



**Churches Together**  
in Cornwall

**MAY 2011**



**It's your 'Tent'  
– please  
support it.  
We need your  
help.**

**Start of show service  
Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June  
at 6pm**

**The Churches Tent at the Royal Cornwall Show, belongs to all the Cornish churches and worshipping communities who are affiliated to Churches Together.**

Open throughout the Show, 10<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> June, the 'Tent' is financed through a generous grant from CTC, together with the donations from those who enjoy the tea, coffee and soft drinks - and the chance for a sit-down! - offered to all Show visitors. The total cost to include the site fees - marquee, water, electricity – together with transportation of equipment, publicity, is approx £5,500.

The volunteer committee come from the full range of denominations, Chaired by Revd Roger Greene, Methodist Rural Life Officer. It has planning meetings four or five times a year, meeting at Lanivet near Bodmin – a reasonably central meeting place when committee members come from St Just and Porthleven in the west and Saltash in the east, with all points in between!

The 'Tent' this year is taking the 'Biblefresh' theme, celebrating the 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Publication of the King James Bible.

Throughout the Show, 10.00am - 4.00pm, groups are invited to take a 15min slot to tell a Bible story in their own fashion – from drama to rap. For more information and to offer to take up this opportunity please contact Shelley Porter – 01872 274351 / [shelley.porter@truro.anglican.org](mailto:shelley.porter@truro.anglican.org)

**CHAIRMAN – BISHOP TIM THORNTON  
VICE CHAIRMAN – REVEREND STEVE WILD  
CTC MISSIONER – DAVID H SMITH  
TREASURER – MIKE CULLEN**

Charity No 1053899

As usual, the 'Tent' will host a Fair Trade stall and a Christian bookstall. A team of chaplains are on duty throughout, both in the 'Tent' and visiting the exhibitors; prayers are said every hour. Children's activities will be in full swing.

Offers of non-stop drinks are an essential part of the way hospitality and care are shown to Show visitors. Without the help of a large number of people who offer their assistance on one of the half-day teams, this service – in the very real sense of the word – would not be possible. Lis Davey is always looking for new helpers and this year is again appealing for offers of assistance. Please telephone her on 01726 883046 as it may well be possible to provide an entrance ticket for the Show for those that wish to register as volunteers.

What other help is needed? It takes two days – the Tuesday and Wednesday of Show Week – to set up the Tent. The furnishings have to be collected from their various storage points, all cleaned thoroughly and then arranged, and the 'Tent' decorated. On the Saturday evening comes the reverse process. If you can help, please contact Paul Euden, Site manager – [peuden@btinternet.com](mailto:peuden@btinternet.com)

Then, Wednesday evening comes the Start of Show Service at 6.00pm, organised in conjunction with RCAA, in the Main Arena. This event has grown in attendance and significance in recent years. If you can attend your presence will be appreciated.

This service is important in signifying to the Cornish agricultural industry the support and appreciation Cornish Christians wish to demonstrate. Afterwards there is a Pasty Reception (with Bishop's beer!) in the 'Tent'. A word of warning: do allow plenty of time to park your car!

If you are unable to help with the above, but if you can attend the Show, do at least visit the 'Tent'. You will be made very welcome.

For further information contact Estelle Kitts, Secretary – [grahamkitts@talktalk.net](mailto:grahamkitts@talktalk.net) – or Christine Todd, Publicity – 01208 816043 / [christine@mjcmtodd.plus.com](mailto:christine@mjcmtodd.plus.com)

Reverend Roger Greene, Chairman of the Planning Group, would like to increase the chaplaincy to four per hourly session (one for the wedding tent) doing three to four hours per session. If you are available and have the appropriate skills, please contact Roger Tel: 01736 788506 [revrogergreene@aol.com](mailto:revrogergreene@aol.com)

## CHURCHES TOGETHER IN ILLOGAN

In response to the John Keast memo re RE and Academy Schools, CTI Illogan have asked me to write and say that Pool School (11-16) are applying for Academy status but have no plans to lower the status of RE, on the contrary it is seen as being central - although they are not in any way a Faith School.

We have some good contacts at Redruth School (11-18) and a number of local Primary/Junior Schools and we have not picked up any negative vibrations re this issue. Of course things change and we will keep our ears close to the ground.

You may like to know that we have been invited by the Head of Illogan Junior School to become involved in the "Open The Book" project by supplying a team of readers from CTII to come in and read Bible Stories. This may become a story for a future Newsletter - although other CT and Schools may beat us to the punch.

Best wishes  
Peter Sincock  
CTI Illogan (Secretary)



### **Cornwall Historic Churches Trust**

The Annual Event Day or Ride and Stride provides essential funds for local Churches and Chapels as well as for the Cornwall Historic Churches Trust. Funding is important to enable the Trust to maintain grants for essential repairs as costs continue to rise.

Event Day 2011 will be held on Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> September 2011 but preparations need to begin much earlier. Murray Gowan, the County Organiser, urgently needs Area Friends in order to maintain contact with local Churches and Chapels and ultimately to distribute Sponsor Forms, Registers and Notices to them.

Area Friends are needed in the following Areas :-

Launceston  
Saltash/St. Germans  
Wadebridge  
Roseland/Tregony  
Lizard/Helston  
Penzance.

**If anyone can help will they please make contact with Murray on telephone no: 01726 813116, by e-mail at [murros@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:murros@hotmail.co.uk) or via the Trust's web site [www.chct.info](http://www.chct.info)**

## **COURSES AVAILABLE AT EPIPHANY HOUSE**

### **QUIET DAY**

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May** 10.30 am – 4.00 pm  
"Sacred in Ordinary" a day of reflection and rest for busy mothers

Led by The Revd Bridget Macaulay  
Cost £10.

Please bring a packed lunch. Drinks will be provided.

### **QUIET DAY**

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June** 10.30 am – 4.00 pm  
"God the Divine midwife"

Led by Angela Brown  
Cost £10.

Please bring a packed lunch. Drinks will be provided.

### **QUIET DAY**

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July** 10.30 am – 4.00 pm  
Reflecting on and through music

Led by the Revd Canon Perran Gay  
Cost £10.

Please bring a packed lunch. Drinks will be provided.

### **QUIET DAY**

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September** 10.30 am – 4.00 pm  
"A Theology of Fiction: a novel way into the mystery of God"

Led by Fr. Mark Skelton  
Cost £10.

Please bring a packed lunch. Drinks will be provided.  
You are welcome to join us for the House Eucharist at 10 am on each occasion

To book a place please call Epiphany House (01872 272249)  
Or email [epiphanyhouse@keme.co.uk](mailto:epiphanyhouse@keme.co.uk)  
[www.epiphanyhouse.co.uk](http://www.epiphanyhouse.co.uk)



It may be helpful for those who know little or nothing about the Orthodox Church to consider buying a copy of "Encountering the Mystery - Understanding Orthodox Christianity Today" by His All Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew of Constantinople. ISBN 978-0-385-51813-0. HB £12.99.

This is of course one among many books, together with DVDs, CDs, etc., on Orthodoxy but I think most would find this one very readable without complex theological discourses. We have copies on our bookstall.

Perhaps a note to this effect could be in the next Newsletter, together with our website for contacts etc., [www.orthodoxincornwall.org.uk](http://www.orthodoxincornwall.org.uk).

Fr Nikitas Lantsbery

## **Healing On The Streets (HOTS) of Truro**

The training will take place on 27th & 28th May, with the team going onto the street on the afternoon of 28th May. Thereafter, the intention is to be on the street for a couple of hours every week (as long as we have enough people).

The activity involves erecting a flag/banner in a prominent (but safe) position in a public place (permissions having already been received) which advertises that healing is available there. We then place a row of (four or five) chairs a little distance apart. There is a short time of prayer, after which we engage people, who come to ask, in conversation and offer them prayer. The aim is not to take prayer requests, but to pray in public, then and there.

Usually, a group of people gathers to watch what is happening and this gives the opportunity to offer prayer to more people.

It is not confrontational in any way, so there is no chance of aggressive behaviour. We have discussed it with the police and they are perfectly happy with it.

I hope that this gives the information you require.

Regards, Rob Graham  
**Chair of Churches Together in Truro**

### **CHURCHES TOGETHER IN ST AUSTELL**

The activities that CTSA are planning over the next few months include:-

- Publication and house-to-house distribution of a free newspaper by volunteers – Hope for St Austell, twice a year
- Walk of Witness on Good Friday
- Christian Aid events – Quiz, services but not street collections
- Informal Harvest festival service in town centre
- Great Big Christmas Sing (huge carol singing event)
- Alongside the usual meetings of the Executive, United Services and the AGM.



You are invited to gather at Penmouth, Truro TR4 9AA, for Dor Kemmyn's Summer Festival on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May from noon to 3pm. Join us to help celebrate finding a site for the interfaith prayer space and to bless the project with the prayers and everyone's presence. Free activities for all the family.

For more information from Rita Stephen - Interfaith Development Worker – 01872 274351.



**THIS NEWLY FUNDED TRUST IS NOW AVAILABLE TO FUND SMALL ORGANISATIONS WHICH CONCENTRATE ON THE PREVENTION AND RELIEF OF POVERTY, SOCIAL EXCLUSION AND HOMELESSNESS IN CORNWALL**

Requests for funding are asked for in writing, on the Trust's application form, which may be downloaded from the web-site. A short covering letter and a copy of the organisation's report and accounts are also helpful.

Amounts donated in the past have varied from a few hundred pounds to sums running into thousands of pounds.

### **CONTACT**

The Rosemullion Trust  
PO Box 304  
Falmouth  
Cornwall  
TR11 9BB

Trustees:-  
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Barbara Brooke-Smith  
Janet Jones  
Dr Alan Stanhope  
Rev Andrew Yates

Email – [info@rosemulliontrust.org.uk](mailto:info@rosemulliontrust.org.uk)

Further information and application forms available from the website [www.rosemulliontrust.org.uk](http://www.rosemulliontrust.org.uk)

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### **Philippi Trust**

is a Christian counselling and training agency with a branch in Cornwall.

[www.philippi.co.uk](http://www.philippi.co.uk) e-mail [polly4philippi@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:polly4philippi@yahoo.co.uk)

The course offered is an Introduction to Counselling course which is accredited by the National Open College Network (NOCN) and by the Association of Christian Counsellors (ACC).

It is to be run over three weekends:

6th May 6.00pm-10.00pm & 7th May 9.00am -6.00pm  
24th June 6.00pm-10.00pm & 25th June 9.00am-6.00pm  
8th July 6.00pm-10.00pm & 9th July 9.00am-6.00pm

**Venue: Holy Trinity Church Hall, Trevarthian Road, St. Austell PL25 4BH**

**This is a foundation course in counselling to test whether being a counsellor is for you.**

**If you are interested, e-mail [polly4philippi@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:polly4philippi@yahoo.co.uk) for an application form.**

# CHURCHES TOGETHER – EXCITING POSSIBILITIES

## FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

### Human Rights Observers

*Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme in Palestine & Israel (EAPPI) provides protection by presence, monitors human rights abuses, supports Israeli and Palestinian peace activists and advocates for an end to the occupation.*

Known as Ecumenical Accompaniers

Based in the West Bank and Israel in 2012

18 vacancies for 3 months' service

2 vacancies for 4.5 months' service

**living allowance + benefits**

Deadline for applications: 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2011

For more information and to download an application pack please check our website:

[www.quaker.org.uk/applyeappi](http://www.quaker.org.uk/applyeappi).

*(Please note that we will not be sending hard copies of the application pack).*



### AN EASTER PRAYER

Lord,  
the resurrection of Your Son  
has given us new life and renewed hope.  
Help us to live as new people  
in pursuit of the Christian ideal.

Grant us wisdom to know what we must do,  
the will to want to do it,  
the courage to undertake it,  
the perseverance to continue to do it,  
and the strength to complete it.

Amen

### SurviveAlive

### Youthworks



**Do you live in West Cornwall?**

**Are you aged between 11 and 17?**

Have you heard about SurviveAlive Youthworks?

SurviveAlive Youthworks **have** been operating Christian activity camps in the South West since 1997.

Camps are organised and run by skilled people from a number of different churches working together.

People like Derek Thomas, Bob Senior & Matt Noble. The aim of the Summer Camp is to promote the life, energy and values of the Christian faith, stimulating body, mind and soul.

Camp dates for 2011 are Monday 8<sup>th</sup> August to Friday 12<sup>th</sup> August for school year 7, 8 & 9, and Monday 15<sup>th</sup> August to Friday 19<sup>th</sup> August for school year 10, 11 & 12.

### **What can you expect?**

Wild outdoor activities, lively Christian worship and teaching, action packed daily programme, and plenty of good food, sleeping under canvas.

For more information contact Bob Senior 01736 363052 or

log on @ [www.survivealivelyouthworks.co.uk](http://www.survivealivelyouthworks.co.uk).  
Booking forms for this year's camp will be out shortly.



Families for Children Adoption Agency is urgently seeking new adoptive families from across Cornwall. Last year of the 40 children we placed with new adoptive families throughout the Southwest we only placed 4 with families in Cornwall – and when considering there are 4,000 children in the UK currently waiting for adoption this is a tiny amount.

We are now holding a number of information events throughout Cornwall in the hope that anyone who has ever considered adoption will come and talk with us and others that have adopted through us to learn about the process, its challenges and by far the great rewards of adopting. The children we place are often vulnerable and have experienced extreme trauma in their early life in the form of both physical and emotional abuse from their birth families. The children are mostly over the age of 5, can be of dual heritage or be in sibling groups, some of the children may also have severe disabilities. We are looking for families from all ethnic and cultural backgrounds, you don't have to be young, you don't have to be married or have had children already you just need to be able to offer a secure and loving home for life.

For further information call us today on 01364 645480  
[www.familiesforchildren.org.uk](http://www.familiesforchildren.org.uk)

'Survive Alive'. This is a home grown summer camp for children and young people, organised by Christians in the South West from many different churches working together, and run by Christians in the South West, with speakers from the South West.

### **COURSES AVAILABLE AT EPIPHANY HOUSE**

CORNWALL SPIRITUAL ACCOMPANIMENT NETWORK  
 Invite you to an introduction to  
**SOULSPARK**

led by ANGELA BROWN and BRIDGET MACAULAY  
 Soul Spark is a course being used increasingly as a means of helping people develop a more reflective and discerning approach to spirituality and life and broaden their experience of prayer.

Details for contacting the County Ecumenical Missioner  
 David H Smith  
 Chyreene Warra  
 Rosehill  
 Marazion  
 TR17 0HB

(H) 01736 719432  
 (M) 07979856456  
 Email: [ses.dhs@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:ses.dhs@hotmail.co.uk)

## **WE ARE CALLING 1000+ CHRISTIANS TO COME TOGETHER**



You are warmly invited to the Churches Together in Cornwall Ecumenical Service to be held at Gwennap Pit, Near Redruth on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2011 starting at 3pm.

**The preacher will be – Bishop of Truro,  
 Right Reverend Tim Thornton**

### **ALSO AT THE SERVICE THERE WILL BE:-**

**Display from Bible Fresh of ancient Bibles**

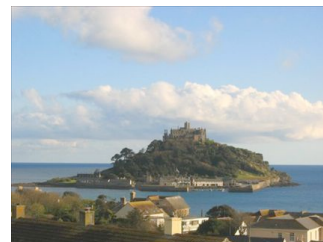
**Two choirs - White River Gospel Choir and  
 The Rainbows - (which is a junior choir).**

There will be signs to car parking areas - there will be 4 minibuses transporting participants continuously to the site from the car parks – and back again after the service.

If it rains it rains - the event will continue so if the day is likely to be damp please dress accordingly and bring an umbrella.

**Will you make the effort to attend?  
 We would love for you to come and join us.**

### **ORTHODOX VESPERS ON THE MOUNT**



You are warmly invited to observe Orthodox Vespers on Saturday July 2nd in the chapel on St. Michael's Mount - You may be aware that the Mount is in fact closed to the public on Saturdays. In our calendar the Sunday commemoration includes all the Saints of Britain so it is an apt time for us to be there.

We HOPE to process across the causeway at 2.30pm  
 Vespers 3.15pm Tea 4.15pm boats to mainland 5.30pm  
 all with kind permission of James and Mary St.Aubyn and the National Trust.

**This open invitation is extended to you all.**