



# Churches Together in Cornwall

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## OTHER EXECUTIVE AND CO-OPTED MEMBERS INCLUDE:-

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ECUMENICAL MISSIONER - CANON DAVID H SMITH

# 2016 Annual Report

David H Smith  
MARCH 2017

## Another busy year for Churches Together in Cornwall

### LEP REVIEWS

An important role of CTC is to offer support to groups and congregations of Christians that have covenanted to join together in worship offering support and assistance where needed. The chart below shows progress made over recent years.

Reverends' Margaret Barnes and Elizabeth Foot have completed the LEP Reviews for the period up to end of 2016 as required. Thanks must go to them both for their time and effort in keeping this important schedule up to date.

#### TYPES of Local Ecumenical Partnerships

single congregation	1	Baptist
congregations in Covenant	2	Anglican
A shared Building Partnership	3	Greek Orthodox
A Chaplaincy Partnership	4	Methodist
A Mission Partnership	5	Quaker
An Education Partnership	6	Roman Catholic
		Russian Orthodox
		Salvation Army
		URC
		County Missioner

#### DEOs

Rev Matt Noble	<b>MN</b>
Rev Elizabeth Foot	<b>EF</b>
Rev Fr Nikitas Lantsbery	<b>NL</b>
Rev Margaret Barnes	<b>MB</b>
Mrs Lesley Chandler	<b>LC</b>
Rev Andrew Shute	<b>AS</b>
Rev Deacon Peter Willis	<b>PW</b>
Captain Graham Lumm	<b>GL</b>
Rev Colin Biggs	<b>CB</b>
David H Smith	<b>DHS</b>

AS AT JANUARY 2017	TYPE	start date	LAST REVIEWED	NEXT REVIEW	MINISTERS INVOLVED	TEAM
TREGADILLET LEP (Cof E - Methodist)	1&3	1986	5-Oct-2016	2021	Malcolm Jones (M) Jane Everitt (CofE)	EF - MB
ROCHE (C of E - Methodist)	3	2003	20-Oct-2016	2021	Steve Caddick	EF - MB
WALL & GWINEAR (C of E - Methodist)	1&2	2007	12-Jan-2017	2021	John Bailey (M) Sharon Clifton (CofE)	EF - MB
LOOE (URC- Methodist)	1&3	1989	22-Jun-2012	2017	Andrew Hill	MB
MEVAGISSEY (URC - Methodist)	1&3	1992	8-May-2012	2017	David Flynn	MB
GRAMPOUND ROAD (CofE - Methodist) revived	2&3	2013		2018	Rev Andrew Wade (CofE) Mark Liddicoat (M)	MB - EF
DOBWALLS UNITED CHURCH (CofE - Methodist)	1&3		23/02/2016	2021	Mark Pengelly (M) Anthony Ingleby (CofE)	MB - EF
PORTSCATHO (URC - Methodist)	1&3	1988	under review 2017		Rev Mark D-W (M)	MB
PORTLOE (CofE - Methodist)	1&3	1992	Under review 2017		Mark D-W (M) House of Duty (CofE)	MB
UPTON CROSS/RILLA MILL/LINKINHORNE	1&3	2015	Under review 2017			MB - EF
<b>WORK IN PROGRESS</b>						
LEWANNICK		2013				MB - EF
NEWQUAY & ST COLUMB MINOR CofE - Methodist		2014				MB - EF
WORK ON THE ROSELAND		2015				MB
LANDS END PENINSULA						EF

### LOCAL CHURCHES TOGETHER GROUPS

The CTC Executive continues to oversee and offer guidance to the thirty-eight CT Groups operating within the county of Cornwall. It also organises successfully the joint insurance cover through the affiliation to CTC of joint services, events and activities carried out by Churches Together Groups.

The Executive continues to provide a link with Churches Together activities locally, regionally, nationally and internationally, through its affiliation with CT in England. The County Ecumenical Missioner has taken an active role in this. The work of the Executive is guided by the DEO's (Denominational Ecumenical Officers) who have met quarterly during the year.

The CTC Executive was delighted that Rev Matt Noble of Truro Baptist Church and Sarah Yardley of CreationFest agreed to join them during the 2016 year. However, towards the year end, there were retirements and resignations from Majors' Jean and Ian Harris (The Salvation Army) David Hampshire (Greek Orthodox DEO) Rev David Pountain (Baptist Union and DEO) Rev Colin Biggs (URC and DEO) Chris Jadav (Christian Aid). On behalf of all members of the CTC Executive the Chairman thanked all for their contributions and assistance throughout their years of service in Cornwall. We also shared in our thoughts and prayers of the loss of a faithful evangelistic servant – Phil Misselbrook.

### THE ROYAL CORNWALL SHOW 9-11 JUNE 2016

The CTC Tent theme for 2016 was "Seeds and germination." The "New Look" tent was a great success and eighteen chaplains took part within the three days. A free leaflet was handed out by chaplains which reflected the link between the Chaplaincy and the Tent. The Eve of Show service (Wed 8<sup>th</sup> June 6.30pm) was well attended, the preacher was Bishop Mark O'Toole, Bishop of Plymouth. After the service, the attendees enjoyed a beer and a pasty whilst admiring the new wooden flooring and transparent walls and display content within the Church Tent. A vote of thanks was offered to Rev Roger Greene and his team for their efforts over the three-day event plus all the planning undertaken leading up to the Show.

## **CTC CONFERENCES – EAST AND WEST OF COUNTY**

The CTC Executive members organized two Day Conferences – One East of the County and one West. The first conference was held at Saltash Baptist Church on 20<sup>th</sup> June 2016 with the second having the same agenda, held at Camborne Elim Church on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2016. Over 170 people attended these conferences from at least 12 different traditions.

### **Statements and comments offered by delegates on - Which part of the day was most helpful and why?**

The highlight for many was the panel of four, Bishop Tim, Rev Steve Wild, Rev Richard Curnow, Rev Matt Noble, each from a different Christian tradition, who shared with delegates their personal understanding of what we mean by 'The Holy Spirit.'

The morning session was deemed to be excellent, and folk were saddened that there was not an opportunity to break into groups and continue the conversations.

To hear our Church Leaders offer their perspective from four different denominations was very informative. It was great to hear what is going on throughout the Duchy and wonderful to hear four men of God showing their understanding of the Holy Spirit with balanced viewpoints in easily accessible form. This was a great example of unity. It was inspirational. Being together and feeling how the Spirit is moving in our community. So encouraging. Thanks for a wonderful day. Very meaningful, personal and thought-provoking. Meeting other Christians and hearing from leaders of different denominations from within the audience. The Holy Spirit session was open and honest. This gave an insight into free church theory and practice. Bishop Tim's session, honest and thought provoking - our Christian unity and diversity. Being inspired by our journey in faith - wherever we worship/live/work. We witnessed a strong expression of unity. This whole session was honest, interesting and informative.

### **There were also others amongst us, sharing their testimonies and sharing their faith.**

#### **Dementia Awareness within our churches, offering basic advice on possible future training sessions**

Dementia Awareness – met my needs. Finding out what is happening within Churches Together. Dementia awareness very informative. Dementia awareness was most useful. The drama was excellent, thanks. Dementia awareness showed how pastoral care teams can support with boundaries for visitors.

#### **and the South West Youth with A Mission(SWYM).**

Youth Ministry. Hearing about work going on in different ministries. Youth work and worship - uplifting, diverse and inspiring.

#### **Churches Together projects - information and sharing the faith**

We really enjoyed today's programme. Well run with keeping to time. Nice hot pasties! I loved the whole day. To see the Church unite for Cornwall is amazing. Thanks to all the speakers and organisers - much appreciated. It was a most interesting day. Thank you. Hearing about Churches Together Projects. Hearing people's opinions of Churches Together helped understand mindset and approach. Lunch and networking. Hearing what other CT groups are doing. Good to worship in different ways & meet so many different people. Celebration with worship. Being together from different walks of life. CT projects to identify new ways of working together. Networking lunch - it was all good or very good. Variety of sessions and approaches was good. Equipping of worship leaders. Meeting one to one, but needed to follow on with practical, small group discussions. Testimonies and the threads of the father's heart throughout the day in all the sessions.

#### **CTC EXECUTIVE - 2016 AGM AND BUDGET**

The Chairman, Bishop Tim Thornton was elected Chairman for the third transitional year, along with the Deputy Chairman Rev Steve Wild and Treasurer Paul Durkin and the budget for the coming year 2017 was presented at the January 2017 CTC Executive.

#### **EDUCATION GROUP – CHAPLAINCY CONFERENCE 29<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2016**

John Keast and his Education Group have continued to support the future of Chaplaincies in Further Education Colleges and Institutions. A very successful Day Conference created through Becky Nesbitt and Mark Reed from the Salvation Army on the subject of Chaplaincy was held at Falmouth University with guest speaker Ben Ryan (author of 'A Very Modern Ministry').

#### **DOR KEMMYN - CORNWALL FAITH FORUM**

Our CTC representative is John Keast. The faiths represented in CFF are Bahia, Buddhist, Hindu, Humanist, Pagan, Muslim, Jewish and Christian and together they work towards the construction of the Dom Kemmyn creation.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS**

It is essential to retain good communications with the contact person of each Churches Together Group. It is through that person that information of events, activities and services can be shared. This is achieved through:-

##### **CTC EMAILED E-NEWSLETTERS**

The use of e-mailing a bi-monthly newsletter introduced over the last seven years has proved to be a great success as a communication tool of all things ecumenical with CTC Groups. A platform for sharing information on their events and activities. To date 40 issues have now been published which are all included under the "info" section of the website.

It reinforces the fact that there is a tremendous amount of Christian mission work going on continuously. All readers are very much encouraged to send in material for inclusion in this e-newsletter.

### **CTC WEBSITE**

Continues to show growth. The Directory of CTC Executive members and CTC Group contacts, with all updated contact information has been placed on the CTC Website. Any changes notified are uploaded within hours - changes or corrections please to the CTC Missioner [ses.dhs@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:ses.dhs@hotmail.co.uk) website [www.churchestogetherincornwall.org.uk](http://www.churchestogetherincornwall.org.uk)

### **GWENNAP PIT – Pentecost Ecumenical Service – Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2016**

Reverend Paul Smith was the preacher in 2016. His address was based on the sermons of John Wesley. The music was played by “The Salvation Army Band (Cornwall Corps)”.

### **CHURCH LEADERS PILGRIMAGE TO LANDEVENNEC**

Throughout the year, the Landevennec Group have met to reformat the pamphlet and prepare for the next pilgrimage of 32 planned for Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2017. By November 2016, all available places had been taken.

### **CTC DEMENTIA ACTION GROUP**

This formidable group, following early successes the previous year, and under the leadership of Christine Todd and Bren Stuart-White, created a “Friendly Faces” leaflet explaining the use of two basic sessions organised by the CTC Dementia Action Group.

### **CHRISTIAN AID**

Chris Jadav of Christian Aid kept the CTC Executive fully informed of events that were happening in other parts of the world especially health matters in parts of Africa and the refugee situation in the Middle East, Europe and Southern Mediterranean, plus climate coalition lobby of Parliament.

### **EPIPHANY WORK**

Reverend Derek Collins continues the work and activities undertaken at Epiphany House including the use of premises for conducting inquests. He shared the literature on the series he had devised on “Conversations with God.”

### **SUNDRIES**

A list of Broadcasting Services both audio and visual was collated and made available from around the county by CTC for those who are infirm, housebound or immobile.

