

FALMOUTH & PENRYN CHURCHES TOGETHER
DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION

Divisions in our society have deepened over the issue of Brexit, overshadowing the Climate Crisis and Species Extinctions, issues which are of greater significance because of their impact upon our future on planet earth.

Falmouth & Penryn Churches Together is holding a Day of Prayer at Falmouth Methodist Church on **Wednesday 11 December 2019**, where people will be able to come to pray and reflect on their choices.

With this in mind, Falmouth & Penryn Churches Together is inviting all Parliamentary Candidates for the Truro & Falmouth Constituency to provide **a brief statement (150 words approx.)** on the two questions posed below.

Responses will be posted in the Memorial Chapel at Falmouth Methodist Church for people to read and reflect on during the Day of Prayer.

A. Question on the CLIMATE EMERGENCY/SPECIES EXTINCTIONS

We are in a climate and ecological emergency. According to the head of the UN, we face a direct existential threat and have less than 18 months to change course.

ARE YOU PREPARED TO

1. Tell the truth to the citizens of this constituency who may be unwilling to accept the policies you must put in place?
2. Work to halt biodiversity loss and cut GHG emissions to net zero by 2025?
3. Do this is a way that is democratic and fair?

B. Question on the VALUES IN PUBLIC LIFE

Many people are concerned at the decline in courtesy and respect in many areas of public life, including politics. The UK Government, in its publication *The Seven Principles of Public Life*, identifies the following characteristics of personal conduct in public office:

Selflessness; Integrity; Objectivity; Accountability; Openness; Honesty; Leadership

(<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-7-principles-of-public-life/the-7-principles-of-public-life--2>).

How would seek to reflect these principles if elected to represent the people of Truro & Falmouth?

On behalf of the constituents of Truro and Falmouth, thank you for your reply to these questions.

Kind regards,

Euan McPhee (on behalf of Falmouth & Penryn Churches Together)