

# LCO bulletin

## March 2024



### West Team Bulletin – North Hill



# Community Events

## Coming up: Community Lunchtime Drop In

We're holding another Community Drop in session on **July 4<sup>th</sup> 2024 11.30am-1pm**. Find out more about the conservation work we're doing, ask questions, share ideas and keep in touch. All welcome.



## Update on our January Supporter Event

About 20 people came along to a wonderful gathering at The Old School Inn for people interested in volunteering or supporting the Churches Conservation Trust at St Torney's once it re-opens to the public.

The likely opening month is October and a popular idea at the meet-up was a Harvest Festival. Any other thoughts feel free to share.

The idea of a Christmas gathering in the church with music, mince pies and mulled wine was also discussed and there was interest from people in helping with cleaning, stewarding, fundraising and history tours. The feeling seemed to be that the community are happy for the church to be left open unless there are any problems.

# Interpretation Update



Thank you for all of those that have kindly spent the time either completing the digital survey or emailing us their thoughts.

The responses are being compiled and in the coming months, will be used to help write a detailed Interpretation Plan that reflects them.

There is still time to share your thoughts and ideas!

Is there a particular period, event or historical figure with links to the church or this community that you would like visitors to know more about?

If so, please email: [northhill@thecct.org.uk](mailto:northhill@thecct.org.uk)  
**Deadline - Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March.**

Have you seen our temporary information boards on the churchyard gates? These are being regular changed throughout the repair and conservation works at St Torney's Church.

Is there any particular information you would like to see included on these boards?



**Who is the Churches Conservation Trust?**

We save, conserve and protect beautiful historic churches. Our national collection of over **300 historic places of worship** includes invaluable examples of architecture, archaeology and art from over 1,000 years of English history, including the church: **St Torney's Church.**

**NEWS: Winter 2023-24 – What is happening to the stained glass windows at St Torney's Church?**  
The windows at North Hill are extremely beautiful. In particular, the series made by Herbert Bryans (1850-1905) with his graufound symbol or signature hidden in each window. St Torney's windows were commissioned at different times by different families, often to remember a loved one. They are all in need of repair...

**How are the stained glass windows repaired?**

- 1) Before the window is removed, a photographic record of each individual panel is taken. Numbered labels are applied to identify each panel and its position within the window.
- 2) Once transported to the workshop, paper rubbings are made of each glass panel.
- 3) The panels are carefully taken apart and the lead frame removed. The glass is then cleaned and placed on to the slabbing.
- 4) Repairs then carried out on any damaged glass, painting and the replacement of glass kept to a minimum.
- 5) New lead is matched to the original window's shape and size, ready for re-lead.
- 6) When re-lead is complete, the panels on both sides of the panel are acidised. Then made waterproof by applying leaded light cement. The panels are cleaned, picked out and brushed to polish then left to cure over several days.
- 7) To help support the windows, new copper wire ties are sickened on to the inside face of each panel to align with new horizontal ironwork saddle bars which will be fitted when the window is reinstated.
- 8) Finally, when the windows return to St Torney's Church, they are re-glazed and each panel is then pointed in with hydraulic lime mortar. This type of mortar allows for the glass to expand and contract.

Look to the information board to read about how you can help and the next steps in the future of St Torney's Church.

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# Conservation Update



Conservation work is progressing well. The monuments have been carefully taken down so that the rusting iron fixings can be replaced with stainless steel. The re-plastering of the aisles will be starting in April.

Repointing of the nave and the chancel is continuing and the stained glass conservator has removed the top lights of the main east window for conservation.

The next decisions will be about lighting so if there are any particular areas of the church that you feel need better lighting please get in contact.



# Aumbry Lamp

Sitting in the north wall of the north aisle of North Hill Church is a relatively modern aumbry. It consists of (i) an outer door, (ii) an inner safe cupboard, (iii) a hanging lamp.

An aumbry is used to store blessed or consecrated communion bread or wine so that this can be easily accessed and used both by Priests and other authorised lay helpers to offer communion to the sick and housebound within the Parish.

It has been suggested that the North Hill aumbry could be moved to St Martin's Church, Lewannick to make it more welcoming to North Hill worshippers. St Martin's now serves as the Parish Church for the united Parishes of Lewannick and North Hill and the aumbry would provide a wonderful addition.

Any thoughts/feedback let me know.





# St Torney Church Plan



I've been making a start on the Church Plan for St Torney which I will be able to share with you later in the year.

Church plans are a living document which combines information on the church's history, significance, maintenance and repair needs and the current use of the church, with feedback and recommendations from the community, and concludes with an action plan setting out agreed short, medium and long term goals to support the sustainable use and care of the church.

Once St Torney's re-opens we can come up with plans and ideas together and update the church plan with your input.

# Ways you can support St Torney



Thanks so much to everyone who came along to the meeting in January. There were several areas which people were interested in supporting the CCT with once St Torney re-opens:

- Cleaning
- Stewarding/event support
- Fundraising
- History tours
- Keyholding\*

There also seems to be some creative minded people amongst you who may like to help specifically with creative input. Keep chatting amongst yourselves and I'm sure plans and ideas will come together over the coming months. If anyone would like to sign up as a volunteer and take the lead in any of these areas (or more) do get in touch.

Don't forget, you can also support St Torney and the CCT by becoming a [member](#), and you can choose church based membership for St Torney if you wish. More [here](#).

\* As the church will be left open, keyholder roles would be to empty (and pay in) wall safe money and hold a set of keys for contractors.

# Thank you for reading!



This bulletin has been designed for our community supporters at North Hill, but I also send out quarterly Bulletins to all of our CCT community supporters in Cornwall, Devon and South Somerset. These share information about our churches and communities in the West region. I will start sending them out once St Torney re-opens.

We also have Facebook groups for each county to share and find out about other churches in their area. Here is the [Cornwall](#) group.

Best wishes,

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