



# Churches Together in Cornwall

**JULY 2011**



## **MORE THAN GOLD** – helping your church make the most of the 2012 games

The churches in the UK have a **once in a lifetime opportunity** thanks to the 2012 Games being awarded to London. We are here to be a **one-stop-shop** that helps the churches seize the moment.

**Our mission - To enable the UK churches to engage with the 2012 Games**

### **Our vision**

When the dust has finally settled we hope to have fulfilled our dream for the 2012 Games to have enabled –

**Thousands of churches to taste the excitement of reaching their community in fresh and ongoing ways in Jesus' name**

We are doing it by –

- Helping people catch the vision for the impact that can be made and the role they can play
- Making connections between the many agencies and thousands of churches that can make it happen
- Coordinating the production of the resources and action needed

**Serving our land** and that of our County -

All too often the churches are seen negatively -as out of touch and only interested in themselves. The 2012 Games provides a unique opportunity for Churches Together to be **seen for what they really are**. By playing their part in the programmes of **outreach, hospitality and service** every church can help tell a different story. And waken fresh interest in who it is **who makes us different** and how they can know Him for themselves.

Get the DVD from visiting the website <http://www.morethangold.org.uk/>

Churches Together In Cornwall are working on a variety of ideas and these will be publicised in future newsletters as time progresses. Some of the thoughts under consideration are as follows but do please share with us any ideas that you may have.

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Meet the actual Olympic Torch at its nearest point in Cornwall and kindle our own prayer torches. Proceeding down three main arteries – north and south coast and the old A30. The torches could stop at each community for prayer.

Churches Together could organise special prayer venues alongside celebratory events – fun days, community picnics, BBQs or similar. Torches could then spread out to the villages.

Organise sports and games tournaments across the county for teenagers and children.

Organise sport quizzes in pubs and clubs and community gatherings.

Help offer Olympic contestants and volunteers from around our world, a week's stay after the games.

Challenge our congregations to take part in a Marathon or Pentathlon event - could be a prayer marathon or a Pentathlon based on prayer, act of community worship, a creative project, helping a needy charity.

Arrange to have a big screen showing of the Olympics and serve refreshments.

Be part of a relay of Churches across Cornwall of walkers/runners offering prayer and sharing the Gospel as they go.

Having children create collages of the games with the games for display in the 2012 Churches Together County Show Tent.

Having Wii sports/Wii fit tournaments in each circuit or parish with the best competing at County level.

Open up your church hall with loads of challenges to be undertaken as a family – like balancing a ball on a bat between two points – score five baskets – laying on your back and using your feet transfer 20 balls from one place to another, skip fifty times without stopping, crawl through a play tunnel, pushing a football with your nose, etc etc.

Everyone has a go and each family accumulates a score. This could easily be developed into 'Family Fun Olympics' with a cream tea or BBQ to follow, possibly with a Christian Band or music group and maybe a brief informal worship time afterwards.

This may work best in smaller communities with a sense of identity, but hope knows.....

Ideas from Rev Doreen Sparey-Delacassa

The Newquay Salvation Army Parent & Toddler group, part of Churches Together in Newquay, celebrated the Royal Wedding with a party.

The photo shows two of the toddlers, Prince Douglas & Princess Abigail tying the knot with Maid of Honor Bethany.



The second photo is of the royal guests. (the Mums & Dads & other toddlers.)



### Churches Together in Mullion, Cury and Gunwalloe

Are holding an annual Carolaire and this year the venue is to be in the Mullion Garden in the centre of the village, opposite the Old Inn Pub. The event will be held on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> August commencing at 6.00pm and is accompanied by the Wendron Silver Band and all are most welcome. Should the weather prove too awful it will be moved indoors, most probably to the Methodist Chapel.

### ORTHODOX VESPERS ON THE MOUNT



As mentioned in May's newsletter, 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.**

### PHILIPPI TRUST Introduction to Counseling course

accredited by the National Open College Network (NOCN) and by the Association of Christian Counselors (ACC).

To be run over three weekends:

16<sup>th</sup> Sept 6.00pm -10.00pm & 17<sup>th</sup> Sept 9.00am - 6.00pm  
11<sup>th</sup> Nov 6.00pm -10.00pm & 12<sup>th</sup> Nov 9.00am - 6.00pm  
2<sup>nd</sup> Dec 6.00pm -10.00pm & 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec 9.00am - 6.00pm  
Venue: Truro Area

This is a foundation course in counseling to test whether being a counselor is for you.

**If you are interested, e-mail**

[polly4philippi@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:polly4philippi@yahoo.co.uk) for an application form.

**Philippi Trust** is a national and international Christian counseling 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)



Companions of St Guénolé

Church Leaders Meeting to agree a Way Forward for the Companions, Landevennec, - France - 14 April 2011

**Present:** Abbot Jean Michel, Bishop Tim Thornton, Revd Steve Wild, Revd Colin Biggs representing Revd David Grosch-Miller, Rev Deacon Andrew Shute representing Bishop Christopher Budd, Revd Christian Bernard representing the Bishop of Quimper, Revd Michael Palmer representing those living in Brittany. Val Cain and members of the existing committee.

Suggestion was made that the Executive body for Churches Together in Cornwall should be asked to provide the link with the Church Leaders and to accept the brief of co-ordinating the dissemination of information about the Companions. Also that there should be a regular circulation of letters to members, that efforts need to be made to integrate youth into the Companions, that a pilgrimage to Landévennec should be an annual event, and that there should be more involvement of Churches Together in Cornwall.

It was resolved that a working party be set up from those present to implement these proposals. This would first meet with the present committee with a view to holding a Companions AGM in the Autumn of 2011.

The Working Party and Companions Committee to meet Cathedral House, Truro at 10.30am Monday 20 June 2011





The people in the photo are from left to right:  
 Back row - Mark Misselbrook, David Sharpe  
 Front row - Roy Hendy, Judy Menage, Frederica Skeels-Piggins, Sue Lewis.

### Keep the WORD alive.....Sue Lewis writes:

“The reading this evening is.....the whole of St. Mark’s Gospel from the Authorized Version of the Bible!”

What a daunting prospect! How will people concentrate for sixteen chapters? Who will come and will they stay awake? Such questions sprang to mind.

I was reminded that 2011 was the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the printing of the King James Bible. Many of us had learned passages from it as children when performing Nativity plays, but for most it had been superseded by recent translations.

Under the auspices of **Falmouth and Penryn churches Together**, six people volunteered to do the reading under the very able direction of Betty Jarrett, in the beautiful setting of St. Gluvias Church.

Rehearsals progressed, and gradually the power of the ancient words, combined with the incidental organ music seemed to vivify the text.

We were directed to relate the story as if we were onlookers; perhaps friends or neighbours of Jesus and the disciples, each almost jostling to have our say. One framed sequence swiftly followed another so we hoped that the listeners’ concentration would not waver.

We tried to portray the drama as all embracing; a story to touch everyone, and not just a story but a life changing challenge.

Our thanks go to Daniel Sherman for his skilful musical interpretation, to Radio Cornwall for the air time to publicise the event, to Jan Winslade and Heather Haden for their unflagging support, and to Canon John Harris and the team of helpers for the use of St. Gluvias Church.

## AFFILIATION AND INSURANCE

Thank you to those who have sent in their £10, which covers both the affiliation fee and the insurance cover for the events and activities covered by Churches Together in Cornwall. This small fee truly can help you from the consequences of not having adequate cover. The Premium has increased owing to a claim in excess of £25k. From those that have paid up to 31<sup>st</sup> December, most are identified by name. However there are a number not recognised as listed below.

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The Treasurer, Mike Cullen would love to hear from you if you recognise any of the above numbers to be yours. Please inform him via email [mikecullen5@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:mikecullen5@hotmail.co.uk) or phone 01872 222442. Many thanks.



An amount of spontaneous singing of “Thine Be The Glory” followed by a prayer of Unity, ended the 2011 Methodist Synod outside the Cathedral. Colourful Statuesque street performers joined in the celebration.

**GWENNAP PIT**  
**SUNDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> June**  
**3PM**  
**1000 + CHRISTIANS?**  
**OUR SERVICE – WILL YOU BE THERE?**

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