

**JULY 2013**

**A letter of Unity between the Methodist, Anglican and United Reformed Churches in Cornwall has unanimously been approved by all three Synods at their Annual meetings in May 2013.**



During the 'open' session of the Anglican Synod, Bishop Tim invited The Revd Steve Wild, Chairman of Cornwall Methodist circuit and Chairman of the Executive of Churches Together in Cornwall, to introduce the motion that 'Synod welcomes the Ecumenical Declaration of Intent and the opportunity it brings to strengthen further our ecumenical partnership'.

This proposal was warmly endorsed by delegates – "How could we not want to support this?" remarked one. "Perhaps we should go even further?" said another. Several others struck a more cautionary note and insisted that steps were taken to ensure continuity and that aspirations are acted out at the level of parishes and local communities, irrespective of the personalities involved. "This is not just a piece of paper," concluded Revd Wild, "but a basis for us all to make evangelism a priority."

There will be a major church service later in the year at which the letter will be signed by the church leaders of various denominations with support from fellow church leaders.

This document also indicates that we intend to work closely with our ecumenical colleagues to shape the church and churches to engage in mission and ministry together, wherever possible.

**Chairman - Revd Steve Wild**  
**Vice Chairman - Bishop Tim Thornton**  
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Above, the group of 25 pilgrims from different Christian denominations who made the journey with Bishop Tim and Rev'd Steve to stay and be part of the monastic way of life in Landevennec in France. All expressed that their time together with the Brothers and fellow pilgrims had been a worthwhile experience. The majority in the party were 'first timers' but I guarantee that many will visit again, certainly that is their intention.



The above photo of Abbot Jean Michel and Bishop Denis Moutel, Bishop of Saint-Brieuc shown talking with Rev'd Steve Wild and Bishop Tim, whilst the pilgrims visited and enjoyed the hospitality of the Chemin Neuf community outside Rennes. A wonderful enlightening experience.



## Healing on the Streets training weekend in Truro 14th & 15th June 2013

### Worship Together - Memory-Friendly Worship



Wadebridge Memory Café and Churches Together in Wadebridge have collaborated to start a monthly service at which people with memory-loss and their carers are particularly made welcome.

At the first service, 21<sup>st</sup> April, the organisers were delighted at the attendance of over fifty people, including those from as far as Lanivet and St Issey. The short service, featuring well-loved hymns, prayers and a Bible reading, was followed by the opportunity to join in conversation over tea, coffee and plenty of delicious cake.

Services are to be held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in the month, 10.00 am, at the John Betjeman Centre, Wadebridge. The next service is 19<sup>th</sup> May.



Christine Todd, Lay Chair of Churches Together in Wadebridge said, 'We are delighted to have this opportunity to work together with the Memory Café.

We are so pleased that people from all the churches in the town were represented at this first service. It was truly ecumenical, the service being led by Brian Cassidy, a RC Deacon, and Sue Barlow, an Anglican Reader. It was a most uplifting and life-affirming experience. We hope others will join us, to participate but also assist others in worship'.

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Healing on the Streets is a simple, but beautiful way, to reach out to the lost and hurting on the streets. We connect with our community every week, powerfully expressing God's love in the market place. We are out there whatever the weather, simply inviting people to sit on chairs so we can pray for them. This gentle ministry works within a loving, and compassionate environment, full of the presence and power of the Holy Spirit and marked by a true sense of peace.

Our next training weekend is taking place in Truro:  
Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June 6.30pm – 10pm  
Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June 9am – 11am.  
We will be going live on Pydar Street outside Truro Library 11.30am – 1.30pm.

To become qualified as a Healing on the Streets (HOTS) team member you must attend all the training sessions and receive authorisation from your church leader. No experience is necessary. You will be trained, equipped and released to go!! (If you can't make both sessions, you are welcome to come out and witness Healing on the Streets in action, and you will be able to take part in the Healing on the Streets ministry when you complete training at a later date).

#### Requirements for team members:

1. Have received full training and agree to abide by the model taught
2. Be an active member of their church (particularly a Home Group) for 6 months and have authorisation of their Small Group Leader or Pastor
3. Committed to pray regularly for the sick on the streets
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You will also require a Training Manual, which will be available at the training weekend for £5.

Training is free but you are very welcome to make a donation towards our costs.

*For further information about Healing on the Streets please visit*

[www.cornwallhealingonthestreets.co.uk](http://www.cornwallhealingonthestreets.co.uk) To book your place please email

[hotstruro@gmail.com](mailto:hotstruro@gmail.com) and we will send you a Sign Up form and confirm the venue towards the end of May 2013.

## Kingdom Vision Vacancies

Kingdom Vision provides information on the website [www.kingdomvision.co.uk](http://www.kingdomvision.co.uk) about Christian events such as Walk Cornwall and social action projects, such as Foodbank and Street Pastors, alongside faith-building articles and prophetic words, with a view to revealing how the Kingdom of God is at work and growing in Cornwall, and to enable those who feel led, to join with others in what God is doing in His Kingdom. The events listed by us are organised by Christians and open to everyone. We mainly cover Cornwall and the southwest and currently have 8,500 users each month and are continuing to steadily grow.

We currently have the following vacancies available:

### Events Editor

**Part time (10 hours per week), self-employed, £7 per hour, initially fixed term for 6 months**

Able to work from home, flexible hours, training provided. Job-share welcome. To input events on the Kingdom Vision website and calendar; produce weekly newsletter and monthly calendar; research suitable funding sources; work within a team to develop the website. Deadline Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2013.

### Trustees

Kingdom Vision is run by Trustees from different denominations and Christian fellowships. If you are inspired by our [vision](#) we would like to invite you to become one of our Trustees. Trustees meet together every few months to review how the website is progressing and share their thoughts on future direction. Charitable Trustees are required to be unpaid by law, but they are vital to the spiritual growth and direction of Kingdom Vision.

### Writers, Artists, Photographers: *What does the Kingdom of God mean to you?*

We will be publishing a series of articles on the theme 'What does the Kingdom of God mean to you?' This can be a written article, a poem, a short film, a piece of art, a photograph or any other medium in which you feel inspired to portray your vision of what the Kingdom of God looks like. Suitable entries will be published over a series of Sundays on the Kingdom Vision website and collated into a book to be published next year. Deadline 31st September 2013.

For more information check the website and if you would be interested in any of these please email [editor@kingdomvision.co.uk](mailto:editor@kingdomvision.co.uk) or tel. 01872 321182.

## THE CHURCHES TOGETHER GIVING SHOP IN THE WHARFSIDE SHOPPING CENTRE - PENZANCE

A very successful week of promoting soft crafts, which could be replicated by other Churches Together Groups, was fulfilled during 13-18<sup>th</sup> May in the Giving Shop - Penzance which included painting exhibitions by the homeless group, ROAM, Pen Teg and Breathe Organics. The week consisted of:-

Monday - quick 'n Easy Patchwork  
Tuesday - Penzance Hand knitters  
Wednesday - Penzance Lace and Thread  
Thursday - Newlyn Knitters  
Friday - Cross Stitch with Gaynor  
Saturday - Rug making with - We Are Not Doormats



All ages of the general public freely participated in learning about these crafts, included opportunities for a knit and natter and free cuppa with cake and biscuits. Overall 100 people enjoyed the week's activities and plan to arrange another craft week in the Autumn.

### A Prayer for Unity

O God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we affirm our faith in you as the Holy One, and our conviction that you have called us to witness to the perfect unity of your love, to continue in your work of reconciliation and to reveal you to the world. Enable us to seek the peace and unity which is your will.

### CHURCHES TOGETHER TENT WITH THE START OF SHOW SERVICE AT THE ROYAL CORNWALL SHOW

On Wednesday evening 5<sup>th</sup> June there is 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 year's preacher will be recently welcomed Bishop of St Germans, the Rt Rev Chris Goldsmith.**

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 Skinner's beer!) in the 'Tent'. A word of warning: do allow plenty of time to park your car!

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