



# Churches Together in Cornwall

## JANUARY 2014

**A CHANCE FOR CHURCHES OF ALL DENOMINATIONS TO GATHER AND PRAY AS WE SEND OUT THE YOUNG PEOPLE OF THE HOPE CORNWALL MISSION ACADEMY INTO A TERM OF MISSION IN WORD AND ACTION.**

This last autumn young people from across the county gathered to form a Mission Academy. These young people stepped up to learn, to grow and to serve their communities, with words and actions that speak of the hope of Jesus Christ. In January 2014 we will kick-start a whole term of mission as these young people become catalysts for action across Cornwall.

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**SATURDAY 18TH JANUARY AT 6PM  
TRURO CATHEDRAL, TR1 2AF  
GUEST SPEAKERS:**

**RT REVD TIM THORNTON BISHOP OF TRURO  
REVD STEVE WILD METHODIST CHAIR OF CORNWALL  
DISTRICT**

**REVD JEZ BROWN SOUTH WEST BAPTIST ASSOCIATION  
FOR CHURCHES OF CORNWALL,  
YOUNG AND OLD TOGETHER  
NO CHARGE - REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE**

## CALLING CORNWALL

On New Year's Eve in 2012 a year of unbroken prayer was launched across the UK starting here in Cornwall. This New Year's Eve the year of unbroken prayer returns to Cornwall. We are calling the Christian Church in Cornwall to stand with us in prayer for our county, gathering at the most westerly point of the UK mainland.

**TUESDAY 31<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 2013**

**ESCALLS CHAPEL, SENNEN, (NEAR LAND'S END)  
6PM 7PM PRAYER & HOLY COMMUNION**

**7:30PM - 9PM PRAYER AND WORSHIP SERVICE**

**10PM - 12AM PRAYER, WORSHIP AND  
INTERCESSION (MOVING TO LAND'S END FOR  
MIDNIGHT)**

**CONTACT US TO FIND OUT MORE...**

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## THE NEXT STAGE

So after the wonderful ecumenical service at St Petroc's Bodmin on 17<sup>th</sup> Nov when the Declaration of Intent was signed, progress has already been considered and will be firmed up in the New Year by the CTC Executive. The draft action plan looks like this:-

Theme: 1 CTC Executive Lead: David Smith	
Ref:	Action
1a	Administration
1b	Co-ordinating reporting back from Theme Groups
1c	CTC communication
1d	CTC web site
Theme: 2 Mission Events Together Lead: to be decided	
Ref:	Action
2a	Week of Christian Unity
2b	Declaration of Intent - 1 year On - 16 November 2014
2c	Royal Cornwall Show - June 2014
2d	Royal Cornwall Show Ground - CTC building
2e	Gwennap Pit - Pentecost
Theme: 3 Working Strategically Together Lead: Bishop Tim Thornton	
Ref:	Action
3a	Joint working on policies such as environment and discipleship, rather than separate policies and initiatives
3b	Encouraging leaders to motivate and promote ecumenicalism throughout their organisations
3c	Involve ecumenical people in decision-making, such as staff recruiting, to ensure ecumenical working is seen as a priority
3d	Develop a questionnaire to establish support for ecumenical working with existing clergy
Theme: 4 Ecumenical Ventures Together Lead: Rev Steve Wild	
Ref:	Action
4a	Working together for pastoral care in rural areas
4b	Develop shared training resources
4c	Streamline training for lay preachers
4d	Develop a joint Ecumenical Youth Synod
Theme: 5 Theological Issues Together Lead: Rev Jez Brown	
Ref:	Action
5a	Communion
5b	Deployment of ordained ministers
5c	New and emerging churches

## SHARING OUR FAITH

After the energy of the Walk Cornwall 2 Mission the Task Force planning group felt that it would be good to continue to harness this energy by inviting anyone willing to join Faith sharing enterprises in the future to a meeting at the Cathedral Chapter house on **18th January 2014 at 4.15 p.m.** The aim of this meeting would be to gather and register folks interested and discern what training might be suitable, so that any future mission leaders could call on a pool of enthusiasts as and when needed. It would be an ecumenical team and so we hope that people from a wide range of Churches would come along and we would invite Church leaders or members to approach and encourage anyone they feel might benefit from training on sharing the faith and/or being part of a wider team.

On the same evening at 6.00pm HOPE 2014 will be launched in the Cathedral and so the timing of this meeting is aimed to give people an opportunity to attend both events with a short break inbetween.

For further information or to register interest if you are unable to come please contact either:

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### **Voluntary, community and social enterprise organisations across the county were recognised and celebrated at the first Cornwall VSF Awards.**

The first event of its kind was held at the Eden Project and welcomed over 100 members of the sector.

Volunteers from Churches Together in Penzance Area "The Giving Shop" in receive their award.

### **This year the Best Business Partnership result was as follows**

**Winner:** The Giving Shop – Churches Together in Penzance (working with the Wharfside Shopping Centre)

**Runner-up:** Community Energy Plus

## Changes at the Curia.

Many readers will be glad to know that Bishop Christopher Budd is now being permitted to retire, but also that he will be greatly missed not only within the Roman Catholic Church, but also by many other Christians. Bishop Budd has passed the official retirement age and is not in perfect health. He has been an Ecumenical Canon at Truro Cathedral for some time. Last time he visited us his homily included a most interesting account of the Thomas Christians in India. He is offered all good wishes for a long and restful time, possibly in a particularly beautiful venue.



The name of his Successor has now been officially announced. The Consecration of Mgr, Mark O'Toole will take place in Plymouth Roman Catholic Cathedral on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2014 at 2pm. He will come to Plymouth from London where he is currently Rector of Allen Hall Seminary.

Mark O'Toole was born in London of Irish parents. His grandfather was a boatman in Connemara, Galway, a magnificently beautiful place I first visited Connemara in 1954 when trenches were being dug to bring 'the light' (electricity). Following his secular education that culminated in a BSc. in Geography at Leicester, Mark O'Toole studied for the priesthood at Allen Hall. He was ordained priest in 1990 in the Diocese of Westminster. He went on to obtain a M.Phil in Theology at Oxford where Dr. Rowan Williams was his supervisor. Parish work followed before he returned to Allen Hall as a lecturer, later Dean of Studies until 2002. He then became the Private Secretary to Cardinal Murphy O'Connor then Archbishop of Westminster.

Mgr. Mark returned to Allen Hall in 2008 as Rector, presumably when the Archbishop retired, and remained there with some subsidiary work until recently when Pope Francis chose him as the first Bishop elect in the U.K. of his papacy. A photograph of Mgr. O'Toole shows the happy face of a man who does not look his fifty years and who states he is looking forward to his new position. So I am sure are both the Roman Catholic community and the other churches. The Plymouth Diocese includes Cornwall, Devon and parts of Dorset.

*It is understood that the Plymouth (Catholic) Diocesan Handbook for 2014 is now available from their Churches or Fr. David Annear in Launceston. It is always a good read!*

**Primrose Peacock.**

## The Cross Ladies of Helston & Wendron.

When the autumn visit to Cornwall by the Archbishop of Canterbury was planned it was decided to name the Cathedral service, the Festival of the Cross. This was primarily in honour of the Archbishop's Primatial Cross that was carried by his chaplain. It originated as a gift from the people of Cornwall to Archbishop Benson on the occasion of his elevation to Canterbury. We were able to examine it at the end of the service. It is gold (or pinch-beck) studded with precious and semi-precious stones. The "Strawberry Hill Gothic" design was considered by some as slightly 'over the top'!



Prior to this event an invitation was sent out to all parishes in the Diocese to prepare and bring a cross of their own design and construction to the Cathedral. Quite a number responded and a variety of artefacts appeared including a three-dimensional faux granite one in *papier maché* from St. Erth. Others included woodwork, dried flowers, paintings and a rag-work St. Bridget's Cross from St. Just in Roseland.

But one significant corporate effort was from the Parish of Helston with Wendron in West Cornwall. It had been organised by The Rev. Jane Bradbury, who is the curate there and involved ladies from both churches. Each participant was given a cross-shaped piece of plastic canvas and asked to decorate it. Then the finished pieces were mounted on black fabric in the form of a large cross. They used beads, buttons, small twigs, threads and other 'notions'. The finished item was delightful and meaningful.

### Primrose Peacock



### Hope 2014

Join the Hope 2014 initiative to reach local communities. Hope's prayer countdown to 2014 runs through to 31 January 2014 and a specially-written prayer calendar has been produced by UCB.

Click here [for More](#)

## 1880 returns.



The very well nationally publicised Reconstruction of the original 1880 Nine Lessons with Carols took place before a capacity audience in Truro Cathedral on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December. The actual service, originally devised by Bishop Benson, was preceded by a talk given by the Director of Music, Mr Chris Gray and energetic instructions from the Precentor, Canon Perran Gay. The contributions of both men indicated just how long and with how much patience the research had taken.

At 7pm precisely the choir and clergy appeared in a silent procession and the service using Orders reproduced from the original commenced. It was immediately apparent just how different it was from the modern 'Carol Sandwich' which congregations either love or find hackneyed!

The choreography was perfect. No one missed their cue, everyone from the young choirboy reading from Genesis to the Dean, (acting as Bishop) seated in a very Episcopal throne, was word perfect and clear. The lesson readers represented a wide range of male personalities from the Diocese, one of whom had a distinctive "Charles Dickens" visage and another who is rarely seen robed!

The choir sang several carols and anthems interspersed with congregational hymns. They included the Hallelujah Chorus from Handel's Messiah by which time everyone was standing after several changes of posture. Eighteen persons were required to collect the offertory! It was altogether a delightful pre-Christmas event, which has been visually recorded and fully deserves the congratulations to all involved.

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## ARE YOU GETTING MARRIED IN 2014?

We are running a Relationships Skills Course on **Saturday 18 January 2014** from 10.30am – 2.30pm at All Saints Church Hall, Highertown, Truro, TR1 3LD.

The course is ideal preparation for marriage and aims to give you skills for life. It covers various topics: effective communication, conflict resolution, dealing with anger, practising forgiveness (to name a few) and ends on a high note with speaking your partner's love language. We use a powerpoint presentation, with handouts. Additionally, couples work together and there may be some group discussion.

The course emphasises helpful strategies and theories for any couple relationship – they really will make a difference!

This course is for couples soon to be married or couples who would like to give their relationship an MOT in a light-hearted but meaningful way.

This course is open to any couples who would like to attend – we'd love to see you!

The cost is £25 per couple to include a light lunch and coffee on arrival.

For further information about us, please visit our website: [www.live-2-love.co.uk](http://www.live-2-love.co.uk)

### NEWS FROM CHURCHES TOGETHER ENGLAND

#### Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

*Is Christ Divided?*

Prepare for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity with our resources available to order or download. Our pamphlet includes an order of service, introduction to the theme and reflections for the eight days. There are also leaders' notes, all age material and a Powerpoint. [More](#)

#### Holocaust Memorial Day - 27 January 2014

Theme for 2014 is *Journeys*. Download comment pieces (or sermon notes) on the set readings, prayers and options for activities within worship. [More](#)

#### Lent Study 2014

Resources are now available to download for prayer and reflection during Lent 2014 on the theme of *Parables and Possessions*. [More](#)

## Survey of Faith Groups

### You are invited to the launch of key findings of the Survey of Faith Groups in Cornwall

Please find enclosed your invitation to the launch of key findings of the Cornwall Survey of Faith Groups on Thursday 23rd January 2014 9.15am-1.30pm (including lunch) in the Council Chamber at New County Hall in Truro.

The event will consist of a presentation of key findings, a showcase of groups/projects in Cornwall and a 'Practical Action Toolkit', followed by a networking lunch to celebrate the launch. We are pleased with the response and look forward to sharing the findings with you. Please feel free to share this invitation with interested people.

For more bookings or for more information contact Rosey Sanders by email [rosey.sanders@transformation-cornwall.org.uk](mailto:rosey.sanders@transformation-cornwall.org.uk) or call 07891 605994. There are limited spaces available, these will be issued on a first come first served basis.

We hope you will be interested in attending this event and look forward to seeing you there.

Yours sincerely

Lois Wild

### FAMILIES FOR CHILDREN

**At Families for Children our Christmas Wish is that every child waiting for their adoptive family finds them.**

By the end of this year we will have placed 48 children in Cornwall, Devon and Dorset with their new families - the highest number of children we have ever placed in one year. Next year we want to place more.

To do this we need to invest in both the pre and post adoption support we provide for our families. We rely heavily on our fundraising to do this. Please help us to achieve our Christmas Wish by making a donation or collecting for us at one of your Christmas services, as well as praying for all children waiting to find their new Mummy and Daddy.

**This Christmas help us to give the gift of a family to a child waiting to be adopted.**

[Click here to make our wish come true](#)

**A very merry Christmas and a Happy Peaceful and blessed New Year to you all.**

**From all the Officers and Executive members of Churches Together in Cornwall  
Have a great 2014 together.**