

**JANUARY 2013**



**TOGETHER LIVE NATIVITY -  
SUNDAY 16TH DECEMBER, 2PM.**

This "Live Nativity" has gained momentum and is SO exciting! The team is working really hard to ensure it is both a brilliant and safe event.

The event starts at 2pm from Events Square walking through the town of Falmouth trying to find somewhere for Mary and Joseph to stay, with, of course, the donkey.

There will be various experiences to be seen throughout the town, stopping at places with scenes including shepherds, sheep and angels and Herod's Palace. The Kings will be on three horses. We finish on the Moor with lots of other penned animals and the final scene with a live baby. Here there will be carol singing and a very short three minutes talk. There will be a small pet area and children's crafts on show with 500 mince pies given away.

This will be a good Christmas experience to enjoy for all the family. Don't miss your chance to see this 'live' enactment and many congratulations to Deacon Michelle Legumi and her energetic team for this purposeful and deeply meaningful re-enactment.

**CHURCHES TOGETHER IN WADEBRIDGE**

Carol Singing on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2012 in the Town Centre at 10am Churches Together joined by the Wadebridge Town Band. You are most welcome to come and sing with us

**Chairman - Revd Steve Wild**  
**Vice Chairman - Bishop Tim Thornton**  
**CTC Missioner - David H Smith**  
**Treasurer - Mike Cullen**  
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**THE GIVING SHOP -**

**PENZANCE WHARFSIDE CENTRE OPEN ON  
26<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER - 24<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2012**

**A CHURCHES TOGETHER IN PENZANCE AREA  
CHRISTMAS PROJECT**

"It is in giving that we receive"

The Giving Shop is situated adjacent to Iceland in the Wharfside Shopping Centre in Penzance.

The concept is about giving rather than just receiving. At Christmas we all receive presents from our loved ones, but often youngsters and teenagers don't have the opportunity to give to those they are not related to - to give anonymously to others who are in need.

Therefore - with the help of publicising the concept of this shop in the schools, both Primary and Secondary, and in the Cornishman for the general public, all are bringing small gifts for others to receive - which will go towards the work of seven local charities or agencies.

Newlyn Fishermen's Mission - CTIPA Food Bank - CTIPA Street Pastors - CTIPA Breakfast Project - West Cornwall Women's Aid - Social Services Children's Department - Breadline.

The Giving Shop is open on Monday's, Tuesday's, Thursday's, Friday's, Saturday's, from 10am until 4pm and for late night Christmas shopping on 13<sup>th</sup>, and 20th December 2012.

**Come and see for yourself**



Treloyhan Manor is a stunning Victorian building located in Carbis Bay St Ives, set in acres of its own land surrounded with lavish gardens and with private car parking. Originally a Methodist run establishment but now an open Christian hotel. The hotels General Manager is Kieran Lynch who is now spending his 23<sup>rd</sup> year in Cornwall, and has managed Treloyhan successfully over the last 7 years.

Kieran was quoted saying "I believe that it has been our ethical Christian way of operating that has stood our company in such good stead in what is a very competitive Cornish tourism marketplace.

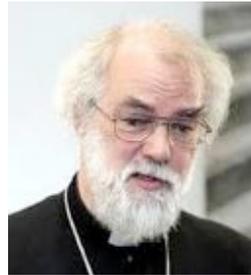
We are one of 5 hotels within the Christian Guild Ltd group, and we will be celebrating our companies 100 year anniversary next year, we have continued trading well in a less than stable economy, with our forward bookings for 2013 also looking good.

Our recent industry achievements have included the prestigious national Investors In People Award, Gold CHEFS Food Certificate qualifications, and affiliation within the St Ives Hotel & Guest House Association."

Treloyhan offers an added value hotel experience compared to most other hotels within the region. Which includes a goodwill fund (where the company pays the total holiday costs for people in need) hosts, and reduced tariff rates for clergy and lay people within church parishes, which assists those who support and help their local churches, funded from within our company which makes us quite unique for a corporate Ltd company.

The hotel caters for holidays, short breaks, church groups, businesses conferences and has hosted numerous weddings over the last few years with up to around 100 guests in attendance.

Treloyhan's full company details can be found at:- [www.christianguild.co.uk](http://www.christianguild.co.uk)



Celebrating Vatican II: now the new Evangelization  
The Second Vatican Council was a sign that the Church was strong enough to ask itself some demanding questions about whether its culture and structures were adequate to the task of sharing the Gospel with the complex, often rebellious, always restless mind of the modern world, according to Archbishop Rowan Williams.

Speaking on the eve of the 50th anniversary of the opening of the Council, he paid tribute to the Council's work which had helped the Church to recover the energy needed to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ effectively in our age. The Archbishop was in Rome to address the Synod of Bishops on the New Evangelization for the Transmission of the Christian Faith.

"The Council was, in so many ways, a rediscovery of evangelistic concern and passion, focused not only on the renewal of the Church's own life but on its credibility in the world."

To be converted to the faith, said Archbishop Rowan, does not mean simply acquiring a new set of beliefs, but becoming a new person, a person in communion with God and others through Jesus Christ.

"Evangelization, old or new, must be rooted in a profound confidence that we have a distinctive human destiny to show and share with the world."

Exploring the importance of contemplation for evangelism - "wherever initiatives are being taken to reach out in new ways to a lapsed Christian or post-Christian public, there should be serious work done on how such outreach can be grounded in some ecumenically shared contemplative practice" - Archbishop Rowan spoke of the work of communities such as Bose, Taizé and the World Community for Christian Meditation as well as "the great spiritual networks, Sant' Egidio, the Foculare and Communion e Liberazione".

"Evangelisation is always an overflow of something else – the disciple's journey to maturity in Christ, a journey not organised by the ambitious ego but the result of the prompting and drawing of the Spirit in us."

In our considerations of how we are once again to make the Gospel of Christ compellingly attractive to men and women of our age, Archbishop Rowan concluded, I hope we never lose sight of what makes it compelling to ourselves, to each one of us in our diverse ministries.

Held recently at the Vatican the Synod of Bishops on New Evangelization was part of a determined effort by Pope Benedict XVI to instill new fervour to the faith and to the testimony of Christians, their communities and families. The focus on this topic was one element in a unified plan: other elements have seen the establishment of a Dicastery for the Promotion of the New Evangelization and the proclamation of The Year of Faith. The evangelizing mission received from the Apostles has unique challenges in every generation. Today, says the background material for the Synod, social and cultural changes that profoundly affect relationships and the way people believe in God contribute to a detachment from the faith. "This situation which runs the risk of weakening the faith, and consequently, the ability to bear witness to the Gospel, has become a reality in most of the countries where, for centuries, the Christian faith has contributed to the up-building of culture and society."

From the beginning of his pontificate, Pope Benedict XVI has insisted that this situation needs to be addressed and that the Church has the responsibility to devise new tools and new expressions to ensure that the word of faith be heard more and be better understood.

## SINBAD'S CHRISTMAS

Thank you again to everyone who has contributed to the Woolly Hat project. About 230 hats have arrived with a few more in the pipeline.

They have come from all over Cornwall and a few in Devon - including some from "unknown" sources. Publicity at Stithians Show was very successful!

All the hats are being labelled "*Knitted for you by a lady in Cornwall U.K.*" They will go global.

We are now collecting or about to collect other gifts for Sinbad's Christmas. Please see attached for what is required by 18th December and unwrapped (packing is done in Falmouth for Christmas Day distribution).

Participating Churches to date - where there are drop off boxes -

Truro Cathedral (from 1st December)  
St John's Church - Truro.  
St. Pirans R.C. Church Truro.  
St. Gluvias Church Penryn  
St. Michael's Church Penwerris - Falmouth.

More churches/groups welcome. Please contact me first.

Also contributing (not drop off) - Trispen Pensioner's Methodist Lunch Club.  
Allett Cat Rescue Centre.

Other drops marked for me can be made at the Cathedral Office (Mon-Fri 9-5 only)  
Cathedral Vergers - Sat-Sun.  
Diocesan House - clergy only please  
My house in Truro - please ring first 01872 276 362 (Weekdays)

I expect to be at the Penwerris Church Bazaar on Saturday 8th December am

(Laburnum Drive) when surplus knitting wool will be included in Craft items for sale.

Primrose Peacock.

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 :-

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## RECENT CORRESPONDENCE

**Please support  
FOOTSTEPS COFFEE SHOP  
(underneath Falmouth Parish Church,  
King Charles the Martyr)  
Open - Fridays 7th, 14th and 21st December.  
We offer coffee and delicious home-made cake for £2.20 and lovely home-made soup with a bread roll for £2.50. Best 'value in town' for a break from Christmas shopping Our profits go to the Foodbank, KidzKlub, Street Pastors and St. Petroc's - home for the homeless in Falmouth.**

### Churches Together e-Christmas Cards

A good way to send greetings and information. I think many personal greetings will be sent this way because of the cost of stamps. However anyone on Pension Credit can purchase 30 second class stamps at the same price as last Christmas.

St Andrew's LEP celebrated 30 years of partnership this weekend (started 30<sup>th</sup> November 1982), and I was privileged to share a buffet tea and short entertainment, when an anniversary cake was cut. We had been invited to the service but had other services to attend. However, the Methodist Minister who prompted the partnership, Greg Hayes, and Arthur Climsland, URC & previous Ecumenical Officer was there, sharing in the service.

Rev Margaret Barnes

Many thanks to all who came to the Penryn & Falmouth Foodbank quiz night; we raised an amazing £375.37 and I trust that everyone had a very enjoyable time in the process!

Also to remind you this weekend is the nationwide Tesco collection weekend, so you should see our collection boxes appear very soon! Thanks again - Penryn & Falmouth Foodbank

Ali Durkin

### Lord Jesus,

Please forgive me for being so grumpy as I trudge through the never-ending tasks set before me this holiday season...  
My to-do list seems to keep growing with shopping, church services, and family gatherings---  
and I'm running short of time!  
Restore the joy of Christmas to my heart . . .  
and help me to relax each day and make time for  
YOU--  
my one true Source of Joy.