

CTC Review

9 Summer
2021

GOOD NEWS FROM CORNISH CHURCHES

#SummerOfPrayer #ThyKingdomCome #WorldEnvironmentDay
#BigLunch #GeeSeven #CCAMarching #WordsOfWitness #Interfaith
#Pray4G7 #LivingForTomorrow #FoRB #QuakerAction #WaveOfHope
#YCCNRelay #SouthWestAwake #ModernSlavery



CHURCHES
TOGETHER
CORNWALL

inspiring unity
sharing our gifts

Summer of Prayer

As this strange year continues, churches across Cornwall have been active in prayer and in the community, with an extraordinary range of events centred around the G7 Summit in Carbis Bay in June. Pleas to our leaders to 'rise to the moment' seem to have fallen largely on deaf ears, with the plans announced in the final communiqué falling far short of what is needed, both to control the Covid-19

THE CARBIS BAY G7 SUMMIT COMMUNIQUÉ

END THE PANDEMIC AND PREPARE FOR THE FUTURE BY PROVIDING £1BN OF VACCINE DOSES AND SHORTENING THE DEVELOPMENT TIME OF SAFE AND EFFECTIVE VACCINES, TREATMENTS AND TESTS TO 100 DAYS • REINVIGORATE OUR ECONOMIES CREATING JOBS, INVESTING IN INFRASTRUCTURE, DRIVING INNOVATION AND ENSURING NO PLACE OR PERSON IS LEFT BEHIND • SECURE OUR FUTURE PROSPERITY THROUGH FREER, FAIRER TRADE, A MORE RESILIENT GLOBAL ECONOMY AND A FAIRER GLOBAL TAX SYSTEM • PROTECT OUR PLANET BY LIMITING THE RISE IN GLOBAL TEMPERATURES TO 1.5 DEGREES, COMMITTING TO NET ZERO BY 2050, HALVING EMISSIONS BY 2030, INCREASING CLIMATE FINANCE TO 2025, AND PROTECT AT LEAST 30% OF OUR LAND AND OCEANS BY 2030 • STRENGTHEN OUR GLOBAL PARTNERSHIPS THROUGH CLEAN AND GREEN GROWTH INITIATIVES AND INCREASING SUPPORT FOR COUNTRIES MOST IN NEED, WITH AN AIM TO REACH A TOTAL GLOBAL AMBITION OF \$100BN • EMBRACE OUR VALUES OF DEMOCRACY, FREEDOM, EQUALITY AND THE RULE OF LAW INCLUDING BY SUPPORTING A TARGET TO GET 40 MILLION MORE GIRLS INTO SCHOOL THROUGH AT LEAST \$2.75 BILLION FOR THE GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP FOR EDUCATION

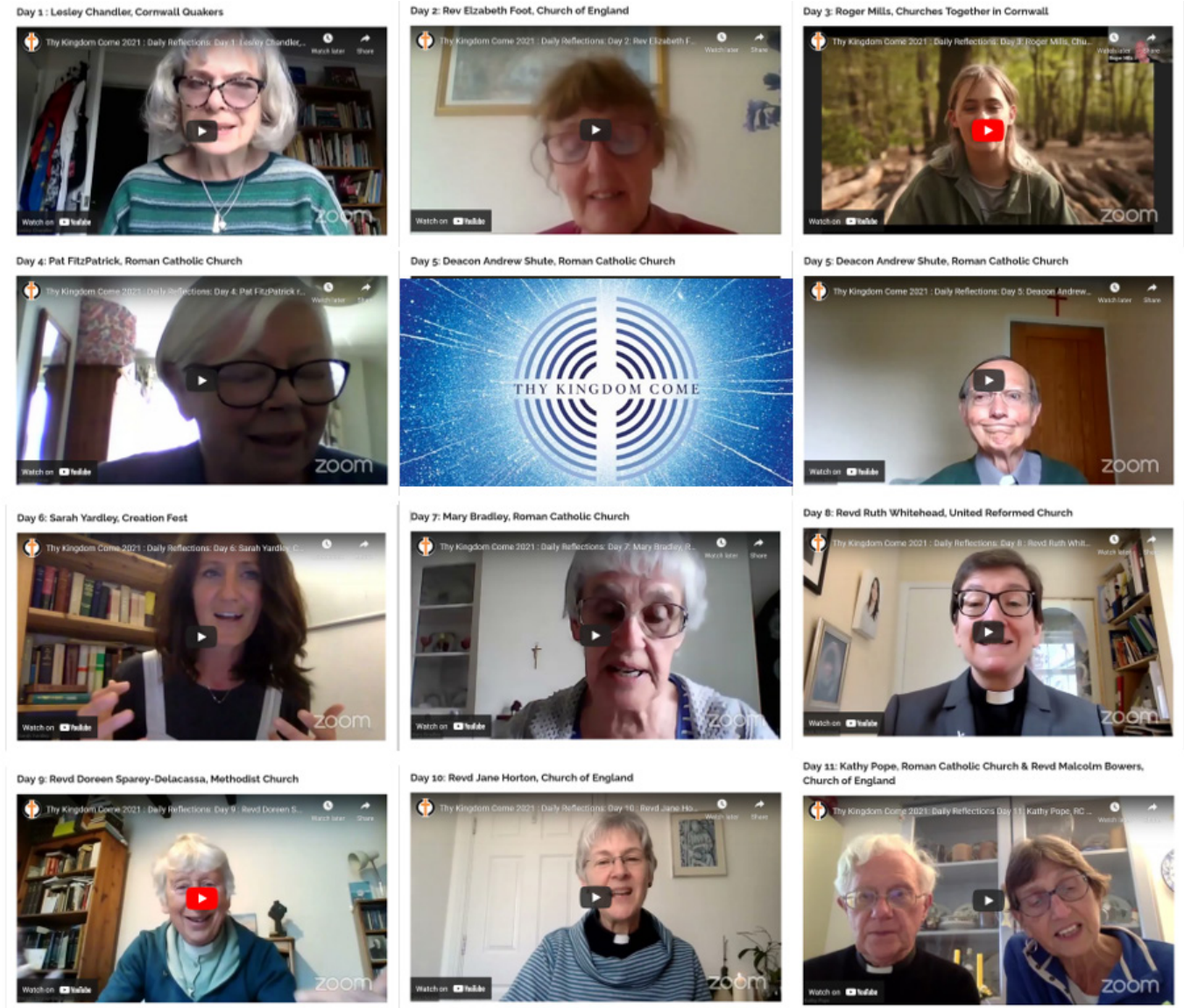


pandemic and to meet the even greater challenges of climate change. We pray that the coming COP26 climate change conference in Glasgow in November will be more productive, and awareness raising action by Christian groups is continuing.

While little of our concerns may have reached the ears of the leaders themselves, they certainly caught the attention of the media and the army of acolytes engaged in the organisation of the summit. However, the most lasting legacy of this month with the church 'on the front line' will perhaps prove to be a much greater awareness in our local community that Christians are exercised by issues affecting the common good as much as anyone else, and bring to the table a message of hope founded on the Good News of the Gospel, much needed, and increasingly appreciated, in these dark times. In this issue of *CTC Review* we share memories of just some of the events that were held.

Discipleship

Thy Kingdom Come 13-23 May - Ascension-Pentecost



This year ***Thy Kingdom Come*** moved entirely online with a tripartite offering comprising #12@12, eleven daily twelve-minute reflections live at noon on Zoom and Facebook, accompanied by an online prayer room and a prayer board on CTC's new Facebook page Christians Praying in Cornwall (@cornwallprayer). Over a thousand people participated during the eleven days. Sadly, our usual 'beacon events' at Gwennap Pit and Liskeard could not go ahead, but we look forward to resuming them next year.

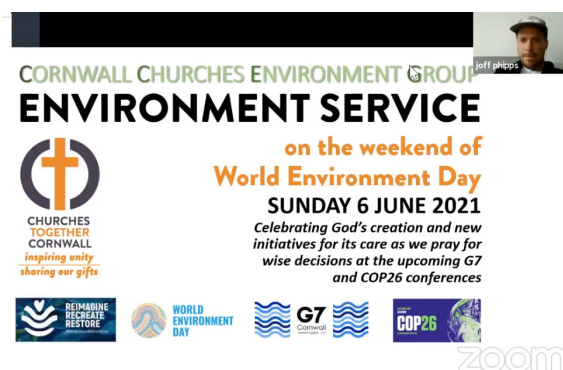


World Environment Day 5 June



A TearFund initiative, *Prayer in the Park* offered a way to pray in the open air for breakthrough in the climate crisis, ahead of the G7 and COP26 summits. In Falmouth, a group from Falmouth and Penryn Churches together led a prayer walk through Tregonnigie Woodland, a much-loved green corridor in the town, using the prayers, readings and reflections prepared by Tearfund to mark World Environment Day at www.tearfund.org.

Next day, members of the Cornwall Churches Environment Group offered an online Environment Service at 6pm, hosted by Churches Together in Cornwall on Zoom and Facebook Live. Including contributions from all age groups, it reached some 180 people, joining from all over the county. A mixture of live and pre-recorded material covered issues and actions around the G7 and leading up to COP26. View the service at <https://youtu.be/rJsvQrjqSQM>



Cornwall Churches Environment Group is an informal ecumenical group with representatives from many organisations. It forms the first of CTC's new Liaison Groups, which operate independently but include one or more members of the CTC Executive who can relay concerns to our church leaders and vice versa, offering a new 'direct line' between leaders and those active in the community. If you're interested in joining, contact Rev Andrew Yates for details: srotruro@btinternet.com

Prayer

A prayer for Cornwall's natural environment

1 The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it;

2 for he founded it on the seas and established it on the waters.

(Psalm 24:1-2)



photo: Mike Kent

Lord, we give thanks for all the wonderful areas of outstanding natural beauty you have created in Cornwall.

We give thanks for all sea creatures that inhabit our waters from the smallest to the greatest; for those that live in the shallows and in the ocean depths.



photo: Mike Kent

We give thanks for flowers and trees, and all plants that grow in Cornwall, **for all wild creatures that dwell on land, and fly in the air above.**

We give thanks for all people living in Cornwall and those who visit to share in the varied beauty of Your creation.

Heavenly Father, as we give you praise and thanks for the wonders of your works, help us to remember that You made us in Your image.

And as bearers of Your image, we have the responsibility and the privilege of caring for Your Creation.

Forgive us for failing to do Your will. Through our neglect, thoughtlessness, and greed, we have contributed to the climate change that's causing wildfires, crop failures, and killer storms.

Forgive us, Lord. Help us to do better.

The consequences of climate change, such as flooding, hit the poorest the hardest. Lord forgive us for adding to their struggles; help us to live more thoughtfully, so that we can reduce our carbon footprint and not contribute to climate change.



[https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Floods_in_Raya_Bintara_Rd_\(1_January_2020\).jpg](https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Floods_in_Raya_Bintara_Rd_(1_January_2020).jpg)
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Lord, there are people, young and old, who are working hard to care for your creation. Help us to help them by promoting a low carbon economy, a nature friendly way of living.

Heavenly Father, please help all church communities in Cornwall to work across our neighbourhoods and our County to take better care of Your creation.

In the words of Pope Francis

“O Lord, seize us with your power and light, help us to protect all life, to prepare for a better future, for the coming of your Kingdom of justice, peace, love and beauty.
Praise be to you. Amen!”

Michael Kent, Wadebridge Methodist Church

A Month of Community
Churches had planned to partner with The Big Lunch this year to promote ‘thank you’ events in June for their local communities. In the event Covid-19 greatly restricted what could be done, but some events are planned for later in the year. We look forward to The Big Platinum Lunch next year!



<https://www.edenprojectcommunities.com/the-big-lunch>

Gee Seven

‘Imagine if we could put children’s voices at the heart of G7 2021 and make the summit relevant to their young lives...’

Sing2G7 is a concept that was created jointly by Chris Gray (Director of Music, Truro Cathedral) and Esmé Page (Founder, Cornwall Hugs Grenfell). The international children’s engagement programme was prompted by UK’s hosting



of the G72021 and grew out of the suggestion, ‘Imagine if we could put children’s voices at the heart of G7 and make the summit relevant to their young lives.’ At the centre of the initiative was a song, ‘Gee Seven’, written for the project by Tim Rice, Patron of Truro Cathedral Choir, with music by Peter Hobbs, arranged by Joseph Wicks.

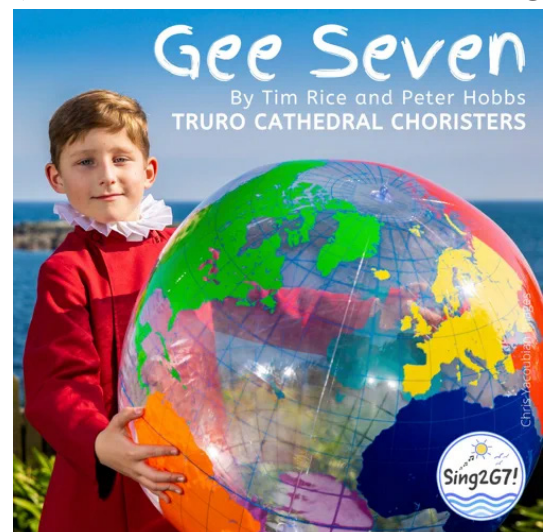
Through the song and its moving youtube video, <https://youtu.be/x2fUdLvSa3k>, the 35 choristers aged 8-18 inspired children around the world to unite and ‘sing to G7’ with a strong message,

urging them to take full responsibility for the rest of the world. Over 27,000 voices signed up to sing the song in 31 countries, with singers posting recordings online and organising their own virtual and, where possible, physical performances.

The song was released as a single on all digital platforms with the choir’s royalties going to Unicef’s ‘Give the World a Shot’ VaccinAid campaign through Crowdfunder; we raised £8434, enough for 10,000 vaccines.

The song’s video was created by a pro bono professional team. Sing2G7 is volunteer led, with Vicky Garner (www.garnerandtonic.co.uk) and Sarah McLachlan working closely with Chris Gray and Esmé Page.

Sing2G7’s website continues to be visited at www.sing2g7.org, where free music resources and an extensive 16 module Education Pack for primary schools is hosted, created by Truro School, Sing2G7, Kensa and South West Water. Sing2G7 Partners are Truro Cathedral, Truro School, Cornwall Music Service Trust, Cornwall Council, The Diocese of Truro, Goonhilly Satellite Earth Station and Future Leaders Network.



CCA marching to send their message to the G7 leaders

Christians for Climate Action (CCA) members walked from Newquay to St Uny church near Carbis Bay, where the G7 summit was being held.

G7 PILGRIMAGE

"Pilgrims are persons in motion passing through territories that are not their own. Seeking something we might call 'contemplation' or perhaps the word 'clarity' would do as well. A goal to which the Spirit's compass points the way."
Brother Pedro of Caizé

JOIN US:
All or part of the way
All Welcome

christianclimateaction@gmail.com
<https://christianclimateaction.org>

Find out more about CCA at:
<https://christianclimateaction.org/>

Route is based on a section of:
Cornish Celtic Way
www.cornishcelticway.co.uk

CHRISTIAN CLIMATE ACTION

Words of Witness

Lesley Chandler

Twelve circled Friends gathered

silently, separately, **awef**fully
in the designated car park
for containing
protestation against injustice.

Twelve settled into a stillness fringed by
sounds, colours, scents and humans of every
kind,
with sunshine beating down and
the music of a distant melodic dog,
they held the Carbis Seven.

'Baby Come Back' sixties version vied with
Tigrayan refugees chanting 'STOP THE GENOCIDE...'
Foot-tapping Boogie piano and bass vied with
a most serene, balletic Kazakh dance and
twelve held the Carbis Seven.

The Estonian cruise ship moored up alongside -
there to house the boys and girls in blue.
She looked on at the silent Twelve surrounded by
the plastic-free, the vegan-friendly, the natural,
the DIY and
the sustainable energy in abundance that day.

By placard and loud protest the messages were simple:
'You are funding terrorism..'
'Only love can save us..'
'Stop the man-made famine..' because
'Extinction is for ever..'

Twelve Friends gathered their things and
stood with thousands.
Twelve shared in the procession
with knowledge and faith that
*'Lives begin to end the day we become silent
about things that matter.'*

*The G7 MfW at Falmouth (June 12th 2021), one of the four G7 Meetings for
Worship held before and during the Carbis Bay G7 Event.*

Interfaith

A CAFOD (Catholic Agency for Overseas Development) live-streamed event organised in conjunction with Christian Aid, Tearfund, World Vision, Islamic Relief and Faith for the Climate, was hosted by Truro Cathedral on 10 June for people of faith to reflect ahead of the G7 summit and send a message to world leaders.



Speakers included:

- Ruth Valerio, Canon Theologian of Rochester Cathedral
- Bishop Mark O'Toole, Bishop of Plymouth
- Rt Rev Nicholas Holtam - Bishop of Salisbury
- Rabbi Jonathan Wittenberg - Senior Rabbi, Masorti Judaism
- Imam Qari Asim, MBE - Chair of the Mosques and Imams National Advisory Board
- Priya Korla - Hindu Climate Action Team
- Fr Augusto Zampini Davies - Vatican Covid-19 Commission
- Fatima Alarakah - Student and climate activist
- Mikey - Eco Dharma Network
- Davina Bacon - Young Christian Climate Network

Read a report of the meeting and watch the video at

<https://westminsterjusticeandpeace.org/2021/06/11/g7-interfaith-event-report-from-cornwall/>

Prayer

A Cornwall-wide Call to Prayer for the G7 Summit

On Sunday 6th June 7pm – 9pm 200 people from all denominations came together on Zoom for united prayer, hosted by Derek Thomas MP and led by Phil Rodda.

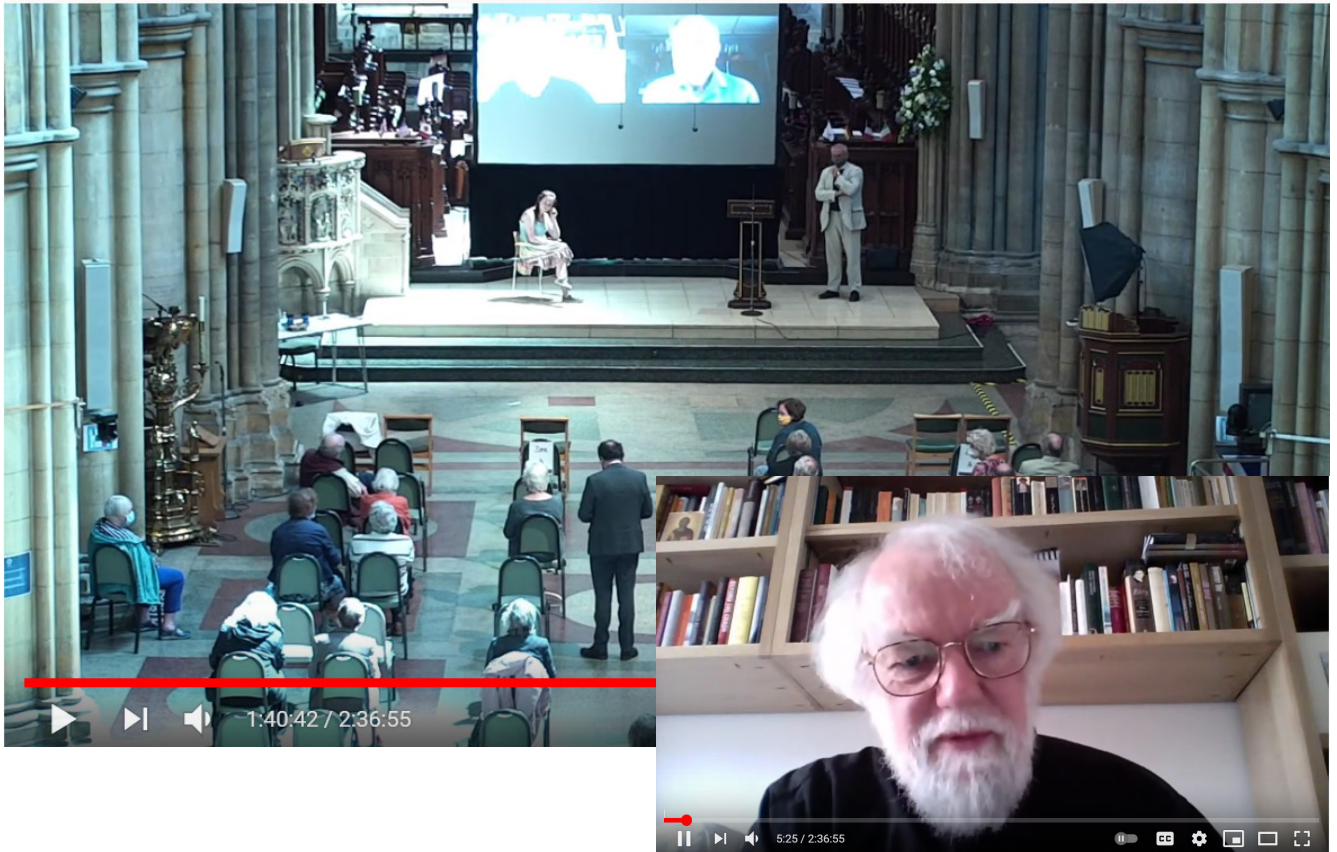
The evening included led and guided prayers with a couple of breakout sessions so all had an opportunity to pray but without pressure. Those leading prayers included the Bishop of Truro, Sarah Yardley from Creation Fest and Derek Thomas MP.

The evening followed a series of weekly prayer meetings with Derek Thomas over the previous five months, and was followed by a Global Prayer Summit organised by the World Prayer Centre in Birmingham. For each of the four days of the G7 there was an online “virtual” season of prayer for 12 hours a day, led by prayer leaders mostly from within the UK, but with some significant help from elsewhere, and participation from many nations. Many of those involved had little experience of praying about global issues, so for some it was a steep learning curve. A total of over 500 people participated in hour-long slots during the 48 hours of prayer – some multiple times – during the four days. A few prayed through the night in their country.



Environment

A G7 Seminar: *Living for Tomorrow*



Reflections on the challenges and opportunities of living together in a post-Covid world was the theme for a half-day seminar in Truro Cathedral on Sat 12 June. Lord Williams of Oystermouth, former archbishop of Canterbury and Professor Chris Southgate, an eminent environmental theologian (standing in at short notice for Professor Michael Northcott) joined the event online (bravely battling some sound problems) together with students from Truro College present in Truro Cathedral. Following presentations from all, with Bishop Philip in the chair, a Q&A session allowed the audience to question the presenters and a wide range of issues were covered. Perhaps the most encouraging feature of the session was the positive, well informed and down-to-earth attitude of the students, already rolling up their sleeves in practical action while their elders and (possibly not) betters continue to prevaricate. The seminar can be viewed at <https://youtu.be/KFVpXrKzCeA>.

Persecution

Freedom of Religion and Belief

His Grace the Bishop of Truro, the Rt Revd Philip Mounstephen, and His Eminence Archbishop Angelos, Coptic Orthodox Archbishop of London, jointly hosted a **G7 Prayer Breakfast at St Hilary's Church in Cornwall on 13 June 2021**, featuring a keynote address from Nury Turkel, Commissioner on the United States Commission for International Religious Freedom (USCIRF).

Read more at:

<https://refcemi.org/f/press-release-g7-prayer-breakfast>.

All Party Parliamentary
Group for International
Freedom of Religion or Belief



The Truro Review - Two Years On

The Truro Review, commissioned by Jeremy Hunt in 2018 as an independent review into the global persecution of Christians and led by the Bishop of Truro, presented 22 recommendations for the UK Government for changes in policy and practice to protect freedom of religion and belief around the world. Since its publication, the Government pledged to adopt all 22 recommendations. Marking the review's second anniversary, a webinar chaired by the Bishop of Truro served as a moment to measure what has already been achieved and to take stock of what remains outstanding before a formal independent review due next year.

The meeting was overwhelmingly positive, with Archbishop Angelos commenting that the Truro Review was “one of the most historic reviews of our time” and the Bishop of Truro stating the response of the UK Government “wildly exceeded” his expectations. However, there was also criticism of the UK's response to genocide, recent cuts to UK Aid and the prosecution of Daesh (also known as ISIS) perpetrators of sex crimes against Yazidi and Christian women. Special mention was given to Uighur Muslims in China, the Rohingya in Burma, the Bahá'í community in Iran and Ahmadi's in Pakistan.

View the webinar at <https://www.ctcinfohub.org/the-truro-review-two-years-on/>

Climate Justice

Quaker Action



Cornwall Quakers held Meetings for Worship in Marazion prior to the G7 on 22nd May and in Falmouth on each day of the summit on 11th, 12th and 13th June. Each meeting was an oasis of quiet in a noisy area, but with a marvellous sense of solidarity with other groups calling for a better world.



Feeling the grief we all share as biodiversity loss increases, the Green Spirits came to Cornwall to give a poignant message to the G7 leaders.



photos: Jackie Carpenter

Wave of Hope



The Wave of Hope campaign by the Crack the Crises Coalition was enthusiastically taken up in Cornwall, with thousands of hands carrying the hopes of school children appearing around the county. At St Anta Church in Carbis Bay, next door to the G7 Summit venue, a spectacular display of hand pennants was filmed by BBC Spotlight. The campaign continues in the lead up to COP26.

<https://crackthecrises.org/wave/>

Share the
#WAVEOFHOPE



photos: BBC and Christian Aid





YCCN Relay to COP26

THE G7 IS NOT THE END, BUT THE BEGINNING.

We'll keep asking, praying, and acting for no country to be pushed into debt tacking climate change.

We will keep walking from to Glasgow as an act of faith, hope and love, praying for justice.

Because enough is enough. And there's more than enough for everyone.

WHAT ARE WE ASKING FOR?

- A.** Reaffirm 0.7% ODA
- B.** Scale up \$100bn/year in climate finance
- C.** Take loss and damage seriously
- D.** Cancel debt

WILL YOU JOIN US?

Rise to the Moment is the challenge from the Young Christian Climate Network as they walk a relay from Carbis Bay to COP26 in Glasgow. Commissioned at a service in Truro Cathedral on 13 June (watch at <https://youtu.be/-baEgiwzOto>), the walkers set off from the G7 venue the next morning. A specially-made model boat is preceding the relay and displayed at overnight stops en route. Follow their progress on <https://www.yccn.uk/> and <https://www.facebook.com/YCCNetwork>.

Pilgrimage



South West Awake



A chain of **prayer and praise**
around the South West!

Join us on one of the
630 miles of the coast path

Thy Kingdom Come

 **SOUTH
WEST
AWAKE**

TODAY IS THE DAY



 **SOUTH
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AWAKE**

Members of Falmouth & Penryn Churches Together covered ten miles of the Coast Path around Falmouth, here at Swanpool Beach

Over 3500 Christians stationed at one-mile intervals around the South West Coast Path in Cornwall, Devon, Somerset and Dorset gathered at 10.30am on Sat 19 June to pray *Thy Kingdom Come*, first turning outward to sea, giving thanks for the Gospel coming to our shores, and then inward to the land, praying for its spread though our communities. Read more at <https://bit.ly/SouthWestAwake>

Modern Slavery in Cornwall

HIDDEN IN PLAIN SIGHT

More than **200 years** after the abolition of slavery there are still an estimated **40.3 million** men, women and children trapped in **modern slavery**, with 136,000 victims in the UK alone.

In 2020, there were 31 Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking cases reported in Cornwall but we are aware of a great many more which go unreported.

If you suspect someone is a victim of modern slavery in Cornwall, please call one of the following numbers:

Gangmasters Labour Abuse
Authority
0800 4320 804

Salvation Army confidential
referral helpline
0800 808 3733

Modern Slavery Helpline
08000 121 700

Crimestoppers (anonymous)
0800 555 111

Local police **101**

Emergency **999**

Or visit **crimestoppers-uk.org** to report information about a crime safely and anonymously.

REPORT IT! IF NOT YOU, WHO? IF NOT NOW, WHEN?



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A new ecumenical **Modern Slavery Group** is now planning awareness-raising activities across Cornwall to help combat the scourge of Modern Slavery, sadly present in our county as in the rest of the country. Their first action has been to produce these posters giving details of who to contact if you suspect something is not right. Download them at <https://www.ctcinfohub.org/modern-slavery/> and display on a notice board near you.

Find out more about the group at <https://newstreet.churchsuite.com/groups/u2sou4ea>

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Modern Slavery Helpline **08000 121 700**

Crimestoppers **0800 555 111**
(Completely anonymous)

Local police **101**
Emergency **999**

Gangmasters Labour Abuse Authority
0800 4320 804

Salvation Army confidential referral helpline
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Or visit **crimestoppers-uk.org** to report information about a crime safely and anonymously.

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