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FPCT NEWSLETTER

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Dear Friends,

What an amazing Easter weekend we had! The Good Friday Walk of Witness was supported by nearly 80 folk from many of the churches, who were brave enough to be prepared to walk in the pouring rain. However, God is good, as the rain stopped from 10am for two hours and we were able to get around without being drowned rats.

The untested new format went down very well, with many people commenting on how 'touched' they were by the reflection readings. They were read by several people who were willing to dress up and adopt the character of those involved in the Good Friday story – and all at very short notice! God definitely had his hand on the whole event. A big thank you to all the team and the Leaders who read the Gospel readings at each church on the route. Also, to Rev. Jonathan Froggett who did a beautiful sermon on the Moor outside the old Falmouth Methodist Church and to Tracey Lyall who donated 100 hot cross buns to be given out en-route and the ladies from King Charles who provided refreshments afterwards.

On Easter Sunday, the Easter Worship Service arranged by New Street, Vineyard, Harbour, Highway, Light and Life and Emmanuel Baptist Church was a wonderful time of joy and celebration by the many people who were in Kimberley Park from 11 to 12am.

The worship music was beautiful, especially The Blessing which was sung at the end. A big thank you to Ley Adewole and the talented musicians

and singers who performed on the stage and to the leaders who spoke so eloquently. Also, to the organisers of the event and to Source FM. Hopefully this will be the start of an Easter Weekend collaboration of the churches involved in both events in years to come.

I cannot move on from Easter weekend without mentioning the death of Pope Francis early on Easter Monday. Having ignored Doctor's orders in order to appear on the balcony for his Easter Blessing to the crowd in St Peter's Square in Rome, he also rode on the 'Pope mobile', this when he was still recovering from pneumonia, in order to be close to his people was a truly loving and humble final act.

Father in heaven, we praise your name

For all who have finished this life loving and trusting you,

For the example of their lives,

The life and grace you gave them

And the peace in which they rest.

We praise you today for your servant Francis

and for all that you did through him.

Meet us in our sadness

And fill our hearts with praise and thanksgiving

For the sake of our risen Lord Jesus Christ. AMEN

Every Blessing,

Ali Durkin

JOINT PASTORAL LETTER FROM CHURCHES TOGETHER ENGLAND

As we enter Holy Week, speaking with 'one voice and with one heart' the Presidents of Churches Together in England

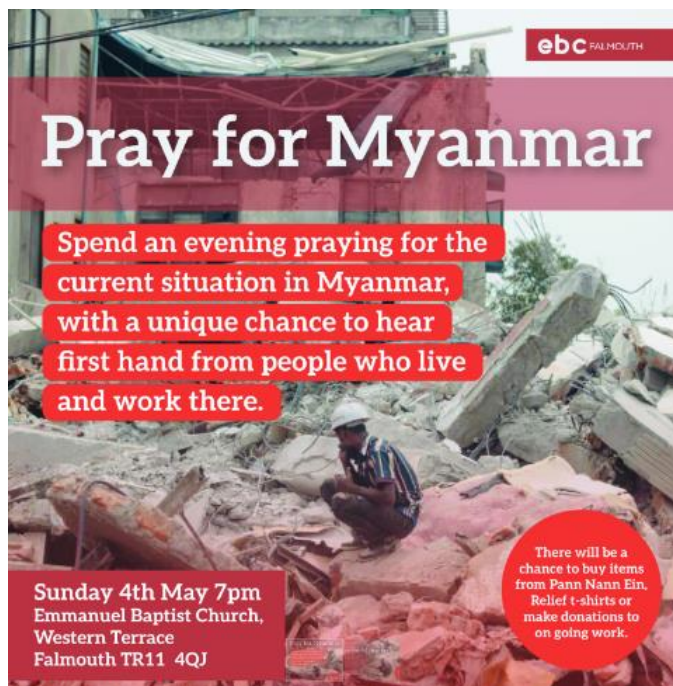
(www.cte.org.uk/about/whos-who/presidents/)

have issued a pastoral letter to mark the joint celebration of Easter 2025 and the 1700th anniversary of the First Ecumenical Council at Nicaea. You can read the full text of the letter on the Churches Together England website at www.cte.org.uk/Easter2025. You can also watch and listen to His Eminence Archbishop Nikitas, CTE President for the Orthodox Churches, and Archbishop of the Oecumenical Patriarchate (Diocese of Thyateira and Great Britain) reading the joint letter.

PRAY FOR MYANMAR

4th May, 7pm

Emmanuel Baptist Church, Western Terrace,
Falmouth, TR11 4QJ



The poster features a background image of a person in a hard hat working amidst rubble. Text overlays include: 'Pray for Myanmar' in large white letters; 'Spend an evening praying for the current situation in Myanmar, with a unique chance to hear first hand from people who live and work there.' in white text on red banners; 'Sunday 4th May 7pm Emmanuel Baptist Church, Western Terrace Falmouth TR11 4QJ' in white text on a red box; and 'There will be a chance to buy items from Pann Nann Ein. Relief t-shirts or make donations to on going work.' in white text on a red circle. The 'ebc FALMOUTH' logo is in the top right corner.

www.ctcinfohub.org/events/250504-pray-for-myanmar-4-may-falmouth/



PENTECOST AT THE PIT

Sunday 8th June, 3pm

Gwennap Pit, Busveal, Redruth, TR16 5HH

Celebrating the church's birthday and this year marking:

- 1700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea
- 10th anniversary of Thy Kingdom Come
- 30th anniversary of Churches Together in Cornwall

Preacher: Revd Dr Dan Haylett (Chair, South West Peninsula Methodist District and Chair, Churches Together In Cornwall).

Rt Revd David Williams, the new Bishop of Truro will also be present.

We hope to run a minibus from Falmouth – look out for further details on

www.ctcinfohub.org/fpct



CHRISTIAN AID POP-UP FUNDRAISER

17th May, 10am - 4pm

King Charles the Martyr Church, Church St,
Falmouth, TR11 3DX

There will be a 'pop-up' fundraiser for Christian Aid on 17th May at KCM church (outside, weather permitting) with plants, cakes, crafts, good books and children's. Donations welcome on the day. Please come along and support!



**Truro
Cathedral**
sacred space, common ground

**A SERVICE OF WELCOME AND INSTALLATION OF
THE RIGHT REVEREND DAVID WILLIAMS AS
BISHOP OF TRURO**

17 May, 11am

Truro Cathedral, St Mary's St, Truro TR1 2AF



This service will see the new bishop formally occupy his 'cathedra' – his official seat. The Dean of Truro, the Very Revd Simon Robinson, assisted by children will present him with Bishop Benson's 'crosier', or pastoral staff. Truro Cathedral Choir will be singing a specially composed "Jubilate Deo" by Russell Pascoe and a Sanctus and Gloria by Jonathan Dove.

In addition to these formal elements, the service will feature Falmouth Community Gospel choir, worship songs from New Street Church in Falmouth and children from schools across Cornwall. It will offer a joyous and proper Cornish welcome to the new bishop, his wife, Helen and their family as we adventure together to discover the goodness of God and faithfully learn how to live in God's light.

All are welcome to attend. Doors will open at 09:45.

This service will also be live-streamed on this page and the replay will be available to watch on this page after the service has finished. If you have any problems viewing the live stream or replay, please visit our YouTube channel:

www.youtube.com/channel/UC8wkaiiTFnmv1veVsITN2Jg

GOD AT WORK IN THE LIVES OF YOUNG PEOPLE

Scripture Union, an organisation who exist to see a new generation with a vibrant, personal faith in Jesus, are increasingly hearing stories of God stirring in the lives of young people, with many responding to the gospel in remarkable ways:

♥ In The Midlands

In a desire to know God, a teenage girl prayed to every God she could think of with no response until she had an incredible revelation of the love of Jesus in her bedroom. She found a local church and began to read the Bible.

✝ St Aldate's Church, Oxford

So many young people turned up for the Easter Sunday service that screens were needed outside to enable people to gather and worship outside in the streets!

📖 North East England

After searching the internet to find out about God, two teenage boys turned up at the front door of a church and started talking to two curates. That day, both of these young men were led to the Lord! They have since come to church almost early every week, attending on Sunday evenings and joining a mid-week Bible Study.

Alongside these stories, the Bible Society have recently produced a report called '**The Quiet Revival**' (www.biblesociety.org.uk/research/quiet-revival), which supports the anecdotal evidence. It highlights that people in England and Wales are far more open to the gospel now than in the past few decades, and Gen-Z are coming to church in greater numbers than ever before!

📖 37% of 18 to 24-year-olds say they are curious to discover more about the Bible

👥 Church attendance in parents of under-18s has risen from 7% in 2018 to 13% in 2024

✝ Regular church attendance in 18 to 24 year-olds has risen from 4% in 2018 to 16% in 2024

To find out more visit:

<https://content.scriptureunion.org.uk>

80 YEARS OF VE DAY: CONCERT OF CELEBRATION AND REMEMBRANCE

3rd May, 7.30pm

All Saints Church, Falmouth, TR11 3PN



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HEALING CLINIC

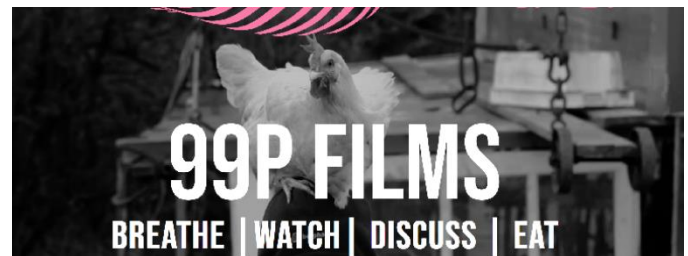
3rd May/monthly, 10.30am – 1pm

Penryn Town Hall or Temperance Hall

Healing prayer for any sickness, physical or emotional pain. Here is a list of future dates:

- 03/05/2025 Town Hall
- 07/06/2025 Temperance Hall
- 05/07/2025 Town Hall
- 020/8/2025 Temperance Hall
- 06/09/2025 Town Hall
- 04/10/2025 Town Hall
- 01/11/2025 Town Hall
- 06/12/2025 Temperance Hall

www.ctcinfohub.org/events/250503-healing-clinic-3-may-monthly-penryn/



THE FORGOTTEN TEMPERATE RAINFOREST – A SOCIAL CINEMA EXPERIENCE

4th May 2025, 4.30pm – 8pm

Old Cattle Market, Porthleven Rd, Helston TR13 0SR

An evening of short films showcasing the unique temperate rainforests of Devon and Cornwall and the stories that connect us to it. Including an audience led discussion and communal feast!

www.ctcinfohub.org/events/250324-the-forgotten-temperate-rainforest-a-social-cinema-experience-24-mar-plymouth-6-apr-falmouth-4-may-helston/



REMEMBER OUR CHILD

4th May, 2pm – 3.30pm

Truro Cathedral, St Mary's St, Truro TR1 2AF

Every year, Truro Cathedral welcomes parents, carers, family members and friends to the 'Remember our Child Service.' This important annual service offers an opportunity for anyone affected by the loss of children of all ages with those who also know that pain. All are welcome, those of faith, those of different faiths and anyone simply looking for support.

www.ctcinfohub.org/events/250504-remember-our-child-4-may-truro/



MEET THE FUNDERS

6th May, 9.15am – 3.15pm

St Erme Community Centre, Castle Field, Trispen, Truro, TR4 9BD

Register now for our Meet the Funders Spring Event! We are thrilled to invite you to our 13th annual spring event, Meet the Funders. This event is a must-attend for anyone in Cornwall looking to gain insight on how to secure funding from both national and local funders for new initiatives and capital projects.

www.ctcinfohub.org/events/250506-meet-the-funders-2025-6-may-st-erme/



CHORAL EVENSONG IN COMMEMORATION OF VE DAY

8th May, 5.30pm – 6.30pm

Truro Cathedral, St Mary's St, Truro TR1 2AF

Truro will be hosting a series of events for the 80th Anniversary of VE Day. This historic occasion will commemorate and celebrate the end of the World War 2 in Europe, 80 years ago. This includes a proclamation at the cathedral steps of High Cross, and the lighting of the Beacon on High Cross in the evening with a spoken tribute and singing.

A special Choral Evensong in Commemoration of VE Day will also be held in the cathedral, sung by Truro Cathedral Choir on the feast of St Michael Protector of Cornwall. Music will include:

- Dyson in D

- Psalm 46
- Lord, thou hast been our refuge – Vaughan Williams.

All are welcome to this special service.

Please note this is an in-person only service and will not be live-streamed.

www.ctcinfohub.org/events/250508-choral-evensong-in-commemoration-of-ve-day-8-may-truro/



REVIVAL: HEALING AND GLORY ENCOUNTER EVENINGS

8th – 10th May, 7.30pm

Highway Church, The Old School, Church Road, Penryn, TR10 8D

- Come and Experience the Healing Power of God!
- Bring Those Needing Healing!
- Come For a Fresh Outpouring of the Holy Spirit!
- Come for Prophetic Ministry
- Come for Those Wanting Freedom!

Doxa Encounters Ministries are travelling the UK holding a series of nightly revival, healing and glory events.

This event is an opportunity for Christians, churches and even non-Christians from across Cornwall to come and have a fresh encounter with the Holy Spirit and pray for those needing healing.

www.ctcinfohub.org/events/250508-revival-healing-and-glory-encounter-nights-8-10-may-falmouth/



Budock Church, 1 Church Town, Budock Water, Falmouth TR11 5BZ

www.ctcinfohub.org/events/250511-wild-church-11-may-budock/

HEALTH AND WELLBEING TRAINING DAY FOR VOLUNTEERS

By Cornwall Council Public Health

12th May, 9.30am – 4pm

Penventon Park Hotel, West End, Redruth, TR15 1TE

Join us for an inspiring day of interactive workshops dedicated to promoting health and wellbeing. This event is designed to help you support the people in your volunteering role and make a positive impact in your community.

www.eventbrite.com/e/health-and-wellbeing-training-day-for-volunteers-tickets-1280596301009/

EPIPHANY HOUSE

CONSIDER THE BIRDS OF THE AIR – Letting The Lord Speak Through Creation with Fr Gilmour McDermott

16th May, Epiphany House, Truro TR1 3DR



Epiphany House quiet days are an opportunity for prayer, reflection, and silence, fostering deeper connection with God.

Our May quiet day is titled Consider the Birds of the Air – Letting the Lord Speak Through Creation. This quiet day offers an opportunity to step back from the demands of daily life and spend time in prayerful reflection amidst the tranquil surroundings of Epiphany House. Through talks, personal reflection, and time in the natural environment, we will explore how the Lord speaks to us through his creation.

www.ctcinfohub.org/events/250416-consider-the-birds-of-the-air-letting-the-lord-speak-through-creation-with-fr-gilmour-mcdermott-16-may-truro/



MEDITATION ON THE SEVEN LAST WORDS – Pilgrim Cello performance by Kenneth Wilson

17th June, 1pm-2pm

Truro Cathedral, St Mary's St, Truro TR1 2AF

Pilgrim Cello 2025 is a 2,000 mile pilgrimage around the 42 English cathedrals, by bicycle, performing a Meditation on the Seven Last Words of Jesus. The Meditation consists of reflective poems interleaved with movements from the Bach Suites for Solo Cello. The pilgrimage will begin in Newcastle on 19 May 2025, and conclude in Carlisle seven weeks later.

As part of his Pilgrim Cello, Kenneth Wilson will offer a performance of his Meditation on the Seven Last Words of Jesus, incorporating poetry, music from the Bach Cello Suites, and meditative artworks.

All are welcome to attend and there is no charge for entry.

Find out more about Kenneth's journey on his website: www.kennethwilsoncello.com

www.ctcinfohub.org/events/250617-meditation-on-the-seven-last-words-pilgrim-cello-performance-by-kenneth-wilson-17-jun-truro/



Dear Friends,

We hope this message finds you well. As always, we deeply appreciate your unwavering support for our community.

Sadly we continue to see a steady increase in people needing emergency food parcels.

Challenging Times: Due to the economic situation, we have a lot more clients, many of whom are working and still finding it hard to make ends meet and at the same time we are not receiving as many food donations as we did in recent times.

Our Response: To address this urgent need, we have had to purchase essential items ourselves. While this is unprecedented for us, it is not a sustainable solution. We rely on the generosity of our community to keep our food bank operational, therefore we would ask that you can spread the word on our behalf, which we would really appreciate.

How You Can Help: Every small contribution makes a significant difference. If you can spare a little extra, it will go a long way in supporting those who rely on our service. **We are extremely short of the following supplies at the moment:**

- Long life Semi Skimmed Milk
- Tinned Rice Pudding
- Tinned Tuna
- Tinned Carrots
- Tinned Meat and Veg Soups
- Tinned Sweetcorn
- Tinned Spaghetti
- Tinned Potatoes
- Shower Gel
- Toilet Roll
- Shampoo

Local Drop-Off Points for donations:

- Penryn & Falmouth Foodbank (Mons: 11am-1pm and Thurs: 1pm-4pm)
- Asda (In-Store Purchases Only)
- Tesco Metro (In-Store Purchases Only)
- Natural Store
- Co-op, Boslowick
- Poundland

Online Shopping: For those who prefer online shopping or are able to contribute a little more, we can also accept food deliveries directly. If you place an order please do notify us, that way we

can ensure we have volunteers on hand to accept the delivery at **Penryn & Falmouth Foodbank**:

- Mondays: 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM
- Thursdays: 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Our address: **Highway Community Centre, Church Road, Penryn TR10 8DA**

Please select a delivery during these hours only and let us know if an order is placed to ensure we are in to accept the delivery.

Financial Donations: Visit our website at Penryn and Falmouth Foodbank to make a secure online donation.

Spread the Word: Share our mission with friends and family. Every voice counts! Your kindness and compassion make a real impact in the lives of our clients. Thank you for being part of our community's support network.

Penryn & Falmouth Foodbank – Project Coordinator

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