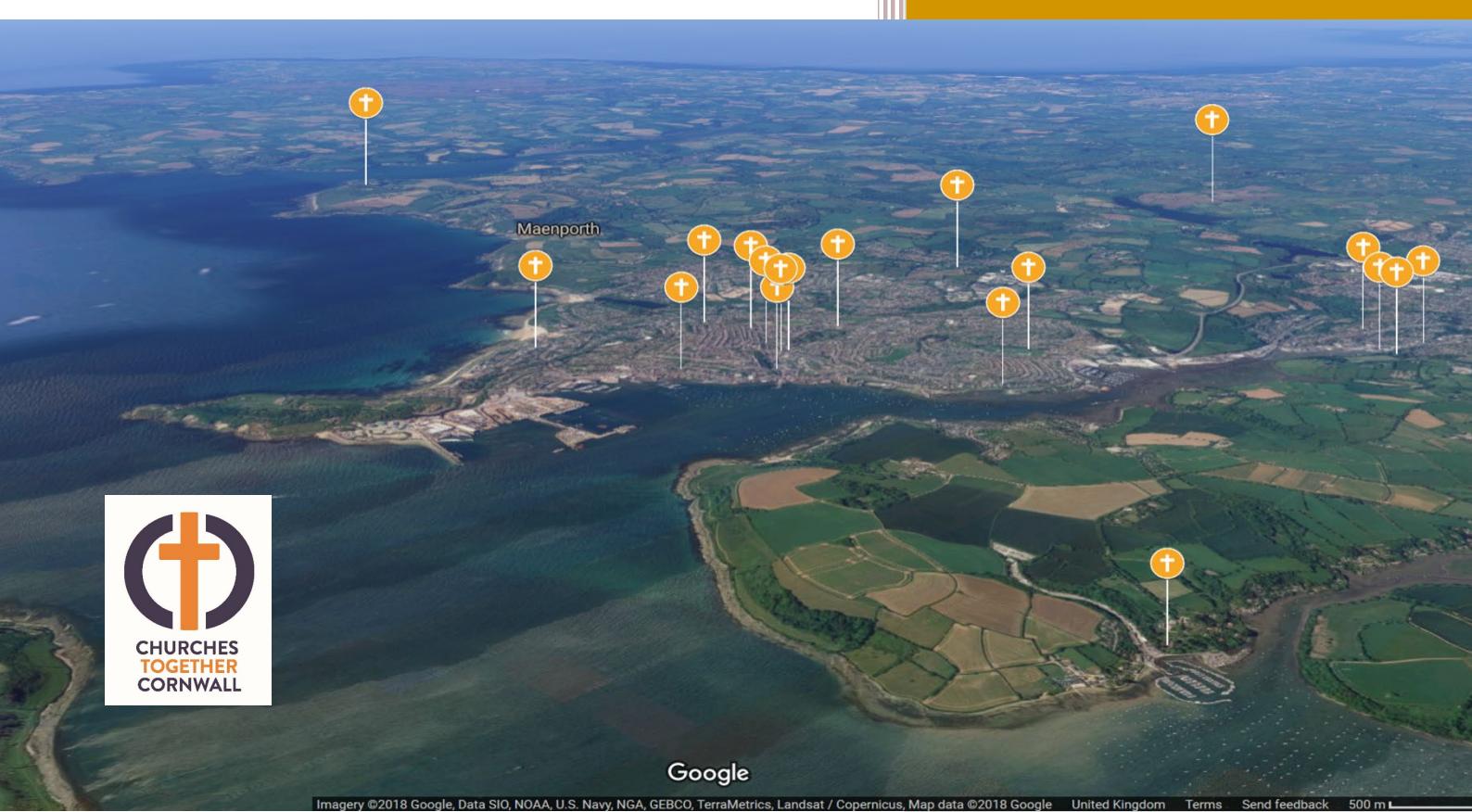


# Annual Report

2018-19

# Falmouth + Penryn Churches Together

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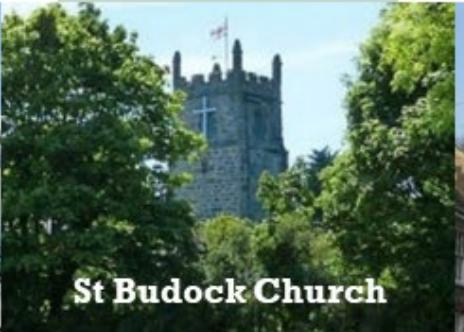
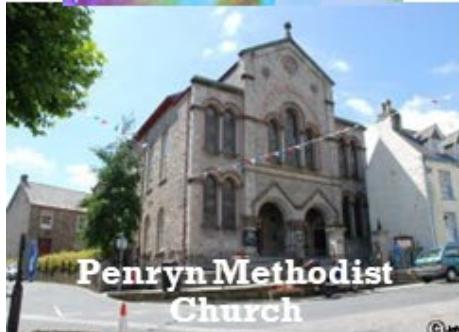


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## ANNUAL REPORT 2018-2019



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## **ADMINISTRATION**

### **1 + FPCT OFFICERS & EXECUTIVE MEMBERS 2018-19**

<i>Chair:</i>	Revd Robbie Bowen <i>Falmouth &amp; Penryn Methodist Circuit</i>
<i>Vice-chair:</i>	Revd Stephen Tudgey <i>King Charles Church</i>
<i>Treasurer:</i>	David Arrondelle <i>St Mawnan Church</i>
<i>Secretary:</i>	vacant
<i>Minutes Secretary:</i>	Nona Wright <i>Falmouth Methodist Church</i>
<i>Public Relations Coordinator:</i>	Roger Mills <i>St Budock Church</i>
<i>Executive Member (minister):</i>	Revd Amanda Evans <i>Carmarthen S Deanery</i>
<i>Executive Member (minister):</i>	Jo Crook <i>Highway 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>

*Three further Executive Members may be appointed in future years.*

## **UNDER THE RADAR**

**Churches Together is a blessing machine** that relies on its volunteers, be they volunteers in the Food Bank, Footsteps Café, Live Nativity, Street Pastors, the newly formed Mission Hub, Kidz Klub or the myriad other ministries undertaken in the name of Christians in Falmouth, Penryn, and surrounding villages.

My thanks and admiration go out to all those volunteers – and there are lots of you – who have sustained so many good things. Much of your work goes under the radar, largely unnoticed, but in the end is highly effective, and laden with the Holy Spirit.

St Paul wrote, ***the Spirit's presence is shown in some way in each person for the good of all*** 1 Cor 12:7 (GNB). You could say this is our verse in Churches Together!

The One Spirit, present in each of us, manifesting different gifts and graces. We glory in the diversity God has given, but we glory too in this rich tapestry of gifts working for the good of all. It's our privilege to share these gifts, and that's what Churches Together is so good at enabling. Key is the Gift of Volunteering. Without our volunteers we are nothing, but with them we become a blessing machine within our community! Read this report, and you will see some of the amazing things being done by volunteers on our behalf.

For myself, I give thanks for Jan (Winslade), whom I succeeded as Chair. Following Jan, I feel like the new kid on the block! I'm working with a great Exec Team, they're committed, fun, and very supportive: my thanks to them!

Our greatest loss this year has been Revd Pat Whittaker, from the URC/Trinity Baptist Church. Pat, who died a little before Easter, was committed to our Vision, and full of wisdom and energy. We give thanks for all she did and take pride in her being *one of us!* Now she is receiving her reward in Heaven.

Over the year (still a work in progress) we've been looking at our Vision under God for the future. Given that we'd rather do a few things well than spin plates, so far it looks modest. What excites me most of all are suggestions to include more our village communities, and the idea of an *Emergency Spiritual Response Team*. Such a team would respond to national/international emergencies, eg terrorist attack, the death of a prominent person, etc, by

creating prayer and other suchlike opportunities, both for Christians and the Public. What do you think?

Looking ahead, we have confidence in God! If Paul had been with us, he'd pray for us as he did the Ephesian church: *I have not stopped giving thanks to God for you. I remember you in my prayers, and ask the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, to give you the Spirit, who will make you wise and reveal God to you.* Eph 1: 16f. Amen indeed!

### 3+ FPCT ACCOUNTS 2018-19 – DAVID ARRONDELLE

#### FPCT Main Account

Opening Balance	£5643.06
Subs paid in : FPCT	£2795.00
Kidz Klub	£1100.00
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	£3895.00
Footsteps	£3317.50
Training	£50.00
Diocese of Truro	£199.37
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	£13104.93

#### Less expenditure:-

Evangelism	£3173.25
PayPal	£567.95
Printing/stationery	£222.00
Bereavement Café	£84.55
Leaving gift/travel expenses	£95.00
T/F to Kidz Klub	£4100.00
Be Beautiful	£267.25
Churches Together	£40.00
Accountancy charges	£60.00
Insurance	£492.56
Footsteps	£592.59
Training course	£500.00
HMRC	£58.00
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	£10253.15
Closing Balance	£10253.15
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	£2851.78

## **FPCT Kidz Klub Account**

Opening Balance	£77.58
Subscriptions	£600.00
T/F from FPCT	£4100.00
	£4777.58

Less Expenses:.

Wages	£3133.26
Transport	£75.00
Leaving gift	£50.00
Interest charged	£1.73
	£3259.99
Closing Balance	£3259.99
	£1517.59

## **B:Beautiful Account**

Opening Balance	£565.83
Interest paid	£1.63
Takings from Fashion Show	£341.00
	£908.46
Closing Balance	£565.83

## **Business Premium Account**

Opening Balance	£15.68
Interest	£0.04
Closing Balance	£15.72

## **PRAYER & DISCIPLESHIP**

*Witnessing, worshipping and praying together forms the core of our work in sharing the love of God with our community.*

## **4 + LIVE NATIVITY 2018 – JANE CHARMAN**

The 2018 Live Nativity was again a great success, with even larger crowds than in previous years, doing what it was intended to do, bringing the word of God and the true meaning of Christmas onto the streets of Falmouth. Some changes were made to this event, it was decided to use the alpacas that are usually only on show in the marquee to be part of the procession, they were walked from Prince of Wales pier to the marquee on the Moor by some very

majestic wise men, who were robed in beautiful costumes made by Pat Fitzpatrick and her team. Catering for volunteers was provided at various points in town to ensure all who took part had hot drinks and pasties to keep them going, we were all very grateful for catering team's hard work. Falmouth Methodist Church again provided the hospitality for members of the public who were entertained by St Mary's Primary School Choir. The Live Nativity wouldn't be heard if it wasn't for Alan Offord and his team who seem to move through the town and provide PA where it's needed at exactly the right time. Although the marquee on the Moor was not a good size for housing the final scene and the animals in their pens, a record number of characters squeezed into the stable to welcome the baby Jesus, including a phenomenal number of children.



In these busy times, finding volunteers to assist in the planning and delivery of this event is always problematic and this year was no exception. Around 25% of volunteers are now non-church goers who give up their time because they feel the Live Nativity is such a fabulous way to share love and kindness. Following a special meeting to consider the future of the Live Nativity, a new

leadership team has come together to secure the 2019 event, but more supporters are always welcome – many hands make light work!

## **5 + PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY – ROGER MILLS**

The theme for the 2019 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity from 18-25 January was '*Only Justice*', and materials were prepared by the Churches in the Indonesia, where there is a strong emphasis upon the



need for unity alongside the nation's ethnic and religious diversity. The resources also highlighted issues of economic injustice and how religious pluralism can face challenges in the face of radicalisation. The theme was based around Deuteronomy 16:18-20, 'Justice, and only justice, you shall pursue...' This year the daily mid-day prayers were held at Truro Methodist Church, organised by Churches Together in Cornwall and involving several leaders from FPCT, and gave rise to some thoughtful and prayerful discussion. The booklet is well worth reading, and can still be downloaded from [ctbi.org.uk/week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-2019](http://ctbi.org.uk/week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-2019).

On the Sunday during the Week of Prayer our united service was held at the new New Street Church, opened just the previous week as part of the Anglican *Transforming Mission* initiative. A good crowd from across the FPCT churches supported the new congregation, praying for their growth, for justice and unity. A moving and encouraging event!

## 6+ WORLD DAY OF PRAYER – SUE MILLS



In 2018 Women's World Day of Prayer branches throughout England, Wales and Northern Ireland voted to change the name of our national organization to World Day of Prayer, in line with most other participating countries around the world, including Scotland and Ireland.

So from the 2019 service on March

1<sup>st</sup>, prepared by Christian women of Slovenia on the theme "Come – everything is ready", the service in this country has now been billed as the World Day of Prayer (WDP), even though some of the national materials, and even its website at [www.wwdp.org.uk](http://www.wwdp.org.uk), haven't caught up yet!

Our Falmouth & Penryn Committee for 2018-19 has included representatives from 11 of FPCT's 20 member churches and met in November and January in the choir vestry of St. Budock Church, the host church for the 2019 service, with a few members meeting in Barbara Meade's flat for a workshop making paper carnations for the service, and all participants meeting in the church for a rehearsal 4 days before the service. Three of us were able to attend the

Cornwall Conference and Preparation Day in Newquay in November and found it very helpful for our planning. 63 people attended the service at Budock, which was very well received, and was followed by delicious carrot and coriander soup prepared by Ali Durkin, Slovenian bread made by Roger Mills and Baker Tom's rolls kindly provided by Sarah Gray, for all of which we were very grateful. Roger Mills set up, projected and played the electronic vision and sound, showing pictures of Slovenia and playing Slovenian music, and Sue Mills accompanied the hymns on the church piano. Mawnan Smith again did not hold its own separate service but received publicity posters and we hope that some people from Mawnan Smith were able to attend our Falmouth service.



In view of the aging composition of most WDP committees around the country the National Committee has started holding an annual *Y-Pray?* conference in May for younger women to worship, experience new forms of prayer, and catch a glimpse of what is at the heart of the WDP movement. We were very grateful that FPCT agreed to sponsor a young woman from Budock Church, Iona Gooch, to attend the weekend this year, which she found immensely prayerful and stimulating, encouraging her to join our local committee to bring a youthful vision to our planning – her report follows below.

The service for 2020 on March 6<sup>th</sup> is prepared by Christian women of Zimbabwe on the theme of “*Rise! Take your mat and walk*”. Our Falmouth service will be held at All Saints Church. It would be very good if the churches which were unable to provide representatives for our committee this year – Harbour, Highway, King Charles the Martyr, New Street, St. Gluvias, St. Laudus Mabe, St. Mylor, Stirring of the Water – could find someone to represent them, even if unable to attend the two committee meetings in November and January, so that we have a contact to whom we can send details and publicity for the service – please contact Sue Mills, Branch Secretary of Falmouth & Penryn WDP Committee on [sue.j.mills@sky.com](mailto:sue.j.mills@sky.com) – many thanks!



## Y-PRAY?

For women who are interested in exploring prayer creatively



For those that don't know, World Day of Prayer (WDP) run an annual young women's conference called 'Y-Pray', which I was invited to attend this year. The centre we stayed in was at Swanwick, Derbyshire at the beginning of May for a weekend. It was a brilliant time of fellowship with Christian women from all around the country, where we met to pray together, worship and learn more about what WDP is involved with and hopes to continue doing.

The train ride to Derby was lovely. It made me feel like I was leaving all the busyness behind and I could begin to focus on a weekend that was dedicated to time with God, and meeting other Christians doing the same. Funnily enough, the woman sat next to me on the train was a Christian too, a charity worker for social justice in Exeter. It really is a small world sometimes.

The conference centre was a lovely place to stay. It instantly felt like a gentle place where one could focus their thoughts. The committee members were incredibly welcoming. On the first evening, it was amazing how quickly we all managed to feel comfortable together. Despite never having met each other before, and many were like me and had come on their own, there was an instant camaraderie between us. I think as Christians, but also as a group of young women, it was incredibly relaxing and safe. I noticed throughout the weekend that for many it was greatly strengthening to be with other women that were either in a similar stage of their life journey, or even a few steps ahead. Those that were mums could encourage other mums, those that were struggling with family or work could also share and be heard by someone else at that conference. It was incredibly refreshing and uplifting.

Throughout the conference, we had a range of different talks and workshops. We heard more about next year's country Zimbabwe and the plight of women there and their needs for education. We had preaching reminding us of the importance of staying connected with God and knowing we first belonged to Him, before any expectations on behaviour. We spent time in prayer together

and on our own. But, quite often we just enjoyed chatting together and sharing stories of the churches we came from and what God was doing in our lives. It was so encouraging to be reminded of a much bigger picture that God is working on, that spans bigger than Cornwall or just a few churches. Y-Pray was a brilliant time to be reminded of the many privileges we have in this country and the freedom we have to express our faith. It was simply an amazing opportunity to stop and worship with Christians that I may never meet again, but I know are there doing their part in His kingdom. I am very grateful to FPCT for subsidising my attendance and look forward to working with the WDP Committee in planning the 2020 service.

## **8 + DOMESTIC ABUSE AWARENESS – LESLEY CHANDLER**

*This year it was decided to hold the annual Study Day in October 2019 rather than the usual January, in the hope of better weather! That will be covered in the next Annual Report. But we did have the opportunity to study together in a training day:*

### **DOMESTIC ABUSE AWARENESS TRAINING DAY**

*with John Trott, 7 Feb 2019*

I have to say that I was initially sceptical about a presentation relating to DA (domestic abuse) from a former police officer. Historically the police have a poor record of (not) dealing with domestic abuse which has often been in the form of violence and has ended tragically. I was pleased to hear that training has improved as has the treatment of abuse victims. Compassion is at work.

Recent cases in the media have helped to highlight ‘coercive control’ and on the day that we attended this course, we were given an excellent insight into the behaviours around coercive control from both the perpetrator and the victim’s viewpoint.

The starting point question so often asked of ‘why does she keep going back to him?’ was painstakingly unpicked and answered on John Trott’s training and awareness day.

Such control is far more prevalent than most of those present might have expected and statistically is/has been undoubtedly present in our faith groups. Being able to spot such behaviour, help and signpost on, anyone suffering from such abuse became clearer as the day unfolded.

The Church (in its many forms) can often become a safe haven and a support not only to victims of abuse but also to those who abuse their spouses and partners. Abusers are very clever at hiding their cruelties from the wider society and faith groups can provide them with good cover. We have a duty to safeguard the vulnerable and there is always more to learn about human behaviour.

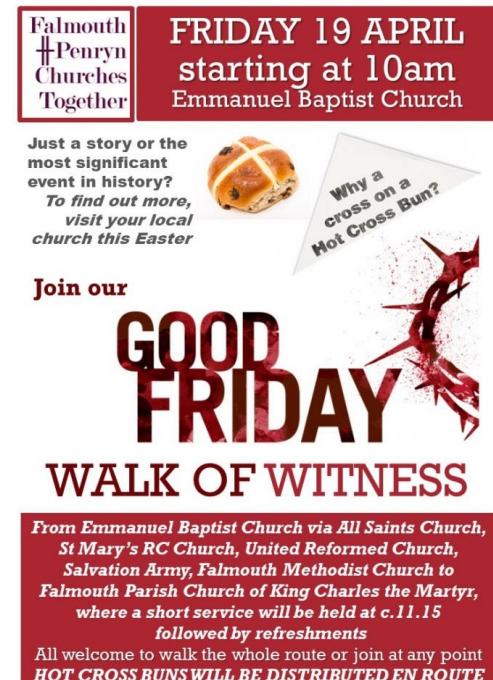
The day was essential awareness training for those responsible for pastoral care and oversight in their churches. As Christians, whether we describe ourselves as leaders or followers that should mean everyone(!).

## 9 + GOOD FRIDAY WALK OF WITNESS 2019 – ROGER MILLS

Once again we held a Walk of Witness on Good Friday, beginning with worship at Emmanuel Baptist Church and proceeding via All Saints, St Mary's, URC, Salvation Army and Falmouth Methodist Church, pausing outside each church for readings, prayers and songs, and ending at King Charles for a short concluding service followed by refreshments. Free Hot Cross Buns were again distributed to passers-by en route, as ever very popular! We were also blessed with fine weather which encouraged a good turn-out of over 150 people. Our warmest thanks are due to all who help organise this event, including local suppliers who donate Hot Cross Buns and Falmouth Town Council for allowing and facilitating the Walk, which remains an important witness to what we believe in a world now largely unfamiliar with Christian truths.

## 10 + THY KINGDOM COME – ROGER MILLS

Thy Kingdom Come, the now internationally adopted global wave of prayer calling all Christians to pray between Ascension and Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus Christ, was held for the fourth time this year. Again two 'beacon events' were held in Cornwall, this year both on Pentecost Sunday: one for the east of the county at St Martin's Church Liskeard, and for the west (our area) at Gwennap Pit.



A 'King Harry' classic coach was hired to ferry passengers from Falmouth and Penryn to the Pit where this year the music was provided by Mark Grove and



his band One Heart, comprised of worship leaders from across Cornwall. Our singing was again accompanied by mesmerising giant flag-waving from the Christian Motorcyclists' Association, who also provided banners to

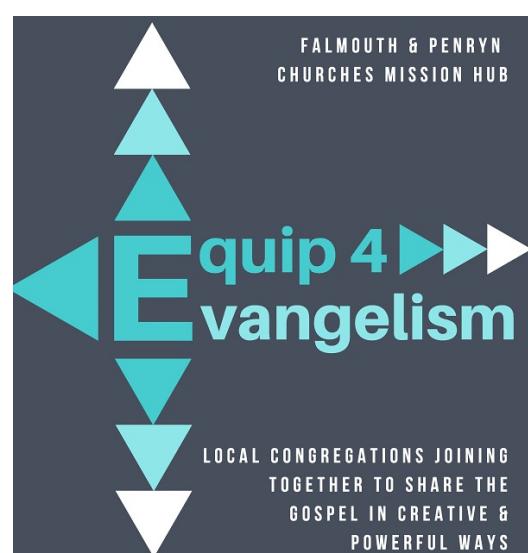
decorate the edge of the Pit. Mark gave a moving testimony of how he came to Christ following a fire which nearly cost him his life. Revd Ruth Whitehead, South Western Moderator of the United Reformed Church, who had travelled from Taunton for her first-ever experience of Gwennap Pit, gave a memorable address and the sun shone throughout despite dark clouds all around!

The range of downloadable materials for personal, family and church devotions continues to grow and can be used at any time – check out the web site at [www.thykingdomcome.global/](http://www.thykingdomcome.global/) and save the dates for next year - May 21<sup>st</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> 2020!

## 11 MISSION HUB – REVD STEPHEN TUDGEY

The fourth ecumenical mission in Falmouth coincided with the Shanty Festival weekend in June. The mission team was comprised of members from local churches from Falmouth and Penryn with various denominations working as one to share faith in Christ. This is a refreshing approach to mission.

The mission team met in KCM church each day and refreshments were provided by the Huddle coffee shop. The day started with prayer and worship and then groups met up to plan for the day. The groups explored different methods of evangelism and this year it included a group which focused on prayer and healing.



12TH-15TH JUNE 2019

10AM - 1PM • KING CHARLES THE MARTYR CHURCH (12TH - 14TH)  
10AM - 1PM • VENUE TO BE CONFIRMED (15TH)

PROPHETIC EVANGELISM 1 2 HEALING ON THE STREETS  
FAMILY OUTREACH 3 4 THE TURNING (SCRIPT)

The mission team were encouraged by the week. The team had conversations with many people who were visiting the town. Some people were happy to have a prayer of blessing, others were willing to listen as members shared their faith and some people received Christ. The prayer healing team had a lot of enquiries and I know that many people were helped by the outreach. The family tent for children on the Moor was very popular.

The mission week concluded with a service of praise in the New Street Church. We heard testimonies from the week, and this was very encouraging. One of the great things from the mission week is the fact that our local Churches are working together in evangelism and ministry. We give thanks to God for his blessing for this mission and rejoice in the cooperation with other Churches.

## 12 # PRAYER TENT – RICHARD EDWARDS

### COMMUNITY COMPASSION IN ACTION

Hunger on the streets for knowledge of God is often, nowadays, accompanied by a complete ignorance of who Jesus is. So, it's a great privilege during

Saturday Prayer Tent to give passers-by the essential message of Eternal Life through Jesus' death and resurrection. Sometimes their joyful reception of this essential news can be reward enough. We have been privileged to have prayed for all faiths and none, including Jews, new agers and many visitors. We are the



town's only supplier of free bibles through the 'pram ministry' – see photo! Folk who receive healing prayer often return months later in gratitude for what we prayed that helped them so much. Prayer works!

If you feel reaching out to people like this may be



something you'd like to do, why not contact us..... and consider being part of the team. It's fun. All you need is love!

*Roy, Janet, Richard, Alan, Jo-anne* [enquiries@stirringofthewater.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@stirringofthewater.org.uk)

## 13 ¶ THE FILLING STATION – CHARLES NEATE

When Richard Fothergill named the 'Filling Station' he could not have thought of a better name because the Filling Station, like the Ronseal advert, does exactly what it says 'on the tin'.

The Falmouth Filling Station has been going for five years now and every meeting has filled everyone there with the Holy Spirit. The room at the Penmorvah Hotel where we meet in the winter is filled with Christians from all denominations. Catholics worship with Pentecostals and Anglicans (of all sorts) sit with Baptists. Believe it or not, 'the other lot' do not have horns and a red tail! We all worship one God and when He is in the room, we all become one body worshipping our Saviour - probably the only fully inter-denominational gathering to worship in Falmouth. We are not a church.



Our speakers also come from a wide spectrum of Christianity. Each one has an important message about Jesus for our edification, so each message has touched our hearts. Everyone has been uplifted, everyone has searched their heart to see if they can be like Christ and do as Christ did.

Christians together can be a powerful body if they all pray with one heart and the Filling Station to that end is another aspect of the wider Churches Together movement in Falmouth, praying for the salvation of Falmouth and Penryn. We gather together as an ecumenical bunch, but we are also conscious of the vast numbers of lost souls in the town.

Part of our remit is to find these souls and show them that our Lord is a comforter who saves souls. The hundred or so Filling Stations all over Europe have had some success in bringing our Lord to the unchurched. We hopefully will do the same, maybe through our healing ministry or through a move. We are reluctant to give up the Penmorvah as it is the ideal venue for worship,

giving us a bright, warm, cheerful atmosphere. Most people take advantage of this to stay as long as they like afterwards. It is good to see. However, it is probably not the ideal location for mission. So, we are looking for other locations, especially for the summer months.

Geoffrey Bennett and his 'Troubadours' have played at most of our meetings and are much appreciated. We have also had Mark Grove's 'One Heart' group who ensure that everyone sings with great enthusiasm. Worship singing is a major part of the Filling Station proceedings.

The people giving the 'Life changing moment' or 'what God has done in my life' talks have produced some of the most inspirational moments as people tell how God has touched them. These are moments when people realise that God reaches everyone. If you have not had a 'Damascene' moment, it does not matter as most people haven't. It is good to hear of the quiet way that the Lord often works in people's lives.

## 14 JUSTICE AND PEACE ACTION GROUP – MARY BRADLEY

We meet monthly as a multidenominational group, starting each meeting with prayer and then sharing some positive good news – of which there is much, contrary to the impression given by the media. The Gospel is about spreading Good News – with commitment to the poor and oppressed.

Some items of good news shared include:

- The theme of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity – Justice
- Social enterprises – putting people before profit: innovation and ideas to encourage social change
- Falmouth Methodist Church winning a Green Church Kernow Bronze Award
- Green energy – now 29% of electricity in UK – set to bring about cessation of use of fossil fuels
- Falmouth Town Council and Cornwall Council both declaring a climate emergency



Specific themes and proposals for action each month have included:

- *Focus on the lives of Seafarers* who suffer loneliness, isolation, exploitation, with John Pinhay, RC Chaplain for Seafarers in Cornwall
- *Cornwall Faith Forum* - Learning for Peace – Sharing for Peace – Building for Peace. Independent projects in schools, colleges, adult groups. The work of the Forum deserves to be better known - see [www.dorkemmyn.org.uk](http://www.dorkemmyn.org.uk).
- *Penryn and Falmouth Food Bank* under the auspices of the Trussell Trust, which gives guidelines for best practice, accountability, and collects data locally and nationally, reporting back to government. The work of the Foodbank is escalating with the changes in benefits and Universal Credit influencing need.
- *Care for Calais* – Euan McPhee, one of our group, took his van to Calais with goods and volunteers from All Saints Highertown Church in Truro. We learned of the ongoing need for assistance to refugees and the excellent systems being set up to feed people.
- *Climate Change* – Euan also cycled with the ‘Rebel Riders’ to London for the Extinction Rebellion gathering.
- *Pastoral and Health Needs and community development* – Mary Bradley spoke of the changing parameters affecting missionaries and their work worldwide. Focus now includes human trafficking and modern-day slavery; community development and the effects of climate change; empowerment of women; effects of violence – the ‘disappeared’; lack of medical facilities.
- *Médecins Sans Frontières* – Mariana Figueroa, a Mexican psychologist whose husband is studying at university here, spoke on bringing health, hope and peace in the violent context of conflict in drug areas of South Mexico, whose land is being fought over for control of poppy growing
- *Visit to SACRE St Austell Christian Resource and Education Centre* – Kathy Pope and her assistant Caroline Rowse explained how the centre encompassed mission, resources, pastoral care and prayer, and promoted Fairtrade, providing free tea and coffee. Sadly, financial difficulties have led to the closure of the Centre in May 2019, but discussions are underway on possible alternative ministries.
- *Visit to Degibna Prayer Chapel* – a wonderful resource for prayer and reflection near Helston. We hope to arrange a Quiet Day there in 2020.

## *Actions speak louder than words*

In summer 2018 we undertook a mini ‘walk around the world’ in Kimberley Park, part of a CAFOD initiative to walk in solidarity with refugees. A total of 18 miles was accomplished (including walking to the park and home afterwards). Eight of us gathered, starting with prayer and reflecting as we walked on how we might view the area if we were refugees. We had water to share (a gardener was watering the park) but in foraging found only dandelions and nettles as potential food. It was very hot – but we had suitable clothing. We saw dogs that would be bushmeat for refugees, we stopped en route to hear stories of actual refugees and prayed and shared what we were doing with those we met in the park. It was good to see Fairtrade products at the refreshment booth afterwards. The walk was a shared experience for us in which we pondered our blessings.



Other actions have included:



- Attending talks and study days
- Writing to MPs and government ministers
- Signing petitions
- Speaking out for issues of justice and peace
- Supporting Fairtrade initiatives
- Sharing news and resources

So we thank God for the freedom we enjoy in most areas of life and in being followers of Jesus. We pray that we may continue to walk in the way of our Lord, bringing the good News of the Gospel, of freedom, truth and peace to our world today.

Our meetings are publicised in *CTC Weekly News* and we extend a warm welcome to all. Enquiries to Mary Bradley, [mary@corisande.com](mailto:mary@corisande.com).

## 15 + PRAYERS FOR THE PERSECUTED – MARY BRADLEY

After the FPCT Justice and Peace meeting, we gather for an hour of prayer for those persecuted for their faith, generally from 3pm on the second Tuesday of each month. Seemingly, this is needed more than ever. In a year of increasing hostilities, discrimination, violence and rape, churches are bombed, hundreds internally displaced or fleeing their country, homes destroyed and pastors and Christian activists imprisoned or killed. The recent terrorist activity in Sri Lanka, killing 300 Christians worshiping in their churches at Easter filled us with sadness, as we also celebrated with gladness the day of the Lord's resurrection. We do believe, however, that good will overcome evil, that prayer can move mountains and that no prayer is unheard, the ripples of our praying spreading far and wide. Sometimes our prayer meeting will focus on a particular country or recent events, sometimes we sit and pray in silence or share the prayers in our hearts. We invite you to join us in prayer, at the meeting or at home.

Support for Christians undergoing persecution is also given in writing to MPs, governments and others using the Barnabas, Christian Solidarity Worldwide and Open Doors resources, signing petitions and writing to offer support for those experiencing harassment and those in prison. Dr Russell Blacker, Caucus for the Persecuted Church spoke on persecution of Christians at the Nov 2019 Filling Station; this greatly touched the hearts of those who heard him and in response resources are being developed by FPCT to help churches and individuals to pray, learn and witness in support of persecuted Christians – see [www.falmouthchurchestogether.org.uk/persecution/](http://www.falmouthchurchestogether.org.uk/persecution/).

## SUPPORTING PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS

### WHAT CAN I DO?

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## COMMUNITY NEEDS

Practical social action is a major plank of FPCT activities, carried out alongside other institutions and offering a Christian response to need wherever we encounter it. Our 2016 Community Needs Survey, available at [www.falmouthchurchestogether.org.uk/fpct-community-needs-working-party-report-published](http://www.falmouthchurchestogether.org.uk/fpct-community-needs-working-party-report-published), highlighted many areas, some of which we have been able to address and some which remain – we pray that opportunities will arise to permit us to tackle them too.

### 16 FOODBANK – RUTH PAINTER

We don't think anyone in our community should have to face going hungry. That's why we provide three days' nutritionally balanced emergency food and support to local people who are referred to us in crisis; when you have no financial safety net, a sudden crisis, such as bereavement, benefit delay,

redundancy or illness, can leave you unable to feed yourself or your family. We are part of a nationwide network of foodbanks, supported by The Trussell Trust, working to combat poverty and hunger across the UK.



The Penryn and Falmouth

Foodbank also works with Work Routes to help support and get people back in to work, you can come and meet a friendly adviser during our Foodbank open hours.

Penryn and Falmouth Foodbank works to support people who find themselves on the edge of disaster. If you are in need of some Foodbank vouchers or interested in what our Foodbank does please do not hesitate to contact the Foodbank Office on 01326 618575 or email [foodbank@highwaychurch.co.uk](mailto:foodbank@highwaychurch.co.uk).

Our Foodbank is a project founded by local churches and community groups, working together towards stopping hunger in our local area.

The Foodbank is open in Highway House on Mondays, 11am-1pm and Thursdays, 2pm-4pm. We accept donations on Mondays from 10am. The weekly list of needs is published on the FPCT web page, on Facebook and the CTC Weekly News – we are extremely grateful for your ongoing support.

## 17 CARE HOME MINISTRY – PETER RICHARDS

Regular monthly services are currently held in six homes – King Charles Court, Langholme, Roscarrack House, Tresillian House (Abbeyfield), Trevern and The White House. In addition, there is a monthly service at Chy Nampara sheltered flats. In the past year services ceased at Scott House (Abbeyfield) in Mawnan because residents who attended had either died or moved away. Also, Sheldon House closed, but a number of the residents who had attended services there are now to be found in other Falmouth care homes. During the year a second service every other month has been provided for the dementia wing at Trevern.

The aim of the monthly visits 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 twenty leaders/speakers and six pianists. The size of the team for each service varies from two to six, and the number of residents ranges from two to twenty plus. Each month we have been meeting with about eighty people, plus staff and visitors.

During the year we received £60 from FPCT to enable purchase of prayer cards and Christmas 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 other month 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 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 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 again for the residents of Trevern.

Challenges have included the declining numbers at Scott House, 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.

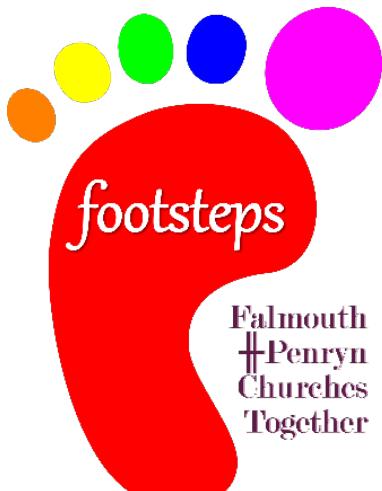
## 18<sup>+</sup> FOOTSTEPS COMMUNITY COFFEE SHOP – JAN WINSLADE

This article is tinged with sadness as we mourn the death of the Revd Pat Whittaker who was the inspiration behind the Footsteps Community Coffee Mornings at Falmouth Methodist Church following the closure of the original Footsteps (now Huddle) in Arwenack Street.

Footsteps thrived under Pat's wise leadership, and now we are building on that firm foundation.

I am delighted to report that the enterprise continues to flourish with the wonderful team of volunteers who provide cakes, and work tirelessly each Thursday morning, to ensure that everyone who comes in for their coffee, cake and chat receives a warm welcome and a cheery smile.

Footsteps also provides much needed funds for Falmouth and Penryn Churches Together initiatives. Long may it continue.



## 19 TURNING TIDE BEREAVEMENT CAFÉ- JANE CHARMAN

It disappoints me greatly to announce the end of the Bereavement Café, which only launched in July 2018. I would like to say a huge thank you to Bianca and

her team at the Huddle Café for looking after the volunteers and customers on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of every month and for those who gave up their time to plan and launch the Bereavement Café. The café was zoned into areas for craft, tabletop games and puzzles and a quiet area where people could browse newspapers and magazines. A few regular



### BEREAVEMENT CAFE

customers came throughout the duration of the café being open, with others dropping in now and again or just one or two times, people said the time they spent at the café was helpful in their journey of loss. Unfortunately, due to ill health and personal circumstances volunteers gradually drifted away and new volunteers could not be recruited, so on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May with just one volunteer and Bianca to look after the customers it was decided that the Bereavement Café would have to close. It is hoped that after a break, new volunteers will come forward and the Turning Tide Bereavement Café will be able to relaunch to continue helping those who have lost a loved one.

## 20 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! The 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.

In autumn 2018 we met for afternoon tea at the Princess Pavilions and held a collection for the Foodbank.

We endeavour to reach out to the new churches which have risen up in the area which are a blessing. So in future we want to add to the team with some new ladies. To keep in touch with future meetings follow our Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/groups/bbfalmouth/](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!

## 21 MEN'S BREAKFASTS – ROGER MILLS



The revamped Falmouth Men's Breakfast Fellowship met seven times during the year at Membly Hall Hotel, Cliff Road, Falmouth, with a series of inspirational speakers. Meetings run from 8.30am-10am; a full Cornish breakfast is available for £8/head. All men welcome - for news of upcoming breakfasts and speakers, check

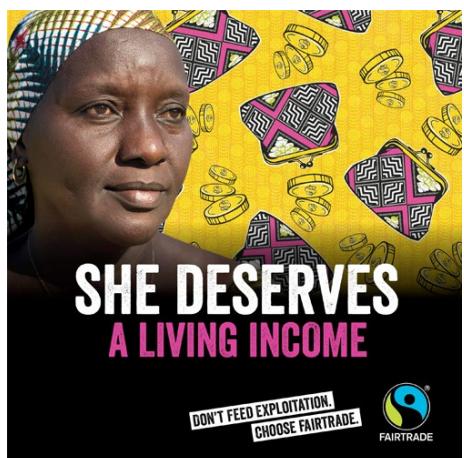
Facebook [www.facebook.com/groups/430180974079032/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/430180974079032/).

In 2005 Falmouth became a Fairtrade Town and is now one of only two Fairtrade towns in Cornwall. Once a Town achieves Fairtrade status, one of the requirements is to create a steering group to raise awareness of and promote the use of Fairtrade locally.

We are a friendly enthusiastic group of volunteers. We meet every two months to share ideas about how we can connect with the local community and plan events and visits. We try to keep up to date with current Fairtrade campaigns and do what we can to share this news. However, we are not currently representative of the many organisations, businesses and faith communities in our town and we need to be. Increasing membership of our steering group is an urgent priority.

Another requirement of our Fairtrade town status is to create a strong working partnership between Falmouth Town Council and the steering group. Two Fairtrade Town Councillors regularly participate in steering group meetings. The steering group reports quarterly to Falmouth Town Council keeping town councillors up to date with our work. We are happy to report the relationship with Falmouth Town Council is a strong and supportive one.

Many hotels, cafes and coffee shops in Falmouth and the surrounding area serve Fairtrade tea, coffee and other Fairtrade products. Some local churches serve Fairtrade refreshments and you can buy Fairtrade goods from a regular monthly stall (2nd Sunday of the month), at St Mary's RC Church, Killigrew Street, and Falmouth Methodist Church, on the Moor.



Why support Fairtrade? Fairtrade supports small scale farmers and workers in developing countries who are marginalised from trade in a variety of ways and carefully monitors the impact of Fairtrade on these communities. Shopping for Fairtrade locally has become much easier. By choosing to add just one or two Fairtrade items to our weekly shop, we are ensuring farmers and workers get a better deal.





Our two Fairtrade Fortnight events in March 19 were well received. The focus this year was on cocoa based products as cocoa prices have been decreasing over the past few years. People had the opportunity to sign a petition asking the UK government to

support a global initiative of governments and business to reach living incomes in supply chains starting with cocoa. £90 in donations has been sent to Fairtrade to help women cocoa farmers earn a living income.

**Finance –** We are very grateful to FPCT for the grant they awarded in November 2018 to support our work. Without their help we would have struggled to finance Fairtrade Fortnight this year. Our current balance is £53.10.

#### Some future plans:

- We had a Fairtrade stand at Parklive, 30<sup>th</sup> June 2019 and plan to have a presence at Falmouth Tea Festival, September 19<sup>th</sup> and Falmouth Fun Palace, October 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Expand our steering group. We need more people. If you can help, phone Pat Fitzpatrick, 01326 316566. Or come and see us at future events.
- Continue to work on the development of a Fairtrade Churches Together.
- Plan events during Fairtrade Fortnight 2019 in different locations.

## **YOUNG PEOPLE**

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

### **23 + KIDZ KLUBS – ALAN & SUE OFFORD**

Aim: - To help children to come to know and follow Jesus.

Since the end of summer term 2018, we as a team realised that the children knew very little about the life and teaching of Jesus. So, to rectify this we have been systematically addressing this problem. A balance has always got to be reached - if the club was all facts and no fun then the children would not come; so, including fun is important.



We collect the children after school and take them to a hall. The Wednesday group go from Falmouth Primary Academy to the Salvation Army Hall. The Thursday group go to Emmanuel Hall. Then after refreshments we have a story, and the activities get under way with songs and games interspersed.

We are very blessed to have an amazing team at both clubs.

We wish to thank the FPCT for their support.

### **24 + MESSY CHURCH – MARY WRIGHT**

Messy Church in Falmouth continues to serve families who enjoy attending a Christ-centred church involving fun, hospitality and creativity as well as learning and celebration. Messy Church is for families, and we try to ensure that our activities and worship are attractive to all age groups. We met on the second Saturday of each month (except August) at 9.30am at All Saints Church, Killigrew Street. In July we had fun on Gellyngvase beach and made the most of the sea, sun and sand.



Our breakfasts have ranged from porridge to pancakes, all freshly made. Then we had a wide variety of activities each month. Some were energetic (tossing angel-shaped bean bags down the aisle to land on sheep pictures), some peaceful and meditative (colouring intricate

pictures), some very messy (mixing paints to ‘print’ cards) and some creative (knitting, cutting out). Our sessions end with stories and songs; we have heard stories from the Bible and discussed how God’s love for us is shown in various ways.



We have introduced new ideas, including a large ‘magic carpet’ for the children to sit on at story time, and a playmat with toys and books for children who want some quieter time. We have reduced any activities which involve sweets (sugar!) and we have introduced a bowl of fresh fruit with breakfast, which has proved to be very popular with both children and adults.

Our loyal band of helpers is drawn from several churches in the area – without them we could not function, and we are very grateful for their cheerful contribution. We are all volunteers with many other calls on our time, so no one can, or needs to, attend all eleven sessions each year. We would be delighted to welcome new helpers (we need you from 9 to 11am on the second Saturday of the month), just contact the St Budock Parish Office on 01326-378065.



If you would like to know more about Messy Church please visit the website [www.messychurch.org.uk](http://www.messychurch.org.uk), go to our Facebook page “Falmouth Messy Church”, read reports on the FPCT website or speak to one of the Team (Revd Canon Geoffrey Bennett, Jane Charman, Alan Offord, Jan Winslade and Mary Wright).

A big thank you to all our supporters; individuals, St Budock Church, All Saints Church and FPCT. We hope that you will continue to support us as we reach out to families in Falmouth.



## 25 + OPEN THE BOOK – ALAN BELL

Open the Book is a project, promoted by the Bible Society, which offers primary school children an opportunity to hear the major stories of the Bible, from a team of Christians from local churches, who present the stories during assemblies/acts of Collective Worship. Each presentation takes around 10 minutes and is incorporated into a school assembly. It is a three-year rolling programme with an additional, but optional year of material based on Christian Values.

The small Falmouth continued to tell and act the past year, mainly at Feedback from the both from the teaching Performances at King been more limited, reorganising their and then by changing their assemblies when it has been difficult to find members of the team who are available. In December 2018 the team also performed a story at St Budock church's nativity service with the involvement of Budock Junior Church.



Open the Book team has Bible stories throughout St Francis school. school is very positive staff and the children. Charles school have firstly by the school teaching programmes the day when they have

I have led and directed the OtB team for 3½ years since the group formed. However, during 2019 my wife and I are planning to move back to my home town of Sheffield and, as a result of this decision, I have decided to stand down from leadership of the team with immediate effect. This requires someone to take over organisation and directing the team and to plan a future way forward. At the moment none of the existing team feel able to take on this role and, until a suitable person or persons come forward, our Open the Book efforts are on hold.

## 26 + UNIVERSITY CHAPLAINCY – BECKY NESBITT

The Multifaith Chaplaincy is a partnership between Falmouth University, the University of Exeter in Cornwall, Truro Diocese and Cornwall Methodist District and is provided through Falmouth Exeter Plus (the company that manages and delivers campus services on behalf of the universities).

The chaplaincy team consists of one full-time paid Co-ordinating Chaplain (post currently held by Becky Nesbitt) and 6 volunteer chaplains from local



Multifaith Chaplaincy,  
Penryn Campus

churches and faith communities. Between them, each week during term time our volunteer chaplains contribute approximately 21hrs volunteer time + 18hrs paid for by churches. In addition, the universities fund administrative support (2 days per week) and provide facilities for the chaplaincy on both Penryn and Falmouth Campuses.

We have a Chaplaincy Support Group which exists to support the activities and development of the Chaplaincy and facilitate communication with the local faith communities which actively support the Chaplaincy. The Group supports and advises on the activities of the Chaplaincy and the direction of development, and especially in relation to the preservation of the unique contribution of faith perspectives within the activities of the Chaplaincy.

The chaplaincy team provides pastoral and spiritual care for students and staff of all faiths and none, offering company and conversation. The chaplaincy team also support the religious needs of students and staff and help those who want to, to explore their spirituality. The team also help with academic projects that involve faith or spirituality.

In response to the growth of the university community here in Cornwall, the chaplaincy team are currently exploring provision for medical students and staff at the Royal Cornwall Hospital and are advertising for new chaplains to offer pastoral and spiritual care to our dedicated and hardworking Night Services team and to support the welfare provision for students during the night.



## 27 FALMOUTH STREET PASTORS – PHIL & BRIDGET CLEMOES

Falmouth Street Pastors are volunteers coming from a number of different



churches across Falmouth, Penryn and Helston. Thirteen at the last count! We go out in teams of 5 on a Saturday night between 10pm and 3am. 3 of us patrol the main streets while 2 remain behind at our base, Falmouth Methodist Church to pray. We remain in contact with each other via the radios. Our role on the streets is to look out for vulnerable

people. Our motto is “Care, Listen and Help.” We are fortunate to be accompanied by a First Aider from Kernow First Aid and their services are often required! We help lost people find their friends, we care for those affected by drink or drugs until they are fit enough to get home, or until an ambulance comes, we soothe ruffled feelings with fruit pastilles which are amazing at defusing aggressive situations! We pray as we walk and send prayer requests back to the team. It is truly amazing to see God at work; unconscious people get up and walk, people bristling for a fight just wander off in opposite directions etc etc. Although we are not to evangelise, we are free to speak about our faith if asked, which happens quite regularly, and we are frequently asked to pray for people. The young people out on the streets are staggered that we are out at 3am to care for them voluntarily. We often get thanks and hugs and handshakes. We are very well accepted on the streets.

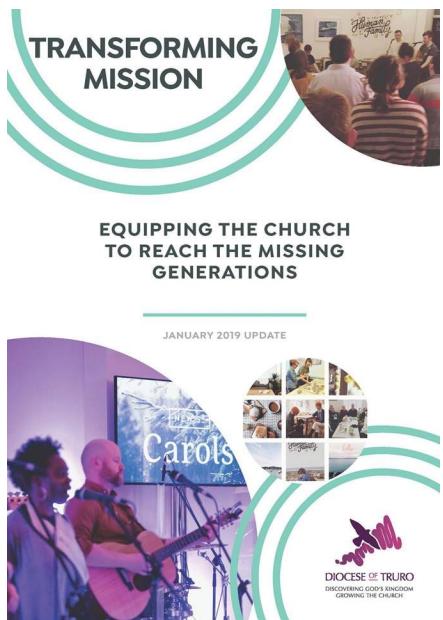
As we have no paid workers, our expenses are modest, covering the hire of the Methodist Church, the provision of uniforms, training etc. The council has been very generous in helping to purchase new coats and other funding comes from individual regular donors, and various groups who have collections for us. The pubs and clubs in Falmouth have our collecting tins which provide a small income but importantly advertise our existence.

We celebrate our 10th year anniversary this year! We will be having a Thanksgiving and Commissioning Service on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2019. We have so much to be thankful for. Many of our volunteers have been there from the beginning. But - we are always wanting more recruits. We would like to be able to cover the Thursday nights for students. Last year we were pleased to be able to put out teams for the Freshers weeks and we will repeat that this year. We are also delighted to have some student members on the team now.

## 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!*

## 28 ‡ TRANSFORMING MISSION – DIOCESE OF TRURO



Funding has now been secured for the second phase of the Church of England Diocese of Truro's *Transforming Mission* initiative, establishing hubs in four more urban centres: St Austell, Camborne, Liskeard and Truro. £1.7million has been granted by the Church Commissioners, to supplement £1.15million pledged by the Diocese.

Phase one of the scheme saw the Transforming Mission project established in Falmouth, which has already led to the opening of the Huddle café and the creation of New Street Church, which has a sizeable weekly congregation and is growing. The number of people worshipping at the existing All Saints Church has also already grown from an average weekly attendance of 35 to 60.

The strategy is to create 'resourcing churches' in each of these urban hubs. Each of them will deliver a mix of new projects aimed at revitalising existing church communities, a large number of both religious and social outreach projects, and new church plants.

The funding will be staggered over six years, with a view to the projects becoming self-sustaining after this time.

The locations chosen for Phase II of Transforming Mission all have large populations, both within the towns themselves, but also in the surrounding parishes. There will be a sustained drive to share the learnings and

experiences so that the surrounding areas will also benefit. These towns will all be home to substantial new housing developments in the next five years. Each of the towns has significant levels of deprivation and is home to significant populations of children, young families and, in all but one case, students.

Keep an eye on [www.trurodiocese.org.uk/about-us/transforming-mission/](http://www.trurodiocese.org.uk/about-us/transforming-mission/) for all the latest updates.

## 29 + CHURCHES TOGETHER IN CORNWALL – LESLEY CHANDLER



‘Ut Omnes Unum Sint - That all of them may be one’ (Gospel of John 17:21) is the NT mandate for ecumenism of thought, prayer and action in our communities.

In Churches Together in Cornwall these three are carried out throughout the year, interspersed with events born out of executive and forum meetings where DEOs (Denominational Ecumenical Officers and representatives from faith groups) meet to discuss the ecumenical needs of the coming year for Cornwall.

Churches represented by the DEOs of Cornwall are Anglican, Baptist, Greek Orthodox, Methodist, Roman Catholic, Russian Orthodox, The Salvation Army, The URC and The Religious Society of Friends (Quakers). There are thirty-four CT groups in Cornwall and the executive oversees these groups. There are also many more unofficial ecumenical groups around the county, and this provides an even fuller picture of Cornish ecumenism. Each member church is affiliated and pays an annual subscription which helps financially towards the costs of joint services and events throughout the year.

Where some worshipping groups are small or isolated, they have covenanted to worship together in Local Ecumenical Partnerships (LEPs). Reviews of their partnerships are regularly recorded by the Reverends' Margaret Barnes and Elizabeth Foot.

At the Royal Cornwall Show, the CTC Tent was consistently full and offered displays by Christian groups throughout Cornwall. The eve-of-show service

was well attended, and the 2019 preacher was Bishop Philip, the new Bishop of Truro.

A whole range of action groups exist to represent and to share knowledge with churches such as the Dementia Action Group, the Education Group and the Landévennec Pilgrimage Working Group.

CTC once again facilitated two highly successful 'Beacon Events' for *Thy Kingdom Come*, the ten days of prayer between Ascension and Pentecost. Both events took place on Pentecost Sunday, at Liskeard and Gwennap Pit, and were well attended.

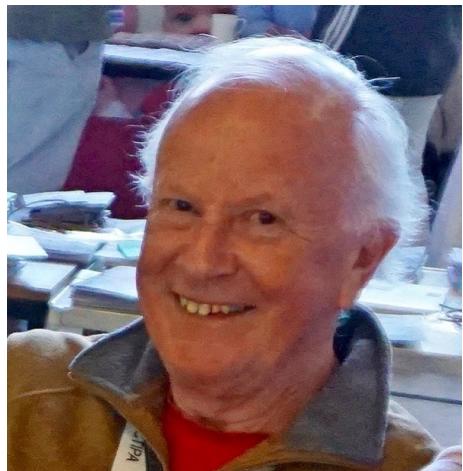
The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in January each year has representatives of all denominations offering ecumenical midday ministry and prayer over an eight-day period. This year these services took place at Truro Methodist Church; we greatly appreciate their hospitality. The themes of these short services highlight injustice and inequality around the world and underpin one of the important functions of the ethos of CT in England, as recorded in the Swanwick Report of 1987 - 'To enable the churches to respond to the needs of society at all levels...'

At the invitation of the Cornwall Islamic Centre many Christians from throughout the county attended a service of peace, love and shared food after the Christchurch, NZ massacre of worshipping Muslims. The event was very moving. All present were mindful of religious persecution whatever religious labelling we wear. CTC was well represented.



At the AGM in April 2019, David Smith (left) stood down as CTC Missioner, having completed eleven years of service. His contribution to CTC has been incalculable and he will be greatly missed. We welcome Roger Mills (right) as the new Missioner and are looking at a new more team-based structure, as suggested by the Unity Working Group formed in 2018 to look at *Future Paths* for CTC; its initial findings were presented to the AGM.

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We are a capacity building organisation with Christian values. We support groups in tackling poverty and exclusion in Cornwall by:

1. Providing conferences and workshops giving networking, support and information through our 'Meet the Funders' programme.
2. Supporting individual groups and organisations through our 1:1 work to inspire, inform and signpost.
3. Strengthening links between faith based and mainstream organisations

We can support people to develop, fund and run projects in their own communities that link people together, reduce isolation and tackle poverty. Our staff team consists of Jane Yeomans, Project Manager; Rosey Sanders,

Admin Support and Nicky Abrahams our Community Support Worker on the Food for Change programme. If you would like to find out more about how we might support your community project please get in touch, we would love to hear from you.



# TRANSFORMATION CORNWALL<sup>+</sup>

**Strengthening Faith Based Social Action in Cornwall**

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## 31 | COMMUNICATIONS – ROGER MILLS

The number and variety of Christian events around Cornwall continues to grow and in response our popular *FPCT Weekly News* has grown too and now become *CTC Weekly News*, produced under the auspices of Churches Together in Cornwall in six local editions – the Carrick edition covering the Falmouth and Penryn area. All existing subscribers have been automatically transferred to the new newsletter, but if you do not currently receive it, details of how to do so are on the back cover of this report.

All events listed are also on the new website *Churches Together in Cornwall infoHub*, [www.ctcinfohub.org](http://www.ctcinfohub.org), which feeds local information to the FPCT website. Relaunched Facebook and new Twitter feeds for Churches Together in Cornwall are also fully integrated with our own. This is one of the first fruits of planned closer collaboration between CTC and local Churches Together groups around the county, as we seek further opportunities to work together to share the love of God. Watch this space!

### **UNITY**

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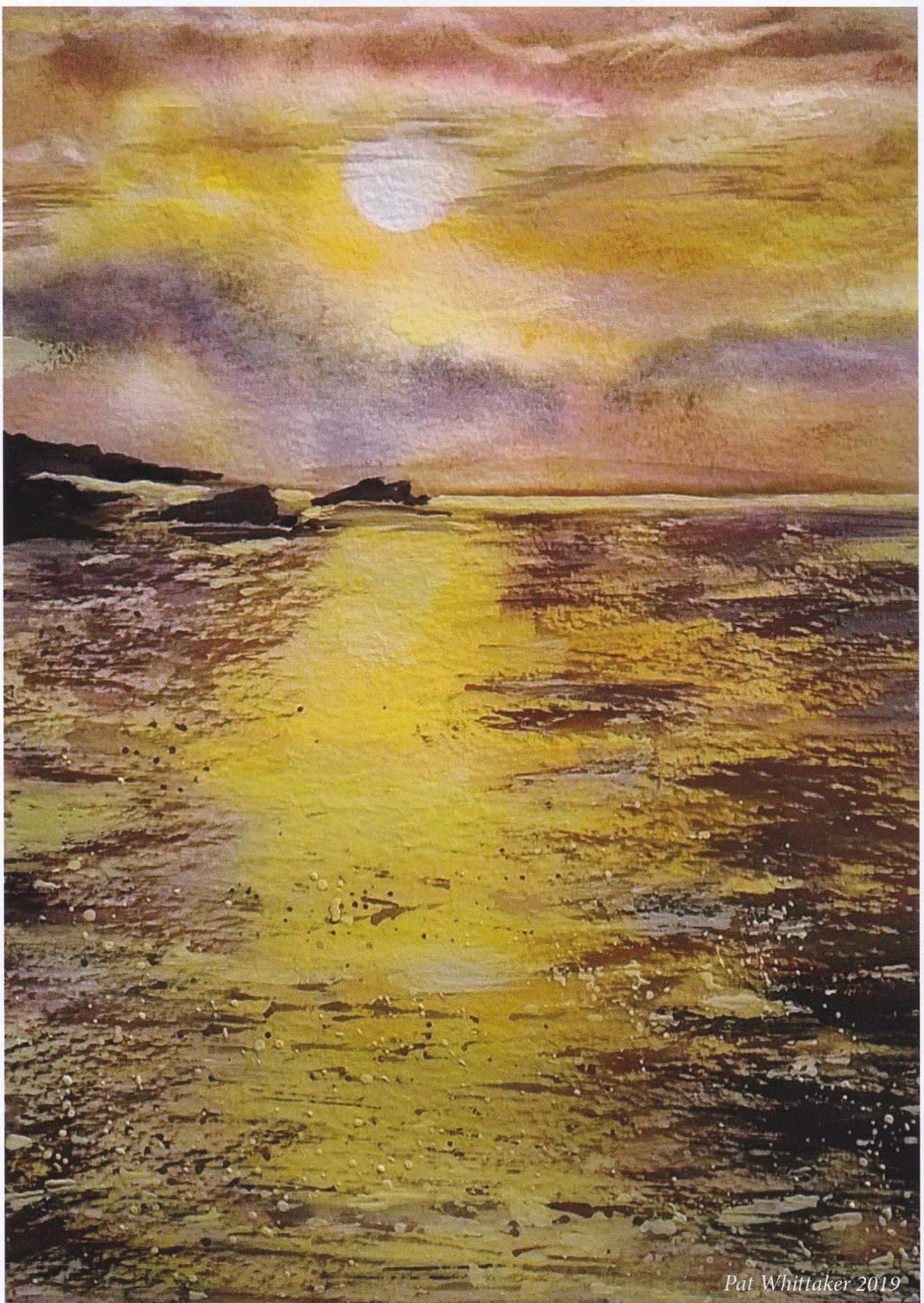
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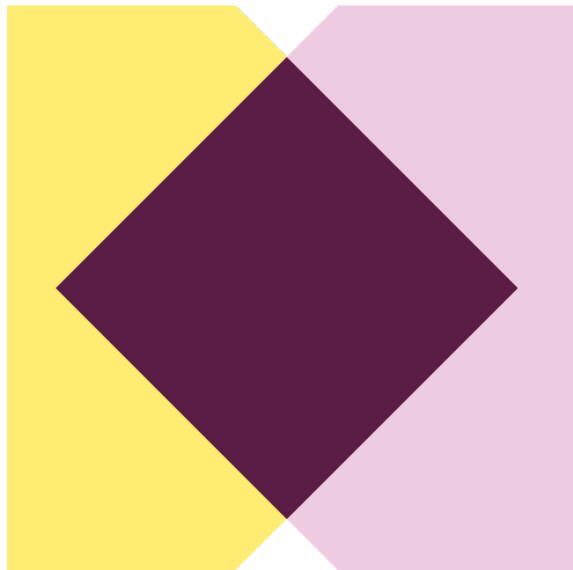


## In Memoriam

***The beautiful illustration opposite was painted in early 2019 by Revd Pat Whittaker (above) who died suddenly at the end of March; it was printed in the service sheet for her memorial service on 11 April. We reproduce it here with kind permission from her family as a tribute to an inspirational leader and great friend to Falmouth and Penryn Churches Together. As one of the longest-serving members of FPCT, Pat was instrumental in developing many of its key initiatives, including most recently the Footsteps community café. We all owe her a huge debt of gratitude.***



*Pat Whittaker 2019*



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