



## Churches Together in Cornwall

**MAY 2012**



It's your  
tent.  
Please  
support it.  
We need  
your help!!

**The Churches Tent at the Royal Cornwall Show, belongs to all the Cornish churches and worshipping communities who are affiliated to Churches Together.**

Open throughout the Show, 7<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> June, the 'Tent' is financed through a generous grant from CTC, together with the donations from those who enjoy the tea, coffee and soft drinks - and the chance for a sit-down! - offered to all Show visitors. The total cost to include the site fees - marquee, water, electricity - together with transportation of equipment, publicity, is approx £5,500.

The volunteer committee come from the full range of denominations, Chaired by Revd Roger Greene, Methodist Rural Life Officer. It has planning meetings four or five times a year, meeting at Lanivet near Bodmin - a reasonably central meeting place when committee members come from St Just and Porthleven in the west and Saltash in the east, with all points in between!

The displays in the Churches Together tent this year will be focussed on the Churches' Olympian efforts to connect with the 21st century and reach their respective communities with the Gospel and the love of Christ.

(Messy church, Street Pastors, Street Angels, Holiday at Home schemes, community meals, Kids Clubs, Bears and Prayers - all that sort of thing and a whole lot more). Please could churches email pictures and very brief write-ups to [shelley.porter@truroanglican.org.uk](mailto:shelley.porter@truroanglican.org.uk). These will be assembled and mounted in large 'Olympic Rings' for display in the tent.

**Chairman- Bishop Tim Thornton**  
**Vice Chairman - Revd Steve Wild**  
**CTC Missioner - David H Smith**  
**Treasurer - Mike Cullen**  
Charity No 1053899  
[www.churchestogetherincornwall/](http://www.churchestogetherincornwall/)

As usual, the 'Tent' will host a Fair Trade stall and a Christian bookstall. A team of chaplains will be on duty throughout, both in the 'Tent' and visiting the exhibitors; prayers are said every hour. Children's activities will be in full swing.

Offers of non-stop drinks are an essential part of the way hospitality and care are shown to Show visitors. Without the help of a large number of people who offer their assistance on one of the half-day teams, this service - in the very real sense of the word - would not be possible. Lis Davey is always looking for new helpers and this year is again appealing for offers of assistance. Please telephone her on 01726 883046 as it may well be possible to provide an entrance ticket for the Show for those that wish to register as volunteers.

What other help is needed? It takes two days - the Tuesday and Wednesday of Show Week - to set up the Tent. The furnishings have to be collected from their various storage points, all cleaned thoroughly and then arranged, and the 'Tent' decorated. On the Saturday evening comes the reverse process. If you can help, please contact Paul Euden, Site manager - [peuden@btinternet.com](mailto:peuden@btinternet.com)

**With Wednesday evening 6<sup>th</sup> June comes the Start of Show Service at 6.00pm, organised in conjunction with RCAA, in the Main Arena. This event has grown in attendance and significance in recent years. If you can attend your presence will be appreciated. This years preacher will be Rev Steve Wild.**

This service is important in signifying to the Cornish agricultural industry the support and appreciation Cornish Christians wish to demonstrate.

Afterwards there is a Pasty Reception (with Bishop's beer!) in the 'Tent'. A word of warning: do allow plenty of time to park your car!

If you are unable to help with the above, but if you can attend the Show, do at least visit the 'Tent'. You will be made very welcome.

For further information contact Estelle Kitts, Secretary - [grahamkitts@talktalk.net](mailto:grahamkitts@talktalk.net) - or Christine Todd, Publicity - 01208 816043 / [christine@mjcmtodd.plus.com](mailto:christine@mjcmtodd.plus.com)

Reverend Roger Greene, Chairman of the Planning Group, would like to increase the chaplaincy to four per hourly session (one for the wedding tent) doing three to four hours per session.

If you are available and have the appropriate skills, please contact Roger Tel: 01736 788506  
[revrogergreene@aol.com](mailto:revrogergreene@aol.com)

## CHURCHES TOGETHER IN LAUNCESTON

Following the setting up of Launceston Churches Together Food Bank last December we are exploring the possibility of creating a Furniture Recycling Centre/Store and also a Debt Counselling/Money Management Centre and would be delighted to hear from any group that has experience in either of these projects

Many thanks – any information please to  
Rev Keith Roberts,  
8 Snowdrop Crescent, Launceston PL15 9JS  
[wkjvroberts@tesco.net](mailto:wkjvroberts@tesco.net) - Tel: 01566 777117

## CHRISTIAN FESTIVAL STORIES

I have had a request from Church House, Westminster for any story tellers in the South West who could help with this project. It would be to tell the key Christian festival stories in churches and chapels attached to National Trust houses.

Do we know anyone who could do this well? If so, please respond to:

**Dr Rachel Jordan**  
National Mission and Evangelism Adviser  
0207 898 1436  
[rachel.jordan@c-of-e.org.uk](mailto:rachel.jordan@c-of-e.org.uk)

Thank you - **Colin Brown**

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### Olivet to Calvary

(J H Maunder)

Monday 2 April - 7.30 at Lanner Methodist Church Hall  
Friday April 6 - 7.30 at The United Methodist Church St.Ives

## CARLEEN DAY CENTRE

Please note that the Carleen day centre is located next to Carleen Community Church, Wheal Vor Road, Carleen, Helston, Cornwall, TR13 01736 763604

## CHRISTIAN AID CHALLENGE



Being awesome probably comes naturally to you, but if you're struggling with encouraging your friends, family, neighbours and work colleagues to join you living below the poverty line for 5 days, this section should help you inspire and engage those around you.

Taking the Live Below the Line challenge is not easy but it is possible. To help you, we've created a range of materials - recipe books, videos from 2011 participants, engagement packs for your local school or church and much more.

<https://www.livebelowtheline.com/uk>

## Great Gold Medal Cream Tea Party

The churches of Cornwall have been challenged to serve more Cream teas during 'Torch Run Cornwall May 19<sup>th</sup> 2012 than have ever been recorded in one day before.

Can we win the first 'Gold' of the Olympics?  
With YOUR help we can!

## PHILIPPI CORNWALL COUNSELLING AND TRAINING

invites counsellors to apply for the following CPD courses:-

1. Day course run by 'Deep Release' counselling trainer Julie Timm. Course Title: 'When Relationships Hurt: toxic friends and troublesome families'.

Venue: St. Mary's church hall, Portreath TR16 4LW

Date: Saturday 7th July 2012 10am to 4.30pm (registration & coffee 9.30am)

Cost: £55 (earlybird discount by 7th June £50)

See [www.deeprelease.org.uk](http://www.deeprelease.org.uk) Apply to [polly4philippi.co.uk](http://polly4philippi.co.uk) for application form for Truro course.

2. Two day course for counsellors run by Brook Creative Therapy trainers Roger and Christine Day.

Course title: 'Finding your therapeutic journey'; a two day creative workshop.

Venue: St. Mary's Church, Portreath TR16 4LW (Friday) St. Mary's church hall, Portreath (Saturday)

Date: Friday 14th & Saturday 15th September 2012. 9.30am to 4.30pm (registration & coffee 9am)

Cost: £110 (earlybird discount by 31st July £100)

see [www.brookcreativetherapy.com](http://www.brookcreativetherapy.com)

Apply to [polly4philippi.co.uk](http://polly4philippi.co.uk) for application form for Truro course.

## JOIN 1000+ CHRISTIANS COMING TOGETHER

YOU ARE WARMLY INVITED TO THE CHURCHES TOGETHER IN CORNWALL

UNITED PENECOST SERVICE TO BE HELD AT

GWENNAP PIT, NR REDRUTH



Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2012  
starting at 3pm

Community Hymn  
singing from 2.30pm

(our opportunity to fill Gwennap Pit)

The preacher will be:- The President of the Methodist Conference  
**Reverend Leo Osborn**

**Reverend Steve Wild and Bishop Tim Thornton in attendance.**

ALSO AT THE SERVICE WILL BE:-

**St Ives Male Voice Choir**

Car Parking is available at Gwennap Pit (TR16 5HH)  
Car drivers – please approach the Pit via Carharrack

Coach and overflow parking will be at United Downs Industrial Park TR16 5HT  
Please follow the signs and a minibus service will get you to the Pit.

If it rains it rains - the event will continue, so if the day is likely to be damp, please dress accordingly.

**Will you make the effort to attend?  
We would love for you to come and join us.**

## Report seeks to protect church schools and sets direction for next decade

Church schools are at the heart of the nation and should robustly assert their Christian ethos and foundation, according to recommendations included in a ground breaking report published by the Church of England.

The Church, which is responsible for more than 4,800 schools across the country, educates more than a million pupils and schools are increasingly in the front line of its work in communities.

The report, [\*The Church School of the Future\*](#), has taken evidence from dioceses, school leaders, politicians and other stakeholders with an interest in education. It was launched end of March at a conference at Lambeth Palace along with two new videos on YouTube\*.

It says the challenge for all existing Church schools, and any new schools, is to maintain their distinctive Christian character in an increasingly fragmented education system and amid strong attacks from secularists.

And it warns against a 'utilitarian' approach to education where economic pressures risk forcing a narrow view of pupils' ability to develop and learn both academically and spiritually.

While giving firm backing to the current Government's drive to raise attainment, the report describes the administration's approach to religious education as 'disappointing' and calls for a new strategy to improve teaching and learning in RE.

The Bishop of Oxford, who leads on education for the Church of England, said:

"Our schools are a gift to the nation. They have been serving communities for more than 200 years and our schools are very popular with parents. But the report is clear that we must be careful to protect their distinctive nature, especially amid pressure from groups who would prefer that we were not involved in education at all.

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 – CTC Missioner Chyreene Warra, Rosehill, Marazion, TR17 0HB. or send to: [ses.dhs@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:ses.dhs@hotmail.co.uk)

Your joint activities, services and programmes can then be uploaded and advertised as part of the Churches Together in Cornwall website :-

[www.churchestogetherincornwall.org.uk](http://www.churchestogetherincornwall.org.uk)

"The entire educational landscape has shifted with many more types of school and different providers involved in a new market place. This is an opportunity and I would not be surprised to see at least 200 more Church schools developed in the next five years."

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Rowan Williams said: "This report marks the exceptional record of our Church schools in the last 200 years and charts the way forward in a fast-changing landscape. Universal free education in England began when the Church of England introduced schools in every parish - more than 50 years before the provision of state education.

Two hundred years later, church schools continue to serve their communities, are popular with parents and they provide an inclusive education with a strong Christian ethos. It is important for the nation that we retain their distinctive character and we are working closely with Government to ensure they continue to thrive."

The report also highlights the critical importance of religious education. It states: "High quality religious education and collective worship should continue to make major contributions to the Church school's Christian ethos."

An urgent recommendation calls for a working group to be set up to look at the risks faced by small rural Church schools, in order to protect them as the traditional education structure fragments.

Rev Jan Ainsworth, Church of England Director of Education, welcomed the report. She said: "We need to ensure our organisation is geared towards supporting Church schools. The report recommends that the dioceses and the centre work together to strengthen the support we collectively provide to Church schools."

### A NOTE FROM PRIMROSE PEACOCK

Following the success of the Sinbad's Christmas 2011 project, it is my intention to repeat this for 2012.

Thanks to a kind donation from the PCC of St. Mary's Truro to the Mission to Seafarers (Falmouth) the administration and publicity costs for 2012 are now met. The actual project will not commence until November, in several Truro locations but knitters are being recruited now to make woolly hats!

A pattern and some yarn is available but gifts of more (D.K.) will be welcome, No pastel colours.

Anyone who is really able to assist should please contact [pearose@mypostoffice.co.uk](mailto:pearose@mypostoffice.co.uk) or 01872 276 362  
Thank you. Primrose Peacock.

### A HOLY EASTER TO YOU ALL