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The agreement signed by President Donald Trump of the United States and Chairman Kim Jong-un of North Korea on Tuesday, committing North Korea to denuclearisation, has been widely welcomed.

At a summit in Singapore, President Trump also agreed to suspend US military exercises with South Korea, ending what he called “provocative war games”.

The leaders agreed to work towards “peace and prosperity”; formally end the Korean war; work towards denuclearisation of the Korean peninsula; and repatriate the remains of soldiers from the Korean war.

They also invited each other to visit their respective capitals: President Trump agreed to visit Pyongyang “at a convenient time”.

President Moon, of South Korea, called the meeting the “summit of the century”, but said that his government would need clarification on the pledge to end military exercises.

After the talks, the general secretary of the World Council of Churches, the Revd Dr Olav Fykse Tveit, spoke of the agreement as “an important first step on the path to a more peaceful and secure future in the region”. He said: “As the joint statement signed by both leaders acknowledges, the detailed and difficult work of translating these mutual affirmations into action is now just beginning.

“We call upon the leaders of both nations to remain committed to the path of dialogue for peace, and to resist impulses to revert to the confrontational rhetoric of the past.”

He continued: “We pray that the commitment to denuclearisation of the Korean Peninsula will give impetus to global nuclear disarmament efforts without which freedom from this existential threat can never be secured.”

An international charity that supports persecuted Christians, Open Doors, estimated that between 50,000 and 70,000 Christians are imprisoned in North Korea for their beliefs.

President Trump said that he had discussed human rights with Chairman Kim, but there was no commitment in the agreement on this. He admitted that the issue was “discussed relatively briefly” in comparison with denuclearisation.

The Asia Pacific advocacy manager at Amnesty International USA, Francisco Bencosme, said on Tuesday: “There are no ‘great winners’ when North Korea continues to commit systemic, widespread, and grave violations of human rights, some of which may amount to crimes against humanity.

“It must close its prison camps, where up to 120,000 people continue to be held; protect freedom of expression; and reunite families separated through displacement during the war, forced disappearances, or abductions.”

The Pope’s ambassador to Korea, Archbishop Alfred Xuereb, said that the talks were “truly historic” and “very important”. He told Vatican News: “It marks the beginning of a still long and arduous journey, but we are hopeful because the start has been very positive, very good.”

The Roman Catholic Archbishop Kim Hee-Jung of Gwangju, in South Korea, called the summit “a surprise and a joy”. “Peace is never attained once and for all, but must be built up ceaselessly,” he said. The RC Church in Korea has also proposed a novena from 17 to 25 June to pray for “peace, reconciliation, and unity” on the Korean peninsula.

The secretary-general of the UN, António Guterres, said that it was “an important milestone in the advancement of sustainable peace and the complete and verifiable denuclearisation on the Korean Peninsula”. In a statement released on Tuesday, Mr Guterres urged both sides “to seize this momentous opportunity”.

In April, North and South Korea made a commitment to “lasting peace”. It was cautiously welcomed by church groups.

“Landevenec Discovery Day”

The next “Landevenec Discovery Day” will take place on Wednesday 17th October at Sclerder Abbey, Looe, Cornwall, PL13 2LD commencing at 11am – 3pm. £10 including lite lunch.

Book your place via email to David at ses.dhs@hotmail.co.uk

‘PURE MICHAEL’

The sermon that stole the show’ Bishop Michael Curry’s address at the royal wedding may be numbered among history’s great sermons “because of who he is, what he said, where he said it and how he said it See at <https://youtu.be/sLoGzo945S0>



New Methodist National Ecumenical Officer

is CTE Forum Moderator. Ruth Gee has been appointed Methodist National Ecumenical Officer (NEO). She takes over on 1 September 2018 from Neil Stubbens who leaves the post on 1 August to move back into pastoral ministry.

Ruth has been Chair of the Darlington District of the Methodist Church since 2008. She was President of the Methodist Conference in 2013-2014 and is the Moderator of Churches Together in England's 2018 Forum. She brings a wealth of experience and expertise to her new role.



Elim appoints Olivia Amartey (former senior leader in the NHS and Deputy Chief Officer, Operations, Sandwell and West Birmingham Clinical Commissioning Group) as their New Executive Director.

Olivia, who is an ordained Elim Minister with extensive senior leadership experience in the NHS, the Anglican Church and Third and voluntary sectors.

On her appointment she said "This role demonstrates that there are other equally and vitally important ways to serve the body of Christ other than in pastoral ministry. As a Movement we need the right policies and procedures in place to underpin our mission. Further, we need to deploy sound business practices that empower us to fulfil the mandate to progress the Kingdom of God". Olivia takes up her new role in July.

The Chemin Neuf Community UK presents

Sclerder Family Festival

This year's theme:
I am because I belong
(UBUNTU, motto of Nelson Mandela)

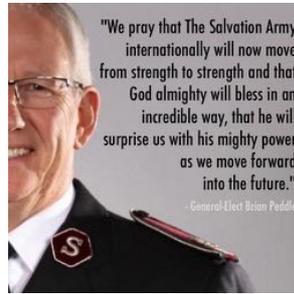
A summer festival on the beautiful Cornish coast in the grounds of our historic Sclerder Abbey

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18th August 11am - 8pm

Sclerder Abbey
Looe, Cornwall
PL13 2JD

An Ecumenical Event for all ages



The Salvation Army have elected a new International Leader.

At a recent meeting of The Salvation Army's High Council (whose sole purpose is to prayerfully elect their next international leader), Commissioner Brian Peddle was elected to that position.

Brian Peddle is a Canadian, with experience of serving in pastoral, ministerial training and administrative roles in Canada, New Zealand and the United Kingdom. At present he is the 'second in command' of the denomination. The General-Elect will assume his new responsibility when General Cox retires at midnight 2nd August 2018,

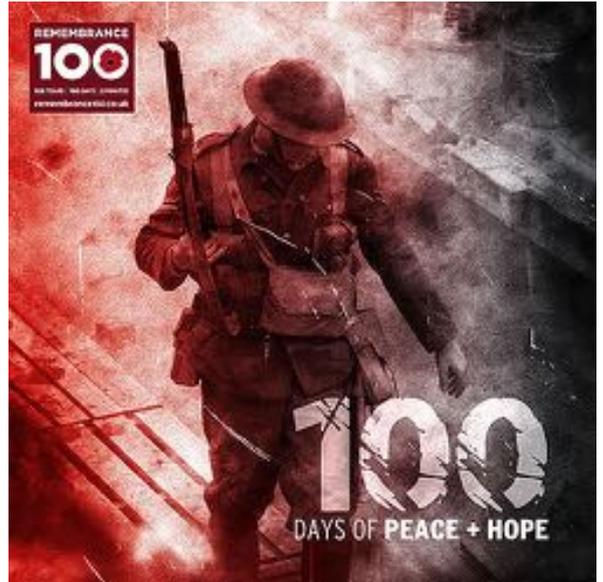
HOPE 2018 calendar

Plan your year of mission to make Jesus known in a rhythm of mission through the year. Six months still to go. Have a look and see what's happening

https://issuu.com/hopetogether/docs/hope-2018-brochure_web2

HOPE and HOPE's partners have prepared resources to help churches to mark the centenary of World War 1 at the heart of local communities.

Visit www.hopetogether.org.uk/christmas to see how churches used a Silent Night Carols event to mark the centenary of the 1914 Christmas Truce.



This year, 4 August 2018 will be the first day of **100 days of prayer** across the country and Commonwealth, running until Armistice Day, Sunday 11th November, called Remembrance100.

HOPE Together is collating a book of 100 prayers and actions for peace with contributors from across the spectrum of denominations and ministries.

They are also publishing a pocket-sized book called 'Silence' to give away at Remembrance events.

'Oberammergau Passion Play 2020'

Once again the villagers of Oberammergau in Bavaria perform their world famous Passion Play, a tradition which first started in 1634. The performance involves more than 2,000 villagers, a full orchestra and a vast stage and commemorates Christ's journey into Jerusalem, His death and resurrection.



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The last time the Oberammergau Passion Play was performed in 2010, Tailored Travel took one in every 10 people who travelled from the UK and Ireland. So, as a family owned independent tour operator with over 20 years' experience in putting together tailor made escorted holidays, we understand exactly what's needed to make every aspect of your Oberammergau Passion Play holiday a success.

Our attached Oberammergau Passion Play 2020 brochure features the following fully escorted tours:

- Castles & Lakes of Bavaria – 5 days from £979
- Beautiful Austrian Tyrol – 7 days from £1,239
- Lake Garda, Venice & Verona – 8 days from £1,449
- Austrian Lake District – 7 days from £1,239
- Rhine & Moselle Valleys – 7 days from £1,369
- Hidden Italy & Verona Opera Festival – 8 days from £1,469

The 5 holidays with overnight stays in Oberammergau include Category 2 Passion Play tickets and Category C accommodation (equivalent to 3* hotel or 4* guesthouse) whilst in Oberammergau. All the holidays include a full programme of included excursions and guided tours, return scheduled flights, half board accommodation and the services of a tour manager. (NB Castles & Lakes of Bavaria tour does not include an overnight stay in Oberammergau and includes your choice of Category 1, 2 or 3 Passion Play tickets.)

For individuals or groups

There are no minimum numbers on any of our Passion Play tours so if only you or 1 or 2 of your group want to book, that's fine.

Free places for groups

If you can get together 16 or more of your group to travel, we will give you one free place for every 15 paying for you to spend as you see fit – a free place for you, to raise money for your churches or simply to cover special extras for your group while on the tour.

Tailor made tours for groups

If 25 or more of your group would like to travel together, we can tailor make your Passion Play tour to your exact requirements, exclusively for your group and your group alone. You can choose to do one of the itineraries exactly as it appears in the brochure or change it to suit your group – depart on a more convenient date, fly from your local airport, travel by coach with pick ups from your preferred venues, upgrade the standard of accommodation in Oberammergau or throughout the tour. Or do something completely different - maybe combine your Oberammergau stay with a holiday to beautiful Switzerland or explore Munich's art and culture. We'll still give you one free place for every 15 paying, provide you with free colour marketing to help you promote the tour to your members and handle all invoicing and payments from your members.

Deposit refundable before 31 January 2019

We understand that members of your group may be reluctant to commit now to a tour that doesn't depart until 2020 particularly as they may not be able to obtain insurance that far in advance. So the initial £150 deposit is refundable at any time before 31 January 2019 – see page 2 of the brochure for details.

Contact Us

For more information on any aspect of the Oberammergau Passion Play holidays in the attached brochure, to discuss taking your group on their own exclusive Oberammergau Passion Play or simply for more copies of the brochures, call us on **020 7064 4970**.

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An insight into the work of Churches Together in Cumbria

The vision is remarkable, fruitful and of God



That is the conclusion of Churches Together in England's review of the ecumenical endeavour in Cumbria. Cumbrian ecumenism is the fruit of its history and is based on strong relationships honed in major disasters over the years. The Churches had pulled together in their service of local communities, earning the respect of secular authorities and deepening their desire for Christian unity.

Outstanding ecumenical generosity

The review noted the challenges facing Cumbria including vast geography and tiny numbers. It recognised the size of the diocese of Carlisle compared to the other Churches in Cumbria and suggested that comments about this were the 'sound of the small confronted with the large'. The review paid tribute to the outstanding ecumenical generosity of the diocese of Carlisle which takes seriously the Church of England's charism to serve the whole community and puts huge resources at the service of all. 'Imbalance is a reality', concluded the reviewers, [David Cornick](#) and [Jenny Bond](#), 'work creatively with it! The reality of Anglican strength is a gift for all.'

Is 'Churches Together' dead?

In presenting the review document to the Executive and Church Leaders of Churches Together in Cumbria, and to the annual gathering of Churches Together groups on 24 May 2018, the reviewers said that they had expected to conclude that developments towards an ecumenical County in Cumbria and the formation of mission communities spelled the end of the usefulness of Churches Together structures in Cumbria. This, however, was not so. It had become clear that Churches Together structures were still wanted and needed at both local and county level, providing a level playing field for all Churches and able to scan horizons to expand ecumenical relationships.

In particular, the review noted that although many people were tasked to work ecumenically in Cumbria, only Churches Together in Cumbria uniquely had the task of working towards Christian unity.

Social Responsibility work is the jewel in the crown

The review paid particular tribute to the work of the Social Responsibility Forum in Cumbria, recognising that its work over twenty five years was the key to the enormous respect accorded to Churches Together in Cumbria by secular authorities. It had also facilitated and enabled local Churches Together groups to become proven vehicles for social action together in response both to emergency situations and also to ongoing needs.

Keep walking

The way forward, suggested the review, was a 'mixed economy' of structures, all working in partnership with each other, alongside and overlapping yet not duplicating. Each place would need something different and must be allowed to develop accordingly. In this the role of Churches Together in Cumbria was crucial.

In conclusion the review stressed that kingdom building, which is what was happening in Cumbria, involves challenges and difficulties but is also blessed by God. The Churches in Cumbria were doing all they could, constantly pushing at the boundaries of possibility. 'Trust in God and remain faithful to the vision' urged the reviewers. 'Only God has the map; we make the path by walking.'

God is doing great things here

Sarah Moore, President of Churches Together in Cumbria and Area President of the URC Cumbria Area said: 'This report confirms the fact that rumours of the death of ecumenism are greatly exaggerated!'

Here in Cumbria we are working hard to engage in mission together as we hold together the covenant partnership between the Salvation Army, the United Reformed Church, the Methodist Church and the Church of England outworked in *God for All* and the wider relationship between all of the member churches of Churches Together in Cumbria that is grounded in our long-standing and well respected engagement in Social Responsibility.

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