

## Transforming Mission Progress Report – Diocesan Synod November 2018

**Transforming Mission** is being developed as a model for the renewal of Anglican Church life in Cornwall, starting in Falmouth and Carnmarth South deanery, with a view to being adapted and replicated in other locations. Transforming Mission seeks to create thriving church community that attracts and supports all ages including families and the student generation and has at its heart a desire to spill out of its own walls to proclaim good news, serve its community, to resource and bless other churches and to be the catalyst for growth in discipleship, evangelism and community-building. A key element of the programme is the development and deployment of leaders in all spheres of ministry for the benefit of the Diocese and the wider church.

An initial bid to the Church Commissioners for Strategic Development Funding won a grant of £1.2m over 5 years from 2017 to supplement a generous commitment from the Board of Finance. Phase 1 in Falmouth is now well under way and an initial bid has been submitted for Phase 2 to bring Transforming Mission to Camborne, St Austell, Truro and Liskeard.

### Transforming Mission Falmouth

There have been three key early elements in getting TM Falmouth off the ground:

#### a. Launching “Huddle” Café and student/community hub



**HUDDLE**

The early appointment of **Bianca Parry** as Café and Hub Manager, alongside her husband **Matt Parry**, initially as Assistant Manager and Worship Minister-designate for Transforming Mission, has led to the successful leasing of the premises and the complete refurbishment of the space and branding of the new venture.

Huddle Café opened in November 2017, and has quickly become a popular and well-regarded venue. A

great Café team has been recruited, comprising two team-leaders and a small pool of largely student-age assistants. The first 12 months of business and ministry have shown encouraging growth in many areas, which will continue apace with the establishment of the new worshipping community from January 2019.

#### *Events and activities out of Café hours include*

- **Worship and Outreach Events**
- **Student ministry meetings and events**
- **Community Support Activities**
- **Churches Together Events**
- **Creative Workshops**
- **Music Concerts**

#### b. Recruiting and assembling the leadership team

A key element of the Transforming Mission proposals is to establish a resourcing church in Falmouth that develops alongside, and in partnership with, the existing congregations especially that of All Saints. For this to happen effectively overall leadership of the project at a local level is critical. The majority of the team is now in place and the first phase of developing a new congregation is underway.

The Bishop released **Bill Stuart-White** (Archdeacon and Diocesan Lead on Transforming Mission) to become Priest-in-charge of All Saints and TM Falmouth Leader. Bill began this ministry on Pentecost Sunday 2018.

**Rev Chris Hassell** was recruited to serve as dedicated **Pioneer Minister** with a brief to develop a new contemporary congregation focussed on families and Students. Chris was Licensed on August 28<sup>th</sup> 2018.

**Ben Barnes** has been recruited to serve as **Student and Youth Leader**. He began his ministry on October 15<sup>th</sup> 2018. They join Matt and Bianca Parry as the Leadership Team for TM Falmouth. The final ministry post to be recruited is the **Children and Families Leader**. Interviews took place on October 29<sup>th</sup> 2018.



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### c. Working with the Deanery and ecumenical partners to establish good relationships and platforms for change and growth.

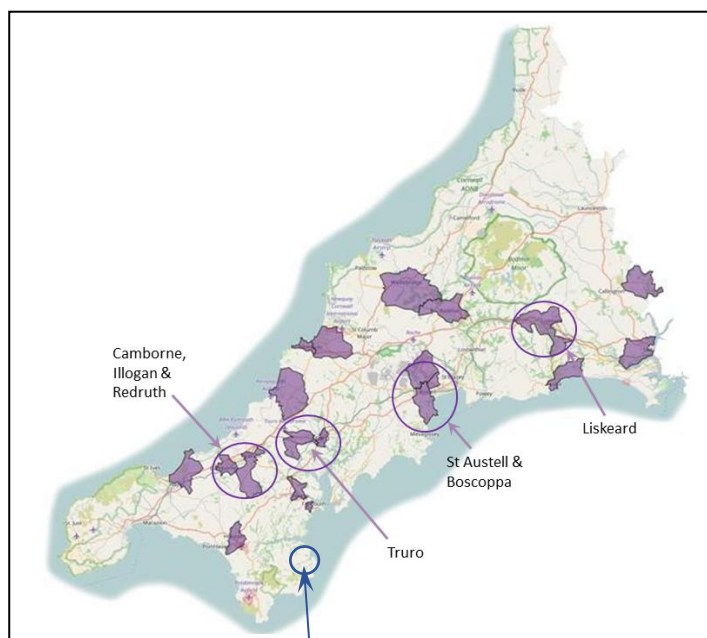
From an initial consultation held by +Tim in November 2016 in Carnmarth South Deanery, time and energy has been given to developing the vision in discussion with the parishes of the deanery and with leaders of other churches. The results of this work will be formalised in a Bishop's Mission Order which will enable the development of more collaborative relationships across the deanery and the formation of a new congregation which will meet initially in the Theatre Hall of King Charles the Martyr, by kind permission of the Vicar and PCC. This congregation will be launched on January 13<sup>th</sup> 2019.

A **12 month Evaluation** was conducted by the Church Commissioners in September 2018 as part of the funding process. A full report was produced for this purpose to inform a full day's evaluation visit. This was favourably received and forms a key foundation for the current Phase 2 bid.

## Transforming Mission Phase 2

An initial bid has been approved by the Bishop's Diocesan Council and submitted for further Strategic Development Funding to support the development of four further locations for Transforming Mission across the Diocese. These are Camborne, Truro, St Austell and Liskeard. They have been chosen because:

- they have substantial populations, not just in the central parish but in the surrounding parishes and wider Deanery;
- they are all home to substantial new housing developments in the next 5 years;
- there are significant opportunities for growth and the churches represent a broad spectrum in a variety of areas such as, churchmanship, urban/rural, levels of deprivation and current mission capacity;
- they all have substantial populations of children, young families, young people and students;
- the relevant Deaneries are supportive of the proposals and, to a reasonable extent, committed to the collaborative working which a Transforming Mission Resource Church will require;
- They present good opportunities for planting further congregations which is a key element of the Transforming Mission vision and strategy.



The bid, which is supported by a commitment from the Bishop's Diocesan Council for 40% of the total cost, will, if successful, finance 3 or 4 Pioneering posts in each location covering such areas as Children and Families, Youth, Young Adults, Worship etc as part of the development of Resourcing Churches for the surrounding areas. The five locations will form a Network of Transforming Mission Resourcing Churches which may be expanded in future phases.

If the initial bid is approved for progress in November 2018, a full bid will be developed in partnership with the named locations and submitted in May 2019. If that is successful funding would be available from July 2019.

Revd Canon Bill Stuart-White  
October 2018