



CHURCHES  
TOGETHER  
CORNWALL

*inspiring unity*  

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*sharing our gifts*

Cornubia : Land of the Saints  
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# 2022-23 Annual Report

# Churches Together in Cornwall Executive

**Charity Number – 1053899** \* = *Steering Group member*

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## **CO-ORDINATOR (COUNTY ECUMENICAL OFFICER)**

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## **TREASURER**

\*SHELLEY PORTER – Royal Cornwall Show Working Party

## **EDITOR**

\*ROGER MILLS

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## CTC Co-ordinator Report March 2023

‘Learning’ and ‘connecting’ would probably best sum up my first seven months as Co-ordinator for Churches Together in Cornwall. I have been extremely grateful for all the support I have received which has created a positive and prayerful working environment – a rare treasure!

So, since September I have prioritised connecting with the local Churches/Christians Together groups around the county, updating contact details while supporting and visiting where invitations have been forthcoming. This has been both encouraging and inspirational; I have heard about very many projects and initiatives, while sharing insights and learning, as Christians work and grow closer together in bringing about God’s kingdom.

In particular I have been impressed by the range and level of engagement and leadership of community social action projects. Even in very rural areas it is clear that Church and Christian involvement in lunch clubs, food banks and larders, for example, as well as support for individuals, is both substantial and vital.

**Receptive Ecumenism** – This approach to Christian unity has been developed by theologians over the last ten years or so. Churches Together in England (CTE) describes it as *‘both a way of thinking and a process that enables unity to be built by receiving gifts from others. It challenges us to not think of what others might benefit from receiving from us, but instead invites us to recognise our needs and to put ourselves in the place of being a recipient.’*

CTE has developed a very accessible course called *Embracing the Other*, which comes with a comprehensive guide and resources. It asks us to consider what we can learn from other churches and traditions, and how we

can receive each other’s gifts that are of God. In this way we continue to value our own identity and riches while growing in unity.

I was particularly delighted to be able to be part of a Receptive Ecumenism course, run by a small Churches Together group during Lent. It has been really well attended by members of several churches and much appreciated by everyone. CTC will certainly be promoting its use during the coming years; fundamentally this approach enables us to achieve our CTC vision of *‘Inspiring unity, sharing our gifts’*.

**Liaison groups** – our model of developing links with several specialist groups seeking to grow the Kingdom in different ways, continues to bear fruit. The Annual Report includes news from the Environment Group, Modern Slavery initiatives, Sports Ministry and Cornwall Bereavement Network amongst others. These enable CTC to both share and support more widely, as well as learning from new approaches. However, we are also challenged to find the capacity to develop links in some important areas so would welcome any expressions of interest to help in this way. For example, if you are involved in projects with young people, any aspect of justice and peace work or social action in your area or across the county, please do let us know.

**Events** – CTC has again been involved in the Sanctuary Tent at the Royal Cornwall Show, running a stall at Creationfest, producing a series of videos for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (18-25 January) and the ten days of Thy Kingdom Come (Ascension Day to Pentecost), while promoting South West Awake and many local events.

**Communications Development** – this continues under the expert guidance of our CTC Editor, Roger Mills. While we still promote the excellent website [www.ctcinfohub.org](http://www.ctcinfohub.org) and weekly newsletter, this year a particularly exciting offer is that of a new ‘tab’ on the website which enables local Churches Together groups to have their own site within CTC, and the hosting is free! Please do get in touch for more information and support.

**Churches Together in England** – this year has seen the appointment of a new Principal Officer for Ecumenical Development and Relations, Doral Hayes. CTC is affiliated to Churches Together in England so we welcome Doral's appointment as she brings several years of experience as the Executive Officer for the Association of Interchurch Families and County Ecumenical Officer for Hertfordshire.

Finally – in 2013 church leaders came together to sign either a Declaration of Intent or Letter of Companionship as a common commitment to work together towards Christian unity in Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly. Ten years on it is now time to reflect, pray and plan for the next ten years. So, please save the date as we are intending to hold an event called **'Becoming Better Together' on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at St Petroc's Parish Church, Bodmin**. More information will be forthcoming during the year – we look forward to seeing you there!

Kathy Pope

Co-ordinator, Churches Together in Cornwall and

County Ecumenical Officer

## Proclaiming:

*Celebrating: Lead: Sarah Yardley*

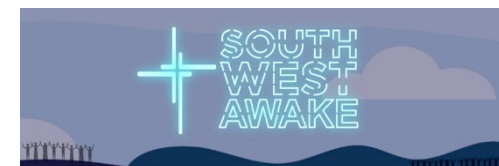


For Thy Kingdom Come 2022 (26 May (Ascension Day) – 6 Jun (Pentecost)) CTC again provided daily short reflections on YouTube. We were delighted to be joined for these by the new General Secretary of Churches

Together in England, Bishop Mike Royal, who kindly provided our reflection for Pentecost Sunday. These were widely retweeted and reached some 2000 people right across the country. The reflections can still be seen on <https://www.ctcinfohub.org/thy-kingdom-come-2022/>.

### The SW coastal path prayer chain

[South West Awake](#) which first took place in 2021 was repeated this year on 4 June as part of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee weekend. The engagement of local church groups in Cornwall was little lower than the previous year, unsurprisingly as there were many competing events, but nevertheless provided a powerful witness to residents and visitors alike. In addition to the coastal route, this year inland 'high places' were added to the prayer locations, enabling many more to participate locally. Plans are in place for a third event in 2023 on Sat 20 May.



**CREATION  
FEST**

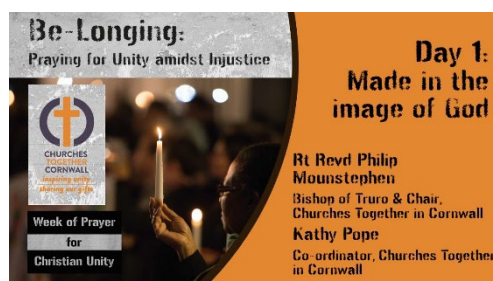
**Creation Fest** continued its post-Covid recovery with a four-day event from 29 Jul-1 Aug under the



theme 'Beautiful Wild'. CTC again had a stand in the exhibition area. Featuring *Mapping the Past and Mapping the Future*, passers-by were invited to write on post-it notes things the church did well during the pandemic, and things they would like it to do more of in the future. The post-its were then placed on a map of Cornwall in their own area (or in the sea if they came from England!). The chocolatey incentives offered were all voraciously consumed on the first day, but encouragingly this did not lead to any drop in participation and over 300 suggestions were gathered over the four days of the event, completely covering the map each day! The idea attracted all age groups, with suggestions from the very young (do more praying - from a five-year-old) to the more mature (work better together across the churches) and slightly-zany-but-why-not (have a bouncy castle in church) to the socially aware (welcome the homeless). As ever, the perceptiveness of the young was inspiring - the future of the church is in good hands!

**The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** 18-25 Jan 2023 again offered daily services of reflection online on our YouTube page – see [ctcinfohub.org/wpcu23](https://ctcinfohub.org/wpcu23).

The theme 'Be-longing: Praying for Unity amidst Injustice' was developed by the churches in Minnesota, examining issues of racial justice in the light of the killing of George Floyd and In the UK the 30th anniversary of the murder of Stephen Lawrence.



Some 25 churches around Cornwall joined in celebration of [The World Day of Prayer](#) on Friday 3 March was once again celebrated in-person in sixteen churches across Cornwall, marking a gradual return to pre-covid numbers. This year's service on the theme *I have heard about your Faith* was prepared by women from the churches in Taiwan. WDP, a women led, global, ecumenical movement, is the largest expression of Christian unity in the world.

**Communicating: Lead: Donna Birrell**

**infoHub:** The CTC infoHub continues to develop as a source of Christian news and events from across Cornwall, reporting on local and significant national news, and



listing in-person events in the county and online events, both local and national. Face-to-face gatherings are once again becoming the norm, but often offering Zoom access as well. The infoHub is well used, with around 108,000 visitors in the past twelve months. In January it moved to a new hosting package, which is both cheaper and offers more facilities; as a result we are able now to host dedicated pages for local CT groups, at no extra cost to them or us. The first group to take advantage of this is Falmouth & Penryn Churches Together, whose pages can be seen at [www.ctcinfohub.org/fpct](https://www.ctcinfohub.org/fpct). The local group manages the content, and CTC looks after technical issues – another example of working better together!

**CTC Weekly News** lists all new items added to the infoHub with a complete diary of coming events. In 2023 we hope to develop more local editions and

'spin-off' newsletters which can be easily printed out for local church distribution.

**Social Media** The CTC Twitter and Facebook feeds continue to grow steadily and reach a different audience from our other channels. Our Facebook page Christians Praying in Cornwall, launched in 2021, has a loyal following of around 160 and feeds into our very popular *Pause for Prayer* feature on the website.

**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. It also provides a handy showcase for what is going on in the churches in Cornwall for distribution at exhibitions etc.

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## Developing and Nurturing:

*Teaching: Lead: currently vacant*



**Pilgrimage:** Sadly it did not prove possible to organise our formerly annual ecumenical Pilgrimage to Landévennec in Brittany in 2023, so

our hopes are now for 2024. Pilgrimage continues to grow in popularity across the country, and a number of initiatives around our county have developed new walking routes, including the Cornish Celtic Way [www.cornishcelticway.co.uk](http://www.cornishcelticway.co.uk), the Saints Way [britishpilgrimage.org/portfolio/cornish-saints-way/](http://britishpilgrimage.org/portfolio/cornish-saints-way/) and the newly-launched Falmouth Way [trurodiocese.org.uk/event/the-falmouth-way-launch-event/](http://trurodiocese.org.uk/event/the-falmouth-way-launch-event/), offering many opportunities for 'walk and talk' groups, prayer walks etc. Do let us know of any such events you are organising!

## Spirituality Network for Cornwall /

**Epiphany House:** Following building works, Epiphany House has now resumed a full programme of



events, including Quiet Days run by local church leaders. AV facilities have been upgraded and Churches Together in Cornwall Executive meetings are now regularly held there to benefit from the ability to hold hybrid meetings, particularly convenient for our widely-dispersed membership.

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*Encouraging: Lead: Becky Nesbitt [currently vacant]*

**Chaplaincy Support Network:** This new Liaison Group for paid and unpaid chaplains working in all sectors was formed in 2021 based on the existing informal Workplace Chaplains Network and its initial meetings revealed a real need for 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. Sadly, as its convenor Becky Nesbitt has now moved to other employment the group is currently suspended, but we hope to resume operations as soon as possible.

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**Sports Ministry Network:** For some time, we have been aware of the growing importance of sports ministry as a way of reaching many outside the usual church channels, and the development of various initiatives around Cornwall and beyond. We are hoping to develop a new Liaison Group to support these and encourage more churches to get involved in this very rewarding ministry, and are delighted that Daniel Lawther from Kingdom Sports has agreed to take this forward. Do get in touch with Daniel on [dan@kingdomsports.org.uk](mailto:dan@kingdomsports.org.uk) if you'd like to know more.

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## Serving:

**Social Action: Lead: Anne Redelinghuys / Charlotte Butler**



**SAM:** The Social Action Mapping for Cornish Churches project, launched just before the pandemic at beginning of 2021, is now firmly established as a 'campaign' on the Cornwall Link platform [cornwall-link.co.uk](http://cornwall-link.co.uk). Until 31 March 2023 this was run by Age UK, and we are extremely grateful for their support over the past two years in bringing the project into being. Cornwall Link is now being run by the software developers Made Open while new sponsors are sought. Meanwhile we continue to add projects to the database, and encourage project leaders to add details or ask for them to be added on their behalf. We have a long way to go to achieve full coverage of the county, but the mechanism for doing so is in place, so do help if you can – many hands make light work!

### Modern Slavery in Cornwall

**Network:** This Liaison Group has developed out of the *Hidden Voices* modern slavery training course hosted in Feb/Mar 21. It is a partnership between [The Clewer Initiative](#), [New Street Church](#), [Transformation Cornwall](#), the [Diocese of Truro](#), [Falmouth & Penryn Churches Together](#), [Churches Together in Cornwall](#) and a number of church members around the county.



The Network meets bi-monthly and exists to raise awareness of modern slavery issues in our county. It is a mutually supportive group of people and offers a safe space to explore issues, share resources, highlight best practice and plan action relating to modern slavery in Cornwall.

The Network can help to strengthen local church services and community events raising awareness of Modern Slavery in Cornwall. In some instances, the Network may be able to provide updates for your newsletters and media or introduce you to speakers for your local initiatives.

The Network has developed various printed resources which can be downloaded along with further information at

<https://transformation-cornwall.org.uk/resources/modern-slavery-in-cornwall-network> and is currently investigating the possibility of an art project to raise community awareness of modern slavery issues.



### The Faith & Mental Health

**Network:** This Liaison Group is an ecumenical group that meets bi-monthly and welcomes pastoral visitors, clergy, chaplains, mental

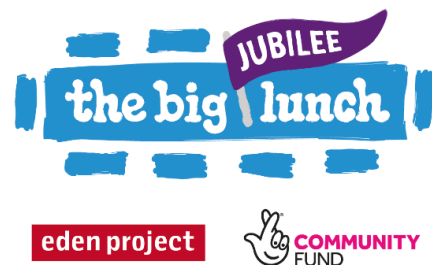
health practitioners, community volunteers, in fact, anyone who is supporting people who are struggling with mental health issues.

The Faith & Mental Health Network is a mutually supportive group of people and offers a safe space to explore issues, share information, resources and best practice; relating faith to mental health and offering insights to help us help those we are standing alongside.

Network meetings each choose a topic area and often have an invited speaker within that field. Subjects covered so far include Grief; Bereavement; Young People; Restoring our Communities; Social Prescribing; Social Anxiety; Young People's Mental Health Support.

The network would always welcome new members, speakers, and guests. Find out more at: <https://transformation-cornwall.org.uk/resources/faith-mental-health-network> or contact Transformation Cornwall on: [info@transformation-cornwall.org.uk](mailto:info@transformation-cornwall.org.uk).

**The Big Jubilee Lunch:** CTC partnered with Eden Communities, Transformation Cornwall, All Saints Highertown and the Mothers' Union to promote The Big Jubilee Lunch to Cornish Churches. Developing a Toolkit for Faith Communities available at



<https://transformation-cornwall.org.uk/resources/churcheslovebigjubileelunch-toolkit-for-cornish-faith-groups>. Many churches and CT groups around the county incorporated lunches or cream teas in their Jubilee weekend celebrations.

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### *Justice and Peace: Lead: Kathy Pope*

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**Receptive Ecumenism:** Following last year's introductory webinar, still available at <https://www.ctcinfohub.org/receptive-ecumenism/>, we are encouraging local CT groups to explore the process further, making use of Churches Together in England's course *Embracing the Other*, available at <https://cte.org.uk/about/ecumenism-explained/receptive-ecumenism/course-embracing-the-other/>.

Churches Together in Par used this during Lent 2023, and we hope many others will follow their lead.

**Racial Justice:** Racial Justice Sunday on 12 Feb marked the 30th anniversary of the murder of black teenager Stephen Lawrence. CTC provided a short video resource for use by individuals or churches, available at <https://youtu.be/DpLUn8dzqWU>. This was based on materials published by Churches Together in Britain and Ireland.



**Justice & Peace News** is produced weekly by Falmouth & Penryn Churches Together's Justice and Peace Action Group, led by Mary Bradley. It regularly features item of good news and those for reflection and prayer, is widely distributed and available on the Pause for Prayer page on the CTC infoHub at <https://www.ctcinfohub.org/pause-for-prayer-current/>. The Group's monthly meetings, open to all, cover a wide range of Justice & Peace topics.

**Ukraine:** Across Cornwall, many church members hosted displaced Ukrainian families and organised support meetings. Truro Methodist Church and Truro School collaborated to arrange host family meet-ups on an informal drop-in basis which were much appreciated. Fundraising concerts and other events were held in many churches and Cornwall's only Orthodox Christian Church at Laity Moor near Ponsanooth offered a welcome to Ukrainian Christians wishing to worship in their own style. Prayers for Ukraine were held regularly throughout the year, including a vigil at Truro Cathedral on 9 March, on the eve of the funeral of Truro-born aid worker Chris Parry sadly killed in January.





## SUPPORTING PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS

in the Bike Pilgrimage 2022 from Kent to Land's End and back, raising funds for CSW and Release International. During their stop in Truro the cyclists attended a conference *The Rise of Global Christian Persecution* at Truro Methodist Church, organised by Dr Russell Blacker. CTC is working with Dr Blacker to develop a Cornwall-wide support network to raise awareness of persecution issues.



In June 2022 CTC was pleased to assist Rev Robert de Berry in arranging accommodation in the Truro area for cyclists participating

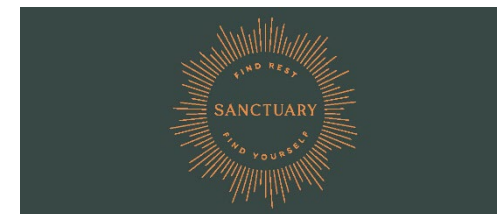
Visit our website or contact us to find out more <https://www.dorkemmyn.org.uk> (Dor Kemmyn is Cornish for 'Common Ground')

**Become a member** – there is no cost and you won't be pressured, but you will receive our regular e bulletin and know what's happening. <https://dorkemmyn.org.uk/cornwall-faith-forum-membership/> Together we can surely find our 'Common Ground', value each other's faith traditions, and learn, share and build peace together.

## Transforming:

### Communities: Lead: Rev Elizabeth Foot

**Royal Cornwall Show:** After a three-year break the 2022 Show went ahead on 9-11 June, with the traditional pre-show service at 6.30pm of Wed 8 June. In recognition of the difficulties of the past two years, the CT Tent was re-branded as *Sanctuary*, and for the first time included a CTC stand. Despite significant cost increases we are keen to continue this important ministry, and will be present again at the 2023 show 8-10 Jun.



### Cornwall Faith Forum (CFF) – Sharing, Building and Learning for Peace Together

- CFF welcomes anyone interested in working for peace (whether you belong to a recognised faith tradition or not)
- CFF works with Cornwall's faith communities in Building, Sharing and Learning for Peace projects. These include Baha'is, Buddhists, Christians, Hindus, Jews, Muslims and Pagans.
- CFF partners with several community organisations so we can support each other and grow together.
- CFF organises events every month; these include celebrating each other's seasons and festivals, debating and exploring issues, and sharing occasions like the Big Lunch and World Peace Day with the wider community.



### Cornwall Bereavement Network:

One of CTC's first Liaison Groups, CBN was founded in 2020 and is now well established with around 85 members. Its comprehensive website

<https://www.cornwallbereavementnetwork.org/> contains a wealth of information to make support easily accessible to those experiencing bereavement. CTC is represented on its 8-member Advisory Board by Rev Elizabeth Foot. A regular newsletter is produced and meetings held on Zoom and in-person with speakers highlighting specific topics of interest across the sector; and a Service of Reflection in Truro Cathedral for those affected by bereavement through suicide was held in Feb 2023.

**Christian Aid:** Work this year included a pop-up second-hand bookshop at Falmouth Parish Church during Christian Aid Week which proved extremely popular, raising just under £1000. Organised by Falmouth & Penryn Churches Together, the event is being repeated in 2023.



**Local Churches Together groups:** A series of visits to local groups is being undertaken by the CTC Co-ordinator, Kathy Pope, to re-establish contact post-Covid and identify needs and priorities to inform our future work programme. Following two 'free' years the

Affiliation Fee was re-introduced at its previous level of £20, which includes insurance for locally-arranged events, and from 2023 free web hosting where required.

**Local Ecumenical Partnerships:** The table on page 11 shows the current status of the various LEPs in the county. No major change occurred in 2022-23.

#### Churches Together in England:

2022 marked the retirement of Jenny Bond, CTC's Principal Officer for Intermediate Ecumenism, Governance Support and Resources, and long-term source of inspiration, advice and support for CTC. We wish her a long and happy retirement, and welcome Doral Hayes as our new main contact in CTC in the new role of Principal Officer for Ecumenical Development and Relations.



One in Christ Jesus,  
engaged in God's mission,  
empowered by the Spirit

*Environment: Lead: currently vacant*



**The Cornwall Churches Environment Group** was revived in 2019 and became the first of CTC's new Liaison Groups in 2021. It

meets monthly on Zoom with a varied agenda, sharing news and encouragement from projects around the county, and includes representatives from a number of organisations including Green Christian, EcoChurch, Truro Diocese Creation Care Network, Live Simply, etc and several denominations including the Church of England, the Methodist and Roman Catholic Churches and the Quakers. Membership is open to all. In 2022 it organised a Forest Church in Tregonigge Woodland, Falmouth, in May, and planned a Beach Labyrinth and other activities at Portreath which unfortunately had to be cancelled following the death of HM The Queen; that event is being rescheduled for June 2023.

## Local Ecumenical Projects *as at April 2023*

LEP no	ONGOING	TYPE	STARTED	NEXT REVIEW	MINISTERS INVOLVED	TEAM
126	DOBWALLS UNITED CHURCH (CofE - Methodist)	1&3		2025	Rev Andrew Day (M) Rev Steve Morgan (CofE)	MB - EF
127	LOOE (Riverside) (URC- Methodist) <sup>1</sup>	1&3	1989	2025	Rev Chloe Jones (M)	MB
128	TREGADILLETT LEP (CofE - Methodist)	1&3	1986	2025	Rev Andrew Day (M) Rev Peter Knight (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
131	MEVAGISSEY (URC - Methodist)	1&3	1989	2017	Rev Paul Benney (M)	MB
132	ROCHE (CofE - Methodist)	2	2003	2021	Rev Iris Bray (M) vacant (CofE)	EF - MB
133	WALL & GWINEAR (CofE - Methodist)	2	2007	2022	Rev Keith Osborne (M) Rev Sharon Clifton (CofE)	EF - MB
	ISLES OF SCILLY <sup>2</sup>	2	2018		Rev Elizabeth Burk (CofE) Rev Carole Holmes (M)	MB - EF
	WORK IN PROGRESS					
	LEWANNICK		2015		Rev Jo Smart (M)	MB - EF
	PENCOYS & FOUR LANES (FLAPJACK) <sup>3</sup>		2015		Fr Peter Fellowes (CofE) Rev Keith Osborne (M)	MB - EF
	PENSILVA	1 & 3			Rev Becca Belle (CofE) Rev Andrew Day (M)	MB - EF
	PERRANARWORTHAL				Rev Karen Wilson (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 Chris Mcquillen-Wright (CofE)	MB - EF
	ST IVE				Rev Steve Morgan (CofE) vacant (M)	MB - EF

### NOTES TO TABLE

1: Looe (Riverside) – Constitution reviewed and revised Dec 2020; ongoing discussions regarding Anglicans joining

2: Isles of Scilly signed a Declaration of Intent

3: FLAPJACK – Four Lanes And Pencoys Join And Celebrate the King

TYPES of Local Ecumenical Partnerships			Denominational Ecumenical Officers	
Single congregation	1	Baptist	Rev Matt Noble	MN
Congregations in Covenant	2	Anglican	Rev Elizabeth Foot	EF
A shared Building Partnership	3	Greek Orthodox	Rev Fr Nikitas Lantsbery	NL
A Chaplaincy Partnership	4	Methodist	Rev Margaret Barnes (until Sept 21)	MB
A Mission Partnership	5	Quaker	Mrs Lesley Chandler	LC
An Education Partnership	6	Roman Catholic	Rev Andrew Shute	AS
		Russian Orthodox	vacant	
		Salvation Army	Lt Andrew Hammond	AH
		URC	vacant	
		County Missioner	Roger Mills	RM

# Account as at 31 December 2022

## Churches Together in Cornwall

Registered Charity No. 1053899

### Account as at 31 December 2022

<i>Receipts</i>	<i>2022</i>	<i>2021</i>	<i>note</i>	<i>Payments</i>	<i>2022</i>	<i>2021</i>	<i>note</i>
Church of England	£4,280.00	£4,280.00		Printing/Post/Phone		£172.65	
Methodist Church	£3,210.00	£3,210.00		Resources		£41.45	
Roman Catholic	£1,080.00	£1,080.00		Travel	£217.80	£127.45	3
Baptist Union	£555.00	£555.00		Annual Subscription & CTE Conf	£350.00	£350.00	
United Reform Church	£555.00	£555.00		Independent Examination			
Salvation Army	£480.00	£480.00		Royal Cornwall Show Tent	£11,000.00		4
Society of Friends	£250.00	£250.00		Barnabas and St Piran Awards			
Russian Orthodox			1	County Missioner	£1,333.32	£564.50	3
Greek Orthodox			1	Insurance	£1,146.96	£1,146.96	
Contributions from local groups	£100.00	£200.00	2	Creation Fest	£659.83	£441.00	
				Conferences	£411.99	£180.00	
				Admin costs	£310.88	£302.88	5
				Sundry	£117.00	£40.00	
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>£10,510.00</b>	<b>£10,610.00</b>		<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>£15,547.78</b>	<b>£3,366.89</b>	
				<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>-£5,037.78</b>		

#### Notes:

1: declined to pay

2: Offered free in 2022

3: Coordinator from 1 Sep 22

4: Show cancelled in 2020 and 2021

5: Zoom/CCLI

Balance of bank account 1 January 2022 £27,298.75

Add surplus to date per above

Balance per cash book 31 December 2022 **£22,260.97**

Balance per bank statement 31 Dec 2022 **£22,260.98**

Certified a true statement of the accounts for 2022

Name *A Kent* Date *15/03/23*



## Independent Examiner's Report

### TO THE TRUSTEES OF CHURCHES TOGETHER IN CORNWALL ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2022 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.

#### Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

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.

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:

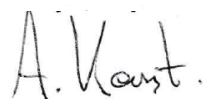
1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- \* 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.

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

Signed.....

Dated.....15/03/23

## Financial Report

Our finances during 2022 began to get back to normality after the effects of the pandemic.

Seven out of the nine denominations continued to contribute towards our finances in 2022 (all apart from the two smallest denominations). The amount requested has remained at the 2018 level. Although local groups were offered

another 'free' year from paying an affiliation fee and a contribution towards the insurance, some groups continued to pay.

Payments increased this year as a Churches Together Co-ordinator was appointed and began her role in September 2022; Kathy is paid monthly and a payroll company is employed to deal with tax and national insurance contributions. The invoice from the accountancy firm being used for the setting up of this service has not yet been received.

Kathy is planning on visiting each Churches Together group and is paid her travel expenses. A stand on behalf of Churches Together in Cornwall at CreationFest was organised as was a stand in the Royal Cornwall Show Marquee. The Royal Cornwall Show marquee was rebranded a 'Sanctuary' and Churches Together paid extra for the rebranding costs. The insurance costs increased noticeably as cover for equipment kept and used at the private residence of the County Missioner/Co-ordinator was added to the policy. Admin costs also increased to cover Christian Copyright Licensing and Zoom fees.

*Shelley Porter*  
*Treasurer, Churches Together in Cornwall*  
*April 2022*

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