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Bishop of Truro pays a visit to Falmouth RNLI lifeboat station.

The Bishop of Truro, the Right Reverend Tim Thornton, expressed his interest in the Royal National Lifeboat Institution when he paid a visit to Falmouth lifeboat station earlier today, Sunday 13 November.

He arrived on station at 8:00 am and after being introduced to some of the members of the crew, including Adrian Hingston, Jonathan Hackwell, Tom Bird, Di Bush, William Allen, Alan Rowe (Falmouth RNLI Lifeboat Operations Manager) and other members of the station, discussed with John Blakeston, the station's Coxswain and Mechanic, the training that crewmembers undertook before going "live" on the lifeboats and seemed quite taken aback as to how much they were required to learn. They also discussed the age limits that were applied to the crew, and the number of crew members that we had at Falmouth.

William Allen (trainee crew member and visitor guide), then gave the Bishop a detailed tour of the inshore lifeboat whilst the other crew members prepared the all-weather lifeboat for a short trip to sea.

On completion of his guided tour the Bishop was kitted out in the necessary equipment for a trip to sea including, foul weather gear and lifejacket and was invited onto the all-weather boat by Dave Nicoll, who would be coxswain for this trip. They left the pontoon at approximately 8:30 am and after a short trip out to Falmouth Bay, returned alongside the pontoon at 9:00 am, having given the Bishop a taster of what it was like in a lifeboat at sea.

After thanking everyone for their time and forbearance the Bishop left the lifeboat station for Mylor and a remembrance service.

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