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CORNWALL

2020-21 Annual Report

Churches Together in Cornwall Executive

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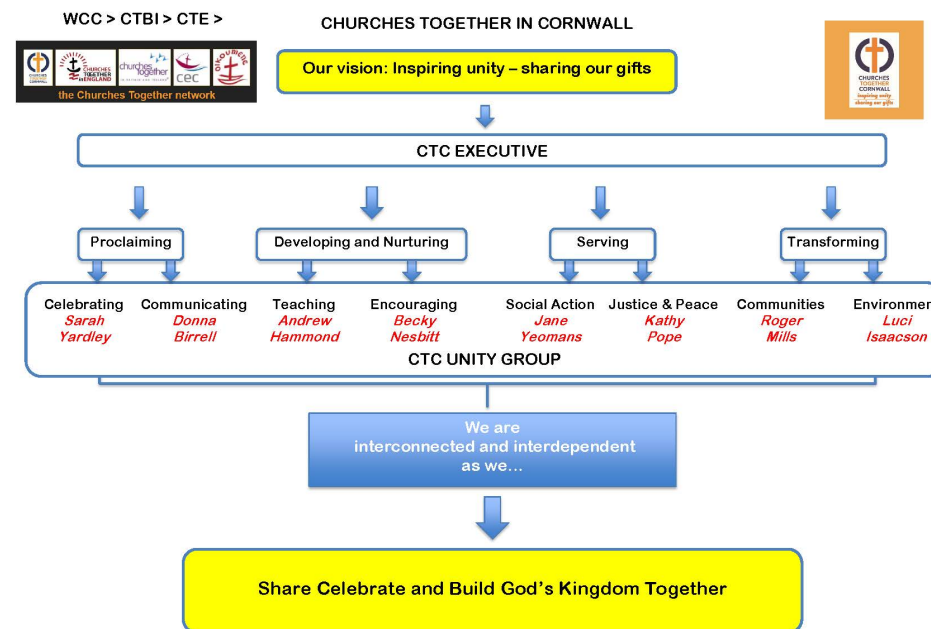
CTC Year in Review 2020-21



2020 undid most of our ideas of how to 'do church', leading us to find innumerable new ways of being together while being apart. For Churches Together groups many regular activities had to be suspended, while many new ones developed, often in partnership with other groups, both faith-based and secular. As the churches and the country plan to 'build back better' it is important to encourage the growth of these new relationships and respond promptly and effectively to changed needs across society.

Opportunities to do this are emerging as we work towards our objective of 'team management' within CTC. Having identified our eight missional topics around which our work will focus and agreed interim leaders for each area, we are now developing a series of liaison groups to connect with other networks active in areas relevant to our work. This approach has worked effectively in Bristol, and we are experimenting with it in the rather different geography of Cornwall to see if we can develop practical and sustainable systems of networking to inform, encourage and support Christian groups of all kinds across our county – inspiring unity and sharing our gifts.

We want to be as flexible as possible in developing this work and the nature of the liaison groups and the way they interact with CTC is likely to vary across different topics. They will be independent of CTC which will not seek to direct or manage their work in any way, but will offer a 'direct line' for two-way communication between church leaders and group members as and when needed.



Each of our four Missional Topics shown in the chart above is divided into two areas, and we report below on progress in each of them. Of course, many initiatives cross these boundaries, whose 'labels' we may modify accordingly in the course of time, and our eight leads who comprise the CTC Unity Group in practice work together in enabling all our focus areas.

Proclaiming:

Celebrating: Lead: Sarah Yardley

Although at first sight this has not been a year for celebration and large gatherings could not take place, the Christian message of hope has nevertheless been proclaimed continuously, and arguably sometimes more effectively, online.

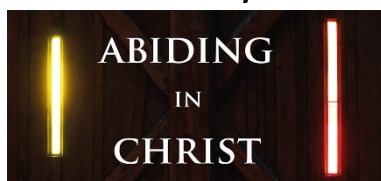
- **Thy Kingdom Come:** switching our original plans to an online offering at short notice, St Martin's Church Liskeard repurposed its planned Beacon Event for East Cornwall to an online version for the whole county, attracting some 1200 views, while the intended coastal path prayer event *South West Awake* became *South West Prays* linking over a thousand across the denominations in prayer and thanksgiving; see <https://www.ctcinfohub.org/thy-kingdom-come-unlocked-in-cornwall-the-south-west-prays/>



- **Creation Fest** in August could not go ahead but was replaced with a weekly series of very successful tv-style programmes featuring many of the speakers and musicians from the original programme; see <https://www.ctcinfohub.org/events/creation-fest-on-air-from-20-jul-online-drive-in-premiere-19-jul-wadebridge/>



- **The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** in January 2021 also moved wholly online and enabled us to try new things: an integrated programme of daily services at Noon on Zoom (and also Facebook Live), daily podcasts from local church and community leaders, a 24/7 Prayer Chain and accompanying Prayer Board, coupled with daily social media posts on themes and actions of the day, together with Sunday services from local Churches Together groups, resulted in well over 1000 engagements; see <https://www.ctcinfohub.org/cornwall-unmuted-to-prayforcornwall-in-the-week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-2021/>



Communicating: Lead: Donna Birrell

- **infoHub:** The CTC infoHub is now well established as a source of Christian news and events from across Cornwall. Although local in-person events came to an almost total stand, online meetings and webinars proliferated and with no travel required, 'attendance' at national events became feasible and much appreciated; consequently, the volume of information coming in to CTC for distribution effectively tripled. New listings of online services from all denominations were developed and a new 'Pause for Prayer' section with suggestions for prayer and reflection was added.
- **CTC Weekly News** lists all new items added to the infoHub with a complete diary of coming events, and now has around 240 subscribers, many of whom then circulate it further.
- **Social Media** The CTC Twitter and Facebook feeds continue to grow, with around 450 followers on Facebook, and Twitter impressions topping 16,000 at times. There is considerable potential for development of our social media outreach which often reaches a different audience to other media.
- **CTC Review: Good News from Cornish Churches** is our 'journal of record', reporting on ecumenical initiatives around Cornwall and providing a more permanent home for their stories than our other media.



- **Podcasts** A new development for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, Donna Birrell's new series of podcasts have proved very popular, being retweeted internationally and featuring in the World Council of Churches roundup of the Week. Further podcasts have covered Racial Justice Sunday, the World Day of Prayer, Holy Week and Easter, with reflections from local leaders.



- **Editorial Board:** a new group to oversee all our comms activities and 'messaging' is now in formation and will seek to build new teams to ensure continuity.

Developing and Nurturing:

Teaching: Lead: Lt Andrew Hammond

- **Pilgrimage:** our annual ecumenical Pilgrimage to Landévennec in Brittany sadly could not take place in 2020 or 2021. We had hoped to promote other opportunities for pilgrimage during 2020, including walks on the Cornish Celtic Way, but these too proved impossible. We hope to resume the programme in 2022.

- **Spirituality Network for Cornwall / Epiphany House:** The work of the Network and of Epiphany House has also inevitably been curtailed during the pandemic, but building



works at the House continued and the new bedrooms and other facilities are now complete, and will open when government regulations permit. Prayer ministry has continued uninterrupted throughout.

- **Lent course:** in association with our work on Modern Slavery (see below); the Clewer Initiative's Lent course *Women in the Shadows* was run by Falmouth & Penryn Churches Together jointly with Churches Together in Cornwall. A thought-provoking course that



engendered much discussion, which worked well over Zoom; we hope to run further courses in this fashion.

Encouraging: Lead: Becky Nesbitt

- **Educational Chaplaincy:** Plans for mapping chaplaincy provision in schools across the county had to be put on hold; early indications were of low and patchy provision, but with examples of excellent practice.
- **Chaplaincy Liaison Group:** In January 2021 CTC approved the creation of a Liaison Group for paid and unpaid chaplains working in all sectors, and the existing informal Workplace Chaplains Network has offered to take on this role. It is envisioned that the Chaplaincy Support Network would offer mutual support, networking opportunities, training, sharing of good practice, promotion of the benefits of chaplaincy, support and encouragement for prospective chaplains and organisations that want to start chaplaincy, and the promotion of interfaith working.

Serving:

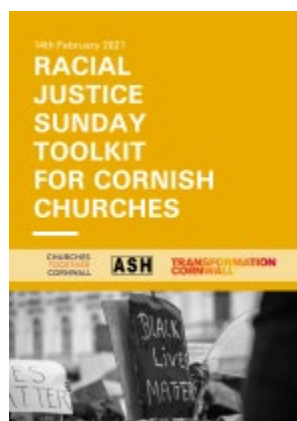
Social Action: Lead: Jane Yeomans

- **SAM:** The Social Action Mapping for Cornish Churches project, launched just before the pandemic, has not been able to proceed on the originally-planned timescale, but we are delighted to have negotiated an agreement with Age UK to mount the SAM data on their Cornwall Link platform as a 'campaign' which allows us to present church-supported projects alongside others while still identifying them as such. The new link became operational at the



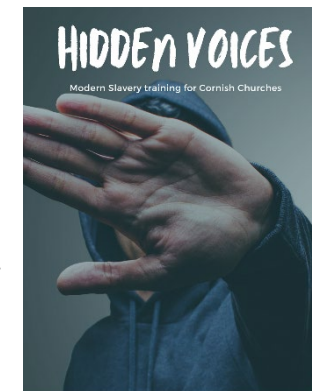
beginning of 2021 and we look forward to rapid progress once the limitations of lockdown are lifted.

- **Racial Justice:** Following the death of George Floyd the wave of concern led to a number of church-led initiatives, including work by All Saints Highertown, which provided a focus for the November CTC meeting. This resulted in a co-operative project between All Saints Highertown, Transformation Cornwall and CTC to produce a Toolkit containing prayers, reflections and sermon ideas to help churches mark Racial Justice Sunday in February 2021. With contributions from Marcus Allyene from Black Voices Cornwall and Revd Patrick Gilbert, BAME Champion for Truro Diocese, the Toolkit was well received and accessed over 200 times by over 130 different people. Intended for continuing use, It remains available on



<https://transformation-cornwall.org.uk/resources/racial-justice-sunday-toolkit-for-cornish-churches>.

- **Modern Slavery:** The Toolkit was modelled on that produced for Anti-Slavery Day in October 2020 developed by Transformation Cornwall and CTC, which is available at <https://transformation-cornwall.org.uk/resources/anti-slavery-day-toolkit-for-cornish-churches-and-faith-groups-2020>. This led to a collaborative partnership with the Clewer Initiative, New Street Church (Falmouth) Falmouth and Penryn Churches Together, Transformation Cornwall and CTC to deliver a 5-week *Modern Slavery in Cornwall* training course, presented in Feb/March 2021 to an ecumenical group of 24 from across the county. Follow-up work is now being planned with Falmouth and Exeter Universities, the foodbanks and other groups.
- **The Big Lunch:** CTC is also partnering with Eden Communities and Transformation Cornwall to promote Big Lunch 2021 to Cornish Churches. Big Lunch defines itself as the 'thanksgiving for neighbours and communities across the UK' and was 'born' in Cornwall. Many of our Churches and faith groups have taken part in previous Big Lunch events, and as we emerge from the pandemic we hope to encourage more to use this opportunity to bring a message of hope, love and thanksgiving to local communities.



Justice and Peace: Lead: Kathy Pope

Work towards Justice and Peace inevitably overlaps with many other initiatives, notably Social Action Mapping, and of course CTC members are actively involved in numerous projects locally, nationally and internationally. However, during the last year CTC has responded and been particularly involved in the following:

- **Black Voices Cornwall** which 'exists to enable Cornwall to become an actively anti-racist County'. We are currently exploring the possibility of closer links with CTC to promote racial justice.
- **Anti-Racism Project** recently initiated by Cornwall Council in partnership with other organisations, with a 12 month pilot project to support vulnerable members of the community. Various members of CTC are involved.



- **Restorative Justice** training has been very well received – the latest initiative by RJ Working focuses on 'Restorative approaches in schools ... as an effective way of promoting young people's leadership and teamwork.' Lesley Chandler is arranging training for CTC members, applicable both in racial justice and modern slavery work.



- **Cornwall Faith Forum** Engagement with other Faiths continues through the Forum and its work for peace. CFF recently collaborated with Kehillat Kernow and Falmouth University to produce animations that can be used in schools to inform about the Holocaust. Meanwhile the



Interfaith Exploration Group promotes peace through improving understanding and relationship building. Currently the subject area being discussed is 'Peace and Conflict – reflections from our faith traditions'.

Transforming:

Communities: Lead: Roger Mills

- **Royal Cornwall Show:** Postponed first from June to September 2020,



then June 2021 and finally to September 2021, the RCS has now again been postponed until 9-11 June 2022. The RCS Churches Together Tent is our largest outreach of the year; Chris Batt has now taken

over as Chair of the ever-resourceful Tent Committee, and we very much look forward to resuming this important ministry.

<http://www.royalcornwallshow.org/>.

- **Cornwall Bereavement Network:** formed just prior to the pandemic, CBN is now well-established and proving highly effective, with its website <https://www.cornwallbereavementnetwork.org/> helping people affected by bereavement find support and services in one central resource. A number of churches and CTC are represented in the network and its advisory group.



- **Christian Aid:** Planned work with Christian Aid in raising awareness



of Climate Change had to be postponed, but we look forward to working together in 2021 as we prepare for the G7 talks and COP26.

- **Local Churches Together groups:** As local groups were unable to benefit from the popular CTC Insurance Scheme which forms part of the Affiliation Fee, it was agreed that the fee should be waived in 2021 so local groups benefit from a 'free year'. Planned work on the Social Action Mapping project with local groups was unable to begin in 2020 but is now planned for 2021 in association with Cornwall Link.
- **Local Ecumenical Partnerships:** The table on page 9 shows the current status of the various LEPs in the county. Grampound Road and Ladock LEP sadly ceased operation at the end of 2020 with the closure of Grampound Road Methodist Church, but there were no other major changes this year. Some groups considering formal partnerships are operating successfully as Churches Together and this more informal arrangement may prove more suitable in these cases, as is encouraged by CTE's 'Flexible Framework' options for local ecumenism.



• **Churches Together in England** CTE is currently reviewing county-level ecumenism and the different arrangements developing in various parts of the country, and in February 2021 its 'Re-imagining Intermediate Ecumenism' committee met with CTC's Unity Group to learn about our progress in developing team management in Cornwall. Following a presentation by the Group, the committee had many questions but were encouraging in their response and looked forward to hearing about further developments. The committee continues to meet with county groups and also plans regional consultations with church leaders. The process is intended to lead to new guidance for good practice

which should prove very useful as we chart our future paths in Cornwall.

Environment: Lead: Luci Isaacson

- Luci Isaacson relinquished her role as Truro Diocesan Environmental Officer and with it her position on CTC at the end of February. We are extremely grateful to Luci for her guidance and encouragement as we develop our Environment and Creation Care programmes. We welcome Rev Ben Lillie as the new DEO who will join us from our 2021 AGM.
- **The Cornwall Churches Environment Group** was revived in 2019 but meetings were curtailed by the pandemic until the end of 2020. This informal ecumenical group has representatives from several local environmental groups and expressed an interest in becoming the first of CTC's new Liaison Groups; we look forward to a fruitful relationship as the environment takes centre stage in 2021 with the G7 meeting in June and COP26 in Glasgow in November.



Local Ecumenical Projects *as at April 2021*

LEP no	ONGOING	TYPE	STARTED	NEXT REVIEW	MINISTERS INVOLVED	TEAM	NOTES TO TABLE
126	DOBWALLS UNITED CHURCH (CofE - Methodist)	1&3		2021	Rev Andrew Day (M) Rev Steve Morgan (CofE)	MB - EF	1: Looe (Riverside) – Constitution reviewed and revised Dec 2020; ongoing discussions regarding Anglicans joining
127	LOOE (Riverside) (URC- Methodist) ¹	1&3	1989	2025	Rev Chloe Jones (M)	MB	
128	TREGADILLETT LEP (CofE - Methodist)	1&3	1986	2021	Rev David Miller (M) Rev Teresa Follond (CofE)	EF - MB	
129	PORTSCATHO (URC - Methodist)	1&3	1988	2023	Rev Mark Dunn Wilson (M)	MB	
130	PORTLOE (CofE - Methodist)	1&3	1992	2023	Rev Mark Dunn Wilson (M) vacant (CofE)	MB - EF	2: Isles of Scilly signed a Declaration of Intent
131	MEVAGISSEY (URC - Methodist)	1&3	1989	2017	Rev David Hart (M)	MB	
132	ROCHE (CofE - Methodist)	2	2003	2021	Rev Paul Parker (M) Rev Paul Arthur (CofE)	EF - MB	
133	WALL & Gwinear (CofE - Methodist)	2	2007	2022	Pastor Brian Thornton (M) Rev Sharon Clifton (CofE)	EF - MB	3: Grampound Road ceased to meet for Worship (therefore closing) as from Christmas Day 2020
	ISLES OF SCILLY ²	2	2018		Rev Perran Gay (CofE) Rev Michael Pullan (M)	MB - EF	
134	GRAMPOUND ROAD & LADOCK (CofE - Methodist) ³	2	1992		terminated Dec 2020 as Grampound Rd (M) closed		
	WORK IN PROGRESS						4: FLAPJACK – Four Lanes And Pencoyls Join And Celebrate the King
	LEWANNICK		2015		Rev Jo Smart (M) Rev Heather West (CofE)	MB - EF	
	PENCOYS & FOUR LANES (FLAPJACK) ⁴		2015		Fr Peter Fellowes (CofE) Rev Carole Holmes (M)	MB - EF	
	PENSILVA	1 & 3			Rev Becca Belle (CofE) Rev Andrew Day (M)	MB - EF	
	PERRANARWORTHAL				Rev Elizabeth Harris (M)	MB - EF	
	OPERATING AS CHURCHES TOGETHER GROUPS						
	LINKINHORNE/RILLA MILL/UPTON CROSS		2013		Rev Jo Smart (M) Rev Joe Lannon (CofE)	MB - EF	
135	NEWQUAY & ST COLUMB MINOR		2014		Rev Clare Anderson (M) Rev Jem Thorold (CofE)	MB - EF	
	ST IVE				Rev Becca Belle (CofE) Rev Iris Bray (M)	MB - EF	

TYPES of Local Ecumenical Partnerships		Denominational Ecumenical Officers	
Single congregation	1	<i>Baptist</i> Rev Matt Noble	MN
Congregations in Covenant	2	<i>Anglican</i> Rev Elizabeth Foot	EF
A shared Building Partnership	3	<i>Greek Orthodox</i> Rev Fr Nikitas Lantsbery	NL
A Chaplaincy Partnership	4	<i>Methodist</i> Rev Margaret Barnes	MB
A Mission Partnership	5	<i>Quaker</i> Mrs Lesley Chandler	LC
An Education Partnership	6	<i>Roman Catholic</i> Rev Andrew Shute	AS
		<i>Russian Orthodox</i> vacant	
		<i>Salvation Army</i> Lt Andrew Hammond	AH
		<i>URC</i> vacant	
		<i>County Missioner</i> Roger Mills	RM

Account as at 31 December 2020

Churches Together in Cornwall

Registered Charity No. 1053899

Account as at 31 December 2020

Receipts	2020	2019	note	Payments	2020	2019	note
Church of England	£4,280.00	£4,280.00		Print/Post/Phone		£231.55	
Methodist Church	£3,210.00	£3,210.00		Resources		£128.38	
Roman Catholic	£1,080.00	£1,080.00		Travel		£537.45	
Baptist Union	£555.00	£555.00		Annual subscription and CTE Conf	£350.00	£350.00	
United Reform Church	£555.00	£555.00		Independent Examination			
Salvation Army	£960.00		1	RCS Tent	£1,750.00	£3,500.00	5
Society of Friends	£250.00	£250.00		Barnabas and St Piran awards			
Russian Orthodox			2	County Missioner		£2,787.00	
Greek Orthodox		£65.00		Insurance	£873.51	£835.98	
Donations from local CTs	£430.00	£400.00	3	Thy Kingdom Come		£8,994.41	6
Kingdom Vision donation	£656.37		4	Conferences		£100.00	
Thy Kingdom Come				Sundry	£127.50	£498.00	
Total receipts	£11,976.37	£10,395.00		Total Payments	£3,101.01	£17,962.77	
				Surplus/(Deficit)	£8,875.36	-£7,567.77	

Notes:

1: 2019 -paid in 2020

2: 2019 • declined to pay

3: 2019 • Some paid 2020 subs at the end of 2019

4: One off donation towards com munications

5: 2020 show cancelled

6: 2020 online

Balance of bank account 1 January 2020 £11,180.28

Add surplus to date per above

Balance per cash book 31 December 2020 **£20,055.64**

Balance per bank statement 31 Dec 2020 **£20,055.64**

Certified a true statement of the accounts for 2020

Name

A. West

Date

09/03/21

Independent Examiner's Report

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF CHURCHES TOGETHER IN CORNWALL ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2020 which are set out on other pages.

Respective Responsibilities of the Trustees and the Independent Examiner

The Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- * examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- * follow the procedures laid down in the Charity Commissioner under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- * state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission.

An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Trustees and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that

would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the next statement.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matters have come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

* to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; or

* to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met: or

2. To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

A Keast ACA

45 Chatsworth Way, Carlyon Bay, St Austell PL25 3SN

Signed.....

Dated.....

Financial Report

All but the two smallest denominations contributed financially and £430 was contributed by local Churches Together groups for affiliation and insurance cover. A donation was received from Kingdom Vision towards developing communications between churches and denominations.

Due to the pandemic few expenses were required. At the beginning of 2020, we paid for a labyrinth used by FE chaplaincy. The Royal Cornwall Show tent committee used half of the allocated grant for site fees, utilities and urn hire before the show was cancelled and these costs have been rolled over to September 2021. No conference travel took place and as meetings went online, costs were minimal. The usual payments for affiliation to the national Churches Together and insurance were made.

The new account (accessible online) is working well, and the old account was closed in early 2021.

The balance in the account on 31 December 2020 was £20,055.64.

Shelley Porter

*Treasurer, Churches Together in Cornwall
April 2021*



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