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SUE MILLS 1946-2024



We are very sorry to announce that Sue Mills, well known in Falmouth & Penryn Churches Together and across the county for her ecumenical work in Churches Together and the World Day of Prayer, died peacefully at home on 15 October following a short illness.

Before moving to Cornwall, Sue was for many years Secretary of Churches Together in Kidlington (just north of Oxford) and also for a few years Churches Together in Oxfordshire. Her commitment to ecumenism dated back to the 'Swanwick Declaration' of 1987 which marked the transition from a Council of Churches model of working to the Churches Together model, and as a Methodist married to an Anglican (Roger) and working for the Baptists (as librarian of Regent's Park College, Oxford, home of the world famous Angus Library and Archive housing the leading collection of Baptist history

and heritage worldwide) she lived out that commitment in daily life.

On moving to Roger's native Cornwall in 2012 following retirement, both Sue and Roger were soon drawn in to local ecumenism in Falmouth, serving as joint secretaries of Falmouth & Penryn Churches Together, and Sue also served in the Care Home Ministry, playing the piano and occasionally leading services; and was a committed member of the FPCT Justice & Peace Action Group. For the past decade she was also Branch Secretary for the World Day of Prayer, always very close to her heart as a service celebrated on the same day across the entire globe.

Sue's funeral was held on Friday 1 November at Budock – the order of service, tributes, music and photographs can be found on <https://susan-jane-mills.muchloved.com> and www.ctcinfohub.org/sue-mills-1946-2024.

I would like to say thank you to Roger for all that he and Sue have meant to us at FPCT over many years.

Words cannot express enough the gratitude that we feel for how they have worked so diligently and faithfully over many years on behalf of FPCT and the quest for Christian unity in this area. "Well done good and faithful servants".

*Every Blessing,
Ali Durkin*



CHRISTMAS SERVICES

To all FPCT Churches:

Dear friends,

Please can you arrange for details of your Christmas services to be sent to us at fpctcontact@gmail.com as soon as possible to be included in the FPCT Christmas card.

Many thanks



FEET ON THE STREET FALMOUTH UPDATE!

Feet on the Street were represented at the University's Wellbeing Fair on the Penryn Campus to show the students who we are and encouraging volunteer applicants. We having been out and about on the streets of Falmouth for almost two months now and have had an overwhelmingly positive response from our community!

People listened to, potential fights dissipated, drunk and sick people helped, vulnerable people cared for... happy people, angry people, sad people and lost souls - all God's children.

Quality conversations and lots of prayer plus much glass cleared from the ground and regular

appreciation shown to us from the door staff and the community at large.

Our volunteers have all enjoyed their 'once a month' shifts and would love for you to join them, we have tea breaks in Fairwinds and it's a lovely way to meet people from other churches. We have early and late shift options available. Come out as an observer if you're not sure – either way get in touch with us via our website – www.feetonthestreetfalmouth.org.



CHRISTIANS AGAINST POVERTY

It comes as no surprise that, as Christians, we love Christmas! However, winter can be really challenging for families living in poverty. Together with local churches, CAP provides free debt advice and money coaching and job skills services, alongside emergency aid to households struggling to heat their homes and afford food. More than ever, the values of Christmas – like kindness, being a cheerful giver, and spreading hope and joy in our communities around the Penryn and Falmouth areas – are so important. There are different ways, we can be a light to others in need.

At the Anglican Deanery of Carnmarth South practical help is being provided to those struggling financially by preparing Christmas Hampers to all local CAP clients this year. Such a gesture eases the loneliness and despair that those grappling with debt may be feeling, and sends a message of hope and goodwill this Christmas.

You can support our continuous work at Falmouth and Penryn CAP debt help centre in 3 different ways:

1. Donation to CAP
St.BudockPCC
40-21-02
71349570 (HSBC)
Ref. CAP gift
2. In supporting one of our clients through ACTS435
<https://www.acts435.org.uk/R56977/>
3. Encouraging someone you know who is struggling financially to get in touch with CAP – visiting people locally, CAP offers a range of practical and emotional help to ease financial pressure. In partnership with CAP, the Anglican Deanery of Carnmarth South provides free debt help in the Falmouth, Penryn and surrounding areas.

In times of financial hardship for so many families and individuals – please, **help to spread the free service that is available to all!**

If you're worried about debt and financial difficulty, visit capuk.org/help to see what free services are available in your area or contact CAP free on **0800 328 0006**. There's also information and support at moneyhelper.org.uk or you can contact me, *Franziska*, your local debt help coach on *07852547907* for informal advice.



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 services. Here is a list of the non-perishable food items in high demand. **We have included items to make up Christmas hampers to bring some good cheer to the families that will be using our services over the festive season.**

- Paxo Stuffing
- Jelly
- Tinned Ham/Meat Meals
- Tinned Vegetables
- Cranberry Sauce
- Christmas Pudding/Mince Pies
- Tinned/ Packets Custard
- Tinned Cream
- Tinned Fruit
- Trifle Packs
- Christmas Cake /Chocolate Log
- Boxes/Tins of Chocolate
- Christmas Biscuit Tins
- Savoury Christmas
- Crackers/Snacks/Nuts
- Small bottles of Squash
- Tinned Tomatoes
- Sweets and Chocolates
- Shampoo
- Shower Gel
- Ladies and Men's Deodorant
- Wet Dog Food
- Wet Cat Food

Please could you drop off any Christmas Provisions by Monday 2nd December.

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
- Budock Church

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.

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