VACANCY IN SEE



WORK TO APPOINT A NEW BISHOP

One new feature of diocesan life will be the work that takes place to appoint a new Bishop of Truro. There are three main elements to this work.

The first part of the work to find a new bishop is something that we can all join in with, we need to pray that God's Holy Spirit will work through the appointment, there is a prayer for us to use during the vacancy.

Two committees make key decisions to support the recruitment of the new bishop; the Vacancy in See Committee is made up of diocesan members mostly elected from parishes and deaneries, the first thing this committee does is create a "Statement of Needs" that describes the diocese and what we need from a new bishop. The second committee is the Crown Nominations Commission or CNC, this has some local members and some national representatives, the CNC will look at longlists, shortlists and then interview candidates before making a recommendation to the Prime Minister and the King for approval.

The third main element involves all of us, there is a wide consultation both about what goes into the Statement of Needs to describe us, and about what we are looking for in a new bishop.

INFORMING THE STATEMENT OF NEED FOR THE NEXT BISHOP OF TRURO

As part of the process for identifying the next Bishop of Truro we are required to produce a Statement of Need that summarizes what we hope for, and what we offer. To inform this document we invite input from anyone in our diocese, Anglican or not, and would be grateful if you could complete the questions below.

The response deadline for this is 31 December 2023 at midnight.

Any questions about the Vacancy in See process as it is known, please contact kate.cortez@truro.anglican.org

1. What gifts, qualities, and experience do you think are needed in a new Bishop?



	2.	What fills you with joy and hope about the ministry and mission of the Church in Cornwall, the Isles of Scilly and two parishes in Devon?
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	3.	What are the challenges and frustrations, and what would you like to change?

4.	What opportunities do you see are open to the Church in Cornwall, the Isles of Scilly and two parishes in Devon?	
5.	Where are you from (which parish/town)?	