

# CTC Review

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## GOOD NEWS FROM CORNISH CHURCHES

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**CHURCHES  
TOGETHER  
CORNWALL**

*inspiring unity*  
*sharing our gifts*

**Cornubia : Land of the Saints**

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# Welcome



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## Future Paths

**WELCOME** to the first edition of *CTC Review*, a new bi-monthly publication from Churches Together in Cornwall devoted to celebrating Good News from Cornish churches.

The *Review* joins the new e-mail *CTC Weekly News* as successor to the long-established *CTC Newsletter*. Announcements of forthcoming events now appear in the *Weekly News*, and the *Review* will concentrate on celebrating what has been achieved in the Christian communities across Cornwall.

CTC is looking closely at its role within the county and

how we can better support ecumenical initiatives at a local level. We need to work much more closely with local groups and are beginning a period of consultation with all 38 Churches Together groups, along with Local Ecumenical Partnerships and other initiatives in developing a new programme. We welcome all ideas so please do get in touch!

And meanwhile help us make the *CTC Review* a success by sending us your Good News! Contact details are on the back page.



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## ***Inspiring Unity - Sharing our Gifts***

This new 'strapline' encapsulates our vision for Churches Together in Cornwall (CTC) in the future. Great work is being done across the county and we want to share it, to inspire us all by showing what can be achieved when we work together, pooling our resources to maximise our effectiveness, sharing our time and talents, and recognising the gifts that God has given us in celebration and worship.

CTC is a small organisation dependent upon volunteers. Its membership comprises church leaders from all denominations, ecumenical officers appointed by each denomination, a county ecumenical officer (known as Missioner in Cornwall) and co-opted members from outside bodies. We are looking at ways we can widen our membership to include a broader cross-section of the Christian community in Cornwall, examining best practice in other counties and seeking advice from our parent body, Churches Together in England. Meanwhile we would welcome ideas on how we should develop our role and most usefully support ecumenical activity across the county - please contact [ctcmisioner@gmail.com](mailto:ctcmisioner@gmail.com) at any time.

# Pilgrimage



A happy band of pilgrims : Landevennec 2019

photos: David Smith

This year's CTC pilgrimage to the Benedictine Abbey at Landévennec included May 1st, the day of the annual festivities, known as the Pardon, in celebration of the 6th century foundation of the original Abbey by St. Guénolé, who was trained by Cornwall's St Budock.

The pilgrimage began on Sunday 28 April with a coach from Penzance to the overnight

Brittany Ferries sailing from Plymouth. A French coach met us the next morning at Roscoff for the drive to Landévennec, spectacularly located on the Crozon peninsula, west Finistère. Arriving at the Abbey soon after 9 a.m., a full day lay ahead, attending the morning Eucharist in the Abbey Church, the offices of None, Vespers and Compline, and introductory addresses from

Perran Gay on "The monastery and Benedictine life" and "The pattern of worship" and from Michelle Brown on "S. Guénolé and the Celtic saints". After Compline we began 23 hours of silence, during which we had retreat addresses (in English!) from the Abbot and another monk, attended the Eucharist and the Offices and went for an afternoon walk in the beautiful countryside of

# Pilgrimage

**SUE MILLS gives an account of this year's Churches Together in Cornwall pilgrimage to the Abbey of St Guénolé, Landévennec, Brittany**

the abbey grounds and the Aulne estuary.

On Wednesday crowds travelled from far and wide to take part in the Pardon, filling the large abbey church to overflowing for the morning Mass led by the Bishop of Nantes. A very special moment for some of us non-Catholics, not permitted to take the communion, was being asked, both women and men, to take up the elements in a long procession to the Bishop, who spoke to each of us individually in English about Christian unity. I found this personal contribution to the service particularly moving, encouraging me to pray even harder for the unity of the Body of Christ on earth.

During our lunch there were picnics and children's games in the abbey grounds before a concert of Breton folk music in the church, which was followed directly by the procession from the modern abbey to the ruins of the ancient abbey, led by the monks carrying the statue of S. Guénolé. Everybody sang the "Kantik Sant Gwenole" in Breton (to the tune which we know to "I need Thee every hour"! ). In the ruins speeches were made in praise of S. Guénolé's courageous journey and foundation of the original abbey, before the Abbot, the Bishop of Nantes, our own Bishop Philip and Steve Wild all took part in leading the service of Vespers in the open air. A magnificent day.

On the Thursday we had our own English Pilgrimage Eucharist led by Bishop Philip in the morning, with Steve Wild preaching, and after lunch said our farewells to the Abbot, leaving by coach to visit 2 interesting parish enclosures en route to Roscoff for our return journey.

## ***Doesn't pilgrimage involve walking?***

It often does! And there are many opportunities to take part in pilgrimage walks - the new **Cornish Celtic Way** offers a long-distance route within our own county. Many undertake part or all of the **Camino del Santiago** in Northern Spain, and there are many other routes across Europe. But for those with less time to spare, the annual CTC Pilgrimage to Landévennec combines the chance to journey together, albeit not on foot, with the discipline of observing the daily offices and 24 hours of silence. It may seem strange at first, but even after a few days many find the experience profoundly powerful - reflected by the number who want to return in future years.

## ***I'd like to try it - what do I do?***

The Pilgrimage is limited to 30 participants and has become very popular - so much so that the 2020 event is already fully booked. To join the waiting list or find out about later Pilgrimages, e-mail [ctcmissioner@gmail.com](mailto:ctcmissioner@gmail.com) and we will pass on your details to the organisers.

And look out for our Landévennec Discovery Day where you can find out everything you need to know and speak to those who have been before. Dates are published in the e-mail *CTC Weekly News* - see page 6.

## ***Does CTC offer other opportunities for pilgrimage?***

Not yet, but we're thinking about it! If you'd be interested, get in touch on the email above and we will update you.



# Thy Kingdom Come

A Service of Celebration for Pentecost has been held at Gwennap Pit for many years, and since 2017 has also acted as a Beacon Event to mark the conclusion of *Thy Kingdom Come*, the ten days of prayer between Ascension Day and Pentecost now celebrated internationally. In 2019 a second event for East Cornwall was held in Liskeard, with the Gwennap Pit celebration becoming the focus for West Cornwall.



This year Christian worship band OneHeart was invited to provide the music. OneHeart is comprised of worship leaders from a number of Pentecostal churches around Cornwall, who are known to churchgoers from all denominations through their participation in open-air services around the county and at inter-denominational events such as the Filling Station. Their presence allowed for the inclusion of a number of modern worship songs and a special song booklet was produced for the occasion. The Christian Motorcyclist's Association provided a flag-waving display during



the music, as a visible expression of the movement of the Spirit amongst us.



Another innovation was the introduction of personal testimonies. Mark Grove, leader of OneHeart, spoke movingly of how he came to Christ following the experience of a fire at his office which nearly cost him his life. Revd Ruth Whitehead, Moderator of the South West United Reformed Church, gave a memorable address, commenting on the powerful sense of the presence of the Spirit which pervades the Pit. At the end of the service individual prayer and anointing was offered to anyone who would like it: another innovation which proved unexpectedly popular, indeed almost overwhelming the clergy providing it. A larger team is planned next year!

The first Beacon Event for East Cornwall was held at St Martin's Church, the Anglican parish church for Liskeard, as an all-day event for all ages, which attracted over 600 people. The programme included morning and evening celebrations with guest speaker Krish Kandiah (Radio 4 Prayer for the Day) and worship led by Yeovil Community Church Band (Joe Hardy) as well as all day prayer stations, activities for young people and free refreshments, cake and pizza.



Music, speakers, choir and quartet, and the building itself were all favourably received, but by far the most common comment people made was about hospitality: "what a friendly church, what amazing food and coffee and all for free – just like God's love".

## **ON TURNING AWAY FROM OUR LABELS**

(inspired by Galatians 3:28, Colossians 3:11, 1 Corinthians 1:11-13 and Mark 3:25)

May we wear no label save Christ alone  
For if there was neither Jew nor Greek;  
Neither male nor female;  
Neither circumcised nor uncircumcised  
Then,  
What is there now  
which should divide?  
And if believers were bid to follow neither Paul nor Apollos  
Then,  
Who is there now, besides Christ,  
behind whom we should unite?

May we cease to judge who is inside, and who is outside,  
Who is sorted, and who is still figuring it out,  
For it is Christ alone who knows who his true body is  
And Christ alone who can lead her.

For there is one church;  
One body;  
One gospel;  
One Father;  
One Spirit;  
One Way; one Truth; one Life; One Love;  
And one Christ –  
To him be the glory forever and ever  
In, and through,  
every expression of his church.  
Amen.

Prayers for unity in the church

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[www.thesanctuarycentre.org/whereworldandworshipmeet](http://www.thesanctuarycentre.org/whereworldandworshipmeet)

The Revd Roger Greene, who died at the end of September, was for many years lead chaplain and guiding light for the Churches Together tent at the Royal Cornwall Show. We give thanks for his inspirational ministry and unfailing support for CTC.



# Royal Cornwall Show Churches Together Tent



photos: Churches Together Tent



**CHURCHES TOGETHER CORNWALL**

**ROYAL CORNWALL SHOW**  
June 6-8th 2019 | Stand 1

**CHURCHES TOGETHER TENT**

***A Welcome For All***

Fairtrade Tea and Coffee  
Chaplains available throughout the Show  
Family Activities and Stalls

**EVE OF SHOW SERVICE**  
June 5th, 6.30pm | Main Arena

Beer and Pasty Reception to follow in Tent

The Eve of Show Service was well attended this year, with Bishop Phillip preaching and Rev Steve Wild commissioning the Chaplains. The following Beer and Pasty supper in the Churches Together Tent was much appreciated! Chaplains were available throughout the Show, in the Tent and visiting the Exhibitors. Prayers in Tent took place every hour, alongside the ongoing refreshments, bookstall and Fairtrade stall. Other stalls included Christians Against Poverty, the Phillip Trust and a Prayer Station. The seating area provided a

welcome place to relax and meet old and new friends.

Activities for young children were provided in the tent, while older children and young people were able to sample the Surf Rodeo, Art Wall and Sport Cage provided by Creation Fest outside. The Tent also provided a base for the mobility scooters provided by Concern, Wadebridge.



Not quite a thousand voices, but a 350-strong choir made a joyful noise in Truro Cathedral on 5 October in the 130th Truro Diocesan Choral Union Festival...

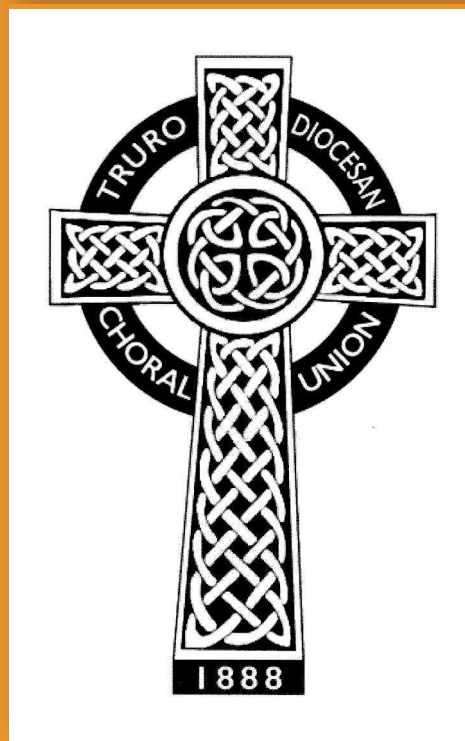
# Creation Fest

...while in Wadebridge at the Royal Cornwall Showground, music in a less formal tradition celebrated the Good News of a God who loves us in August's Creation Fest.



photos: Creation Fest

## O for a Thousand Tongues



*All these Cornish shores are holy,  
here the Saints in prayer did dwell,  
raising font and altar slowly,  
preaching far with staff and bell.  
Piran, Petroc, Paul Aurelian  
Euny, Samson, Winwalloe.*

*from the hymn 'God, who for the  
world's new framing' by H. Miles  
Brown*



photo: Neil Shepherd



# CTCinfoHub.org

EVERY week, Churches Together in Cornwall receives numerous notifications of events and news items with requests for circulation to our contacts. To simplify distribution and reach a wider audience, these are now consolidated in *CTC Weekly News*, published every Wednesday. All items are also listed on our new web page [www.ctcinfohub.org](http://www.ctcinfohub.org), which we hope will become the new go-to place for Christian news and events across the county. Anyone can subscribe to the weekly newsletter by visiting this web

page and following the links. Please do encourage everyone you know to do so!

**We are looking for help** to make this venture a success, particularly from the North and East of the county. We are looking for 'correspondents' to keep us abreast of local events, and also people to help develop the website and generate the weekly newsletter. If you might be interested please contact [ctcmissioner@gmail.com](mailto:ctcmissioner@gmail.com) - full training will be given!

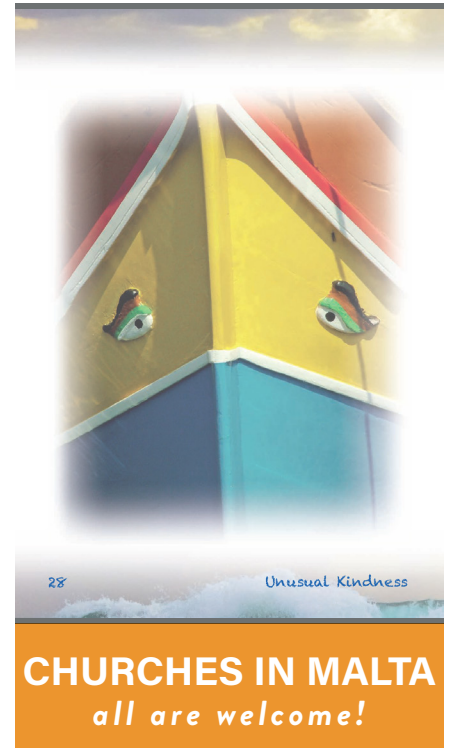
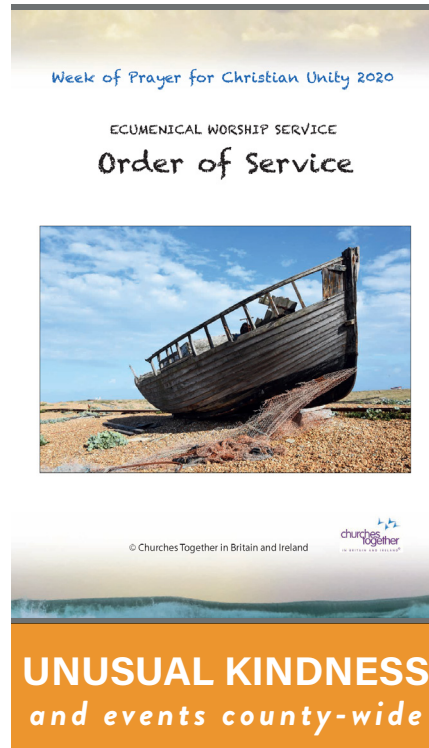
The new website will be further developed, incorporating information from the existing website at [churchestogetherincornwall.org.uk](http://churchestogetherincornwall.org.uk), which continues in parallel for now, and will subsequently include a new *directory of church-led social action projects* across Cornwall which we hope to develop in conjunction with local Churches Together groups.

We would be delighted to receive suggestions of other useful information you would like made available here - all ideas welcome!



this year designed to involve  
families and children

# Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: 18-25 Jan 2020



The Annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is a great opportunity to focus on what we need to do to bring closer the aim that 'all may be one' and what that means in our daily lives. Each year churches in one country work together to provide materials for world-wide use, and in the UK Churches Together in Britain and Ireland (CTBI) then adapt

materials for local use and publish a brochure which can be downloaded from <https://ctbi.org.uk/weekofprayer>.

This year the materials have been developed by Christians Together in Malta, where the shipwreck of St Paul on the islands is celebrated annually to mark the arrival of Christianity in Malta and Gozo.

The people who showed unusual kindness to Paul and his companions did not yet know Christ, and yet it is through their unusual kindness that a divided people were drawn closer together. Christian unity comes in showing such hospitality to one another, and in loving encounters with those who do not share our language, culture or faith.

# Pray



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