

# THE DIOCESE OF TRURO

## Disability Awareness Committee

### Contacts for information

#### LOCAL – CHURCH

##### **Diocesan Adviser on Disability**

Mrs Christine Todd.

01208 816043

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or via Diocesan House

01872 274351

Available for general advice

or for training / evaluation sessions

##### **Diocesan Advisory Committee**

Secretary Lyn Poole

01872 274351

[lyn@truro.anglican.org](mailto:lyn@truro.anglican.org)

For physical alterations to improve access

##### **Diocesan Registrar**

Martin Follett

01872 241700

[martinfollett@follettstock.co.uk](mailto:martinfollett@follettstock.co.uk)

Will answer questions on the law  
and Disability Discrimination Act

##### **Bishop's Adviser and Chaplain with Deaf People**

Canon Debbie Harvey

01209 716282

[hippo@ankorva.freeserve.co.uk](mailto:hippo@ankorva.freeserve.co.uk)

Can organise communication support  
at church services or meetings

### INTRODUCTION

1 in 7 people in the population has an impairment.

Of these, 17% are born with their main impairment, many acquire the impairment, through illness or accident, more people develop these with the onset of old age.

Impairments may be visible or hidden. They affect the way people live their lives, but they are not the key issues. It is the attitudes of other people and the built environment that **disable** people with impairments.

### THE DISABILITY DISCRIMINATION ACT 1995

It is a legal requirement that we be **inclusive** of people with impairments in our church services and other activities - committees and social occasions - so that **we**, as providers, do not create and perpetuate those conditions that are disabling and exclusive.

The **DDA** seeks to ensure changes to:

- Attitudes
- Access

## LOCAL – CORNWALL

**DIAL** - Disability Information and Advice Line  
01736 759500  
Run by people with disability for disabled people

**Cornwall Association for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing People**  
3/4 Quay Mews, Truro  
01872 225868

**Cornwall Blind Association**  
Penryn House, Newham Road, Truro  
01872 261110

**The Mobility Centre**  
Tehidy House, RCH, Truro  
01872 254920

## NATIONAL – CHURCH

**Church House**  
Great Smith Street, London SW1P 3NZ  
Contact : Phil Maddock  
020 7898 1439  
<mailto:philip.maddock@c-of-e.org.uk>  
[www.c-of-e.org.uk/philip.maddock@c-of-e.org.uk](http://www.c-of-e.org.uk/philip.maddock@c-of-e.org.uk)

**CHAD** (Church Action on Disability)  
PO Box 10918, Birmingham, B29 6WF  
0870 243 0678  
[coordinator@chaduk.org](mailto:coordinator@chaduk.org)  
Co-ordinator : Sean O'Donnell

**Through the Roof and Disabled Christians Fellowship**  
PO Box 353, Epsom, Surrey, KT18 5WS  
01372 749955  
[www.throughtheroof.org](http://www.throughtheroof.org)

## NATIONAL – GENERAL

[www.Youreable.com](http://www.Youreable.com)  
Website dedicated to Disability rights, issues, funding, health and training

Disability Rights Commission  
**Helpline, Freepost MID02164, Stratford-upon Avon, CV37 0BR**  
**08457 622633**  
[www.drc-gb.org](http://www.drc-gb.org)

## THE DIOCESE ASKS each parish

- to appoint a Disability Officer.
- to carry out an audit of provision, recording results.
- to have in place an action plan

## CONSIDERING OUR RESPONSE

Churches need to respond not only over issues of physical access, but in terms of means of communication. Examining attitudes may result in changing policies, practices and procedures.

Churches must make their services and facilities accessible to **all**, so that all can exercise their ministry, in committees, on social occasions, and in leading worship.

We make changes not just because of legal requirements, but because for each other we are filled with the compassion and healing concern of Christ.

## THE DIOCESAN DISABILITY AWARENESS COMMITTEE

- comprises a group of clergy and laity, with direct experience of, or professional interest in, the range of disability issues.
- is chaired by the Adviser.
- Members are available for consultation & advice.

## INFORMATION BOARD

- **Cornwall Library: Home Delivery Service**  
FREEPHONE 0800 032 2345  
Problems in getting to the Library?  
Free delivery: Books, Talking books, CDs and DVDs, Videos  
Volunteers for deliveries also required
- **Cornwall Blind Association: Talking Support**  
A telephone based contact service for visually impaired people, staffed by volunteers.  
Aims to combat isolation and loneliness.  
Will provide regular, weekly contact,  
Sight Centre, Truro : 01872 261110
- **1662 Book of Common Prayer**  
New Large Print Prayer Book  
Three volume edition : 20 point font size  
Cambridge University Press : 01233 326 050

