

THE PORTICO



image from Plymouth Diocese website

Diocese welcomes newly ordained priest

Congratulations to Fr Andrew Marlborough, who was ordained on 9 July. Word on the street is that Fr Andrew may be coming this autumn to be a welcome addition to the Cornwall Deanery, where he would be assisting Fr Brian in our neighbouring parish of Falmouth, though this remains to be confirmed.

Fr Andrew says "I grew up in Poole and worked for 10 years in the art and antiques business, mostly in auctions. I entered seminary at Allen Hall in London in 2016 and have just finished my studies this year. During my time in seminary, I have helped in several parishes as well as schools, hospitals, and prison ministry. I look forward to life serving as a priest of the Diocese."

More details and photos on the [Diocesan website](#)

Churches Together: Cornwall Developments

In a welcome sign of our continuing involvement with the wider Christian community here in Cornwall, Kathy Pope from St Augustine of Hippo Church in St

Austell parish has recently taken on the role of Co-ordinator for Churches Together in Cornwall.

Roger Mills will retain the role of CTC Editor, responsible for communications.

Messages

It was great the way we all surprised Ginny at her birthday party (PORTICO 71). It made the party memorable! Good we all had a catch up too. *Sam*

Thank you! The French Synod response seems well focused. Look forward to reading it.

Francis

Lovely to see about Ginny. Glad to see the new Diocesan website is appreciated too. God Bless. *Evelyne*

Your photo caught Ginny's surprise perfectly. We really enjoyed the party. *Paul*

It was interesting to read about the French Synodal Synthesis. I recall that there was a summary of our own Bishops' National Synthesis in Portico 70 - could you reference it again? I am sure there will be people who are saying "well, where's the feedback from all the work we put in last Advent?" *Jean*

(Ed: Here is the link to our [Report and brief summary](#))

Ukrainian Support Group Host Family Meet-up 4th August from 4 - 7 pm

The next meet-up will be in Samballs Cafe at Truro Methodist Church. Anyone with an interest, questions or involvement is welcome to drop in.



TCRS Festival in the park

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Some of our readers were spotted in a lively gathering in Victoria Park in Truro, where a few stalls and several music groups entertained Saturday strollers around the bandstand as part of the Truro Refugee

Support Group's Festival. Diana Miners, chair of TCRS said "It went well and the musicians were all superb. The weather didn't play in our favour, but we still raised £375". Perhaps as importantly, the enthusiasm of several Truro City Councillors and the interviews on Radio Cornwall that morning were most encouraging. Contact us at [the portico](#) if you would like more information!

Seeking Our Hearts' Desire: Our Bishops' Reflection on Synod National Synthesis



The Bishops of England and Wales recently published their initial reflection on the Synod National Synthesis. Titled "Seeking Our Hearts' Desire", the document is what might be described as a cautiously balanced initial reflection on the many issues raised in the National Synthesis.

Re-asserting their role to have charge over the church and to judge the genuineness and proper use of the gifts that the Holy Spirit bestows on the people, the Bishops observe that some common aspects – such as the lack of engagement of 90% of church-goers (among others?) and how the gifts of the laity are recognised and harnessed – are "likely to be prominent in our continued synodal conversations".

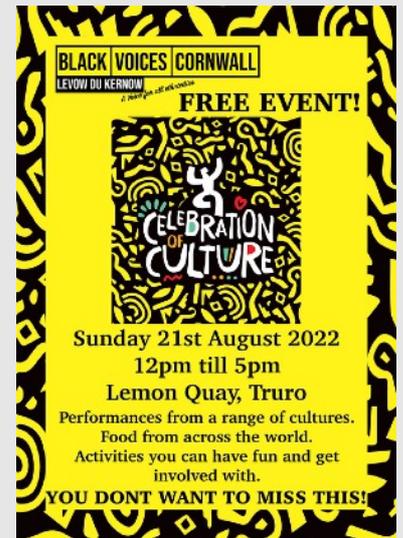
The Bishops note that the process has heightened the sense of a need "to value everyone who enriches the Church by their presence, and acknowledge the need to reflect further on the hurt and pain voiced in the diocesan syntheses".

The Bishops have perceived in the synthesis, a general concern to renew the church's missionary dynamism; and their overall emphasis seems to be on the need to reshape our church **communion** through better formation and accompaniment so as to improve both **participation** and carrying out our **mission**.

Both the Synod National Synthesis and the Bishops' Reflection have been submitted to the Vatican and will be discussed regionally.

Use these links to read the

[Synod National Synthesis](#); Portico's [brief summary](#); and [Bishops Reflection](#) "Seeking Our Hearts' Desire" in full.



Creationcare Pilgrimage Saturday 17th September

Join a short local pilgrimage in the company of other Christians, from Cubert to Holywell and back, organised by Churches Together in Cornwall, Save the date, more details to follow.

"The Cry of the Earth: a Challenge for those who Care" Saturday, 1st October

A Caritas Climate Change event hosted by Falmouth Justice & Peace Group at St Mary Immaculate, Falmouth



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