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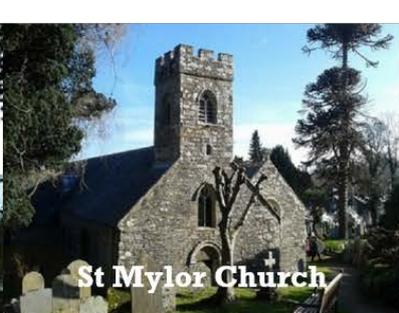
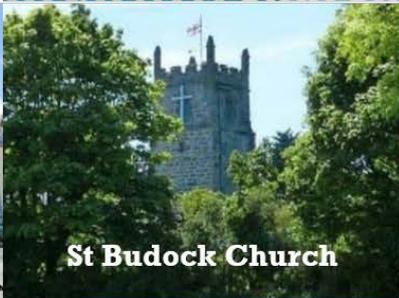
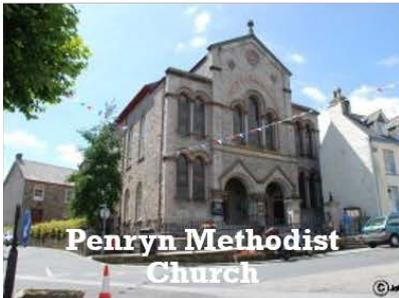
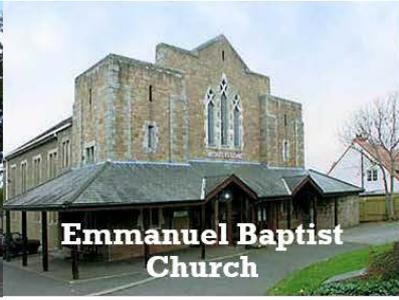
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## **ADMINISTRATION**

### **1 † FPCT OFFICERS & EXECUTIVE MEMBERS 2017-18**

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| <i>Chair:</i>  | Jan Winslade <i>St Budock Church</i>             |
| <i>Vice-chair:</i>   | Revd Pat Whittaker <i>United Reformed Church</i> |
| <i>Treasurer:</i>  | David Arrondelle <i>St Mawnan Church</i>         |
| <i>Secretary:</i>  | Rose Lartey <i>Harbour Church</i>                |
| <i>Executive Member (minister):</i>  | Revd Stephen Tudgey <i>King Charles Church</i>   |
| <i>Executive Member (lay):</i>   | Mary Bradley <i>St Mary’s RC Church</i>          |
| <i>Executive Member (lay):</i>   | Lesley Chandler <i>Falmouth Quaker Meeting</i>   |
| <i>Executive Member (lay):</i>   | Jane Charman <i>All Saints Church</i>            |
| <i>Executive Member (lay):</i>   | Euan McPhee <i>Falmouth Methodist Church</i>     |
| <i>Three further ministerial members may be appointed in future years.</i> |  |

Last year I ended my report with the prayer that together we will further God's kingdom in Falmouth, Penryn and the surrounding villages. This year I am delighted to report that the combined initiatives of Thy Kingdom Come, Transforming Mission and The Turning have resulted in a much deeper interdenominational fellowship between the Ministers which has proved to be a real blessing to Falmouth and Penryn Churches Together.

We are delighted to welcome Jo and Harvey Crook who have taken over the leadership of Highway from David Ward who has retired after many years of sterling service, especially in setting up and running the Foodbank. David Gray has also handed over the reins at Falmouth New Life Church to Rod McGlade, although I'm sure, knowing David and Jean that they will continue to be a blessing to FPCT. We also welcome the Revd. Johanna Clare (St Mawnan), the Revd. Andrew Mumford (Falmouth Methodist Church) and the Revd. Bill Stuart-White (Transforming Mission/All Saints), as well as The Vineyard Church under the leadership of Nathan and Ruth Gilbert.

The Revd Pat Whittaker (URC) and Mary Bradley (St Mary's) are both retiring from the Executive after many years of wonderful service, and I would like to say a big thank you to them both for all they have done in God's service at FPCT.

Although Roger Mills retired from his duties as Webmaster and Joint Secretary last year, I would, on behalf of FPCT like to thank him for all the hard work he has put in editing the Annual Report again this year, his tireless efforts in publicising all the FPCT activities and, with Rose Lartey, for making sure that we are data protection compliant.

Our finances have improved dramatically over the year enabling us to make donations locally and globally as well as supporting all our initiatives. Our latest project is the bereavement café at the Huddle due to open in July which is a much-needed addition to our outreach to the community. The needs of the homeless and rough sleepers in the town are sadly still with us and we are making some progress although painfully slowly.

I shall be standing down at the AGM, and so I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has supported me during my time as Chair of FPCT, and I pray that my successor will feel as blessed as I have to head up such a worthwhile organisation.

**FPCT Main Account**

|                             |         |                   |
|-----------------------------|---------|-------------------|
| Opening Balance             |         | £4,500.77         |
| Subscriptions from churches |         | £3,595.00         |
| Footsteps (gross)           |         | £3,444.70         |
| Evangelism                  |         | £149.81           |
| The Turning                 |         | £450.00           |
|                             |         | <u>£12,140.28</u> |
| Less expenditure:-          |         |                   |
| Rent (FMC) re Footsteps     | £465.00 |                   |
| Tea, coffee etc Footsteps   | £158.32 |                   |
|                             |         | <u>£623.32</u>    |
| Evangelism                  |         | £4,012.09         |
| Wages                       |         | £558.24           |
| Insurance                   |         | £489.25           |
| Paypal                      |         | £463.84           |
| Sundry expenses             |         | £350.48           |
|                             |         | <u>£6,497.22</u>  |
| Closing Balance             |         | <u>£5,643.06</u>  |

**FPCT Kidz Klub Account**

|                          |           |                  |
|--------------------------|-----------|------------------|
| Opening Balance          |           | £1,343.23        |
| Subscriptions            | £768.00   |                  |
| Donation (Truro Diocese) | £1,000.00 |                  |
|                          |           | <u>£1,768.00</u> |
|                          |           | <u>£3,111.23</u> |
| Less Expenses:-          |           |                  |
| Wages                    | £2,772.16 |                  |
| Transport                | £225.00   |                  |
| Mugs                     | £36.49    |                  |
|                          |           | <u>£3,033.65</u> |
| Closing Balance          |           | <u>£77.58</u>    |

**B:Beautiful (Business Premium Account 1)**

|                 |  |                |
|-----------------|--|----------------|
| Opening Balance |  | £565.45        |
| Interest        |  | £38.00         |
|                 |  | <u>£565.83</u> |
| Expenditure     |  | Nil            |
| Closing Balance |  | <u>£565.83</u> |

## Business Premium Account 2

|                 |        |
|-----------------|--------|
| Opening Balance | £15.67 |
| Interest        | £1.00  |
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|                 | £15.68 |
| Expenditure     | Nil    |
| Closing Balance | £15.68 |
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### PRAYER & DISCIPLESHIP

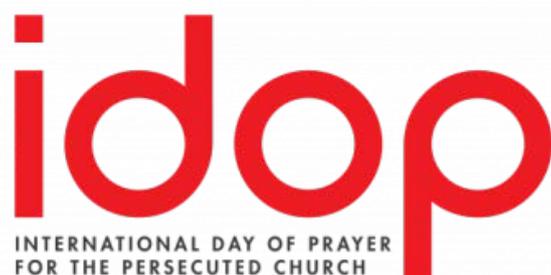
*A growing focus for FPCT, opportunities for praying and studying together to deepen our faith and understanding of the way forward for Christians in Falmouth and Penryn have increased in the past year, as well as those to witness to that faith in our local community.*

### 4 † LIBERATION THEOLOGY COURSE – ROGER MILLS

Starting in October, Revd Roy Howe presented a six-week course on personal and community liberation exploring ways we can make a difference through social and ecological action, aimed at developing better understanding so society can be edged a better way. Different aspects of modern life were considered each week alongside relevant scripture. An extensive selection of recommended reading supported the discussion-based course, which was attended by ten participants from a mix of denominations.

### 5 † UNITED SERVICES - ROGER MILLS

With the growth of the monthly Filling Station gatherings and other opportunities to meet and worship together, demand for the 'traditional' United Services has declined; only one was held this year, to mark the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church on 19 November, at which we were privileged to hear Howard and Nora Norrish speaking on *50 Years Working in the Middle East*. The service, hosted by Emmanuel Baptist Church, offered profound insights into the nature and causes of persecution in the past half-century. FPCT's monthly prayer group for those persecuted for their faith continues to respond to the ongoing need for prayer.





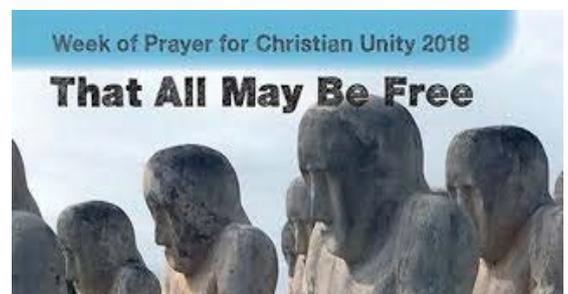
With Christmas becoming more and more commercial every year, it is ever more important to remind everyone of the true meaning of Christmas. The Live Nativity was introduced to Falmouth by Deacon Michelle Legumi during her time at Falmouth Methodist Church, however Michelle has now moved to Kent, but the Live Nativity Team were confident that they could carry on the now annual tradition of playing out the Nativity story through the streets of Falmouth without Michelle's guidance. The Live Nativity Team had not planned for there to be any major changes to this annual event, however sometimes change is inevitable and sometimes out of our control. Firstly, a request was received from Falmouth Watersports Centre to be involved with the procession. We decided that the shepherds and their sheep would take a break in the forecourt of the Watersports Centre so that people could get up close to the sheep and talk to the shepherds. As the characters made their way from the Moor to Events Square ready to start the Nativity Story, the sheep and shepherds stopped for their rest, while the rest of the characters carried on to Events Square. *Open the Book* performed a bible story to focus the crowd at Events Square, the mighty centurions then mustered everyone to start their journey to



Bethlehem with Mary, Joseph and their donkeys. The sheep and shepherds led the procession past inns where there were no rooms available, stopped to listen to Angel Gabriel and on to Herod's Palace. The procession made its way further through town, but due to the prospect of inclement weather the Wise Men and their horses had not arrived, which was the second change to our plans; however, the amazing narrator, Ian Smith, told the crowd that the Kings had got lost in a storm around Redruth and so the procession continued to the marquee without them. There was the usual array of animals in the marquee on the Moor, alpacas, pygmy and large goats, a huge rabbit, sheep, lambs and the donkeys. Fr Brian gave a talk about Christmas alongside the final stable scene where Mary, Joseph and baby Jesus were accompanied by Angel Gabriel, angels and shepherds. St Mary's RC Primary School choir sang in the Methodist Church for nearly 2 hours while approximately 400 members of the community and local churches enjoyed free refreshments and children's crafts. The Live Nativity Team would like to thank everyone who was involved, especially the Falmouth Town Management Team who as always provided invaluable help and security. The 2018 Live Nativity is scheduled for Sun 9 Dec and all offers of help will be gratefully received.

## 7 † PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY – ROGER MILLS

The theme for the 2018 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity from 18-25 January was *'That All may be Free'*, and materials were prepared by the Churches in the Caribbean. This year the daily mid-day prayers were held at Truro Cathedral, organised by



Churches Together in Cornwall and involving several leaders from FPCT. The contemporary issues faced in the Caribbean apply world-wide and the booklet gave much food for thought; it can be downloaded from <https://ctbi.org.uk/week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-2018>.

## 8 † STUDY DAY : JOURNEYING – ROGER MILLS

Our study day on 20 January provided the focus for the Week of Prayer in Falmouth. Our speakers Bishop Chris Goldsmith, Lesley Chandler and Dr Euan McPhee provided wide-ranging insights into the theme of *Journeying*. Being the Body of Christ means journeying from the known to the unknown; Jesus, as the Way, the Truth and the Life, is our route – not our destination; hence the early Christians were known as the People of the Way. Bishop Chris

illustrated this with discussion of his experiences in walking the pilgrimage route in northern Spain, the Camino de Santiago, and the new Cornish Celtic Way. He quoted the poet R.S. Thomas: '*...the point of travelling is not to arrive but to return home laden with pollen you shall work up into honey the mind feeds on*'. In discussion, he offered us a number of questions to consider:

- Where am I on my journey of discipleship?
- Am I being called to companionship or solitude?
- How does it feel to be called to 'follow me'?
- How could I be a guide and companion to others?
- What am I being asked to set up, or set down?

Following lunch, Lesley Chandler shared some of her own journey, the signposts and signposters she encountered, and the route through Methodism and Anglicanism that led eventually to the Quakers. For her, religion had been about relationships with people; that which binds us like connective tissue. She asked us to think about:

- How do we distinguish between where we want to go and where we think God wants us to go?
- Can we see a pattern in our lives?

Dr Euan McPhee closed the afternoon with thoughts on his own journey as a 'green Christian'. Early experiences led to a concern for the environment which was little reflected in churches at the time, but through the growth of organisations like Christian Ecology Movement, Christian Ecology Link, Green Christian and The Lifestyle Movement, care for the environment is now part of the church's mainstream thinking – but how much is it actually changing the way it is acting in the world? Ensuring Creation Care is a central belief, not a peripheral one - if we as Christians don't look after the planet, who will? But what can one person do? Or several people? Or a whole church family? He offered some ideas:

- Personal/Family Lifestyle Changes – living simply is often not simple
- Group Work – Church groups – encouraging each other
- Local Community – engaging with one's neighbourhood
- Global Community – there's a whole wide world out there! Political action – campaigning – writing letters – etc.

Euan left us with the question:

- How sustainable is our journey?

The day concluded with worship and prayer, leaving us with much to consider as our journey continues.

It was very unfortunate that the unprecedented extreme weather, with two days of heavy snow followed by gales and floods, when the “Beast from the East” met “Storm Emma”, arrived the very week of the annual Women’s World Day of Prayer, which is celebrated every year around the world on the first Friday in March. This necessitated the postponement of the Falmouth and Penryn service until the following Friday, March 9th, although in accordance with instructions from the WWDP National Office and the weather forecast, which promised that Thursday night’s rain would wash away the snow, we hesitated to make the decision to postpone until the Thursday, which meant a lot of last minute arrangements and publicity.

In the event, despite torrential rain and a later starting time for the service than that originally planned for the previous week, on account of an earlier Mass in St. Mary’s where the service was to be held, the service went very well and only 10 fewer people attended than last year (65 instead of 75). St. Mary’s ladies organized everything brilliantly, their organist Jenny Davis accompanied all the hymns and songs, many of which were unfamiliar to most people, and after the service they provided a wonderful lunch of soup, bread, cream tea and cakes in the church hall.



This year’s service, prepared by the Christian women of Suriname on the theme “All God’s Creation is very good!” included 7 women dressed beautifully to represent the 7 different ethnic groups in Suriname, who spoke of their background and environment and 7 other women, who brought forward objects representing each of the six days of God’s creation according to the first chapter of Genesis. They brought them up wrapped in a variety of packaging, which they ripped off then deposited on the floor before placing the objects on a table at the front. Then later in the service, after a time of confession for our thoughtlessness in damaging God’s creation, the rubbish throwers and the 7 women went forward to pick up all the packaging and place it in recycling containers. It was a moving service, although perhaps rather long for some, with possibly too many long, and in some cases unknown, hymns.

Another milestone this year was a vote which all branches in England, Wales and Northern Ireland, one of only 3 of over 100 countries in the world which includes the word “Women’s” in the movement’s name, were asked to take, to bring us in line with the rest of the world, where World Day of Prayer is the largest interdenominational Christian movement in the world, led by women but open to men and children too. Even Scotland and Ireland call it World Day of Prayer and our National Committee was set up in the 1930s as the World Day of Prayer Committee and has been unable to discover when or why “Women’s” was added! Our local committee voted unanimously to drop “Women’s” and a show of hands among the congregation after the service voted overwhelmingly also to drop it, just four people voting against.

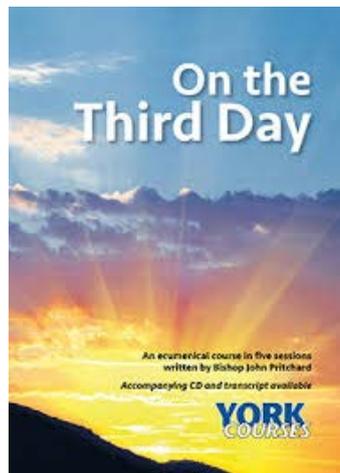
According to the rota of Falmouth and Penryn churches hosting this service since 2000, next year, 2019, is the turn of St. Budock on Friday, March 1st.

14 of FPCT’s 19 churches are represented on the organizing committee, which only meets twice a year, plus a rehearsal and the service, although only 10 have usually attended meetings. It would be good if we could find reps from St. Gluvias, Harbour, Highway, Mabe and Stirring of the Water.

*Sue Mills, Branch Secretary of Falmouth & Penryn WWDP Committee*

## 10 † ECUMENICAL LENT COURSE – REVD STEPHEN TUDGEY

This Lent KCM Church Falmouth invited members of Churches Together to join their Lent course in preparation for Easter. The course was mainly attended by Anglicans with some members of the Quakers. The course material was provided by York Courses and was entitled “On the Third Day”. The course reflected on the meaning of the Resurrection of Jesus and what it means to be a “Risen Church”. We had 10-12 people attending the course and there was consensus that the course material was very helpful, and the CD had contributions from ecumenical church leaders and scholars.



I quote from Bishop John Pritchard, former Bishop of Oxford, who wrote the course booklet: *“We can never find a perfect Church because none of us is whole. The institution of the Church will be flawed, disappointing – even damaging, sometimes – because it is un-whole and still on the journey God has for it. Perhaps we should accept that we are part of the wounded Body of Christ, wounded by a thousand frailties, but still risen.”*

## 11 † GOOD FRIDAY WALK OF WITNESS 2018 – ORGANISING TEAM

This year's Walk of Witness was truly blessed. The weather forecast was awful, but in Falmouth the sun shone all the morning allowing the large crowd of Christians from all denominations to walk from Emmanuel Baptist Church through the town to the Church of King Charles the Martyr.

The Walk began with Worship at Emmanuel led by the minister, the Revd. Charles Blizzard, during which Charles read from the passage in the Book of the Prophet Isaiah which foretells the passion of our Lord. After a hymn, 101 walkers joined the procession which made its way to All Saints, St. Mary's, The United Reformed Church, the Salvation Army, Falmouth Methodist Church and then through the main street to King Charles the Martyr, pausing at each place of worship for a short reading and prayer, and at the URC and FMC to sing a Good Friday hymn.

As the procession made its way through Market Street and Church Street members gave out paper bags containing Hot Cross Buns wrapped in paper napkins on which were printed the meaning of Easter, and why it is traditional to eat the buns on Good Friday. Also included in the bags were leaflets outlining the Christian faith and information about the various Churches in FPCT. By the time the procession reached its destination at KCM, the numbers had grown to over 120. The Walk of Witness concluded with prayers and another hymn in the Church, before everyone was invited to the Church Hall for very welcome refreshments and a time of fellowship.

Our grateful thanks go to all who helped so much to make this year's Walk of Witness such a worthwhile event.

## 12 † THY KINGDOM COME – ROGER MILLS & MARY BRADLEY

Thy Kingdom Come, the now internationally-adopted period of prayer between Ascension and Pentecost, was held for the third time this year with two 'beacon events' in Cornwall: at Truro Methodist Church on 13 May and at Gwennap Pit on 20 May, Pentecost Sunday. Roger Mills once again represented Falmouth & Penryn on the planning group for the Truro event, which ran from 2-9pm with a full programme of indoor and outdoor events.

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The latter included Falmouth Gospel Singers and Healing on the Streets, while indoors 'Science Church' provided a Messy-Church style exploration of Pentecost. A Songs of Praise service attracted a good crowd, who then enjoyed a free tea while browsing the exhibition provided by various Cornish organisations seeking prayer to support their work. FPCT was one of these with a stall promoting Justice & Peace issues, Prayer for the Persecuted and Refugees, and Falmouth Fairtrade.



#PLEDGE2PRAY

Mary Bradley, Pat FitzPatrick and Roger Mills manned the stall and some lively and meaningful conversations were held. Interest was especially expressed in our Community Needs project, setting up a Justice & Peace group, and Fairtrade Saves Lives. A worthwhile experience was visiting other stall holders and learning of their work, e.g. The Deaf Church, St Petros, SACREdplace religious bookshop in St Austell (who had the Fairtrade SouthWest Business Gold Award for the second year running) and Pilgrimage to Landévennec. There were no other Churches Together groups represented; this was a first time for FPCT, and our stall with its updated FPCT roller banner and showcasing of information was attractive and colourful.



Balloons were provided by Falmouth Fairtrade.

The theme for the main service at 6.30pm was *Together for God's Kingdom*, offering contemporary worship led by the Truro Methodist Church worship band, with prayer and reflections on Luke 4:18-19, 'proclaiming the year of the Lord's favour'. Co-ordinated by Archdeacon Audrey Elkington, the five speakers (Richard Curnow, Sarah Yardley, Mark Dunn-Wilson, Donna Lazenby and Bishop Chris Goldsmith) were allotted seven minutes each and all rose to the occasion in providing powerful, to-the-point addresses to both

challenge and encourage us. Following this service, a time of ministry including foot-washing and prayer ministry with teams from Falmouth and Truro led into a concluding period of Taizé worship led by Revd Geoffrey Bennett. During this, all present anointed each other with oil as a symbol of our anointing with God's Holy Spirit for the ministries to which we are called. A new experience for many, this provided a profoundly moving and uplifting end to the day. The main service was streamed live on Facebook and can be seen at <https://bit.ly/2Lvu2J2>.

During the week, as part of Thy Kingdom Come, the Revd Bill Stuart-White was licensed and installed as the new Priest-in-charge of All Saints, Falmouth, and team leader of Transforming Mission Falmouth in another moving and uplifting service also led by Bishop Chris and Archdeacon Audrey. A rich variety of music was provided by the augmented All Saints Choir with worship songs led by Matt Parry from Transforming Mission. Clergy and laity from across the churches shared in this event, well summed-up in the final hymn: *Here on the threshold of a new beginning*.

As reported below, The Turning mission in Falmouth also ran throughout the week, which concluded at Gwennap Pit on Pentecost Sunday with a rousing address from Major Stephen White, Divisional Commander of Devon & Cornwall Division of the Salvation Army and mesmerising giant flag-waving from the Christian Motorcyclists' Association.

At the core of Thy Kingdom Come however is personal prayer, with much greater uptake this year for the free resources provided. Much more was available on the national *Thy Kingdom Come* website, and on the smartphone app which many downloaded as a handy and convenient source of daily prayers and video addresses. We are already looking forward to next year!

## 13 † THE TURNING – CHRIS BANWELL

'The Turning' is an initiative originating out of a Baptist Church in Reading called The Gate. The Turning, put simply, is a tool for street evangelism that is helping the church to share faith more effectively with our community. The first local mission happened over the course of one week in November 2017 with most Falmouth & Penryn Churches being involved. Such was the success of the mission (with some 147 people responding to the Gospel on the streets) that the ministers decided to continue with the outreach once a month (1st Saturday of every month) and planned a second week-long mission together

for May 2018. Here are just a few reflections from some of the ministers involved in the recent May mission:

Rev. Stephen Tudgey (KCM - Anglican) writes: *“The mission week was very positive and we met a lot of people on the streets of Falmouth. Young students were particularly open to converse with us and many receiving prayers of blessing and some received Christ. One of the great things about this mission was working with colleagues from other churches - we did this together and this is the way forward for mission in Falmouth.”*

Richard Edwards (Stirring of the Water – Partners in Harvest) writes: *“As always with doing what our Lord told us to do, spread the good news and make disciples, the greatest benefit was felt by those who bit the bullet and just did it using the incredibly useful aid of the script. To have someone respond to those scriptures is so rewarding and encouraging.”*

Rev. Robbie Bowen (Falmouth Methodist Church – Methodist) writes: *“The Turning Mission Week was great opportunity to be out there with the name of Jesus, with back up from the Holy Spirit, and friends across FPCT! Our Methodist tradition is strong on being out there with the Gospel, but in recent years we’ve lost confidence. Here was a (scary) opportunity to reconnect with our past, with one another, regain some of that confidence, but above all share God’s love in Jesus to a hurting world under the Spirit’s umbrella!”*

David Ward (Highway Church, Penryn – Independent) writes: *“Although the Turning was well publicised in the local churches and supported by Falmouth and Penryn Churches Together the number who were involved was disappointing. However, for those who participated it was challenging, encouraging and much needed in our communities, with some amazing highs and some faithful sowing. One team of three prayed the prayer of commitment with seven people in an hour. Amazing! The unity was outstanding among the ministers that participated, something that none of us had experienced before. This alone is so encouraging for the future. The new GDPR regulations tended to make people cautious of giving their contact details, however 20 did which was encouraging, furthermore, over 50 gave their names and received copies of the prayers they said in response to the script. The outreach continues on the first Saturday morning of every month with the addition of prayer for healing.”*

Kayode Odetayo (Transforming Mission Cornwall) writes: *“The Turning this year reminded me of a number of key things; that God responds to our stepping out for Him in faith for what only ‘He’ can do. That the Turning is one of those*

*unique opportunities where we get to partner with God to release His power and love to our communities. That there are some people for whom the gospel may never have been heard or received if we had not stepped out and that God loves the people in our communities to an extent we can only imagine!! It has been a real joy to partner with believers and churches from across our community to share the good news and see God work in unique ways on every occasion.”*

Going forward, we will continue our monthly mission together (1st Saturday of the month) and are looking for more people to get involved in this amazing ministry.

For more on *The Turning* see:

<https://www.trurodiocese.org.uk/2018/04/could-you-go-on-the-streets-to-tell-people-jesus-loves-them/>

## 14 † PRAYER TENT – RICHARD EDWARDS

*Being the Salt and the Light in the Market Place*



2017 brought some interesting changes in this valuable ministry to the community we are called to witness to. The heavy red tent has been replaced by a Cornish black and white town council Gazebo, which the council puts up and removes, enabling us to fit in with the rest of the businesses on market day. Because of this the business owners now honour our presence and protect us.

Involvement in this ministry is extremely rewarding particularly when offering prayer for healing, with results, and adding *The Turning* into the mix has enabled quicker results when talking to folk about their future and the Kingdom; this builds faith in the lives of those ministering.

There is always space on the ministry team for more to come on board. Contact Richard on 07968080258 or email [enquiries@stirringofthewater.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@stirringofthewater.org.uk).

## Variety, the Spice of Evangelism



### 15 † THE FILLING STATION – CHARLES NEATE

The Filling Station has had a successful year. We average sixty-five people attending our monthly sessions, people who come from all denominations, who come in a spirit of fellowship to meet the Lord. The Filling Station does as its name suggests – it fills people with the Holy Spirit.

Our meetings are designed to be overtly spiritual but presented so that those who do not frequent church would feel comfortable. We meet as usual in the Penmorvah Manor Hotel from Autumn to Spring and at the All Saints Church in the Summer. (We miss out August and December). The format of the evening is informal, intended to put people at ease with coffee and buns and comfortable chairs which are grouped around nicely decorated tables rather like a café arrangement. The Penmorvah is an ideal location as it is a neutral, easily accessible venue. It is warm and welcoming, as is the All Saints Church.

However, we are reaching our limit at the Penmorvah and the Church is not ideal as a venue. We really should be looking for a cost-free, non-religious location.

The meetings are designed to be short, sharp and focussed. Our high-quality speakers and teachers are complemented by contemporary sung worship, a short 'life changing moment' (which is meaningful and effective) and powerful prayer ministry which includes healing. There is of course, plenty



of time for fellowship and many church leaders find the occasion an excellent ministry.

I must take this opportunity to thank all those who help on the night and those who help with advertising our events, especially the FPCT, who advertise our whole programme, and Donna Birrell of Radio Cornwall.

One last plea to our regular attendees. As many of our talks are evangelical, it would be good to introduce more people to our Saviour. Please ask those friends, neighbours and family members who may benefit from the Gospel to accompany you to the Filling Station. Everyone needs our Lord so if church is too daunting, the Filling Station is an easy, enjoyable and worthy introduction to Jesus.

## 16 † JUSTICE & PEACE ACTION GROUP – MARY BRADLEY

We are a multidenominational group, meeting regularly on the second Tuesday of the month, 2-3pm in St Mary's Church Hall, Falmouth. Sadly, one of our members, Teresa Laurence 'went home to God' in 2017. May she rest in peace. Teresa was always well informed, active in discussion and caring in her attitudes. We miss her lively presence.

We keep abreast of current happenings and respond in various ways, e.g. a letter of encouragement was sent to MSF (Médecins Sans Frontières) personnel staying to work in a dangerous situation when other organisations had left. Letters have been addressed to our local MP, e.g. regarding the relocation of unaccompanied children in Calais's refugee camp, and another protesting that the UK is providing 48 new Typhoon jet warplanes costing £10billion to Saudi Arabia for the war in Yemen.



Our involvement in issues has been local, national and international.

A visit was paid to the Multifaith Chaplaincy at Tremough Campus, facilitated by Becky Nesbitt, which enabled us to comprehend better the needs and problems faced by students on campus, and the excellent facilities available for student support. On the day we visited, the Samaritans were there for anyone to talk to, following the untimely death of a student.

Two members, part of the Steering Group for promoting Falmouth as a Fairtrade Town, gave a presentation for Fairtrade Fortnight. Current issues were highlighted e.g. Sainsbury's abdication from the Fairtrade Foundation scheme; the Co-op now using all Fairtrade chocolate in their products. Also discussed was the necessity to support local farms and producers.

In October, Lesley Chandler spoke on Restorative Justice, which enables victims of crime to meet or communicate with offenders, and to explain the real impact of crime. It empowers victims by giving them a voice and helps offenders to take responsibility for what they have done and make amends.

Dr Euan McPhee, an environmentalist/ecologist and member of the group, spoke of the COP23 Climate Change meeting in Bonn, to which he and others had cycled from Truro.

In 2018 we decided to look at the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. An initial introduction to these was facilitated by Roger Mills, who also presented a session on Homelessness.

Rowley SurrIDGE from All Saints Church Highertown, Truro, who has visited Calais many times with a team of volunteers and taking much needed items, came to one of our meetings, and later shared his experience at the May FPCT Forum. JPAC were active in obtaining a £1000 donation for this important work.

One of our members writes regularly to prisoners on 'death row' in the USA and to British prisoners abroad, some of whom are in despicable conditions where human rights are ignored. So, we are kept abreast of news and actions for justice and relief of isolation, abuse and discrimination.

Also in the light of the Sustainable Development Goals, Mary Bradley presented an encouraging picture of health development and healing in developing nations. Less optimistic was the way in which poverty impacts on the life and status of women in society, and the subsequent issues of trafficking, exploitation and prostitution.

We have enjoyed our fellowship and sharing, and working together in seeking for a more just and peaceful world. We thank God for the opportunities we have had, and look forward to the future with enduring faith, hope and love, fulfilling the Lord's command to 'love your neighbour as yourself'. We hope you will come and join us, and/or pray at home for justice and peace.

FPCT Hour of Prayer meetings are on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 3pm at St Mary's Church Hall, Falmouth.

In this country we have freedom to choose, change and practice our religious beliefs. The news we receive about increasing persecution on the radio, tv and organisations working for and supporting persecuted Christians can seem overwhelming. In countries such as Nigeria, Burma, Pakistan, Sudan, Syria and Cuba we hear of harassment, violence, torture, sexual abuse of women, villages being burned to the ground, beheadings and gross violations of basic human rights.

Our response is that of prayer. We believe prayer can move mountains. We are also called to action: signing petitions, writing to our MPs and government, 'standing up to be counted' in our ordinary everyday life. The candle we light at our meeting acts as a reminder that Christ is the Light of the World, that this light never fades and will overcome all evil. We pray humbly that our prayer will span the world and be a source of hope, peace and healing in our world today.

#### *God of Peace and Justice*

*We often pray that you will bring peace and justice to the world, conveniently forgetting that the world you created was one of peace and justice and that it is we human beings who have used the free will you gave us to cause all the conflict and injustice that now exists.*

*Forgive us for the greed that has caused others to lack food, water, fuel and shelter.*

*Forgive us for our love of power that has caused others to be exploited, trafficked, oppressed and victimised.*

*Forgive us for our thoughtlessness that has caused others to be forgotten, unloved, uncared for and unmourned.*

*Remind us again of the example of your Son, Jesus Christ, who always served, always cared and always gave – even his own life - for others, with no thought for himself.*

*May we too become servers, carers and givers to all, without judgement or discrimination, so that your peace and justice will return and your world will become once again the one you created.*

*Elizabeth Burroughs, Together in Prayer, Women's World Day of Prayer 2017*

## COMMUNITY NEEDS

*In 2016 FPCT produced a report on Community Needs (available on <http://www.falmouthchurchestogether.org.uk/fpct-community-needs-working-party-report-published/>) which identified many areas of need not currently served, and a road map for addressing them is now being developed, to supplement those initiatives we have supported for many years.*

### 18 † **FOODBANK – RUTH PAINTER**

The Falmouth and Penryn Foodbank is situated in Highway House in Penryn. We serve those in the community who find themselves in unexpected crisis, through sickness, redundancy or benefit changes, to name but a few reasons.

In order for people to obtain food a referral system is in place and clients can obtain vouchers from multiagency professionals such as their support worker, doctor, CPN, health visitor or Citizens Advice Bureau.



We have realised there are many other issues that surround people needing food, such as debt, housing and employment and we can signpost them to different agencies to help. The Job Centre remain our largest single referrer, with benefits changes or benefits being consumed by utilities or other bills being the most common cause of crisis.

The Foodbank is run by many dedicated volunteers from various churches and those in the local community. This year (since 1st April 2017) we have fed over 1,250 people (compared to 1,097 people last year). Our food donations come from far and wide and a special thanks to all the Churches who faithfully drop off food every week and to those who financially support us.

We have now been able to complete the purchase of Highway House with a private loan which we are very grateful for - a very big thankyou to all who have supported us financially in this matter.

The 200 Club is something we set up in 2016, this is where you can donate anything from £5 a month upwards to help sustain the vital work or alternatively you could donate £10 a month for a year to help us purchase the building.

This year we have had access to various funding to help disadvantaged people:

- A fund from Cornwall Community Centre has helped us support clients with winter fuel costs
- ACTS 435 continues to help us give more general financial support for clients as well as a recent fund from FPCT
- The Foodbank is supported by the Churches Together network and without their support and the community as a whole the Foodbank would not be where it is today, and we thank you all as you make our continued operation possible.

## **19 † CARE HOME MINISTRY – PETER RICHARDS**

Over ten years ago Churches Together was approached by a Falmouth care home about having a regular monthly service for residents. This ministry has now grown to cover eight homes – King Charles Court Nursing Home, Langholme Care Home, Roscarrack House Care Home, Sheldon House Care Home, Scott House Abbeyfield Home (Mawnan Smith), Tresillian House Abbeyfield Home, Trevern Care Home and The White House Care Home. In addition, services are held at Chy Nampara sheltered flats and, up until the end of 2017, at Denyer Court.

The aim is:

- to provide opportunity for Christian worship and fellowship to residents who are often no longer able to attend church;
- to offer friendship to all residents and staff and provide spiritual support, where requested.

The services last about thirty minutes and then members of the team stay to chat with residents and sometimes visit and pray with those confined to their rooms. The teams consisting of a leader/speaker, musician and singers are drawn from ten local churches.

During the year upwards of forty people have been involved in the care home ministry, which include eighteen leaders/speakers, six pianists and sixteen singers/befrienders. The size of the team for each service varies from two to six, and the number of residents ranges from three to fifteen plus. Each month we have been meeting with about eighty people, plus staff and visitors.

During the year St Mary's Church donated £50 to enable purchase of prayer cards to give to residents. Apart from that the care home ministry has not

received any other income. Team members give freely of their time and petrol.

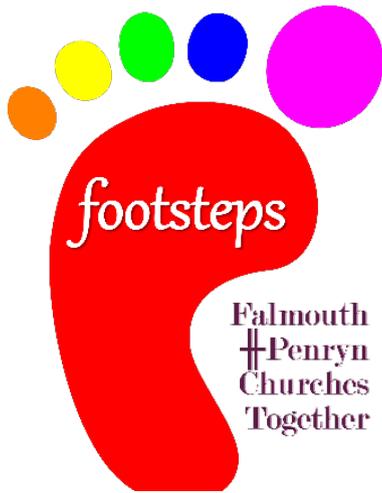
The care home ministry is led by Peter Richards, who maintains a set of guidelines and code of conduct, prepares the rota on a six-monthly basis, liaises with pianists, speakers and care home staff and provides a folder of hymns for each service. Every two months a core group of about fourteen people meet to discuss any issues that have arisen, plan for future services and pray for residents and staff in each home.

The monthly services form part of the social activities organised by many of the care homes. Comments from residents and staff indicate that the services meet a real need and are very much appreciated. Music, singing and reading of familiar scriptures can be especially helpful for those who suffer memory loss. Some residents may have very few visitors and the monthly service provides a welcome opportunity for a friendly chat.

Over the past year (July 2017 – June 2018) the care home ministry has been maintained with the help of a fantastic team of talented, committed and servant-hearted people. No effort has been spared to make each service fresh, inspiring and memorable. Once again two extra visits were made to King Charles Court Nursing Home to sing carols and then Easter hymns along the corridors for residents unable to leave their rooms. In November a special Remembrance Day Service was arranged for the residents of Trevern Care Home. Changing start times in two of the homes has been helpful to staff and encouraged more residents to attend the services.

Challenges have included the declining numbers at Denyer Court flats, which finally led to the decision to suspend services there for the time being. One or two new members have been added to the team, but sickness and advancing age mean that other members are not able to do quite so much. On a few occasions a pianist has not been available, but we have been able to use a CD of fifty well-known hymn tunes.

In the coming year we will continue efforts to strengthen the team, particularly with younger members, and hopefully draw on an even wider spectrum of churches. We will also endeavour to visit homes between monthly services, to build relationships with residents, visit them when in hospital or keep in touch if they move to another home.



When we wrote last year's Annual Report we had been trading for almost a year. What had started as a fundraiser had consolidated itself into a community space where all are welcome, where all are free to speak, and can be sure that they will be heard. Now we have been going for almost 2 years, and that has not changed. I cannot tell you in any detail, the stories we have heard, but I can tell you that our regular customers come from many churches and none, and that some have wept as they told us of losing loved

ones, and others have wept different tears as they showed us pictures of new grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Since Christmas we have had two ladies ask to join our team, one as a cake maker, thank you Brenda. And the other as a waitress, and I think she might become a good listener too; thank you Jean. The churches continue to support us with cakes, and our thanks go to everyone who comes in with cakes and stays to serve or wash up. We could not manage without you all.

The Methodist Church has been generous with help and setting up on Thursday morning has established itself into a well-ordered routine with guidance from Tony, who opens up for us.

As long as we continue to hear people say, "Thank You, keep the change, I love to come down here because it's such a friendly place", we shall know that we are about God's work. We all enjoy doing it so much that it doesn't seem like work, but more like a privilege. One thing I can share is that only a week or so ago, just before Easter a group of about 12 people came in at 11-30. They advanced to look at the cakes, and even offered to serve themselves and pay when the coffee came. I suggested they sit down, remember which cake they wanted and tell the waitress. The leader of the group issued an instruction, and they all sat down obediently at one long table and were soon served. They told us that they were a group of ramblers from Huddersfield, who had stayed at St Mawes the previous night, and come across on the ferry to see Falmouth. They were surprised at how small it was. It turned out that they had explored the Moor, but not the main street. They were amazed to hear there was a seafront, "where was it" they asked. We directed them through town, past the Church, past Trago, past the Maritime Museum, and

out onto the seafront. We are still baffled at the fact that they thought the Moor was all there was to Falmouth.

We would welcome anyone who feels they are able to help us in any way. There had been several calls on the FPCT bank account of late, including the Food Bank, and the outreach through The Turning. We are proud that we have been able to help them in some measure, as well as what we offer to individuals. Only a small cog in the machine, but valuable none the less. We are looking forward to meeting more strangers as the summer comes, with the visitors from Up Country, and spreading the word of what Christians can do when they work together as a team.

## 21 † TURNING TIDE ~ BEREAVEMENT CAFÉ AT HUDDLE – JANE CHARMAN

Falmouth and Penryn Churches Together (FPCT) carried out a community needs survey in 2016, which identified several areas of support that were missing for the local community. One of the areas was a café where people could go for companionship, a friendly ear and a good cup of coffee and homemade cake for a minimal price. Subsequently, Footsteps Café was launched at Falmouth Methodist Church on a Thursday morning, which continues to go from strength to strength. FPCT feel that the time has come to launch a new community project and have decided to launch a Bereavement Café. The café will be held at the Huddle in Church Street, Falmouth (just below the parish church); it is a beautiful bright and airy coffee shop. The Bereavement café will be for all ages including children and be held twice a month on a Wednesday from 5:30pm till 7:30pm (it will open summer 2018). The café will be laid out with an area for people to do craft, another for table top games and a quiet area with newspapers and magazines. Refreshments will be available for a donation and there will be friendly helpers to ensure people know what is on offer, people can arrive any time and stay for the whole 2 hours or for just part of the time, people can come as often or as little as they wish. There will not be a counselling service or any Christian evangelism, the aim is that the patrons will gain comfort by sharing their experiences with each other. We plan to hold feature evenings in the future and possibly outings. We would greatly appreciate help and support from all member churches. If you would like more information or can offer help, please contact Jane Charman: [janecharman@btinternet.com](mailto:janecharman@btinternet.com).

The logo for 'Turning Tide' is written in a large, black, cursive script. The word 'Turning' is on the top line and 'Tide' is on the bottom line, with the 'T' in 'Tide' being significantly larger and more prominent.

BEREAVEMENT CAFE

## 22 † B:BEAUTIFUL – SARAH GRAY

To be inspired is great, to inspire is incredible! B:Beautiful Falmouth is a group for women that meets regularly to share, inspire, uplift and encourage each other in our life journey! Founded 10 years ago, B:Beautiful's name was born out of a scripture in Ecclesiastics 3:11: "he has made everything beautiful in its time". The desire was that each woman we encounter will know that they are special, unique and a valued member of God's Kingdom, and they in turn would take the message to their friends and would come to have a relationship with God.

Each event has a theme relevant to women and we consider various topics, covered from a Christian standpoint. B:Beautiful is hosted by local women who aim to engage our attendees in an encouraging and thought-provoking way. We really want the women who attend to feel refreshed and valued so we offer high quality refreshments and give each lady a small gift.

A big 10th anniversary celebration was held on Sat 21 April 2018 at the Royal Duchy Hotel. This proved to be a very special morning and the speaker, Karen Golder, shared her inspirational story in a very clear and encouraging way; huge thanks to all involved!



To keep in touch with future meetings follow our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/bbfalmouth/> or contact a member of the planning team: Sarah Gray, Jo Crook, Rachel Kay & Dee Edwards. All ladies welcome!

## 23 † MEN'S BREAKFASTS – ROD MCGLADE

In April, nearly 20 men from various Falmouth churches turned out for the launch of the new monthly Falmouth Men's Breakfast. After a breakfast consisting of various cereal choices followed by a medium-sized English

breakfast, with tea, coffee, and juices, organiser Leon Buller warmly welcomed everybody to the gathering and led us in thanksgiving. Leon handed over to Rod McGlade who launched into a short message on the self-sacrificing nature of God's call upon men... Somehow the unquestionable merits of sheds (as places of refuge!), and sport (as one of the primary occupations of the male intellect and also a reliable catalyst of weighty conversation) were seamlessly bonded to the sinking of the Titanic! Suitably bemused and refreshed, well-watered and fed, a jolly bunch of satisfied chaps emerged, full of beans, back out into the bright morning sunshine. The venue, Membly Hall, looks out over Gyllyngvase beach which offered a convenient location for a sunny stroll and the opportunity to wear off a sausage or two. The consensus...? A superb morning! Now repeating monthly: see Facebook (Men's Breakfast Falmouth) or the FPCT website for details.

## 24 † FAIRTRADE – PAT FITZPATRICK

### *Steering Group*

Falmouth Fairtrade Steering group is a small enthusiastic band of volunteers. We are not representative of the many organisations, businesses, faith communities, in our town and we need to be. So, **please come and join our team, we need you.**

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**Facebook: Falmouth Fairtrade Town.** Our meetings

take place every two months. We work in partnership with Falmouth Town Council and report to town council meetings every three months. Our aim is to raise awareness of why Fair trade matters and to encourage local support, in whatever way we can. We also report to Falmouth and Penryn Churches Together Forum meetings.

### *The Past Year*

It has been a very good year. Through the visits and presentations we have made, we are very proud to report that the people of Falmouth have shown great support for Fairtrade throughout the past twelve months. The choice of Fairtrade goods in the town is growing. From low - cost small supermarket chains to the larger supermarket chains, it has become easier to add Fairtrade to your shopping and the good news is many Fairtrade products are now more competitively priced too. Support for Fairtrade is not restricted to shopping either as the majority of cafés (including community cafés), coffee



**FAIRTRADE**

shops and hotels in Falmouth serve Fairtrade tea, coffee and sugar, so enjoying a Fairtrade cuppa couldn't be easier.

Support for Fairtrade is growing in our local churches too. At least three local churches hold a regular Fairtrade stall and many churches have made a commitment to serving Fairtrade refreshments, which are also served at Falmouth & Penryn Churches Together Forum meetings and at their Annual Study Day. Participants at the Study Day also have the opportunity to buy Fairtrade products which is much appreciated.

During the 2017 Season of Creation an exhibition was set up by a collective from churches in Falmouth. The exhibition celebrated worldwide natural history and included a display created by the Fairtrade team. We also created an interactive Fairtrade stand as part of an exhibition during a week-long Prayer event at All Saints Church organised by Falmouth & Penryn Churches together. Various organisations created a variety of interactive stands.

#### *Fairtrade Fortnight 26<sup>th</sup> February – 11<sup>th</sup> March 2018*

Fairtrade Fortnight was a great success. Three public events were held. Ian Smith, head chef at the Membly Hall Hotel, a passionate supporter of Fairtrade, organised a Fairtrade Coffee Morning which was donation only. Ian created a display of the Fairtrade products the hotel provides for guests and Falmouth Fairtrade provided a Fairtrade stall.

A second coffee morning took place at Falmouth Town Council Chambers, this was a joint event with Falmouth Town Council. This too was donation only. Over one hundred people including visitors to the town enjoyed homemade cakes, Fairtrade biscuits, chocolate and bananas, and took time to buy Fairtrade products from the stall provided. A huge thank you to Falmouth Art Gallery for promoting our coffee morning to their visitors. Over both coffee mornings, £136.15 was donated to Fairtrade projects.

The third event took place at Footsteps Community Café. Fairtrade refreshments are always on the menu at Footsteps as well as delicious homemade cakes. Free Fairtrade bananas were given to customers and there was an opportunity to shop Fairtrade.

We also set up a Fairtrade display in the Library Foyer. The display was in place throughout Fairtrade Fortnight. The children of class three at St Mary's School celebrated Fairtrade Fortnight by hosting their very own Fairtrade coffee morning when family and friends were invited in to sample food and

drink and take part in some fun activities. The event was very well attended and within two hours, the children had raised £220.15. Well done class three, you are such an inspiration! Some local shops and the The Huddle Café gave their support to Fairtrade during Fairtrade Fortnight too.

### *Fairtrade Sign*

Thanks to the generosity of Falmouth Town Council, Falmouth now has a portable Fairtrade 'sign', which will be displayed wherever Fairtrade products and/or events are taking place or simply to celebrate the part Falmouth plays in making a difference in the lives of farmers and artisans in developing countries. The town council has supported fair trade in Falmouth for many years. Richard Gates, Falmouth Town Manager recently said: *"The more that can be done from councils, businesses and other organisations to promote the use of fair trade the better."*

### *Fairtrade Town Status Accreditation*

Fairtrade Town status is renewable every two years and the deadline for renewal was 26<sup>th</sup> April 2018. We worked closely with a representative of the town council to ensure all relevant information and evidence was recorded and submitted on time.

### *Future Aims*

- We will continue to explore ways of expanding our steering group
- Continue to work on the development of a Fairtrade Churches Together
- Plan various events during Fairtrade Fortnight 2019
- Develop links with Falmouth University, local schools, groups and organisations
- Continue to update database of local Fairtrade suppliers
- Find ways to raise awareness of the vital work the Fairtrade Foundation is doing to enable farmers and workers to enjoy sustainable livelihoods, feed their families, fulfil their potential and have a say in their future.

Thank you, people of Falmouth for supporting Fairtrade. Each time you buy Fairtrade you are making a difference to the life of someone like Sandra Joseph. Sandra is a banana farmer from the island of St Lucia. More than 85 per cent of bananas grown in the Windward Islands are Fairtrade certified and it is access to the UK Fairtrade market that has enabled the banana industry to survive in the increasingly hostile global commercial environment. Sandra says: *"without the intervention of Fairtrade we would be fighting a losing battle. Fairtrade is our last best chance, our choice, our future"*.

## FAIRTRADE PRAYER

*Dear Lord, we ask your blessing on all who are involved with Fairtrade. Lifting before you:*

- *producers as they grow their crops and craft their works. Bless them, we pray, in their endeavours and grant them wisdom and discernment as they make their decisions about how to use the benefits of Fairtrade.*
- *people who transport Fairtrade goods to market. Grant, we pray, that they too may be fairly treated*
- *all of us who shop where Fairtrade goods are for sale. Grant us an understanding of the impact of our choices. Amen*

## **YOUNG PEOPLE**

*Work with young people has always been a central focus of FPCT's remit. Here we summarise initiatives covering all age groups from pre-school to University.*

### **25 † KIDZ KLUBS – ALAN & SUE OFFORD**

We “the amazing Kidz Klub team” praise the Lord for another year of engaging with children and their parents. The theme over this year has been “My favourite stories in the Bible” during the summer term and Joseph through to Moses in the autumn / spring terms. We are grateful to God for this amazing contact with the children, most have no contact with any churches.

Owing to a shortage of team leaders in the Falmouth Primary Academy we had a choice of closing it or joining with the term at the Salvation Army hall. It has been great getting to know and work with the SA team although we do need to walk from the school to the hall each week and numbers are low (8 on a good day). The other Klub from the King Charles School meeting in the hall at EBC has more children (av 16).

We are very grateful to the Salvation Army and Emmanuel for allowing us to use their halls and for the FPCT financial input. Also, for those who pray for us week by week for without this support the Klubz could not run.

We are very grateful to the team who are there week by week, and of course without God and His power and love within us we could not do what we do.



## *Future*

Every year we have to ask the question “Do we continue?” Please pray with us that we may know His answer. The team is smaller, and the numbers of children are fewer, it may be a phase, but we would not wish to continue beyond God’s say so. Thanks.

## 26 † **MESSY CHURCH – MARY WRIGHT**

Messy Church (MC) combines creativity, hospitality and celebration as a way of being church for families involving fun. Messy Church is non-denominational and was started by Lucy Moore in 2004 under the auspices of the Bible Reading Fellowship. There are now nearly 4,000 Messy Churches around the world; more information can be found at



[www.messychurch.org.uk](http://www.messychurch.org.uk), and we have our own Facebook page: Messy Church Falmouth.

MC is for families; many families find getting to Sunday morning worship does not fit in with all the other pressures on their time. Some families are wary of the perceived formality and restrictions of Church services but want to know more about Christianity. Messy Church in Falmouth is held on the second Saturday morning of the month, and we hold it in All Saints Church, Killigrew Street with the chairs pushed forward to create a wonderful open space for energetic activities. We have a selection of crafts and activities to appeal to all ages – an important feature of MC is that everyone joins in; no standing in the side-lines checking your phone!

Our usual format is: we start at 9.30 with breakfast and then engage in games, crafts and activities which relate to the story of the day and chosen to involve all ages. Finally, we come together for the Celebration which includes storytelling, songs and prayers. We finish about 11am.

To our delight, more families have been attending MC recently, so we would be pleased to have more volunteers to help the core team of five who organise MC in Falmouth (Clair Allen, Geoffrey Bennett, Alan Offord, Jan Winslade and Mary Wright). Our small team of helpers are happy to turn up on a Saturday morning to set up the space, make and serve breakfast and help with the activities, and we are very grateful for their help. We are also grateful to St

Budock Church, and individuals, who generously provide the modest funds that we need to run MC. All Saints Church make us very welcome and are very tolerant of the noise and mess that occurs – we do clean up afterwards.

We would appreciate prayers and support from all the churches in FPCT.

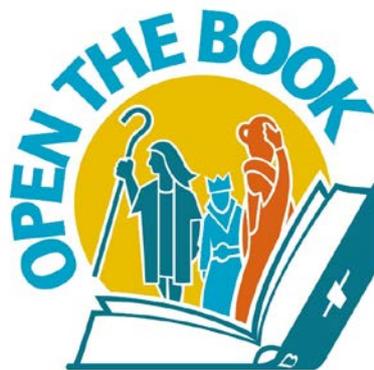


## 27 † OPEN THE BOOK – ALAN BELL

Throughout term time in 2017/8 the small Open the Book team have continued delivering stories at both King Charles and St Francis schools. Feedback from the schools is very positive with the children “loving our bible story telling”.

A big thank you goes to made a small cash grant purchase a couple of we were unable to make

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St Budock Church who that allowed us to costumes and props that ourselves.

the end of Spring Term both schools, who have ‘management’ to let us Summer term.

We were all sad to hear of the passing of Monica Hearley who was an original member of the team and who designed and produced the majority of the costumes we still use.

We normally have rehearsals on the Friday preceding the Tuesdays when we are at the schools and we would welcome anyone who would like to join in or would just like to find out more of what we do.

## 28 † SCHOOLS CHAPLAINCY – ALEX YARLETT

Chaplaincy at Falmouth School continues to go well with an average attendance of students between 100-120 every Wednesday Lunchtime for our Chaplaincy drop-in session and around 30-50 students on a Thursday Lunchtime for our discussion youth alpha style sessions.

The team is currently made up of 7 volunteers from across Falmouth Light and Life, Emmanuel Baptist, New Life Church and Harbour Church. Chaplaincy is currently one of the largest School clubs which is well respected and utilised by students as a place to hang out with friends, chat and ask some of the deeper questions about life.

The opportunities that the team have at Falmouth School are significant – please do continue to pray for our ongoing positive relationship with the school and students. There are many opportunities for the chaplaincy work to grow and develop, however we are currently struggling for volunteers and finance. Please do pray for provision and team; if you or anyone from your church would like to get involved then please do email me: [alex.yarlett@gmail.com](mailto:alex.yarlett@gmail.com) and I would be more than happy to chat about how you might be able to get involved. Many thanks!

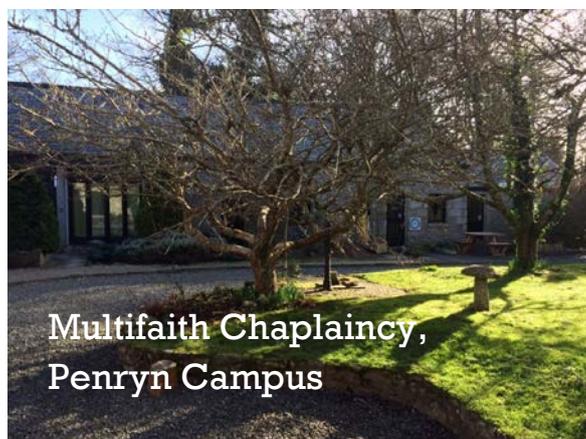
## 29 † UNIVERSITY CHAPLAINCY – COLIN BROWN

Our chaplaincy team provides pastoral and spiritual care for students and staff of all faiths and none. We have responsibility for the provision of people's religious needs and we are keen to engage in interfaith dialogue and conversation about faith.

The Chaplaincy's staffing costs are funded by a partnership of the University of Exeter, Falmouth University, Truro Diocese and the Cornwall Methodist District. The Chaplaincy has a part-time administrator and one full-time Co-ordinating Chaplain who manages a team of friendly volunteers who are ambassadors for various churches and faith communities. The volunteers are recruited by the Co-Ordinating Chaplain and approved by the Chaplaincy Management Group.

The chaplaincy works primarily with the students (currently 6750) of the University of Exeter in Penryn, Falmouth University and the staff (currently 1594) of both universities, FX Plus and our student union FXU.

The main change has been Becky and Phil (our Co-ordinating Chaplain and her husband) having their baby in mid-January. We give thanks for the safe arrival of Laudus Nesbitt. Becky's maternity leave is being covered by Colin Brown until February.



The Chaplaincy continues to grow and develop. We now have a team of eight chaplains operating across the two campuses at Penryn and Falmouth. The cottage at Tremough Barton and the Chaplaincy room at Kerris Vean on the Falmouth campus are being visited by an increasing number of students and staff, who come from a variety of faith backgrounds. There we offer space for prayer, meditation and quiet, as a change to the busy academic environment of university life, as well as a listening ear and conversations about faith, should that be sought.

Some of the chaplains are taking part in a University Student Support initiative called 'Time to Talk', where they are available to listen to any problems or issues the students might be experiencing. This has resulted in much more contact for students who might not otherwise have discovered the Chaplaincy. In the past year our visitor numbers have increased significantly, both staff as well as students.

Our Catholic Chaplain offers a weekly Mass and a shared lunch for students and staff. Our 8 wonderful volunteers (from St Mary's, King Charles the Martyr, Quakers, Harbour Church + two churches further afield) have been a real gift – to the Chaplaincy and its work and ministry here. We are also working closely with Truro Diocese's 'Transforming Mission' initiative through Jon White, the student minister, who is now part of our team of chaplains.

Colin Brown is also running a discussion group at both campuses called 'Art & Soul', where students and staff can come to talk about faith and spirituality in the context of their artistic practice and development.

In the future, student numbers are expected to rise again slightly (although the growth will gradually lessen in the next few years), and we'd like our ministry to develop with it. In particular we're exploring more provision for 1-to-1 spaces for confidential meetings with students, as well as furthering links with local churches and other centres of faith and worship.

## **30 † FALMOUTH CHRISTIAN UNION – BETHANY MILWARD**

The Falmouth Christian Union year began with Freshers' fortnight back in September, welcoming new and returning students with events such as a BBQ, a ceilidh, and a pudding party! It was really exciting to meet new first year students and see them getting involved.

In October was our annual Weekend Away at the Lebanon Centre, it was a great time to bond as a CU and to get equipped for mission on campus.

At the end of first term we had our Christmas Free Meal at Emmanuel Baptist Church which is always a highlight of the year! We also had a Carol Service which we held on campus for the first time, this included music from the two university choirs and a band of CU members. We were also fortunate to have Rico Tice coming down to speak at this event.

In March was our Mission Week based around the theme of 'Searching'. The purpose of this week was to have a real presence on both Woodlane and Penryn campuses and give every student the opportunity to hear the gospel of Jesus. We held lunchtime and evening events with talks such as 'Is the Bible Sexist?' and 'Don't Trump the Planet - Do Christians care about the environment?'. It was an exciting week full of opportunities to meet people, talk to them about their experiences and share our stories. Lots of copies of Luke's gospel and Jesus For Sceptics were taken away by curious students! One girl we met during the week was keen to get involved with the CU and has since given her life to Jesus! Praise God!

This term we are running a Christianity Explored course on Monday nights at Espressini in Falmouth town. We are hoping that this will be a place for our friends to come, to ask questions and find out what Christianity is all about. We would really appreciate your prayers for this as it's something we've never done before, thank you!

## 31 † FALMOUTH STREET PASTORS – PHIL & BRIDGET CLEMOES

We have been the joint coordinators for Falmouth Street Pastors for over 1 year now and mostly have thoroughly enjoyed it. We have had fantastic back up, support and encouragement from the whole Street Pastor team. So, thank you to them all.

In January 2017 we had 23 team members and now we have 29 with potentially 5 more new people joining. This means that we have not had to cancel shifts recently and we are even thinking of expanding to cover some Thursday evenings especially during the Freshers' fortnight in September. Thursdays is the night many students go out for the pubs' Happy Hour.



The new Street Pastors have all received the compulsory Roles and Responsibilities training from our mother organisation Ascension Trust. We now need to arrange more training for them over the next year to cover Youth Culture, Drugs and Alcohol, and the role of the Police etc. Experienced Street Pastors are also invited to these training evenings to keep up to date. It is important that we all keep up to date, and many of us will be attending the Refresher in June run by the Ascension Trust.

Underpinning the Street Pastor work with prayer is crucial. We have been having a prayer evening once per month and a number of people are on our Friends of Street Pastors list and pray for us regularly from home. In return they receive a brief report from the Saturday evening.

We now have radios on loan from the council. Many thanks to the council for providing these. They are proving very useful.

In the last year Street Pastors have issued roughly 100 bottles of water, 215 pairs of flip-flops, 10 space blankets, swept up lots of broken glass and retrieved hundreds of unbroken bottles, and binned them. It is great to be a presence of God on the streets and we have supported many struggling people; listening, caring and helping. Those who are injured are ably treated by the first aider from Kernow First Aid who accompanies us. The Street Pastors are most appreciative to the Mayor that Kernow First Aid is his charity of the year.

## **NETWORKS**

*Falmouth & Penryn Churches Together does not operate in isolation, but forms part of the national network of Churches Together groups co-ordinated at county level by Churches Together in Cornwall (CTC) and nationally by Churches Together in England (CTE). Similar bodies in the other UK nations are co-ordinated by Churches Together in Britain and Ireland (CTBI), themselves members of the Conference of European Churches (CEC) and the World Council of Churches (WCC), so we are truly part of a global movement. Locally, we also work with the new Anglican initiative Transforming Mission and at county level with Transformation Cornwall. Read on for more details!*

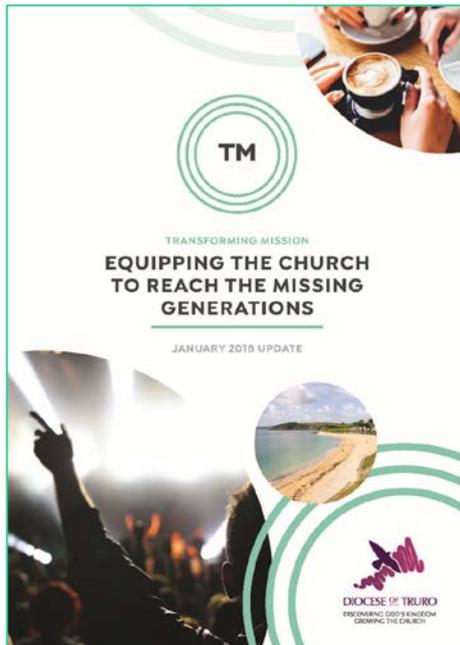
## **32 † TRANSFORMING MISSION – DIOCESE OF TRURO**

Through Transforming Mission, the Diocese of Truro is developing a model for the renewal of Anglican Church life across our communities, starting in

Falmouth and Carnmarth South deanery, which will be adapted and replicated across many other towns. We seek to create a thriving church community that attracts and supports all ages including families and the student generation and has at its heart a desire to spill out of its



own walls to proclaim good news, serve its community, to resource and bless other churches and to be the catalyst for growth in discipleship, evangelism and community-building.



We wish to see churches at the heart of our Cornish towns renewed and equipped, growing in numbers and in faith and attracting the generations that, by and large, are now missing from our congregations. These churches will work with each other and with ecumenical partners, they will help to grow the next generations of leaders, both lay and ordained and, as they

receive resources to enable them, they will be generous in helping to resource the village churches around them.

To help us on this Transforming Mission journey funding has been granted by the Church Commissioners to support an initial five-year programme.

Following the creation of a Bishop's Mission Order to draw together the Anglican churches in Falmouth, we are creating a thriving new church community, based at All Saints Church, which will also act as a resource for the whole Deanery, plus the use of the existing church café at KCM as a Student Hub called Huddle café. This is already proving very popular and offering a base for a new student ministry (ReKindle), various worship and community events and ecumenical initiatives including FPCT's new Bereavement Café.

The work is being headed up by the Revd Bill Stuart-White, who in his role as Archdeacon was closely involved with the initial planning and, following his appointment as Priest-in-charge at All Saints, is now leading the development of the project in Falmouth. Further appointments are now in progress; keep an eye on <https://www.trurodiocese.org.uk/about-us/transforming-mission/> for all the latest updates.



The ultimate focus for Churches Together in Cornwall has to be the welcoming, accepting and embracing of difference with the uniting power of God's love. We need to look beyond ourselves, our leaders and our church structures if we are to engage with one another in the true sense of ecumenism (from the Greek *Oikoumene* meaning the whole inhabited world). Jesus Christ did. Early Christians did. We do this through prayer and prayerful action.

Living in a divided society, the Christian message for the world tomorrow has to be one of hope and healing. If you can, try an ecumenical retreat or pilgrimage. I've recently returned from my third visit to the abbey in Landévennec with Churches Together in Cornwall where we shared worship,



*Sharing food and conversation at Landévennec 2017*

ministry, silence, words, music, food, conversation, tears and **differences** in an atmosphere of peace and love intensified only by the daily routines of the monastic community there. If you can't, try a more local involvement where you can *'seek to know one another in the things which are eternal...'*

The Cornwall Executive continues to oversee and offer guidance to thirty-four CT groups operating within the county. It offers links nationally and internationally through affiliation with CT in England. The work of the Executive is guided by the DEOs (Denominational Ecumenical Officers) who come from the following religious communities: Baptist, Anglican, Greek

Orthodox, Methodist, Quaker, Roman Catholic, Russian Orthodox, Salvation Army and URC.

The benefits to our communities of working together are reflected in the collaborative community ventures covering dementia action, pop-up shops, bereavement cafés, food banks, education, homelessness projects and a host of other diverse practical and prayerful activities.

Spiritual nourishment has come from the annual conferences, CTC oversight from 'the tent' at The Royal Cornwall Show and the Thy Kingdom Come events at Truro Cathedral in 2017 and Truro Methodist Church in 2018, involving hundreds of people in different styles of worship. The TKC events at Gwennap Pit in 2017 and 2018, led by Revd Roger Walton of the Methodist Conference and Major Stephen White of the Salvation Army urged us to continue looking outward with love.



Outreach work has been greatly inspired by the efforts of Donna Birrell of BBC Cornwall and Jill Stone of Christian Aid who continues to inform us of work around the world - particularly this year of the brutal crackdown on ethnic Rohingya Muslims. John Keast is our CTC representative on the Cornwall Faith Forum; faiths

represented are Bahá'í, Buddhism, Hinduism, Humanism, Paganism, Islam, Judaism and Christianity.

For the first time, DEOs from all denominational backgrounds were asked for some input into the choosing of the new Bishop of Truro. This ecumenical approach was greatly valued by those people who participated and contributed and we await the outcome.

A full report of Churches Together in Cornwall can be obtained via David Smith (whose replacement is still being sought!) at [ses.dhs@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:ses.dhs@hotmail.co.uk) and up-to-date news and events can also be found at the CTC website [www.churchestogetherincornwall.org.uk](http://www.churchestogetherincornwall.org.uk).

*Lesley Chandler (DEO for CTC)*

Transformation Cornwall is a Joint Venture between the Diocese of Truro, the Methodist Church in Cornwall, Churches Together in Cornwall (CTC) and Church Urban Fund (CUF). Our priority is to strengthen and provide capacity building support to faith groups interested in developing social action and outreach, with a particular focus on anti-poverty work in Cornwall.



We:

- Provide capacity building events, support and information through our 'Meet the Funders' programme.
- Work with individual groups and organisations through our 1:1 surgeries to enable groups to have project specific information.
- Strengthen links between faith based and mainstream organisations

A significant part of our work is our main Meet the Funders event for groups/projects looking for funding for social action, outreach and community work in Cornwall. The day is targeted to faith groups and their communities with 11 key funders and support organisations who last presented.

In addition, to the funding event we run a series of workshops in West Cornwall (currently) and East Cornwall (in the autumn): the workshops cover:

1. Developing a project,
2. Applying for funding for a project (for beginners)
3. Running a project

Our staff team consists of:

- Debbie Croucher, Development Co-ordinator;
- Jane Yeomans, Project Worker
- Rosey Sanders, Admin Support (1 day a week)

Additionally, in August 17 we employed Nicky Abrahams as a Community Support Worker as part of our support for the Food for Change Partnership.

Food for Change developed in response to the All Party Parliamentary Hunger and Food Poverty Enquiry and offers food-related training, volunteering and social activities to inspire, empower and support people back into work.

For more information about all our work, view funders presentations, to join our mailing list or receive further details of how to book onto our workshops please see our website: <https://www.cuf.org.uk/transformation-cornwall> or contact us at Church House, Woodlands Court, Truro Business Park, Threemilestone, Truro TR4 9NH. Tel: 01872 274351 ext 205.

## 35 † COMMUNICATIONS – ROGER MILLS



The introduction of the new GDPR data protection regulations in May required everyone on our e-mail mailing list to re-register; it was gratifying that over 100 chose to do so and continue receiving our weekly newsletter. I am very grateful

to Rose Lartey for taking on the burden of compiling this in the past year, but we are still looking for more people to share the load – please have a word with us if you would like to get involved! Penzance and other CT groups across Cornwall have similar ventures and discussions have begun on the possibility of integrating them, using a central database to produce newsletters tailored to local areas. The ‘coffee with Donna’ series of coffee mornings across the county last year, which began at our own Footsteps Community Café, highlighted the value of these usually church-led initiatives and a number of agencies have expressed interest in a calendaring/mapping facility that would enable them more easily to identify events and services to which they might refer clients. Watch this space!



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to be added to our weekly mailing list!

Our Facebook page continues to grow, despite concerns about Facebook and changes to its algorithm which reduce access to pages like ours; our maximum weekly ‘reach’ has now topped 900 people. Most of our member churches run Facebook pages and there is clearly scope for more co-operation; possibilities are being explored.



FPCT is blessed in having so many people from its 19 churches work together in harmony for the coming of the Kingdom – volunteers of the Foodbank, Street Pastors, Kidz Klubs, Care Home Ministry – to name just a few – not forgetting those who pray at home for our outreach activities.

To show our appreciation and celebrate with joy and thankfulness for our 'unity in diversity', a Volunteers' Social Evening was held in St Mary's Church Hall on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2017.

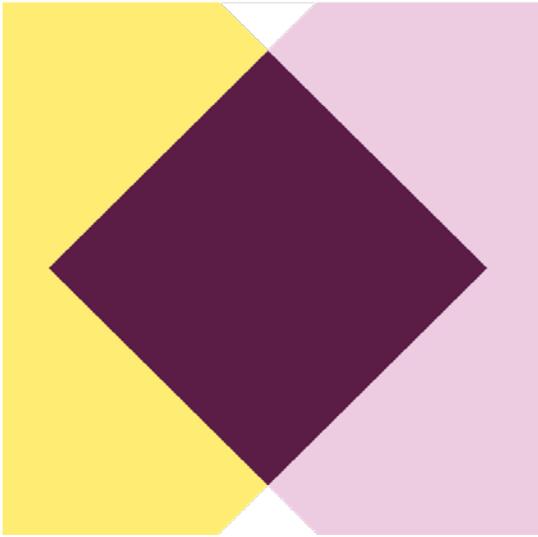
Everyone brought a plate of food to share. We have some very good cooks among us and there were plenty of delicious homemade goodies to enjoy. Several people commented that the hall was a good venue. There was a happy lively atmosphere, much chat and laughter, and those who came really enjoyed the event (not all our outreach groups or parish reps were represented). It is hoped that such an event will have a permanent place in our FPCT calendar.

Thank you, Volunteers! You are the 'salt of the earth' and we appreciate all your contributions. May God bless you all.



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1 CORINTHIANS 16:14



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