CARNMARTH SOUTH DEANERY CIO

Charity No. 1204638

Annual Report

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Purposes of the Charity

The purpose of the of the CIO is the advancement of the Christian faith in the Carnmarth South Deanery of the Anglican Diocese of Truro.

Trustees

Rev. Emma Durose

Christopher Martin

Simon Vincer

Annual Report

Funding

The CIO's income for this year was derived from the following sources:

- Church Commissioners' Lowest Income Communities Fund (LICF); this money is distributed by the Diocese 62%
- Truro Diocese (to provide administrative support to the Strategic Rural Dean) 2%
- Contributions from Parishes to support the employment of the Children and Schools Worker 20%
- Donations from Parishes and individuals to the Christians Against Poverty (CAP) Blessing Fund 3%
- Transfer of funds from the previous employers (Budock PCC) of the CAP Debt Centre Manager 14%

Activity
The Deanery Missioner, Children and Schools Worker and the CAP Debt Manager have written the following reports.

Deanery Missioner
As Deanery Missioner, my work has focused on enabling mission, strengthening church presence, and developing sustainable expressions of ministry within lower-income communities. Central to this work has been relationship-building, identifying and nurturing local leadership, and supporting parishes to engage more effectively with those beyond the Church.

A key aspect of my role has been the intentional development of lay leadership. Across multiple contexts, I have identified and encouraged local leaders, ensuring that mission is rooted within the communities themselves, making it both sustainable and contextually appropriate. The ongoing growth of the Chillioi LGBTQ+ missional community exemplifies this approach. Attendance has increased, and seven members have now led evening sessions, demonstrating growing confidence and shared ownership. Alongside this, work has been undertaken to discern a sustainable future for Chillioi, particularly exploring how it might be embedded within an existing church.

However, the non-licensed nature of the Deanery Missioner role has created significant limitations. No longer being licensed to the deanery has meant I am unable to preside at Holy Communion, bringing to an end the termly sacramental rhythm that has been central to Chillioi's life over the past three years. This highlights a structural tension: while the role enables pioneering and missional leadership, it lacks the sacramental authority needed to sustain and mature these communities.

This challenge has also affected my work with the university chaplaincy. During the year, I was invited to lead a monthly Holy Communion on campus and to shape and lead a new Act of Remembrance attended by over fifty people, which the university now intends to make an annual event. My role has since expanded to include work with both students and staff, developing a broader chaplaincy presence at no cost to the Diocese following the withdrawal of Church of England funding. However, the inability to continue sacramental ministry due to licensing constraints has limited this work at a key point of growth.

In the first half of the reporting period, I worked closely with King Charles The Martyr (KCM) church (in Falmouth) and the Diocesan Inclusion Officer to help discern a way forward regarding the Thomas Corker memorial. This remains a missional priority, as the ongoing situation has significantly affected the perception and use of Fairwinds Community Hub, limiting its effectiveness as a space aligned with social justice and community engagement.

I have also served as a Foundation Governor at St Francis C of E School, with a particular focus on advocating for children from lower-income backgrounds, including those within the lowest ten percent based on free school meals. In this capacity, I worked closely with the diocesan education team during the sudden resignation of the Headteacher, helping to ensure stability, continuity, and clear Christian leadership during a critical period. I also

collaborated with the Trust to strengthen the Christian ethos of the school, particularly in preparation for Ofsted, ensuring that the needs of the poorest pupils are intentionally prioritised and that the school's vision reflects a commitment to justice, inclusion, and flourishing for all.

Collaboration has been central to the role. Working with the Deanery Schools Lead, I have contributed to initiatives such as Advent Adventures and Easter Explorers, and visited schools to speak about the role of a priest. This has supported the wider schools ministry, strengthened links between churches and schools, and contributed to a coherent, team-based approach to engaging children and young people. Additionally, as a trustee of the Sparrows Project, I have collaborated with nine partner agencies, including diocesan and regional bodies, to address modern slavery and human trafficking. This has included leading a day conference in Falmouth to encourage coordinated and practical responses to support those affected.

Over the past four months, my work within Penryn Deanery has further illustrated the effectiveness and importance of the role being an ordained one. I developed from scratch a six-week Lent course focused on equipping churches to engage more intentionally with those on the margins. This was intentionally embedded within the sacramental life of the Church, centred around midweek Holy Communion, enabling a deeper integration of mission, discipleship, and worship. In this context, I have also begun working with a newly baptised member of St Gluvias who is a veteran, recognising that veterans are often a marginalised group facing mental health and social integration challenges. This has led to a new series of podcasts exploring the challenges of working with people on the margins.

During this period, I have had the opportunity to baptise four adults and to lead a missionally focused baptism service at St Gluvias Church, attended by over sixty local people. This area, located within the part of the deanery experiencing the greatest deprivation, particularly demonstrates the value of an ordained missional presence able to combine sacramental ministry with outreach and community engagement. I have also shaped weekly ministry team meetings, intentionally forming and developing lay leadership with a clear missional focus.

Overall, the Deanery Missioner role has enabled significant missional development, particularly in building relationships, raising up leaders, and strengthening new expressions of church in lower-income contexts. However, the absence of licensing remains a consistent and practical barrier, particularly in sustaining sacramental life within emerging communities and in fully realising the potential of this work.

Children and Schools Worker

This year has been a fabulous year, demonstrating teamwork at its absolute best. Closely following the Cornwall Agreed Syllabus for R.E., we have offered every child attending a primary school within our deanery the opportunity to visit their local church at least once a year.

To do this, we have run workshops on Harvest, Advent, Baptism (and why some buildings are important to Christians), Easter, Pentecost and "Beyond" (moving to secondary school).

With huge support from congregations, we have successfully run 65 workshops for the local schools, as a result of which over 1600 3-10 year old children have been able to access our church buildings and meet members of the congregations, with whom they have been able to have conversations about what happens in churches during each season, and how we, as Christians feel as we reflect on each festival. The Year 6 Manchester Diocese "Beyond" programme is run at school as we consider this to be a safe and comfortable space for children to discuss their true feelings about moving on to secondary school. We have also held church visits for children from our local school ARB tailored to children with a Education, Health and Care plan.

In addition to school work, Rev Emma and I ran hugely successful Summer Clubs at Mylor, Penryn and Ponsanooth - plans for a repeat this summer are already underway. This enabled us to reach local and holidaying families, allowing the parents a space to chat whilst their children took part in fun, Bible based activities. Little Sparks groups in Falmouth and Penryn continue to thrive, and I attend whenever I can. I'm also delighted to be working closely with Lena at Budock Church, supporting her amazing work with Wild Church and Together Club.

I am aware that, currently, children who are educated at home are not offered these opportunities, so this year, I plan to contact the local Home Education groups, with a view to inviting them along for similar opportunities.

CAP Debt Centre Manager

The local CAP Debt Help Centre serving Falmouth, Penryn and the surrounding areas continues to operate effectively.

Since March 2025, we have received 25 referrals and are currently supporting 14 clients, including three on long-term debt repayment plans. The majority of our clients are single individuals. Among them are several single parents (three female and one male with dependent children), as well as individuals who are now living alone following relationship breakdowns, including cases involving domestic violence. We also support a number of single clients, primarily in their 50s and early 60s, including one pensioner. Additionally, we have worked with three couples, of whom one couple remains in active support.

Our Christmas and Easter hamper initiatives continue to be both well received and strongly supported by all nine parish churches. This year's Easter appeal focused on financial donations to fund grocery gift vouchers for clients throughout the year. Current clients also received a "Meaningful Easter Egg" accompanied by an Easter message, funded through the CAP Centre Blessings Fund.

We have been able to provide further assistance to clients through referrals to Age UK, Acts 435, and CAP's Emergency Fund Grants. These have supported a range of needs, including home maintenance and repairs, food and fuel vouchers, and children's school uniforms.

Monthly drop-in sessions at the Dracaena Centre are ongoing, and we have continued to engage in outreach through networking events with local referral agencies and charities.

In October 2025, we attended the World Mental Health event at the National Maritime Museum in Falmouth, where we hosted a CAP stand to promote our debt help service. In December 2025, Glyn Lumley (CAP Job Clubs and Money Coaching Lead) and I were invited by Jobcentre Plus in Penryn to attend a public Wellbeing Fair.

In place of regular monthly CAP lunches, we have held two informal gatherings for the volunteer team, which was well received.

Finally, I would like to express my sincere appreciation for the ongoing prayers from the church community, as well as the continued dedication of my volunteers. We also hope to welcome more female volunteers to the team in the future.

Accounts

Income

2024		2025
	Lowest Income Communities Fund	37,078.33
	Truro Diocese (Admin Support)	1,146.60
	Parishes	11,750.00
	CAP Donations	1,676.52
	Transfer of CAP Funds	8,107.05
	Other	8.50
	Total	**59,767.00**

Expenditure

2024		2025
	Salaries (inc. Tax, NI and Pensions)	44,813.49
	Insurance	515.23
	Fees and Charges	937.90
	Expenses	510.82
	CAP Blessings	200.00
	Other	
	Total	**46,977.44**

Surplus / (Deficit)	**12,789.56**