



# FPCT NEWSLETTER

## June 2023

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CORNWALL CHURCHES ENVIRONMENT GROUP invites you to

## EXPLORE CREATION

on Portreath Beach TR16 4NR  
SUNDAY 4 JUNE 2023 3-5pm  
if wet in St Mary's Church, Portreath

SEA SHANTIES - BEACH LABYRINTH - ROCK POOLING - BEACH ART  
SAND CASTLE COMPETITION - PICNIC  
ALL AGES WELCOME - FIND US BY THE FLAGS  
Helpers needed from 2pm to dig the Labyrinth!

Join us on the beach at Portreath on **Sunday 4 June, 3-5pm**, to Explore Creation with Cornwall Churches Environment Group, as we mark World Environment Day (5 Jun). Worship, song, beach labyrinth, family activities. Everyone welcome - find us by the flags!

### ROYAL CORNWALL SHOW, WADEBRIDGE 8-10 JUNE

Going to the Royal Cornwall Show? Be sure to call in to the Churches Together tent on Stand 1 – there’s a warm welcome for visitors all day with cups of fairtrade tea and coffee, plus biscuits. There’s no charge for refreshments – though a donation is always gratefully received! There’s also a Fairtrade stand, a Christian bookstall and activities for children. Chaplains from the group also go around the show to meet people, and on the hour back at the Churches Tent will say a prayer, offering people a moment of quiet reflection and spiritual togetherness, offering a space of sanctuary and rest from the bustling activity and excitement of the Royal Cornwall Agricultural Association’s annual show.

The traditional Eve of Show Service will be at 6.30pm on Wed 7 June in the main ring, followed by a pasty reception in the Churches Together tent. Everyone is welcome, no tickets required.

FIND REST  
SANCTUARY  
FIND YOURSELF

## Find Sanctuary

8-10 JUNE 2023

VISIT STAND 1

ROYAL CORNWALL SHOW

A safe place to rest  
Fairtrade tea & coffee  
Children’s activities  
Bookstall  
Fairtrade stall  
Baby friendly space  
Chaplains out & about

Tired? Worn out? Need a rest? Take sanctuary during the Royal Cornwall Show by joining us at The Churches Together in Cornwall tent. We are here to offer sanctuary, space to rest and find yourself. Drop in for a hot drink and put your feet up, take a moment to breathe. We have children’s activities and a safe baby friendly space so there is something for everyone. See you soon.

VISIT STAND 1

Eve of Show Service

Wednesday 7 June  
6:30pm in the Main Ring  
You’re invited to the service, everyone is welcome, and don’t forget the pasty reception afterwards with us at Stand 1. In conjunction with Royal Cornwall Agricultural Association.

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**FAREWELL TO BILL AND BREN STUART-WHITE :  
SUN 11 JUNE, 10.00AM  
ALL SAINTS CHURCH,  
KILLIGREW STREET**

The Revd Canon Bill Stuart-White is retiring and all are welcome to his final service at All Saints to say goodbye. Bill has been a staunch supporter of Falmouth & Penryn Churches Together and a member of its Executive for many years – we shall miss his enthusiasm and wise counsel very much, but wish him and Bren much happiness in retirement as they move to the east of the county.

Falmouth Town Council has been very generous and seats are subsidised at under £5, asking for folk to book their tickets online (<https://thepoly.org/whats-on/event/2447/war-school-film-extracts-discussion-with-ellis-brooks-15>) or by phone (**01326 319461**) and to pay as they feel led. It should be a very interesting evening.



**ARMED FORCES DAY  
NATIONAL EVENT CORNWALL 2023**

For the full programme of events for Armed Forces Day visit <https://armedforcesday.cornwall.gov.uk/events-guide/>. A Thanksgiving Service will be held at King Charles the Martyr Church at 11am on Sunday 25 June with Bishop Hugh Nelson, Bishop of St Germans and Bishop to the Armed Forces.



Falmouth International Sea Shanty Festival  
Friday 16th - Sunday 18th June 2023

Once again Falmouth will be very busy for the Sea Shanty Festival, and while there is no organised FPCT outreach, King Charles the Martyr Church will be hosting a number of groups throughout the weekend and who knows what opportunities may arise for interesting conversations around matters of faith! Check out the full festival programme at <https://www.falmouthseashanty.co.uk/>.



**POP-UP  
BOOK SALE**



Following last year's successful first effort at hosting a Book Sale to raise money for Christian Aid Week, Churches Together decided to repeat the venture this year! Having appealed for donations from all the churches across Falmouth and Penryn, The Salvation Army acted as a central drop-off point for donations and the Parish Church of King Charles the Martyr served as the venue for the sale once again. Books were sorted and set out on Monday 15 May, and the sale ran from Tuesday 16 to Saturday 20 May from 10.00am to 4.00pm each day.

A special event prior to Armed Forces Day (24 Jun) at The Poly, Thurs June 22nd 6-7.30pm, organised by Falmouth Quakers. Speakers are coming from different parts of the country for a discussion with film clips from the documentary 'War School' and the focus will be on peace, education, children and young people. Falmouth Quakers would love churches to share the poster about the Poly event and get those seats filled – download at <https://www.ctcinfohub.org/events/war-school-film-extracts-and-discussion-with-ellis-brooks-22-jun-falmouth/>.

Falmouth, Penryn and even Mawnan Smith helped to sell the books. One of the incidental benefits of the sale was that more people visited the church than might otherwise have done and were able to appreciate the peace and beauty of this fine church building.



By the end of the week, £651.50 had been raised for Christian Aid. There was still a considerable stock of unsold books which, hopefully, will be stored and form the core of the Book Sale next year. My thanks to all the church for their donations, to the church members who volunteered to sell the books and of course to the Church Council of King Charles Church for allowing Churches Together to use the church building. Hopefully, same time, same place next year!

*As many of you know, Falmouth & Penryn Churches Together will be holding its AGM on Wednesday 19 July, at which a number of members of the existing Executive*

## Falmouth + Penryn Churches Together

*will be relinquishing their posts. Rev Bill Stuart-White is retiring in June, Jane Charman is stepping down, I am vacating the Chair, and Pat Fitzpatrick is stepping down as Secretary. At present, there is no-one in sight who may take on*

*any of these roles. Unless we find some "new blood", there is a very real danger that Falmouth & Penryn Churches Together could simply cease to exist! The Executive is due to be replaced with a Steering Group made up of a representative from each member church – at present, we have NO representatives from most of the Churches! Please seek out a person from your Church family who can serve that role – without your participation in the running of FPCT, we cannot continue!*

*Your prayers and your practical involvement are urgently requested! Yours in Hope! Euan McPhee.*

### **PENRYN & FALMOUTH FOODBANK**

#### **Food drive at ASDA : 1st June to 7th June**

We are so grateful to Asda who are running the food drive across the UK, so you will be able to donate items to us whilst you shop. This drive will make a huge difference in helping us support people who are struggling to afford the essentials.

Head to Asda Falmouth superstore between 1st and 7th of June to donate to us. ❤️

*Current needs are:*

- Tea bags
- Coffee (not decaf)
- Adult cereal
- Childrens cereal
- Sugar
- Mixed Semi skimmed and skimmed long life cartons milk

- Long life Fruit juice
- Veggie Soup
- Meat Soups
- Potatoes
- Pasta Sauce
- Curry Sauce
- Large and small mix
- Large and small mix
- Tinned spaghetti
- Baked beans
- Tinned Tomatoes
- Tinned Sweetcorn
- Tinned Carrots
- Tinned Peas
- Pulses – e.g. chick peas, chilli beans, butter beans
- Corned beef or ham
- Meat meal – e.g. chicken in sauce, hot dogs, meatballs
- Tuna or other fish
- Tinned fruit
- Rice Pudding
- Custard
- Jam
- Biscuits
- Crisps
- Savoury snacks – e.g. crackers
- Shower gel
- Washing up liquid - URGENT
- Washing tablets for clothes - URGENT
- Toilet rolls - URGENT
- Antiperspirant (mix of male and female) - URGENT
- Toothpaste
- Shampoo
- Baby wipes
- Mix of Sanitary pads/Tampons
- Nappies size 5 and size 6
- Squash

*If you would like to drop off donations, here is a reminder of the local drop-off points:*

- Asda (ONLY PURCHASES BOUGHT INSTORE PLEASE)
- Tesco Metro (ONLY PURCHASES BOUGHT INSTORE PLEASE)
- Natural Store
- Co-op Boslowick
- Poundland

*And you can also drop off items directly to us at the Foodbank on Mondays between 10am and 1pm and on Thursdays from 2pm until 4pm.*

*Kind regards and grateful thanks,*

*Jo and The foodbank team*

