanery Chapter is an important part of shared ministry and clergy meet once a month in one another's homes to worship, wrestle with scripture and eat lunch. Deanery Synod holds open meetings to encourage communication, nurture vocations, reflect theologically, pray and have tea and cake.

In our deanery we find strength and encouragement by finding common ground, discussing problems, helping to find solutions, getting to know and understand one another and knowing that no one stands alone – we are in this boat together!

We have taken encouragement from Jeremiah:

"For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord
Plans for your welfare and not for harm
To give you a future with hope"

So we try to follow our Lord's calling, reshaping ourselves and our plans as we discover God's amazing plan, always trusting in God's faithfulness.

The resourcing church

St Martin & Meriadoc Camborne

The parish church sits at the very heart of the community in the centre of the town of Camborne and has the distinction of being Cornwall's widest church, with four complete aisles. It is a Grade 1 Listed Building with parts dating from the thirteenth century, however most is from the fifteenth century. The building was restored in 1862 and enlarged in 1878–1879. A modern church hall was added in 1963 and this has recently been refurbished.

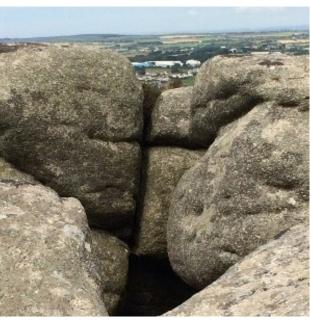
WORSHIP

The church has a variety of worship styles catering for a wide spectrum of preferences. It can vary from Holy Communion at 8.00am, in traditional language to an All-Age service, usually lay lead with no robes, consisting of music, readings, prayers and occasional drama or activities. A fifth Sunday can be Celtic Morning Prayer or held jointly with the other churches in the benefice. Once a month there is a service of Wholeness and Healing in the evening and, also monthly, there is a Prayer Book Sung Evensong. In the week there is a very well attended service of Prayer Book Holy Communion on Wednesday mornings.

CHURCH LIFE

- Committed SSM Associate Priest
- A team of Readers, Local Worship Leaders (LWLs) & Local Pastoral Ministers (LPMs)
- Two churchwardens, assisted by five deputies
- Regular Sunday School
- Boys' and Girls' Brigade groups
- Robed Choir and enthusiastic organist
- Dance in Worship groups for adults and children





- Open the Book Team
- Church Wives group
- Weekly bible study and prayer meetings
- House groups
- 'Outlook' is our monthly magazine shared with All Saints' Tuckingmill
- · Admin Support for the benefice.

BUILDINGS

Adjacent to the church is the office space, a large hall and smaller meeting room. Nearby there is a small hall and Old Vestry used for prayer and bible study meetings. Outside there a four acre churchyard which is closed and maintained by the council.



COMMUNITY

In the church hall we host the Camborne Community Kitchen, which feeds and provides support to the homeless and vulnerable on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, staffed by a team of volunteers. Other groups that meet on a regular basis include Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous, a craft group, Ladies Luncheon Club and a scrabble club. Close to the church are affiliated infants and junior schools who appreciate the links we have and welcome weekly assemblies. We are also developing links with Camborne Science and International Academy, the secondary school with an active ecumenical chaplaincy.

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

We would very much like to support the younger families (20-40 age group) and the children and young people of the area, and encourage them in their faith and grow our congregation numerically. We also want to develop the Pastoral Team to offer better pastoral support for the older, often housebound, age groups. On a more practical level there are plans to make the building more accessible from the high street by developing the North Door entrance. As a congregation we also need to meet the demands of MMF by increasing our giving.

The other churches in the cluster

All Saints Tuckingmill

All Saints Church, Tuckingmill is a large Mock-Norman Victorian Church to the East of Camborne, consecrated in 1845. The Parish of Tuckingmill was carved out of part of the Parishes of Camborne and Illogan. The Church was built by the Bassett family in response to the religious fervour which swept Cornwall during it's heyday as a tin mining area. Some of Cornwall's largest old Tin Mines are just alongside the Parish.

WORSHIP

All Saints Church offers a weekly formal modern language Eucharist at 9:30am every Sunday, using Common Worship in modern language. Once a month this takes place within the setting of Cafe Church, which includes more creative activities, breakfast and discussion. On Sunday evenings there is a fortnightly Evensong alternating with Ss Martin & Meriadoc Church.

CHURCH LIFE

- One Reader, a serving team, intercessors and bible reading rota
- Fortnightly mid-week housegroup
- Christian Book Club
- Weekly Toddler Group
- Christian Aid and fundraising events, including support for the local foodbank
- Regular Coffee Mornings
- Regular Bell team.





BUILDINGS

The church has made space at the back for informal worship or other activities, with an area for children and a kitchen area. It is surrounded by a closed churchyard, maintained by the council and of some historic interest. Next door is the former parish school which now houses the All Saints Community Centre.

COMMUNITY

The All Saints Community Centre, is a very active and important resource for the area, winning many

awards for its work. It is run as a charity, but the board of Trustees is made up of church and community members. It has made a tangible impact in Camborne by helping many individuals take control of their lives and providing community support. Its policy is to bring about change founded on social justice, equality and inclusion.



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There are two primary schools within the boundaries of the original parish. These schools use the church building for larger celebrations and regular Church experiences. Fit2Wiggle, an exercise group for the disabled, regularly use the back of the church for their activities and the church has an active calendar of music concerts and performances, making imaginative use of in the church space.

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

The church would like to reach the younger demographic of the area and develop the links between the work of the church and people who use All Saints Community Centre. The monthly Cafe Church hopes to grow both in numbers and spiritually and there are plans underway to bring the building into the twenty-first century by installing a toilet and running water.





The other churches in the cluster

Holy Trinity Penponds

This small church, one of the most decorative in Cornwall, was consecrated 1854. The rather plain exterior betrays little of the richness that lies within its walls. Sir John Betjeman wrote, it is "a complete period piece of the high Church good taste".

WORSHIP

Anglo-Catholic by tradition. the regular Sunday service is a Sung Eucharist in traditional language at llam, with incense being used for special occasions. Every fifth Sunday is a joint benefice service. Whilst numbers may be small this church is growing and have added regular prayer to the mid-week diary. The congregation have a strong desire to serve to the community.

CHURCH LIFE

- Two active churchwardens
- Serving team and bible reading rota
- 'Experience Church' storytelling for the school at key times in the year
- Coffee mornings, twice a month
- Open Church afternoons
- Fish n Chip Fridays, monthly
- Village Nativity procession.

COMMUNITY





Our most recent initiative is to strengthen our links with local primary schools and pre-school, and we now welcome whole classes at a time into church on four or five occasions every year to "experience" our faith and its festivals. We hold monthly events featuring concerts, quizzes and local history lectures for the Memories of Penponds group, and there is an active gardening rota.

BUILDINGS

With all the local shops long closed, but for the local school and pre school, we offer the only community space in the village so we like to make creative use of the space. The beautiful churchyard is one of the few Open Churchyards left in the area and attracts many visitors.

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

In the near future we aspire to offer much more when we manage to complete our kitchen and toilet extension. We have embraced a diocesan



initiative entitled "Accompanied Ministry Development". This process has asked the congregation about where it sees itself and its future and calls it to plan next steps. We have concluded that we need to continue our drive to reach out into our community and ensure that we are seen to be at its heart, both in terms of worship and fellowship. Within the congregation we hope to develop a team of people who will lead the intercessions during Sunday worship.

The other churches in the cluster

St Crewenna's Crowan

The Parish Church of St Crewenna, Crowan, 'Our Church on the Hill' has an ancient foundation, parts of the existing church building date from the 11th or 12th centuries. It has been altered and added to down the years, acquiring a south aisle and vestry and losing a balcony. Mostly recently the bells have been restored and there is a scheme underway to restore the stained glass windows to their former glory.

WORSHIP

Sunday morning Holy Communion is in traditional language during Ordinary Time and modern language otherwise. It is held at 11:15am, allowing time for the minister to arrive from Treslothan Church. Lay led Morning Worship is held once a month and is accessible to children. Remembrance Day is observed together with the congregation at Leedstown Methodist Church, the civic service being held on alternate years at each church.

CHURCH LIFE

- One Reader and Serving team
- Meet and greet team, bible reading rota, intercessors
- Weekly evening Taizé service
- A flourishing bell-ringing team
- Well maintained children's area
- Small choir (which would benefit from encouragement and expansion)
- Monthly discussion group, called Open Door Discussion.





COMMUNITY

Crowan Church is in the heart of a widely spread rural community. The parish comprises four villages and numerous smaller hamlets and settlements spread over an area of 7,500 acres. The population is approximately 2,500, but feels like more. Geographically the church is isolated, as are many of the parishioners. This contributes to feelings of loneliness, difficulties over transport and, challenges with communication. Regular fetes and charity events promote the church in the villages, held in the church, the village of Praze, or the local pub. The Church has links with Crowan School, including holding services for them in church or visits for assemblies. Leedstown School is linked with the local Methodist Church. Unlike much of Cornwall, Crowan and Praze are not noted retirement areas. The working population finds employment in a number of light industries around Camborne, Redruth and Helston; unemployment is average for the county, however, wages are low.





BUILDINGS

Our church is open to the public throughout

the day and attracts many visitors from as far away as Australia. Cornwall's history of sending its miners worldwide in the 19th and early 20th centuries brings relatives back to look for ancestors in the old graveyard. The entries in our visitor's book provide fascinating reading. The clock and bells are in good working order, whilst the stand glass windows are undergoing restoration.

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

We realise that we now need to connect to and find imaginative ways to cater for the needs of a wider and younger demographic, possibly using the model of Messy Church. Community is important so we hope to make connections with the primary school and events already taking place in Praze, whilst making missional use of the resources we do have. We hope that the beautiful churchyard, with the help of Caring for God's Acre, can be an opportunity to show visitors how we as a church "care for creation and steward the Earth".

The other churches in the cluster

St John the Evangelist Treslothan

Our 'Church in the woods', lying on the edge of the Cornish Mining Heritage Site, was built by the local mine owning family of Pendarves, consecrated in 1842. The parish comprises the village of Troon with part of Beacon and outlying hamlets. Treslothan itself is a small hamlet approximately 1 mile from the village of Troon.

WORSHIP

Sunday morning worship is centred on the 9.30am modern language Holy Communion, with a monthly service of worship and praise lead by the laity. The service timing allows enough time to travel to Crowan. The fifth Sunday in the month is usually held with Crowan and Troon Methodist Church. The annual Cornish Language Harvest Festival is well supported. Remembrance is observed with the members of British Legion at the War Memorial by the Church and on Good Friday children, young people and the adult congregation together commemorate the 'Stations of the Cross' in the churchyard followed by a pilgrimage through the woods.

CHURCH LIFE

- Reader and Local Worship Leader
- Bible reading rota, intercessors and informal servers
- Sunday School
- Monthly Lunch Club and coffee mornings
- Popular for weddings
- Open the Book Team
- Ecumenical Messy Church in partnership with Troon Methodists.





BUILDINGS

The church is open daily and attracts plenty of visitors. The building is currently undergoing some renovation work; programme of roof and gutter renewal under the recent government grant scheme was completed 2018. The churchyard is closed, but has a memorial garden. Noted artefacts include the pre-conquest inscribed stone altar mensa, a Mediaeval font, historic icon and a Magi Adoration Alabaster.



We are also responsible for Troon Church Hall and Old Mission Church (OMC). The Troon Church Hall

Trust is a registered charity, with the members of Treslothan PCC acting as Managing Trustees. Planning permission has been secured to convert the OMC into three residential units. The hall is available for hire and is well used by the wider community, including as a Film Club venue. There is also space for small group meetings, such as the PCC, to take place. For more information see troonchurchhall.co.uk

FIND OUT MORE: WWW.TROONCHURCHHALL.CO.UK

COMMUNITY

Our active social calendar includes monthly coffee mornings and lunches, held in Troon Church Hall in the village. These events are well attended by the local community and members of the congregation. We publish a monthly magazine. Troon has a general village store and dispensary, and sports activities including a keen cricket club and active football club. Unfortunately the village pub recently closed. Plans for additional residential estate development are in the pipeline. We are developing stronger links with Troon Primary School through our Sunday School leader who visits regularly with the ecumenical Open the Book team.



LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

Children from a past lively Sunday School have progressed through confirmation to full church



membership with their parents. We would like to attract more teenagers and look forward to what can be achieved by collaborating with the wider benefice in this endeavour. We are thinking about using the hall in Troon for missional activities as this would help us reach the local population without expecting them to make the journey to the remote church. The Church building already has a toilet but we have plans to provide an integral kitchen area to replace the current 'temporary' arrangement.

Camborne Parsonage

Close to the Parish Church of St Martin and St Meriadoc is the secluded Rectory. This is accessed by a long drive through mature woodland and benefits from having a dedicated office and plenty of parking. Allowing the incumbent to meet with people away from the day to day running of the churches.

The accommodation, purpose built in 1985, is a four bedroom family home, with a good sized kitchen with adjoining dining room. There is a utility room and WC on the ground floor and a family bathroom upstairs. A large lounge leads to sliding doors to the rear garden.

The heating is provided by a gas fired combination boiler. The property is double glazed.

There is a single attached garage to the front of the property.







Benefice Information

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE PATTERN

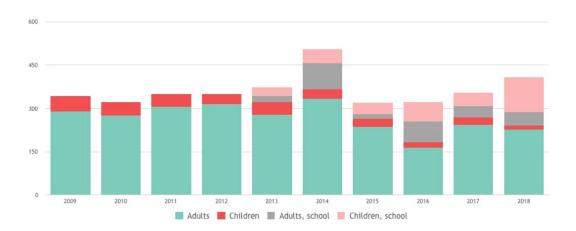
	Ss Martin & Mer Camborne (MM	,	All Saints', Tuckingmill (AST)	Holy Trinity, Penponds (HTP)	St John the Evangelist, Treslothan (JE)	St Crewenna's, Crowan (SC)
1st Sunday	8am Holy Communion	10:30am All- age Worship	9:30am Holy Communion	llam Sung Eucharist	9:30am Morning Worship*	11:15am Morning Worship
2nd Sunday	8am Holy Communion	10:30am Holy Communion*	9:30am Café Church	llam Sung Eucharist	9:30am Holy Communion*	11:15am Holy Communion
3rd Sunday	8am Holy Communion	10:30am Morning Worship*	9:30am Holy Communion	llam Sung Eucharist	9:30am Holy Communion*	11:15am Holy Communion
4th Sunday	8am Holy Communion	10:30am Holy Communion*	9:30am Holy Communion	llam Sung Eucharist	9:30am Morning Worship*	11:15am Holy Communion
5th Sunday	8am Holy Communion			Joint Benefice s Methodists or Cl		
					9:30am Holy Communion*	11:15am Morning Worship

^{*} With Sunday School

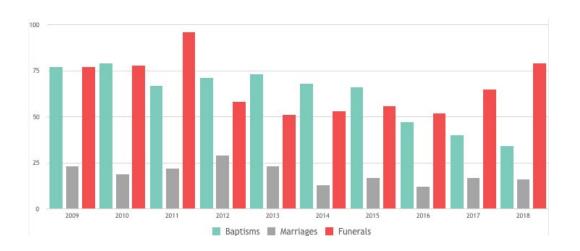
EVENING AND WEEKDAY SERVICE PATTERN

	1st Sunday	2nd Sunday	3rd Sunday	4th Sunday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Ss Martin & Meriadoc, Camborne (MM)	6pm Healing Service with Holy Communion		6pm Sung Evensong			10am BCP Communion
All Saints', Tuckingmill (AST)		5pm Evensong		5pm Evensong	7pm Healing Mass	

AVERAGE WEEKLY ATTENDANCE



OCCASSIONAL OFFICES



PARISH STATISTICS

Parish	Churchmanship	Population	Households	Area (sq M)
Camborne	Evangelical	17,959	7,822	3.5
Tuckingmill	Anglo-Catholic			
Penponds	Anglo-Catholic	2,045	877	5.3
Treslothan	Middle Ground	2,591	1,038	3.0
Crowan	Middle Ground (traditional)	2,408	988	11.7

PARISH FINANCIAL DETAILS

Church	Income	Expenditure	Planned Giving
Camborne	£70,161	£51,007	£28,457
Tuckingmill	£81,623	£82,206	£10,501
Penponds	£11,848	£19,995	£2,310
Crowan	£26,201	£38,590	£5,999
Treslothan	£21,593	£32,387	£10,184

SUPPORT/RESOURCES

Parish	CWs	Self Supporting Minister	Local Worship Leaders (LWLs)	Readers	Local Pastoral Ministers (LPMs)	Buildings
Camborne	2 + 5 Dep	1	5	2	5	3 Halls
Tuckingmill	2 + 2 Dep		1	1	2 in training	1 Hall
Penponds	2					
Crowan	2		1 in Training	1	1 in training	Courtesy use of Parish Room
Treslothan	1		1	1		1 Hall

REGULAR WEEKDAY EVENTS

Parish	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Camborne	Boy's Brigade		Prayer Book HC		Girls Brigade	M and M Outreach Lunches
						Saturday Morning Café.
						M & M Café and Scrabble Club
Tuckingmill	Bell Ringing	Church Open Day 1st Healing Service + HC 3rd Said Holy Communion	Toddlers Group Fit2Wiggle Morning Prayer			
Penponds		Church open in the afternoon Evening Prayer		Morning Prayer	Regular monthly social events	
Crowan	Church Open	Church Open Monthly Open Discussion Group	Church Open	Church Open Bell Ringing	Church Open	Church Open
Treslothan	Church Open	Church Open	Church Open	Church Open Morning Prayer	Chuch Open	Church Open

EDUCATIONAL ESTABLISHMENTS

SCHOOLS - CAMBORNE & TUCKINGMILL PARISH

Camborne Nursery School	71
Camborne Science and International Academy	1,391
Rosemellin Community Primary School	340
Roskear School	445
St John's Catholic Primary School, Camborne	171
St Meriadoc CofE Infant Academy	257
St Meriadoc CofE Junior Academy	210
Trevithick Learning Academy	441
Weeth Community Primary School	175

SCHOOLS IN PENPONDS PARISH

Kehelland Village School	91
Penponds School	108

SCHOOLS IN CROWAN PARISH

Crowan Primary School	120
Leedstown Community Primary School	91

SCHOOLS IN TRESLOTHAN

Troon Community Primary School 125

COLLEGE

Little Acorns Pre-School

The Duchy College, Rosewarne

OUT OF AREA, BUT SIGNIFICANT FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Cornwall College

Pool Academy

NURSERIES

Gooseberry Bush Day Nursery

Flying Start Day Nursery

Trevithick Academy & Roskear School Nursery