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## SEPTEMBER 2018

**“MILLIONS ARE MORE ATTRACTED TO A GOD OF LOVE THAN PERHAPS AT ANY TIME IN THE PAST 1,500 YEARS”**

*Dr Terence Ascott, SAT-7 Founder and CEO*

In answer to our prayers over the past three to four years, SAT-7 has been presented with some amazing and unique new opportunities to make the Gospel available to people in the Middle East and North Africa. In this special video, Dr Terence Ascott, SAT-7's founder and CEO, describes these opportunities and shares what you can do to support the ministry.

**WATCH A MESSAGE FROM SAT-7 CEO,  
DR TERENCE ASCOTT**

<https://www.sat7uk.org/pages/incredible-days-of-opportunity/?bblinkid=106357368&bbemailid=9008646&bbejrid=690284403#video>



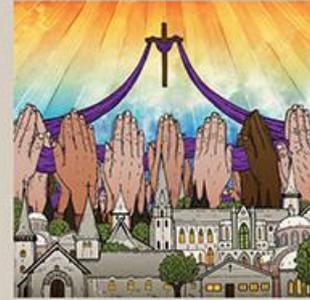
### JUST SOME OF SAT-7'S RECENT ACHIEVEMENTS:

- Broadcast hours have increased by 100% over the past three years
- SAT-7 became the only Christian channel on the Türksat and Yahsat satellites, expanding our Turkish and Farsi speaking audiences overnight
- Amazingly, a [recent survey](#) showed that 1 in 4 viewers of SAT-7 PARS made a decision to follow Jesus after watching the channel
- The launch of [SAT-7 ACADEMY](#) provides complementary educational programmes for Syrians, displaced people, and millions more viewers

**THIS IS A TIME OF INCREDIBLE OPPORTUNITY – BUT  
THERE IS SO MUCH MORE WE CAN DO.**

**Will you [support us financially](#), or commit to [praying for our work](#), to support us at this critical time in our ministry?**

Justice, Only Justice,  
You Shall Pursue



Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2019

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2019 theme has been selected and finds its origins in Deuteronomy. “Justice, Only Justice, You Shall Pursue” (cf. Deuteronomy 16:20) was chosen for its powerful message of promoting truth, equality and unity.

The initial work on the theme for this year's Week of Prayer was prepared by a group of representatives from different parts of Indonesia, including the Communion of Churches in Indonesia and the Indonesian Catholic Bishops' Conference.

The texts were finalized during a meeting of the International Committee of the Faith and Order Commission of the World Council of Churches and the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity.

**Fr. Tom Orians**, SA Associate Director of the Graymoor Ecumenical and Interreligious Institute noted, “Every year, Christians across the world gather in prayer for growth in unity.

We do this in a world where corruption, greed and injustice bring about inequality and division. We are called together to form a united witness for justice and for Christian Unity that becomes a means of Christ's healing grace for the brokenness of the world.

Only by heeding Jesus's prayer “that they all may be one” can we witness to living unity in diversity.”

The Christians of Indonesia found that the words of Deuteronomy, “Justice, and only justice, you shall pursue ...” (cf. Deuteronomy 16:18-20) spoke powerfully to their situation and needs and recognized this common need throughout the world.

The traditional period in the northern hemisphere for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is January 18 to 25.

## “Landevennec Discovery Day”

The next “Landevennec Discovery Day” will take place on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:ses.dhs@hotmail.co.uk)



## CHANGES AT FALMOUTH AND PERYN CHURCHES TOGETHER

### New FPCT Executive elected.

At the 2018 AGM on 3 July, we sadly bid farewell to our outgoing Chair, **Jan Winslade**, Vice-chair **Revd Pat Whittaker** and Executive Member **Mary Bradley**, warmly thanking them for all their support for FPCT over many years. Although no longer serving on the Executive, they will all continue to be active in FPCT activities so it is not goodbye!

Our Secretary, **Rose Lartey**, is also standing down as she will be leaving Falmouth shortly to pursue the next stage in her career, so we are looking for a new Secretary: any suggestions of those who might be interested will be very gratefully received!

We are delighted to welcome our new officers: **Revd Robbie Bowen** (Methodist) as our Chair, **Revd Stephen Tudgey** (Anglican) as Vice-chair, and Executive Members **Revd Amanda Evans** (Anglican) and **Jo Crook** (Highway). They join continuing members **David Arrondelle** (Treasurer, Anglican), **Lesley Chandler** (Quakers), re-elected for a second term of three years, **Jane Charman** (Anglican) and **Euan McPhee** (Methodist).

Executive has created a new position of Public Relations Co-ordinator, in recognition of the growing importance of this role; it will be filled initially by **Roger Mills** (Anglican).

There remain two ministerial and one lay positions vacant on the Executive, which may be filled at next year's AGM or by co-option in the current year, so if anyone is keen to join, please get in touch!

### The Presidents of CTE:

'From August 4<sup>th</sup> 2018 in churches across this country, let us mark 100 days with prayers for peace, hope and reconciliation'.



## 4<sup>th</sup> August and 100 days to 11<sup>th</sup> November.

You may be aware that we at Churches Together in England have been working in partnership with Hope, and you will see a banner on the CTE website of the Presidents core statement, attached with a graphic from Hope. Please distribute this information and visit [www.remembrance100.org.uk](http://www.remembrance100.org.uk) for further resources. More information will be on [www.cte.org.uk](http://www.cte.org.uk) next week and in the August edition of CTE-News.

### News release:

The Presidents of Churches Together in England are joining with Buckingham Palace in recognising the significance of a National Day of Prayer one hundred years ago on 4 August 1918. The National Day of Prayer called that day by King George V, brought the nation together in prayer, asking God to bring peace.

The King and Queen Mary joined members of the Houses of Parliament for a special service in Westminster. Services were also held in churches throughout the country. One hundred days later, the Great War ended.

From 4 August 2018, in churches across this country, let us mark the 100 days to 11 November with prayers for peace, hope and reconciliation as part of Remembrance 100.

For more information contact Catherine Butcher, HOPE's Communications Director, 07850 083414 [Cath.Butcher@hopetogether.org.uk](mailto:Cath.Butcher@hopetogether.org.uk)

All good wishes

**Jim**

Captain Jim Currin, [Church Army](http://Church Army) Evangelisation, Mission, and Media, [Churches Together in England](http://Churches Together in England)



From Penryn to La Vallée des Saints - St Piran is complete and in place!!


**The Methodist Church**  
**DISCIPLESHIP & MINISTRIES**  
 "THY KINGDOM COME" SUMMARY REPORT 2018 FROM  
 A METHODIST CHURCH PERSPECTIVE



'God does nothing but in answer to prayer' (John Wesley)

### INTRODUCTION

*Thy Kingdom Come* calls Christians and churches to spend the period between Ascension and Pentecost praying for the empowering of the Holy Spirit for evangelism and witness ([www.thykingdomcome.global](http://www.thykingdomcome.global)). Originally started within the Church of England, the Methodist Church became a key partner in the initiative in 2018.

This short summary report details some of the ways in which Methodists have engaged with the initiative and suggests the value of *Thy Kingdom Come* within the Methodist Church as well as lessons for engaging with the initiative in the future.

### PROMOTION AND RESOURCES

The promotion of *Thy Kingdom Come* took place through letters to Presbyters, notices at Synod, and short videos ([www.methodist.org.uk/our-faith/prayer/thy-kingdom-come/about-thy-kingdom-come](http://www.methodist.org.uk/our-faith/prayer/thy-kingdom-come/about-thy-kingdom-come)). In many Districts, *Thy Kingdom Come* Champions promoted different ways to engage with the initiative.

The Methodist Church also produced two resources for *Thy Kingdom Come*: *Waiting in Wonder* - a prayer guide with images from the Methodist Art Collection, and - *Resources for Prayer and Worship* ([www.methodist.org.uk/our-faith/prayer/thy-kingdom-come/thy-kingdom-come-resources](http://www.methodist.org.uk/our-faith/prayer/thy-kingdom-come/thy-kingdom-come-resources)). These were widely distributed across the Connexion.

### BEACON EVENTS

While a range of events took place across the Connexion as part of the Church's engagement with *Thy Kingdom Come*, there were also five 'beacon events' across the Connexion.

- In **Leeds**, 20<sup>th</sup> May, the beacon event was a 'Pentecost Party'. This family-friendly event included bouncy castles and entertainers, and featured Stuart Townsend, Revd Roger Walton, and Jill Baker. The service was well-received, and about 2000 people attended.
- In **London**, 20<sup>th</sup> May, Westminster Central Hall hosted a beacon event which involved Revd Gareth Powell, Revd Loraine Mellor, Most Revd Justin Welby, and Pastor Agu, with Pete James leading the worship. The service was attended by about 1000 people, and a further 35,000 watched the live stream via Facebook.
- In **Truro**, 13<sup>th</sup> May, 'Churches Together' ran a beacon event from 2-9pm, which involved open air and indoor events as well as a service with the theme 'Together for God's Kingdom.' Around 240 attended the main event with smaller numbers present throughout the day.

- At **Gwennap Pit**, 20<sup>th</sup> May, a second beacon event in Cornwall took place. Focusing on the coming of the Spirit and prayer, contributors included Revd Steve Wild, the Christian Bikers Association, and Major Stephen White. About 250 people attended the event.

- In **Oxford**, 13<sup>th</sup> May, a beacon event took place at Wesley Memorial Church. The service itself was a family-friendly celebration, and speakers included Revd Helen Cameron and Sanya Strachan. About 90 attended the event.

### DISCERNING THE IMPACT

- ***Thy Kingdom Come* was well promoted across the Methodist Connexion.** Methodists across the Connexion knew about the initiative and were equipped with resources and ideas to engage with it.

- **The beacons had a significant impact within the Districts in which they took part.**

The beacons differed in size and style, but all created a 'buzz' around *Thy Kingdom Come* and drew Circuits and Districts to prayer.

- ***Thy Kingdom Come* allowed Methodists to express their commitment to the Church's Calling.**

There is a significant congruity between *Thy Kingdom Come* and the Calling of the Methodist Church, which includes a commitment to worship and to evangelism.

### LESSONS FOR THE FUTURE

- **Ensure greater lead-in time for developing Beacons and *Thy Kingdom Come* resources.** It will be helpful to begin planning Methodist TKC resources and the beacon events well in advance of the *Thy Kingdom Come* period.

- **Create a sense of ownership within the District when planning Beacon events.**

The District Chair has a particularly key role in championing *Thy Kingdom Come* and exploring ways to further engage people across the District is a key lesson for the future.

- **Explore different ways of promoting *Thy Kingdom Come* within Methodism.**

It would be helpful to link *Thy Kingdom Come* up more broadly with other evangelism events and resources within Methodism.

### CONCLUSION

The decision of the Methodist Church to partner with *Thy Kingdom Come* shows its commitments to prayer and evangelism within the life of the church. While the time-frame for developing beacon events and resources was short, those that emerged effectively equipped and engaged Methodists to pray that others might come to know the transforming love of Jesus.

**Dr Ed Mackenzie** | Discipleship Development Officer  
 The Discipleship & Ministries Cluster | The Connexional Team July 2018



# 'We don't do unity'



Kathy Pope writes:

This is perhaps a title which needs a little explanation. For more than 30 years my husband, Malcolm, and I have been celebrating and growing our interchurch marriage.

Malcolm is a priest in the Church of England and I am Roman Catholic, so unity is not something that we *do*, rather it is a way of life. It is a calling that we try to live every single day and infuses every aspect of our family life.

It is often easy for us, and our churches, to compartmentalise very genuine work for Christian unity into particular events or specific projects which have beginnings and endings.

The danger is that during the periods in between it is easy to revert to the way we have always done things. In an interchurch marriage, however, where each partner is faithful to their own tradition while also becoming part of another, there are no gaps, no in-between phases.

For us this gift of two traditions has been a great blessing – we have been constantly enriched by each other, often surprised and sometimes challenged.

Raising our son to belong equally in both church families has been a great joy, for us as well as him, as his faith experience has been enhanced and deepened as a result.

There have of course been painful moments: in particular our son's First Communion when Malcolm was not going to be allowed to receive communion.

Happily we were welcomed as a family at another church for which we were immensely thankful, and the Roman Catholic Church also recognizes that there can be appropriate times for sharing communion.

We have experienced some other very special moments together over the years.

Since before we were married, we have been members of the Association of Interchurch Families (AIF), a body in association of Churches Together in England.

AIF has been a constant source of comfort, support and information as couples and families share experiences and hopes, linking to both national and international initiatives and possibilities.

We know that we are not alone but part of a global network of other people who strive to live Christian unity in their homes and relationships, without a model or blueprint as each couple and family finds their own path and equilibrium.

I also feel deeply honoured and humbled to be able to live unity in my working life too. I am a manager of the SACREdplace Bookshop in Cornwall. Standing for: **St Austell Christian Resources and Education** our vision is 'Practically Promoting Christian Unity'. Day by day a team of volunteers from Anglican, Baptist, Catholic, Methodist, Seventh Day Adventist churches, and House Fellowships, welcomes customers and those needing prayer or seeking pastoral support. During every day that we work with each other we share ideas and traditions, prayer and care, learning and growing together – such a delight and gift.

So for our prayers we pray that we may all continue to spread the good news that living Christian unity is a privilege, a joy and a very great blessing - not so much what you *do*, but as a way of life.

Kathy Pope

**Inter Church Families**  
**SACREdplace, St Austell**  
**Roman Catholic advice**

## WORLD PEACE DAY 2018

ONE DAY ONE CHOIR  
A global choral project for peace



## SINGING EVENTS IN CORNWALL

Friday 21st September

UN INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE

Choirs at County Hall (12.00-13.00) Lemon Quay (14.00-16.00)

Truro Methodist Church (15.00-17.00)

19.30 Tenebrae at Truro Cathedral Tickets from HFC

Saturday 22nd September

10.00 - 16.00 Choirs on Lemon Quay

19.00 "Against the Grain" an evening of Hope, Justice, Singing and Peace, with Garth Hewitt at Truro Methodist Church Tickets from HFC

Sunday 23rd September

14.30 Peace Prayers, Chapel of Peace and Unity, Truro Cathedral

16.00 Evensong for World Peace, Truro Cathedral

18.15 Breathing Space for Peace, Truro Methodist Church

Many different choirs including Church Choirs, School Choirs, and Community Choirs all over Cornwall will be taking part, joining with these events in Truro, and others across the world.

Join in, take part and sign up on the "One Day One Choir" website. [www.onedayonechoir.org](http://www.onedayonechoir.org)

Please get in touch if you would like to take part, or if you want to know any more about the three days of events. All Welcome!

\* Poster in development. More details and times to follow \*

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