



**Truro
Cathedral**
sacred space, common ground

Sunday 20th July
5th Sunday after Trinity

Worship in Truro Cathedral today

08:00 BCP Holy Communion – Revd Keiren Marwood

10:00 Choral Eucharist – President Dean Simon Robinson

Preacher Canon Sue Wallace

16:00 Choral Evensong – Dean Simon Robinson, Preacher Ms Sarah Fagg

18:00 Kres – Another Way Kres @ Truro Cathedral - Another Way Kres (Cornish for “peace”) is a space for stillness, reflection, and creative worship, hosted by Another Way, a pioneering community based in Truro.

10:00am Hymns for this morning’s service

148 The God of Abraham praise (verses 1-3, 8)

431 O Thou who camest from above

485 Thy hand, O God, has guided

Music at the 10:00am Choral Eucharist sung by the choir of St Boniface, Sarasota FL

Introit	Este les Digo	<i>Lange</i>
Setting	Mass in D	<i>Dvořák</i>
Motet	Tantum Ergo	<i>French</i>
Voluntary	Te Deum	<i>Langlais</i>

Music at the 4pm Choral Evensong sung by the choir of St Boniface, Sarasota FL

Prelude	Adagio (Symphonie III)	<i>Vierne</i>
Responses	<i>Camara</i>	Hymn 372, 338 Psalms 82, 100
Canticles	The Gloucester Service	<i>Howells</i>
Anthem	Strengthen ye the weak hands	<i>Harris</i>
Postlude	Moderato in F major Op. 22, No. 1	<i>Gade</i>

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading: Genesis 18: 1-10a: The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the

tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, 'My lord, if I find favour with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.' So they said, 'Do as you have said.' And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, 'Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.' Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate. They said to him, 'Where is your wife Sarah?' And he said, 'There, in the tent.' Then one said, 'I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.' And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him.

Psalm 15

Martin Setchell

Response

v. 1a O Lord, who may dwell in your ta - ber - na - cle?

(end of tone)

Lord, who may dwell in your
tabernacle? Who may rest upon your
holy hill? Whoever leads an uncorrupt
life and does the thing that is right;

Response

Who speaks the truth from the heart
and bears no deceit on the tongue; Who
does no evil to a friend and pours no
scorn on a neighbour; **Response**

In whose sight the wicked are not
esteemed, but who honours those who
fear the Lord. Whoever has sworn to a
neighbour and never goes back on that
word. **Response**

Who does not lend money in hope of
gain, nor takes a bribe against the
innocent; Whoever does these things
shall never fall. **Response**

Second reading: Colossians 1: 15-28: He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things,

and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him— provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel. I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

Gospel Reading: Luke 10: 38-end: Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.' But the Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.'

Post Communion Prayer

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by your governance, that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

This week we are praying for: Philip Sharp, Jo, May Kincaid, Fiona Davie, Elliott Wills, Lynda Rodgett, Margaret Britton, Mary Prior, Samantha Holland, Alison Jones, Jocelyn Latarche.

For those who have died, Richard Ellwell, Rosemary Radcliffe, Denise Streeter.

Next Sunday, 27th July: 6th Sunday after Trinity

08:00 BCP Holy Communion – Revd Andrew Yates

10:00 Choral Eucharist – President Revd Keiren Marwood

Preacher Revd Jeff James

16:00 Choral Evensong – Revd Keiren Marwood

News, services and notices for the week beginning: 21/7/2025

Monday 21st	9:00 Holy Communion 9:30 Morning Prayer 16:00 Evening Prayer
Tuesday 22nd	9:00 Holy Communion 9:30 Morning Prayer 16:00 Evening Prayer
Wednesday 23rd Bridget of Sweden, Abbess	9:00 Holy Communion 9:30 Morning Prayer 16:00 Evening Prayer
Thursday 24th	9:00 Holy Communion 9:30 Morning Prayer 12:10 Christian Meditation 13:10 Organ recital – James Perkins 16:00 Evening Prayer
Friday 25th James the Apostle	9:00 Holy Communion 9:30 Morning Prayer and Litany for peace 11:00 BCP Holy Communion 17:30 Choral Evensong sung by Peterborough Chamber Choir
Saturday 26th Anna and Joachim, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary	9:00 Holy Communion 9:30 Morning Prayer 16:00 Evening Prayer

New notices about the life of the cathedral:

This Sunday evening: Kres is a contemporary, Celtic-inspired worship and reflective space, rooted in Christian tradition but open to people from all backgrounds. You are very welcome to join us - expect poetry, stories, scriptures, songs, ambient music and moments of silence. 6PM.

The Cathedral Chapter meet this Wednesday afternoon:

On Wednesday 23rd of July the Cathedral Chapter (Board of Trustees) meet. Please hold them in your prayers.

We begin with a Chapter Holy Communion service at 12:45 in the Chapel of St Michael and St Piran (the old Common Grounds café.) You are welcome to attend this service and pray for the Chapter.

The agenda focuses mainly on the annual report and accounts. The Auditors will lead this item. The Chapter will consider the audit year ended 31-12-2024. They will receive and approve the annual report and accounts; review and approve the letter of representation; review the audit management letter and the findings report.

Bishop David Williams will be present for the meeting. The Diocesan Bishop should attend Chapter once a year. We will be discussing, mission and vision.

Safeguarding and the Cathedral Risk register are standing items on every agenda.

We have a full Chapter of 12 members made up of 3 'executive members' and 9 non-executive members. The COO, the CFO and the Director of Music act as advisers.

The sale of Daniell Road:

Following on from last week's notification concerning cathedral property, this property is now on the open market. It is being marketed with Philip Martin and Co.

Previous notices about the life of the cathedral:

From The Friends of Truro Cathedral

Wednesday 23rd July - Friends coach outing to Saltram House. Coach departs NCP car park, Truro at 0915 and returns at 1800. Cost £30. Tickets available from the Friends Desk after the Sunday Eucharist or by emailing: events@friendsoftrurocathedral.org.uk

Important news from the Chapter (The Board of Trustees)

What is one of the main aims of the Cathedral Chapter?

One of our main aims is to ensure the financial sustainability of the cathedral so that it can continue to be enjoyed by future generations. The Chapter is also obliged by virtue of being registered as a charity to do everything to ensure financial stability, sustainability and solvency. This is part of our interim action plan.

Are the financial resources of the cathedral a challenge?

Yes, they remain a challenge. The Chapter and team are taking advice and support in finding the correct solutions to this key matter.

What are our sources of income?

- Generous donations eg on the door
- Regular giving eg from the Sunday congregation
- Grants from grant-making bodies, especially private trusts and individuals.
- Collections at services

- Events and venue hire
- Rental Income
- Ticket sales – tours, recitals and concerts
- Fundraising initiatives

Is the cathedral a 'going' concern?

Yes, we are a currently a 'going concern.' Our auditors have been working with us on our financial recovery plans.

What do we need to address?

We need to address cash flow, paying off loans and raising income while controlling our costs. We must address the deteriorating condition of our property assets.

Are there any related factors which we should be informed of?

The Chapter has an obligation to provide housing for their full-time residentiary clergy; the Dean and at least two residentiary canons. This means that three properties are required. We do not currently have three habitable properties.

How are the canons currently housed?

All three are housed in private accommodation. This is unsustainable and not what the Church Commissioners expect. We have considered property rentals for canons, but that is not an option due to the lack of security of tenure. The Church Commissioners have advised us that we must hold sufficient property to accommodate our residentiary clergy.

How many clergy properties does the cathedral currently own?

Two houses, Daniell Road and Westwood House.

What is the condition of Daniell Road and Westwood House?

Daniell Road needs a minimum of £65,000 renovation works to make the house habitable.

Westwood House is in good order, with a tenant currently paying us rent.

Are there any further factors that should be considered?

The cathedral has a loan secured against the two clergy properties. This loan relates to the work done to re-roof the Western Roof some years ago. The loan is being repaid, with £174,000 outstanding.

We also have 2 other loans which relate to Covid, one with the diocese for £15K which will be repaid in 2025, and the other a bounceback loan with Barclays £24k which will be repaid by 2027.

What has been decided?

Daniell Road & Westwood House will be sold on the open market.

Daniell Road will be sold first.

The tenants in Westwood House have been advised and served notice.

Why?

This will release capital to

1. Purchase two smaller, modern houses for residentiary canons.
2. Release cash to pay off the loan secured on the two houses.
3. Rebuild unrestricted reserves until such time as a third property can be purchased.

What about a house for a third residentiary canon or the Dean?

The Chapter is exploring different options for the purchase of a third house in discussion with the Church Commissioners and our Auditors.

Can a cathedral chapter buy and sell clergy property?

Yes, they can, within set legal frameworks and only with permission from the Charity Commission and the Church Commissioners.

Are you working with the Church Commissioners?

Yes, every step of the way.

Were there any other options to help with finances via the assets of the cathedral?

The other major properties that the cathedral owns are the Old Cathedral School, Chantry Flats and the Scholary. They too could be sold, however, the Chapter has not considered this as a viable option at this stage. We aim to avoid this if possible.

What happens if we do not act in this way?

1. It will be very challenging to recruit clergy when such a time arrives.
2. The cathedral could be judged 'not to be a going concern' by the auditors. This is serious and something we must avoid.
3. We would have to make some of the very few staff we have left redundant, although this would compound the wider financial issues, and we are already operating on a small staff of 19.7 Full Time Equivalent.
4. We would not be acting in accordance with our charitable registration, with our ecclesiastical purposes, with the charitable objects of the cathedral.

A personal note from The Very Reverend Simon Robinson

The decision to sell two properties and purchase two smaller, more modern properties took months to make. It is a decision that has not been taken lightly. It is in line with other decisions that have been made over the past two years, including closing the shop and the restaurant. The Chapter must act in accordance with the law and fulfil their obligations in regards of housing for residentiary clergy. Whilst this is less of an issue at this stage, this will become an issue in the

future. The Chapter must also do everything that it can to ensure that the cathedral remains solvent.

None of us wishes to sell property; however, for the greater good of the charity and its financial health, to maximise the assets we have, to purchase houses that are easier to heat and maintain and for future recruitment reasons, this action is necessary.

I affirm again that fundraising efforts over the past year have been successful, including:

- Bridging appeal for the music department January 2025 £167k
- Luxmuralis January 2025 £25k
- Launch of the music fund in June 2025 £17k raised on the night with match funding offered by a donor, taking this to £34K
- Accessibility ramp (restricted) funding secured May 2025
- Church Sustainability Fund (a Church Commissioners fund) successful application for Head of Music Philanthropy post £197k over 3 years.

We will be turning our minds and our actions to how we ensure that the fabric of this great building is in good condition as well. Truro Cathedral is a building of significant historical and heritage value. The Chapter will do everything it can to ensure that an appropriate level of funds is allocated to this task in accordance with the Care of the Cathedral Measure 2011 and the recommendations of the QI report.

I will keep you updated in regard of this and other matters as part of my commitment to sharing information with you,

The Very Reverend Simon Robinson
Dean of Truro and Rector of St Mary's Truro

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