

JANUARY 2012



To mark 60 years of the Queen's reign the Diamond Jubilee will take place in 2012.

The celebrations will centre around an extended weekend in 2012 on 2, 3, 4 and 5 June 2012.

The Queen came to the throne on 6 February 1952 and her coronation took place on 2 June 1953. She celebrated her Silver Jubilee (25 years) in 1977 and her Golden Jubilee (50 years) in 2002. The only other British monarch to celebrate a Diamond Jubilee was Queen Victoria in 1897.

A Diamond Jubilee Pageant will take place at Windsor Castle in May 2012. Buckingham Palace will be co-ordinating a programme of events centred around the extended weekend. This will include a Big Jubilee Lunch, a Pageant on the River Thames, a concert at Buckingham Palace and the lighting of 2012 beacons throughout the United Kingdom. The Queen and other members of the Royal Family will also attend a Service of Thanksgiving at St Paul's Cathedral.

What joint events are your Churches Together Groups planning in order to celebrate our Queen's Jubilee?

And don't forget the Olympic celebrations starting with cream teas with the torch landing in our County of Cornwall on 19th May 2012

There will be a special bank holiday for the Diamond Jubilee. The 2012 late May bank holiday will be moved to Monday 4 June 2012 and an additional Jubilee bank holiday will be on Tuesday 5 June 2012. The extra bank holiday and extended bank holiday weekend will also apply to Scotland.

Schools in England and Wales will be able to close on Tuesday 5 June 2012 for the Diamond Jubilee celebrations. If a school is already closed on 5 June for half term or another reason, it will be able to close on an alternative day. Scotland and Northern Ireland will be making their own arrangements.



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The Jubilee emblem was chosen after a national competition for children aged between 6 and 14. The winning design is 10-year-old Katherine Dewar, from Chester.

It is free to download and will be available for use for all activities associated with the Diamond Jubilee celebrations including community and national events, publications, retail and merchandising. It is available from the British Monarchy website, together with guidelines for use.

If you would like to know how to include Diamond Jubilee or a royal title in the name of your community event, building or project, the guidelines are now available from the link below.

- [Diamond Jubilee emblem \(British Monarchy website\) Opens new window](#)
- [Diamond Jubilee names and titles - guidance \(British Monarchy website\) Opens new window](#)

Taking part in the celebrations

The Department for Communities and Local Government has produced guidance to help communities celebrate the Diamond Jubilee by organising street parties. You can also get information about street parties from the Big Lunch website.

Your local authority may also be able to provide details of any planned activities in your area. Communities can apply to the Big Lottery Fund for funding for a local event through the Awards for All Scheme.

- [Find your local authority Opens new window](#)
- [Organising a small street party or fete \(home and community section\)](#)
- [Voluntary and community groups - applying for funding \(home and community section\)](#)

A light for every street - Advent 2011

Jesus, light of the world
please shine your light on me,
on my family,
on my home,
on my street
on my town,

Amen



Archbishop shows commentators are wrong: church leaders do speak on justice issues, says Theos

2nd November 2011



The Archbishop of Canterbury has today spoken out in the Financial Times acknowledging the frustrations of the Occupy movement but calling for a “more specific” response to what are seen as the failures of global capitalism. He broadly affirms the so-called “Robin Hood tax” which would tax transactions within the financial sector in order to fund public services.

There will no doubt be a flurry of outcry at him once again “interfering in politics”. However, as research conducted by Theos, the religion and society think tank, has shown, the Archbishop is in fact continuing a long-standing tradition of mixing religion and politics in a thoughtful and persuasive way. Whether you agree with his assessment of the required action, having a key religious figure willing to speak about the most pressing social issues of our day is vital for our public conversation. Arguments around the occupy movement reveal how moral concerns are moving to centre of political debate and the Archbishop’s most recent intervention shows that church can steer that.

Coming hard on the heels of the dramatic events at St Paul’s, where the church of England was accused of shirking its biblically mandated concern for economic justice, this move is welcome. It’s a pointer towards the ongoing speaking and acting on behalf of the poor undertaken by the churches day in and day out, whether the cameras are on them or not.

Elizabeth Hunter, director of Theos commented “As our recent report ‘Turbulent Priests: The Archbishop of Canterbury in Contemporary English Politics’ shows, whether politicians “do God”, the Archbishop certainly does politics. He is better able to start, and crucially inform, a ‘national debate’ than almost anyone else in the country.

“The report also shows that far from defending narrow church interests or speaking on controversial moral issues like sexuality and abortion, the Archbishops have spoken out primarily on behalf of the poor.”

Turbulent Priests? can be downloaded [here](#). And find out more about **Theos**



Finding common ground in Jesus

Bishop Tim and Rev’d Steve welcomed Pastors and clergy from evangelical and emerging Churches in Cornwall, to Lis Escop, for an evening meal and an opportunity to talk and share each others thinking together.



(Alan Nicholls, Bob Hardman, David Flanders, David Gray David Ward, Gordon Smyth, Mervyn Bates, Paul Whybrow, Peter Ham, Phil Jenson, Tim Jenkin, Bishop Tim and Rev’d Steve)

It was seen as an historic and most enjoyable occasion; bringing together those that express their Christianity in different ways, but together are united under the cross of Jesus.

Keeping Christ in Christmas

You can’t escape the commercialism of Christmas. But do not fear, we bring you good news...there are plenty of resources from our partner organisations which can help you keep the season Christ-centred.

Paperless Christmas



The Bible Reading Fellowship offer a paperless Christmas with The adventures of Mary and Joseph—the Road movie available in nine exciting episodes.

Great for all ages. www.paperlesschristmas.org.uk



Scripture Union Nativity

Great to communicate the Christmas message in a different way.

A free service could help you take the stress out of planning your all-age Christmas service. [Download the resources](#) including a video and Bible talk from Scripture Union.

Churches Together in England Presidents / leaders back 'Hope' as a gift to the churches



This week HOPE took a giant leap towards its goal of mobilising the whole Church to spend a whole year bringing hope – in words and actions – to people in the UK's villages, towns and cities.

The Presidents of Churches Together in England, meeting at Jesus House in north London, signed a declaration endorsing HOPE, giving the backing of all the major denominations to the mission initiative.

Roy Crowne, Hope's Executive Director, says, 'HOPE doesn't tell people what to do. Churches know what's best for their communities. But HOPE gives national impact to local mission.'

'Momentum is already building towards a whole year of mission in 2014 when thousands of projects will be running to bless local communities as churches put their faith into action, living out God's love, proclaiming the Gospel in word and action and doing it all in unity with other Christians.'

HOPE provides churches of all shapes and sizes throughout the UK with a shared platform to work in mission together. 2012 will see thousands of churches taking a lead in their communities holding a Big Lunch in their neighbourhood on Sunday 3 June to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

Describing HOPE as 'a gift to the Churches,' the declaration endorsed by the UK's denominational leaders, was a launch-pad for united action. It was signed by the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Westminster, the Most Revd Vincent Nichols; the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Revd Dr Rowan Williams; the Free Churches Moderator, Revd Michael Heaney and Bishop Jana Jeruma Grinberga, the Bishop of the Lutheran Church in Great Britain who also represents the 'fourth constituency' of Churches Together in England, including the Orthodox, Black Majority Churches, the Quakers and others.

The declaration reads: 'We were pleased to affirm the work of 'Hope08' through our individual Churches and as Presidents of Churches Together in England, committed to sharing in the mission of Jesus Christ, we are delighted to commend the on-going work of 'Hope' as a gift to the Churches in this nation.'

Churches Together in Wadebridge ran a very successful children's holiday club.

Rocky's PlaiCe Bible Holiday Club was held for three mornings in St Breock Primary School. Rocky's PlaiCe was funded by grants from Ecclesiastical and the Children's Society, Cornwall Christian Community Projects, Wadebridge Town Council and the Wadebridge Churches.



They met Mrs Tagliatelle, the head chef at Rocky's PlaiCe and fell about laughing at the slapstick antics of Salt and Vinegar, the two exceedingly messy trainee chefs.



All the children that came along had a wonderful time. No-one dropped out and many brought friends after the first day. The children heard exciting stories from the early life of the church from the book of Acts, and created pop-up puppets, place mats, bookmarks and decorated fish biscuits. They celebrated with a party on the last day, with games and birthday cake and a New Testament and party bag for everyone.



I would be grateful to receive any information about what your Churches Together Group is up to regarding activities, programme and services. Do please send to:- David H Smith
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Your joint activities, services and programmes can then be uploaded onto the Churches Together in Cornwall website - [Cornwall - Home Page - Local Churches Together websites](http://www.together.ourchurchweb.org.uk/cornwall/)