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2023-24 Annual Report

Churches Together in Cornwall Executive

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CTC Co-ordinator Report March 2024

Change and development have been at the centre of our activity during the last twelve months. In April we bade farewell to our Chair, Rt. Rev'd Philip Mountstephen, prior to his move to take up the post of Bishop of Winchester, and warmly welcomed Rev'd Loraine Mellor, Methodist Chair of Cornwall and the Isle of Scilly, as Chair of CTC.

Once more the year has been busy with events which have included the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, Pentecost at the Pit, Thy Kingdom Come and especially the Churches Tent (renamed 'Sanctuary') at the Royal Cornwall Show. This was again very successful with hundreds of people being welcomed and finding refreshment; the Chaplaincy team was especially appreciated by organisers, stallholders and visitors alike as they offered support and care throughout the site.

The CTC stand at Creation Fest welcomed one and all, inviting everyone to consider the question 'What can you or your church do to build Christian unity?' and add their thoughts and ideas on a flipchart. Over 200 responses were received which, together with an online survey and discussions around the county, formed part of the ongoing consultation process for reflecting and planning the future focus of CTC.

All this was brought together as we prepared for 'Becoming Better Together' (BBT) on 27th January 2024 at St Petroc's Church, Bodmin. BBT served both as a celebration of 10 years since the last CTC Dedication ceremony and also an opportunity to listen, share and plan priorities for the next 10 years. This very special gathering is documented elsewhere in the Annual Review although the main emerging themes include:

- A clear sense of optimism and hope
- The importance of listening to each other, being curious and sharing our stories

- Opportunities for prayer and worship – both for leaders and wider events
- More practical sharing:
 - Serving our communities together (eg Foodbanks, Warm spaces, Homelessness support, initiatives and resources for young people, and more)
 - Caring for creation together through Cornwall Churches Environment Group, Eco Church, Kernow Green Church, Laudato Si and more
- The essential importance of regularly sharing information and news to widen our understanding of local, national and international issues, with opportunities to speak and act together

Becoming Better Together is our platform from which further analysis, consultation and planning will grow; these priorities will also contribute to fulfilment of the CTC Missional Themes of Proclaiming, Developing and Nurturing, Serving and Transforming. In particular the formulation of the 'Church Leaders and Members' Covenant' which each and every Christian is invited to sign, will become an ongoing and living document that prioritises shared Christian behaviours over specific definitions of belief or doctrine.

We know that as we go forward particular challenges include:

- Recognising that some churches are still underrepresented, so positive outreach to offer information and inclusion is vital. How does CTC need to change to be as inclusive as possible?
- Accepting that the regional organisation of many denominations has changed. How can we work more closely with other south west counties to maximise resources and the share our leaders more effectively?

We are confident that the future for CTC is positive and hopeful as the principles and practice of Receptive Ecumenism (recognising and

receiving the gifts we can receive from each other's traditions and practices) become more mainstreamed. We recognise that our differences are in fact our gifts to each other as we are enriched by our diversity. We have re-energised our regard for each other and re-committed to our common purpose through the Church Leaders and Members Covenant. We definitely share genuine optimism that with prayer and goodwill we can become better together as we grow God's kingdom in this very special place.

Kathy Pope

Co-ordinator, Churches Together in Cornwall

County Ecumenical Officer



Becoming Better Together

Developing *Becoming Better Together* as both an event and an ongoing programme was the major element of our 2023/24 work, involving all members of the CTC Executive with the support of Churches Together in England. At their request, two articles were prepared for the CTE Newsletter, looking at the past decade and 'how we got here', by Roger Mills, and the event on 27th January 2024 and our hopes for the future, by Kathy Pope. We reproduce these articles below for the record:

Becoming Better Together: Ecumenical Progress in Cornwall

5 January 2024

It's ten years since churches in the county signed a Declaration of Intent to work together more closely.

Roger Mills, Editor, Churches Together in Cornwall writes...

Just over ten years ago, on 17 November 2013, leaders of Churches Together in Cornwall gathered at a packed service in the county's largest parish church, St Petroc's in Bodmin. In the presence of the Archbishop of Canterbury and other national leaders, a Declaration of Intent and Letter of Companionship were signed committing us all to work more closely together.

[Watch a recording of the Declaration of Intent service on YouTube.](#)

A still taken from the video of Cornwall church leaders signing the Declaration of Intent in 2013.

A decade on, Christians in Cornwall will gather again at St Petroc's on 27 January 2024, at the end of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, to

review our work since 2013 and re-dedicate ourselves to ‘Becoming Better Together’ with the signing of a new Covenant. So what have we achieved in the last ten years?

Well, Brexit, Covid, war in Ukraine and the Middle East and the cost-of-living crisis have affected us all as individuals, communities and churches in ways we did not anticipate. New doors have opened and church contributions to local secular initiatives, in support of poverty, loneliness, homelessness, mental health, climate change, bereavement, refugee support and much else, have been welcomed and encouraged. New Liaison Groups have been formed to develop these new relationships and discussions have begun with Cornwall Council on the development of a Faith Covenant. Hanging on in quiet desperation is the English way, as Pink Floyd once wrote; but the salt and light that Christians can bring changes the desperation to hope.

In 2013, we focussed on three specific commitments: to seek joint initiatives for mission; to work together to equip both lay and ordained ministry; and to optimise the use of church buildings for the community. After the signing, working groups were set up and three follow-up conferences in different parts of the county were arranged to gather local ideas. It became clear that top-down solutions would not work; so we have sought to develop closer relations with local groups, support their work however we may and build a new directory of church-led social action projects. Cornwall’s hosting of the G7 conference in 2021 afforded many opportunities for working and praying together, sowing seeds which are now beginning to bear fruit; but the challenges facing Cornwall, one of the UK’s most deprived areas, continue to multiply. So, all Christians in Cornwall are being invited to sign [our new Covenant, \(bit.ly/CTCCovenant\)](https://bit.ly/CTCCovenant) which is not just for leaders, as we work together to address those challenges, confident that we really are becoming better together!

Churches Together in Cornwall Coordinator Kathy Pope reports on their 10th anniversary gathering

29 January 2024



Bishop Hugh Nelson , Acting Bishop of Truro

St Petroc’s Church in Bodmin was the setting for a diverse gathering of Christians on Saturday 27 January. We met so that we might strengthen our mutual understanding, grow unity from the grassroots, and treasure our differences as gifts to each other. More than 80 people gathered in this ancient church which is dedicated to one of our major Celtic saints.

The emphasis was on connecting, learning, listening and envisioning our path for the next ten years (at least). Our keynote speaker, CTE’s Rev Dr Benjamin Aldous, inspired us to be curious, to expand our networks and

friendships across racial, socioeconomic, class and ecclesiastical divides, discovering the joy of diversity and the value of storytelling as we witness and share the Good News.



Cornwall Church Leaders

Ben reminded us of the World Council of Churches' 1982 affirmation on mission and evangelism: '...there is no Christian solidarity that does not involve sharing the knowledge of the kingdom which is God's promise to the poor of the earth'. Such solidarity in shared social action was much in evidence – through the organisations that had brought displays and information, and the inspirational examples of Christians at work in every community. We heard about support for people who are homeless, foodbanks, Warm Spaces and a Night Church, listening services of all kinds, together with hopes for more regular shared prayer and worship, initiatives to challenge injustice together, and support for young people into leadership roles. Matt Noble (Baptist Denominational

Ecumenical Officer (DEO)), Rev Loraine Mellor (Chair CTC), Geoff Watson (Quaker DEO), Rev Simon Atkinson (Associate Priest, St Petroc's Church), Bishop Hugh Nelson (Bishop of St Germans), Major Susan Tidball (Salvation Army DEO), Fr Paul Keys (RC Parish Priest, Bodmin) Bishop of St Germans, Hugh Nelson at St Petroc's Norman font

In our final act of worship, we presented and declared our Covenant together. This consists of eight statements that recognise and give thanks for the unity we already share and the rich heritage of Cornwall. We confessed that which still divides us and promised to re-dedicate ourselves to share our gifts, serving the people and land of Cornwall, growing in the love of Christ.

- We give thanks to God for the way in which Christians from different traditions have grown together – through worshipping and serving, fellowship and learning, sharing both gifts and differences in love.
- We give thanks for the role of Churches Together in Cornwall, and all of the Churches and Christians Together groups, as we grow positive relationships where unity can increase.
- We lament that there are still issues which divide us and we repent that we damage the Body of Christ, weakening our witness to communities in Cornwall.
- We rejoice in the diversity of our traditions that enrich us all, as we journey together.
- We celebrate the heritage of Cornwall which we share in our holy places, our welcome to one and all, and renewed tradition of pilgrimage.
- We commit to share our gifts freely, and value each other's treasures, as we learn and grow in Christ. Together we will proclaim the Good News through evangelisation and mission as we seek to deepen local relationships.
- We commit to working for God's kingdom through better understanding and closer co-operation. Together we will serve the people of Cornwall through positive social action and work for climate justice, caring equally for our common home and those who experience disadvantage.

- We re-dedicate ourselves and our churches to working towards the fullness of unity for which Christ prayed, through the power of the Holy Spirit and to the praise and glory of God.

A core principle of this approach is that everyone is invited to sign, equally and inclusively. This is more than an event, rather an ongoing process. We intend to revisit the Covenant each year during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

Now our challenge is to step out in our shared faith and common joy, build new relationships, serve our neighbour and care for our common home; in doing all this we will surely become better together.

As part of our anniversary celebrations, we released a special edition of the *CTC Review* looking back over the past decade, together with a 200-page online booklet comprising extracts from the CTC Newsletter and CTC Review covering significant events during the period – there were a lot! Access them both via ctcinfohub.org/bbt:



Churches Together in Cornwall 2013-23 : The story of a decade

told in extracts from CTC Newsletter 2013-19 and CTC Review 2019-23 a 200-page online booklet



Ten years on from the signing of the Declaration of Intent & Letter of Companionship in November 2013 – what have we achieved and what's next?

Special issue of [CTC Review](#) : [Good News from Cornish Churches](#)



CHURCHES TOGETHER IN CORNWALL COVENANT

All Christians in Cornwall are invited to sign the new Covenant

launched 27 January 2024 at St Petroc's Church, Bodmin

[Sign the Covenant at bit.ly/CTCcovenant](https://bit.ly/CTCcovenant)



CHURCHES TOGETHER IN CORNWALL CHURCH LEADERS AND MEMBERS' COVENANT 27TH JANUARY 2024

As Leaders and Members of Christian Churches, Groups and Communities in Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly:

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We re-dedicate ourselves and our churches to working towards the fullness of unity for which Christ prayed, through the power of the Holy Spirit and to the praise and glory of God.

Other Highlights of the Year

Regular and special activities of our churches and groups continued at pace throughout the year.



The **Coronation of King Charles III** on 6 May was of course celebrated in all our churches, with particular emphasis on serving one another in voluntary community activities, central to church mission county-wide.

Recording these social action initiatives continued in **SAM**, our Social Action Mapping project for Cornish churches, with the support of community platform Cornwall Link. We very much appreciate the commitment of Made Open, the company which runs Cornwall Link, to support the platform while seeking new sources of funding following the withdrawal of the original funders, Age Concern. We continue to explore new ways of developing SAM and are currently in discussion with the Gather Movement which provides similar services in urban areas, working with local authorities.



Discussions with Cornwall Council on the possibility of adopting a **Faith Covenant** have been ongoing during the year, which could lead to closer integration with faith-based social action projects identified by SAM; there is clearly potential synergy here which we plan to explore further.



During **Thy Kingdom Come** 18-25 May, CTC again provided daily video reflections from ecumenical leaders, available on our YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/@ctcinfohub>.



South West Awake, the chain of prayer around the South West Coast Path and on 'High Places' inland was once again supported county-wide by many individuals and church groups. There is interest in building on this event to

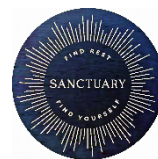


develop a year-round programme of prayer walks around the county as part of a revised **Pilgrimage** programme; unfortunately it was not possible to arrange a pilgrimage to Landévennec in Brittany again this year, due to building works at the Abbey. We hope to resume our links in future though possibly in a different form, due to rising costs and the rising ages of the organisers!



On World Environment Sunday, 4 June, **Cornwall Churches Environment Group** held a successful *Explore Creation* event on Portreath Beach, including a labyrinth, shanty singing, worship, rock pooling and other activities.

Fortunately the weather was kind for this event, postponed from September 2022 due to the death of Queen Elizabeth II. Feedback from *Becoming Better Together* has shown an appetite for more outdoor worship of this nature, attractive to locals and visitors alike; we shall be exploring opportunities.



The **Royal Cornwall Show** 8-10 June again saw CTC providing physical and spiritual refreshment in the rebranded *Sanctuary* tent, the base for the show chaplains drawn from across the county. Both CTC and the show organisers are very keen to maintain this outreach, which is the largest event we are involved in each year; however steeply rising costs meant that additional grants from CTC, the Methodist and Anglican churches were needed to operate in 2023, and ways of reducing costs to a more manageable level have been explored for the 2024 event, which will feature a less elaborate and therefore cheaper marquee. Huge thanks to the organising committee for their energy and commitment in pursuing this.

The very successful **Shanty Festival** in Falmouth 16-18 June, which attracts choirs and visitors from across the country and indeed the world, is not usually thought of as a church event! However, this year, as for some years past, the Parish Church of King Charles the Martyr was a venue for a number of groups and this



included several made up of local church worship groups from various denominations. Christian involvement in this very large and very good-natured event is both rewarding and much appreciated.



Also in Falmouth, the **Armed Forces Day** on 24 June showcased a rather different form of Christian involvement, with the Parish Church hosting the civic service with Bishop Hugh Nelson, in his role of Bishop to the Armed Forces, focussing on pastoral support for those serving in the military; while a peaceful protest, organised by the Quakers, drew attention to issues relating to arms sales and the recruitment of young people. As ever this brings into sharp relief our need to listen and learn from each other in all walks of life – and the difficulty of doing so, particularly as we are told our country is moving from a post-war to a pre-war situation.

CTC again took a stand at **Creation Fest** 3-6 August at the Royal Cornwall Showground. Battered by storms, the organisers were kept on their toes but the event completed safely and successfully with good attendance. CTC's stand posed to the question *What can you or your church do to build Christian unity?*, attracting over 200 responses, feeding into our *Becoming Better Together* planning process.



In conjunction with Falmouth & Penryn Churches Together, Marten Holmes from OAC Ministries and colleagues from GNE (Good News for Everyone, formerly The Gideons) co-ordinated an outreach to visitors and mariners attending the **Tall Ships** event in Falmouth, marking the beginning of the Tall Ships Races Magellan Elcano. Over the course of three days, 5,000 Tall Ships tracts were distributed to members of the public visiting the largest ships moored in Falmouth Docks, and 1,400 New Testaments distributed to the crews of all the

ships participating in the race. Local churches supported the outreach team with places to meet, prepare and pray before going down to the docks, and also provided food. Cream Teas and a fair Trade stall were provided for the public. Sadly, the Parade of Sail scheduled for the last day of the event had to be cancelled due to bad weather, but feedback on the outreach was very positive.

Marking the **Season of Creation**, on 18 September a **Creation Care** service was held at Truro Cathedral, including impressive singing from the Cornwall Youth Choirs.



Following this Luke Jerram's artwork **Gaia**, an internally illuminated globe featuring NASA imagery of the surface of the Earth, was displayed in Truro Cathedral from 6-28 October. Attracting some of the highest footfall of any exhibition in the Cathedral, Marginally narrower than the nave, the globe was genuinely awe-inspiring, particularly at night, and although not a religious work its display in a church will undoubtedly have raised awareness of our shared responsibility for creation care and the Christian response to it.



In late September and October four **Christian theatre groups** visited the county, presenting plays in Newquay, Camborne, Falmouth and Truro. Covering diverse themes including persecution, evangelisation, dementia and the Meaning of Life, these thought-provoking presentations were warmly received, and we hope that the companies will be motivated to return to Cornwall in future seasons.

The Creation Fest-led youth group **Glow**, meeting quarterly at the Engine House Church, Redruth, has been attracting large numbers of young people for a variety of activities, talks, prayer and worship



from many churches and none. Regular **Church Leaders Prayer Meetings**, hosted by Sarah Yardley and Matt Noble if different parts of the county are providing opportunities for leaders from different churches to meet informally and share lunch and prayer needs.



Community groups, many formed during the Covid pandemic, are providing new opportunities for church/community interaction, particularly in the area of climate change. One example is the **Mid Cornwall Eco Hub**, based in Truro, with monthly meetings covering a wide remit. In Apr 24 they hosted a Community Conversation in Truro Cathedral, exploring the problems we face in terms of farming, fishing, heating our homes, flooding and losing nature, with outcomes of the day sent to Cornwall Council, local MPs and faith leaders.

Anti-Slavery Week in Oct 23 was marked with a silent march in Truro organised by the local charity Bringing Freedom in conjunction with A21, and supported by the **Cornwall Modern Slavery Network**, a CTC Liaison Group.



The Network was relaunched in Apr 24 in conjunction with Transformation Cornwall and Cornwall Refugee Resource Network (CRRN) with a very informative talk by Hilary Agg, Anti-Slavery Partnership Coordinator at the national charity Unseen, who operate the national modern slavery and exploitation helpline.



Challenge Poverty Week in Oct 23 was marked with a conference at St Michael's Church, Newquay on a *Real Living Wage for Cornwall*, organised by Cornwall Independent Poverty Forum (CIPF), Truro and Newquay Food Banks, End Hunger Cornwall, Cornwall Council and Cornwall Voluntary Sector Forum. **CIPF**, under the chairmanship of Rev Andrew Yates, is currently working on a *A Community Manifesto for Cornwall 2024*, incorporating ideas from the Cornish community which they think

will help make Cornwall a fairer and more just place to live; these will be submitted to our new MPs following the next General Election.

The **International Day of Prayer for Persecuted Christians and Red Wednesday** in Nov 23 were marked by the launch of a new CTC Liaison Group, the **Cornwall Network for Supporting Persecuted Christians**. The



Network aims to build on existing work by various agencies engaged in raising awareness and offering prayer for those denied freedom of religion or belief. A new mailing list is being built to connect those concerned.

A **Sports Ministry in Cornwall Network** is gradually developing with two Christian football teams meeting regularly and planning some full-day tournaments and social events across the year. To find out more please contact Daniel Lawther at daniel@stiveschurch.org.uk.



Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2024 (18-25 Jan) took the 'You shall love the Lord your God... and your neighbour as yourself' (Lk 10:27), based on the parable of the Good Samaritan, and the materials were devised by the churches in Burkina Faso. This related well to the CTC *Becoming Better Together* event organised at the end of the Week of Prayer. CTC again provided daily video reflections from Cornish church leaders on YouTube, and also organised in-person services at Truro Methodist Church, for the first time since the Covid pandemic.

Materials for **World Day of Prayer 2024** (1 Mar) were prepared by the Christian women in Palestine on the theme *I beg you, bear with one another in love*, making this year's service particularly poignant. Services were held in some two dozen churches across Cornwall, and were well attended.



Good Friday Walks of Witness (29 Mar) again took place in many areas around the county, and despite the still wintry weather generally attracted good numbers, as did **sunrise services** on Easter Day. The opportunity to share the Good News of Easter widely at this time is central to the mission of all our churches, and CTC is happy to support any initiatives where that would be helpful – all ideas for next year welcome!

Developing the CTC infoHub

The CTC infoHub was launched in June 2019, celebrating its fourth birthday in 2023. It is based on the website ctcinfohub.org, which is updated several times a week and is now attracting over 900,000 visitors a year. The **weekly email newsletter CTC Weekly News** is mailed to some 270 subscribers, many of whom share it further. Our **Facebook** and **X** (Twitter) feeds have around 590 and 210 followers respectively, and posts are regularly shared across the country as well as the county. We also contribute regularly to the **Churches Together in England** newsletters and website, and produce our own quarterly ‘journal of record’ **CTC Review**, recording Good News from Cornish Churches – the volume of which never fails to impress! These statistics are encouraging, but also show that we have a long way to go in reaching all Christians in our county, many if not most of whom continue to be unaware of the existence of the Churches Together movement and what is achieved ecumenically. So we are constantly seeking new ways of widening reach and welcome all suggestions!

People’s appetite for information varies considerably, with some eager to get details of everything going on around Cornwall and others and others wanting to concentrate only on their local area. In January 2024 we moved to new software for our Weekly News which allows a greater degree of personalisation to meet the reader’s preferences; this feature will be introduced during 2024.

We are also looking for more content providers, particularly for North and East Cornwall, to alert us to news and events in their localities’, and for more editorial support to look after the production systems and ‘keep the show on the road’ technically – full training will be given! If you are interested in helping with this very rewarding work or would like to know more, please contact Roger Mills on ctcinfohub@gmail.com any time.

CTC is now able to offer support to local ecumenical groups by, for example, hosting their website or distributing local newsletters, according to need – this service is now available to all groups paying the annual CTC affiliation fee, currently just £20 a year, which includes public liability insurance for locally arranged events. Email ctcinfohub@gmail.com to find out more.

Local Ecumenical Projects *as at April 2024*

LEP no	ONGOING	TYPE	STARTED	NEXT REVIEW	MINISTERS INVOLVED	TEAM
126	DOBWALLS UNITED CHURCH (CofE - Methodist)	1&3		2025	Rev Andrew Day (M) vacant (CofE)	RB - EF
127	LOOE (Riverside) (URC- Methodist) ¹	1&3	1989	2025	Rev Chloe Jones (M)	RB
128	TREGADILLETT LEP (CofE - Methodist)	1&3	1986	2025	Rev Andrew Day (M) Rev Sean Clancy (CofE)	EF - RB
129	PORTSCATHO (URC - Methodist)	1&3	1988	2023	Rev Mark Dunn Wilson (M)	RB
130	PORTLOE (CofE - Methodist)	1&3	1992	2023	Rev Mark Dunn Wilson (M) vacant (CofE)	RB - EF
131	MEVAGISSEY (URC - Methodist)	1&3	1989	2017	Rev Paul Parker M	RB
132	ROCHE (CofE - Methodist)	2	2003	2021	Rev Paul Parker (M) Rev Paul Arthur (CofE)	EF - RB
133	WALL & GWINEAR (CofE - Methodist)	2	2007	2022	Rev Keith Osborne (M) Rev Michelle Poter-Babbage (CofE)	EF - RB
	WORK IN PROGRESS					
	LEWANNICK		2015		Rev Jo Smart (M)	RB - EF
	PENCOYS & FOUR LANES (FLAPJACK)²		2015		Fr Peter Fellowes (CofE) Rev Keith Osborne (M)	RB - EF
	PENSILVA	1 & 3			Rev Becca Belle (CofE) Rev Andrew Day (M)	RB - EF
	PERRANARWORTHAL				Rev Karen Wilson (M)	RB - EF
	OPERATING AS CHURCHES TOGETHER GROUPS					
	LINKINHORNE/RILLA MILL/UPTON CROSS		2013		Rev Jo Smart (M) Rev Joe Lannon (CofE)	RB - EF
135	NEWQUAY & ST COLURB MINOR		2014		Rev Clare Anderson (M) Rev Chris Mcquillen-Wright (CofE)	RB - EF
	ST IVE				Rev Steve Morgan (CofE) Rev Iris Bray (M)	RB - EF

NOTES TO TABLE

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

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

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 Ray Borrett RB
A Mission Partnership	5	<i>Quaker</i>	Mr Geoff Watson GW
An Education Partnership	6	<i>Roman Catholic</i>	Rev Andrew Shute AS
		<i>Russian Orthodox</i>	vacant
		<i>Salvation Army</i>	Major Susan Tidball ST
		<i>URC</i>	vacant
		<i>County Ecumenical Officer</i>	Kathy Pope KP

Account as at 31 December 2023

Churches Together in Cornwall

Registered Charity No. 1053899

Account as at 31 December 2023

Receipts	2023	2022	note	Payments	2022	2021	note
Church of England	£4,280.00	£4,280.00		Printing/Post/Phone	£339.50		
Methodist Church	£3,210.00	£3,210.00		Resources	£60.76		
Roman Catholic	(paid Jan 24)	£1,080.00		Travel	£434.54	£217.80	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	£9,000.00	£11,000.0	4
Society of Friends	£250.00	£250.00		Barnabas and St Piran Awards			
Russian Orthodox			1	County Ecumenical Officer	£3,999.96	£1,333.32	3
Greek Orthodox			1	Insurance	£1,315.00	£1,146.96	
Contributions from local groups	£383.93	£100.00	2	Creation Fest/CRE	£510.00	£659.83	
				Conferences		£411.99	
				Admin costs	£1,097.55	£310.88	5
				Sundry	£326.64	£40.00	6
Total Receipts	£9,923.93	£10,510.00		Total Payments	£17,433.95	£15,252.98	
				Surplus/(Deficit)	-£7,510.02	-£3,037.78	

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/Website IT costs/Meeting room

6: Payroll setup costs


Balance of bank account 1 Jan 2023 £22,260.98

Add surplus to date per above

Balance per cash book 31 December 2022 **£14,750.96**

Balance per bank statement 31 Dec 2022 **£14,750.96**

Certified as a true statement of the accounts for 2023

Signed..... 

Dated..... 20/03/24

Independent Examiner's Report

TO THE TRUSTEES OF CHURCHES TOGETHER IN CORNWALL

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

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.

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

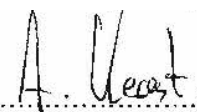
In connection with my examination, no matters have come to my attention:

- 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.....

20/03/24

Financial Report

All the main denominations contributed towards the funding of Churches Together in Cornwall this year; the Roman Catholic Deanery paid in January 2024.

Contributions from local groups totalled £210 in affiliation fees and insurance.

This was our first full year of resourcing a Co-ordinator and the costs included payroll administration and travel expenses as well as an honorarium. Some costs towards the 'Becoming Better Together' event in January 2024 are included in the accounts for 2023.

Administration costs include the cost of hiring Epiphany House for hybrid meetings (to enable zoom attendance). This year also included

the full cost of maintaining zoom registration and website costs (previously shared with other organisations).

The Royal Cornwall Show presence was a major expense; the costs of maintaining a marquee, site fees and other expenses for the chaplaincy team, children and youth activities, refreshments, show casing the work of all denominations etc continues to rise with huge cost implications in the future. The 'Sanctuary' rebranding was very much appreciated in 2022 and the team continues to build on this. The Marquee is also supported with extra funding from the Methodist and Anglican denominations in Cornwall and from donations at the event.

This is the last year that our independent examiner, Mr Andrew Keast, is able to review our accounts due to retirement and we will need to find a replacement for next year. Mr Keast has generously examined our accounts free of charge since 2018.

Shelley Porter

Treasurer, Churches Together in Cornwall

April 2024



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