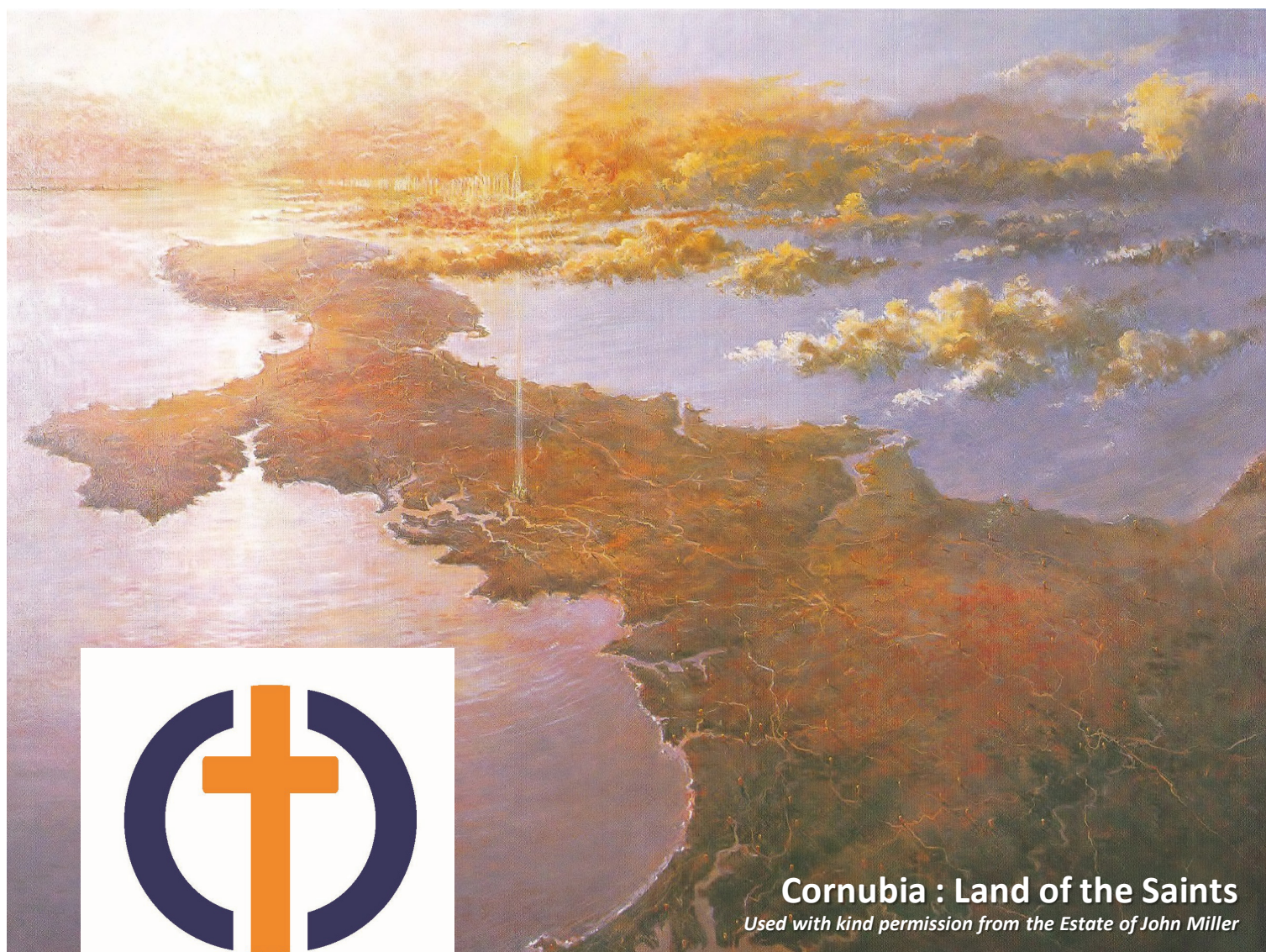


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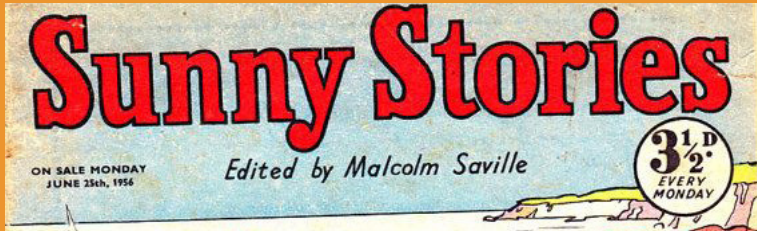
Cornubia : Land of the Saints

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Sunny Stories

In the years of reconstruction after the Second World War, the market for children's magazines was dominated by titles such as *Sunny Stories*, originally edited by Enid Blyton and taken over in 1954 by Christian author Malcolm Saville,



and the *Eagle* comic launched in 1950 by the Revd Marcus Morris as a counter to the violence and sensationalism of American crime and horror comics at the time.

Eagle was followed in the next few years by girls' counterpart *Girl*, then *Robin* for younger children and *Swift* for the age group in between. Contributors included the Revd Chad Varah, founder of the Samaritans. Those who grew up in the fifties will remember the excitement of opening up the latest issues of these very well-produced magazines, which have now become collectors' items; the mix of stories and factual features deliberately stressed Christian values and often included bible stories. Marcus Morris's expressed intention was to help spread the Christian message beyond the church community, in a time of hardship and change.



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As we work through the coronavirus pandemic, perhaps we need a new generation of 'sunny stories'. Amidst all the uncertainty and suffering, the church's message of good news is unchanged, and needs to be constantly proclaimed as we 'build back better'. As the CTC Review demonstrates, there is much going on in Cornwall's churches that is inspiring and exciting; so thank you for sharing your stories, and may they be a source of encouragement and hope in the months ahead, whatever they may bring.

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable--if anything is excellent or praiseworthy--think about such things.

Philippians 4:8

Celebration — Creation Fest goes online

catch up on <https://creationfest.org.uk/on-air/episodes/>

This year, we were gutted that we couldn't meet together in a field in Cornwall. But instead, we took our special brand of Creation Fest fun online, creating a series of TV-style shows taking the best of what Creation Fest has to offer – and all that makes it unique – and condensing it into six, half-hour episodes aired weekly throughout July-August 2020.

We loved being live with you this summer throughout Creation Fest On Air. But just because the summer is over, it doesn't mean that the fun has ended. All six episodes, small group guides and family packs remain available for you to download, share with friends and family, use in your church small group or children's ministry – however you'd like to use Creation Fest On Air!



Want to take Creation Fest wherever you go? Now you can listen to all the talks from Creation Fest On Air as well as the 2019 and 2018 Big Shed sessions on Apple Podcasts and Spotify!



CAP Debt Centre Launches in Falmouth & Penryn Area

See more on <https://capuk.org/>

In September, a new Christians Against Poverty Debt Centre launched covering Falmouth, Penryn and the surrounding villages. Operating in association with St Budock Church and Carnmarth South Deanery, the new Centre joins others across Cornwall including Helston, Redruth, Truro, St Austell, Bodmin and Liskeard in providing free debt counselling for those who are more vulnerable or need support to help them gain freedom from their debts.



CAP Debt Centre
Serving Falmouth, Penryn & Surrounding Villages
Launch Service
Wednesday 30th September at 7 pm
Guest Speakers: Bishop Hugh and Jen Sweet, CAP Area Manager

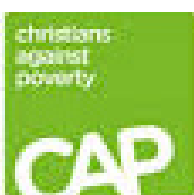
Debt Centre Manager, Jacqui Bennett, was joined at an inspiring and moving launch service on Zoom by the Bishop of St Germans, Hugh Nelson, and CAP Area Manager Jen Sweet.

As we continue through this time of pandemic and hopefully emerge from the other side, many people are likely to require the ministry of Christians Against Poverty to help them emerge from debt.

It is a ministry which uniquely seeks to help the whole person, not just to deal with crippling debt but also to re-engage with society. It is a ministry which the whole church can be involved with; prayerfully, and practically through offering your time and gifts of love to help clients through the early stages of debt recovery. Ultimately, we pray that through the love of God and his people, CAP may well help many to lead a new life in Jesus.



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How CAP Debt Centres work

If you are feeling weighed down by debt, then we can help. You may think your situation is impossible, but there is hope. Our friendly team will give you a listening ear and provide a real solution to your debts.

Since CAP started helping people out of debt in 1996, they've helped thousands in situations like yours through their professional service offered by 285 CAP Debt Centres.

What will happen when I contact CAP?

When you call the free number, you'll speak to someone from our New Enquiries team. They'll arrange an initial appointment with a CAP Debt Coach from your local area. If you can gather any paperwork to do with your debts and have these ready, this will make the process a lot quicker. They'll happily sort through it all, and send it off to our head office, where they'll work out a budget and the best route out of debt for you, to see you through to financial freedom and beyond.

Step towards employment
A free club for job seekers.

Friendly, practical support to help you step confidently into employment.



The new Debt Centre joins the recently-formed **CAP Job Club** based at Emmanuel Baptist Church in Falmouth. Offering practical help to those seeking employment, it's a relaxed environment with the chance to meet other jobseekers, get support and gain the skills needed to find

work. Email glynlumley@capjobclubs.org for information and arrangements during coronavirus restrictions and details of the **CAP Money Course**.

Ethical Banking

Anna Barrett

I am a big believer in helping the planet in the most effective ways possible. For instance, though important, recycling each week is significantly less effective than eating less meat or not flying. Often these effective ways to help the planet take a considerable amount of sustained commitment and effort, but sometimes, rarely, the stars align, and effective measures take very little effort, and end up being far easier than their alternatives. This article is about one of these easy but remarkably effective measures: ethical banking.

Most banks activities have a shady underbelly to their proceedings, with their history of financing the arms trade and supporting money laundering being well documented, but perhaps less well known is their direct support of fossil fuels. Banks support fossil fuels through the companies to which they provide loans, insurance and capital, transactions they can make because of the money in bank accounts of people like you and me. Money is powerful, and so is where you store it. Each penny is a vote for the sort of future you want, and the problem is that many people don't realise that they are voting for the environmental destruction of our planet.

As Christians, it is worth noting that many Christian leaders advocate for change in this area. For instance, Pope Francis asked all Catholic institutions to divest from fossil fuels as recently as last June. Our choice of bank is one more way to put our faith into action, to quite literally put our money where our mouth is, and to contribute to the incremental shifts that continue to make the world a better place.

Ethical Consumer, a fantastic tool for helping you to use your spending power to help change the world for the better, have a brilliant, comprehensive ranking of banks and their ethics that I highly recommend you check out (www.ethicalconsumer.org/). To access the full information however, you need a subscription, and for those who do not wish to take one out, here is a short summary:

- As a general rule, if a bank doesn't use 'ethical' as the main selling point, they are supporting fossil fuels or dodging taxes
- Some of the worst offenders when it comes to fossil fuels include but are not limited to Barclays, HSBC, Santander, Halifax and Lloyds bank. (To be honest, if they are a bank that you have heard of and are relatively

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mainstream, the likelihood is that they invest your money in environmentally and socially destructive ventures). There are good alternatives! The following are the best banks for current accounts, but most offer other accounts too: Triodos, Cumberland Building Society, Monzo, Nationwide, Charity Bank, Atom Bank, Co-operative Bank, and Starling Bank.

Now I am obviously not a banking expert, and I know that everyone's financial situations and needs are different, but I think that it is important to know that these things exist. I was completely unaware that my money was supporting fossil fuels and nuclear weapons until relatively recently. I switched to the phenomenal Triodos about a year ago now, and, while it took a bit of time, now I know that all of my money (or, as a student, lack thereof) supports causes and actively invests in things that I believe in. Trying to bring about positive change in our world can sometimes appear to be extraordinarily complex, but changing our current accounts is not only simple, but very effective, and I recommend that you investigate this further.

The Cumberland logo features a white house icon above the text "The Cumberland" in a white serif font, all set against a dark green rectangular background.

Triodos Bank

Charity
bank
a bank for good



STARLING BANK

The Nationwide logo features a white house icon with a blue outline, followed by the word "Nationwide" in a bold, white sans-serif font, all set against a blue rectangular background with a red border at the bottom.

The **co-operative** bank



Atom bank

A Cornish Quaker's Cathedral Crawl

Lesley Chandler
*heads north to Ripon on
her pre-lockdown odyssey
around English cathedrals*



Saint Wilfrid, aka Wilfrid of York (634-709). Renowned relic hunter who lived ostentatiously and travelled with a large retinue. Synod of Whitby 'pro-Roman Church' authority and 'anti-British and Irish Church' promoter. Monk and Bishop once described as one of the greatest and one of the most controversial of English saints. Builder of what was to become Ripon Cathedral (www.riponcathedral.org.uk).

Having afforded me such a welcoming early morning visit, Peterborough Cathedral was a warm midday recollection as I travelled literally upwards in the direction of Ripon and Durham (two of my never personally visited cathedrals) stopping only once to test Greggs' coffee just off the M1. I was pleasantly surprised. I'd booked myself a B&B in Pickering but decided to take a detour for 6pm Evensong at Ripon. Parking ticket purchased, I walked a short distance and there it was, across the road on a bend overlooking Ripon below.

The lady in the cathedral shop was closing up when I checked the timing of Evensong. 'You do know it's a special one don't you?' she said. Thinking on my feet I quickly added 'Yes of course but they're all special aren't they?' I then dared to ask what made tonight's event SO special... 'Archbishop Sentamu is leading the service and lots of important people are coming...' That was obviously the reason for my late afternoon detour and I knew he wouldn't be surprised to find me in boots and jeans amongst all those important people! For an entire hour I had

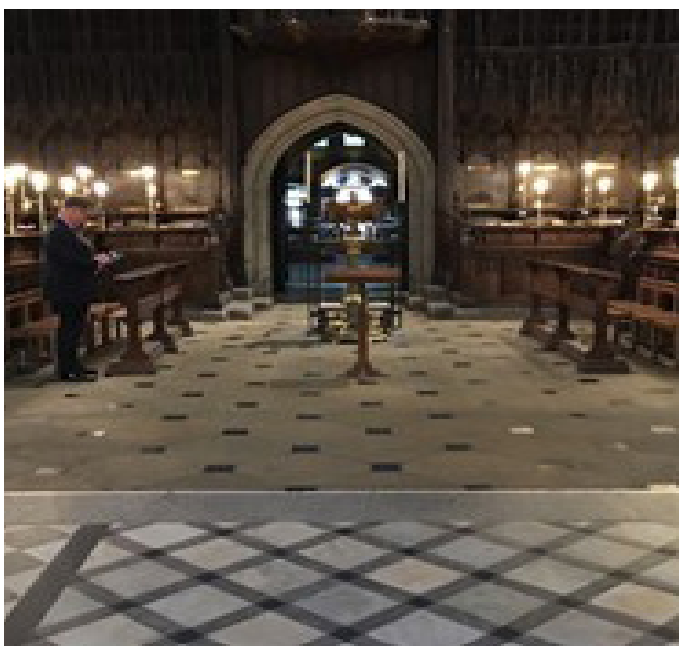
Pilgrimage

the whole cathedral to myself and some very helpful instructions from one of the vergers intent on making this a memorable service. My initial reaction was how 'medieval' this cathedral seemed - dark, northern and exposed. It felt rugged but solid and business-like. Wilfrid's Crypt dates from 672 and is all that survives of St Wilfrid's Church. Planned to resemble Christ's tomb, it housed Wilfrid's cherished relics brought back from Rome. The 'medieval' building above dates from 1180 and drew pilgrims from far and wide to visit the tomb and Wilfrid's beloved Roman relics. A successful business venture of its time in one of the most remote parts of Britain. Folk up there have seldom missed a good business opportunity, as the landlord of the Black Bull was to tell me later that evening.



The cathedral is worthy of a much longer visit but I managed to visit that Crypt, admire the misericord which inspired Lewis Carroll to write *Alice in Wonderland* and be awestruck by the magnificent medieval screen.

Evensong was longer than usual due in large part to the Archbishop's late arrival and the fact that it was a fundraiser and a 'thank you'. The stretched-outness



of the event gave me the opportunity to observe the the arrival of the bejewelled and well-heeled of Yorkshire alongside many schoolchildren who had raised money for the Archbishop's charity launched in 2010 helping the most needy in the UK - Acts 435. Tallis and Byrd would have been moved to hear their music sung so divinely by the Lay vicars of Ripon. I left my donation with my new verger friend to negotiate those North York Moors in the rainy darkness.

photos: Lesley Chandler

Woodland Resurrection

Euan McPhee

See more at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/WoodlandFriends/>



A number of Lawson's cypress trees in Tregoniggle Woodland, Falmouth had been starting to blow over in the winter gales and potentially become a public hazard. Something needed to be done. So, with support from Cornwall Council's Making Space for Nature programme, rather than simply felling the trees, they were cut at around 8 metres high, with a view to carving them into a feature.

Then lockdown hit.

and successful fund-raising by the Friends of Tregoniggle Woodland, local wood sculptor Felix Packer was able to start work in August, and images of birds, mammals, fish and leaves started to emerge. With many more people walking in the woods since lockdown, they now have an attractive art installation to enjoy, as well as the natural beauty of the woodland. As the weeks go by, more images are emerging from the cypress trunks. Why not take a walk in the woods and check them out?

But, following the easing of restrictions



photos: Euan McPhee

Modern Slavery

See more at <https://transformation-cornwall.org.uk/resources/anti-slavery-day-toolkit-for-cornish-churches-and-faith-groups-2020>

Is Modern Slavery really an issue in Cornwall? Sadly yes. If you'd like to know more, check out the new Toolkit prepared by Transformation Cornwall with Churches Together in Cornwall on the link above, packed with information and resources giving a good overview of the current situation and how you can help. Look out for details of our new 5-week training course on Zoom beginning in January and learn how you can become an ambassador for your church - more information in the next issue.

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Learning from Lockdown

Truro Diocese asked adults and children what we have learned from lockdown. Three videos were presented at Diocesan Synod on 26 September 2020, and can be viewed at

www.ctcinfohub.org/learning-from-lockdown/



What has been the greatest blessing from lockdown?



What has been the greatest challenge from lockdown?

What is the greatest opportunity before us now?





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