

SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

JUNE 2021

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SRO DIARY DATES

JUNE

- 1 Cornwall Independent Poverty Forum meeting**, 2pm, contact **Rosey Sanders**.
- 3 Churches Homeless Network Meeting**, 2pm, contact **Rosey Sanders**.
- 5 - 13 Churches Count on Nature**
- 6 Cornwall Churches Environment Group service**, Contact **Roger Mills** for Zoom link.
- 11 Co-creating Cornwall's Future** 10am, **Eventbrite**.

JULY

- 6 Cornwall Independent Poverty Forum meeting**, 2pm, contact **Rosey Sanders**.
- 7 Faith in Mental Health**, 2pm.

THANK YOU

A big thank you to all those who submitted proposals to the Community Manifesto. There were 40 responses in total and they have been brought together into a publication and sent to each of the new Cornwall councillors and MPs.

EU CITIZENS LIVING IN THE UK PROTECT YOUR RIGHTS BY APPLYING TO THE EU SETTLEMENT SCHEME

If you are an EU, EEA or Swiss citizen, resident in the UK by 31 December 2020, you and your family members need to apply to the EU Settlement Scheme to continue living in the UK beyond 30 June 2021.

Contact Citizens Advice Cornwall for EUSS advice and support:
Call 03333 440061 (free phone advice line)
Email EUSS@citizensadvicecornwall.org.uk
Text ADVICE EUSS to 78866 and we will ring you back.

gov.uk/eu/settlementscheme
HM Government

SPOTLIGHT ON HEARTEDGE

HEARTEDGE is a national community of churches hosted by St Martin in the Fields.

It offers a great selection of resources and online gatherings for sharing ideas. Such as:

How to reopen your venue after the Pandemic? Tips and tactics [here](#).

What about those who are one step removed from the social networks in which support and resources can be found? **Common Change UK** and **US Common Change** involves groups of friends giving regularly into a 'common fund'. [Learn more here](#).

Below is a sample of what is on offer in this month's circular.

- Pilgrimage, being a dispersed church, plus tips on preaching politics.
- Hosting a Credit Union. Or a Parish Nurse. Plus Common Change.
- Making plans for post-Covid - Church Café, or developing the building - and all about collaboration.
- Our online festival of theology and ideas - 'Living God's Future Now'.

More case studies can be found [here](#).

HeartEdge: A monthly selection of ideas, news & resources focused on our four Cs

Ideas

Culture Compassion Commerce Congregation

BBC DOCUMENTARY SEEKS LEVELLING UP VIEWS

BBC Current Affairs is making a two-part series about the changes the UK economy has undergone since the 2008 financial crisis, to be broadcast this autumn on BBC2.

Governments of the past decade have spoken a common language around 'levelling up', 'a country that works for everyone', and 'rewarding work not just wealth'. Yet many people feel they've seen little benefit, or that life has in various ways become even tougher.

People planning to attend the G7 protests in Cornwall are being sought to take part in the programme. Reasons for protesting, your broader thoughts on some of the policies and issues that have affected Cornwall, such as cuts to local council budgets, housing costs, and insecure work will all be of interest.

If you are interested in taking part, email [Jecca Powell](mailto:jecca.powell@bbc.co.uk) on jecca.powell@bbc.co.uk or call 07837539687.

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SPOTLIGHT ON WORRYING ABOUT MONEY

Thanks to Cornwall Council funding, a 'Worrying about money?' leaflet for Cornwall will soon be distributed widely throughout the county. Transformation Cornwall, the Trussell Trust and the Independent Food Aid Network (IFAN) have been working with key stakeholders operating in Cornwall to develop the leaflet.

The 'Worrying about money?' leaflet is a simple resource for people facing financial crisis - and those who are supporting them - to quickly see available advice and support options and which agencies are best placed to help. The aim is to reduce the need for emergency food aid by helping people access any existing financial entitlements and advice

on income maximisation. You can see leaflets that have been developed in other local authority areas [here](#).

The leaflets will be supported with some practical/simple training sessions linked to the leaflet, please let us know via the [order form](#) if your group or organisation would be interested to hearing more about related training as we develop the programme. An online version of the leaflet is available via [this page](#) on the Independent Food Aid Network (IFAN) website.

If you have any questions contact Sabine Goodwin at admin@foodaidnetwork.org.uk.

SCHOOL UNIFORM RECYCLING TOOLKIT

Buying school uniforms is a financial challenge for many families in Cornwall. With children constantly growing or sometimes changing schools, the next big expense is always around the corner. Last month Transformation Cornwall teamed up with the Cornwall Independent Poverty Forum and Volunteer Cornwall to release a [School Uniform Recycling toolkit](#).

The general idea is to centrally collect

good condition school uniforms and associated items and re-distribute them. The short guide gives readers top tips for developing a scheme with their local school or strengthening an existing scheme that is currently running.

In partnership with the Cornwall Community Foundation, we were also able to offer grants of up to £70 for new and existing projects to help with things like boxes, rails and clothes washing.

FAITH & MENTAL HEALTH NETWORK

Working alongside Revd Andrew Yates, Transformation Cornwall are continuing to strengthen links between faith and mainstream communities around our core themes. One example of this is our involvement with the newly formed 'Faith and Mental Health Network' There are a huge number of resources around mental health and faith on the Transformation Cornwall [webpage](#).

The network meets every two months



and is a mutually supportive group of people offering a safe space to explore issues and share information, resources and best practice.

The next meeting of the Faith in Mental Health Network on July 7 at 2pm, will look at how people's mental health around bereavement can be supported through

events such as memorial services. It will also look at what are the challenges and opportunities for pastoral ministry in this area.

FOODBANK SUPPORT

We are continuing our work to support the Cornish Foodbanks, working with local and national partners to get examples of good practice, policies, procedures, community links and information in to them.

We are also working with some of the foodbanks on their bespoke funding and project development/planning, and our offer remains to assist them all in any way that we can.

See the latest version of the [Cornish Foodbank update](#).

One of the key issues with the Foodbanks' current way of working is their hugely reduced abilities to signpost to the 'wrap around services' that their customers need. To help with this, Transformation Cornwall applied to the Diocese of Truro Funds for Mission, and were awarded a small grant to print and post enough hard copies of the telephone signposting information list to the 19 Cornish Foodbanks to go out in foodparcels to the Foodbank customers.

The list was co-created with a number of the foodbanks and is a comprehensive list of services helping with mental health, housing, debt, dependency, advice, training, employment etc throughout Cornwall. The list is downloadable from our [website](#).

LUCY JOINS THE TEAM

We are delighted to be joined in our team by Lucy Sherburn as our Communications and Administration Assistant.

Lucy will be working to help us share our message and help us to develop exciting new projects on and offline. Alongside her work with us, Lucy will continue studying for her degree in English at Falmouth University.

Lucy is already getting stuck in with her work and will be joining us as part of the delivery team in person at St Petrocs for Meet the Funders over the two days to lead on social media and helping with general admin for the event.

You can read more about Lucy on our [website](#).

FUNDING

FUNDING FOR INNOVATIVE PROJECTS UP TO £3,000

THE EDITH MAUD ELLIS (1985) CHARITABLE TRUST – The Edith Maud Ellis (1985) Charitable Trust offer one-off and seed funding grants up to £3,000 for innovative projects in the UK which are finding it hard to attract funding from other sources, particularly in the areas of community development, interfaith understanding, international peace and conflict resolution, asylum seekers, refugees and Quaker causes.

The application deadline is Wednesday, June 9, 2021. Applications may be made online via a relatively short and straightforward application form available on the [trust's website](#).

More information can also be sourced via Mrs Jackie Baily, call 01845 574882 or email jackie@virtuosity-uk.com

CORNWALL VSF WEEKLY FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Cornwall VSF creates a weekly list of funding opportunities for the voluntary sector. You can [view the most recent one](#) on Cornwall VSF's website. It includes funding:

- To develop community groups
- For pilot projects to help people back into employment or training
- To support vulnerable children and young adults
- To support outdoor learning for schools
- For smaller charities working with social welfare projects

TURN 2 US NEWSLETTER

Here is the latest version of the Turn 2 Us [newsletter](#). It includes a benefits calculator and an update on benefits changes including: universal credit.

BIG LUNCH & COMMUNITY MONTH

The **Big Lunch** and Month of Community starts on June 5. The Big Lunch is the UK's annual celebration to give thanks and get to know our neighbours and communities.

This year the aim is to support communities as we emerge from the toughest of times and start to reconnect with the world around us, safely.

So the Big Lunch is teaming up with good causes across the UK, including Thank You Day on July 4, to celebrate summer 2021 with a whole **Month of Community** from June 5.

People can join in whenever works for them and their community, whether that's to say cheers to volunteers, connect with neighbours, or simply to say thank you.

Event organisers should check the latest Government guidelines and these **top tips for a socially safe Big Lunch** and plan their events with safety, group numbers and social distancing rules in mind.

LEGAL AID ASSISTANCE FOR HOUSING ISSUES

Lawstop has just arrived in Cornwall and they are able to offer Legal Aid (if eligible) for housing issues.

The weekly telephone clinic gives free

legal advice for housing. Lawstop can help with Homelessness, Possession Orders, Eviction, Disrepair, Unsuitable Temporary accommodation and any policy changes.

Are you homeless?

Are you in receipt of benefits?
Or on a low income?

Has your Landlord or the Council failed to make repairs to your home?

Have you been provided with unsuitable accommodation by the Council?

Are you unhappy with the condition of your home?

Are you facing eviction?



- Lawstop is now able to help clients in **Cornwall** -
Starting Wednesday 14th April 10am-1pm.

Call or email for further information and to arrange an appointment, if eligible.

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SUPPORT YOUR CHURCH & MISSION: [SIGN UP TO PARISH GIVING](#)

MENTAL HEALTH & SUICIDE PREVENTION TRAINING UPDATE

The Public Health training team at **Healthy Cornwall** have been busy delivering training throughout the course of the pandemic, with the team being one of the first in the country to adopt a digital classroom option for Mental Health First Aid (MHFA).

Details of the session and how to book on are available here: **Towards Zero Suicide Newsletter April 2021 - Cornwall Council**

HAPPIFY DAILY

Sometimes we might feel needing help can put you in a vulnerable place, but it doesn't have to be that way.

Globally, depression affects up to **300 million people, and 1 in 13 people suffer from anxiety**, according to the World Health Organisation. Although the disorders are treatable, less than half actually receive treatment.

Despite efforts to erase negative stigmas around mental health, the faulty assumption sticks and can be a main barrier to those seeking support.

To make getting the support you deserve easier, there are some tips on how to do it here: <https://my.happify.com/hd/7-ways-to-ask-for-help-when-you-are-feeling-down/>

ENVIRONMENT PRAYER

Heavenly Father,
You have taught us, through your servant St Francis,
That all creation is your handiwork.
Grant us your grace that we may
Exercise wise stewardship of this Earth;
Tread lightly upon it;
And cherish its resources;
That our children may enjoy its riches,
throughout all generations,
And your name be glorified through all
that you have made.
Amen.

*Rt Revd David Walker
Bishop of Manchester*



SPOTLIGHT ON GEE SEVEN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Truro Cathedral's 35 choristers aged 8-18 are rallying schools and choirs from around the world to sing Gee Seven, a new joyful but poignant song by Peter Hobbs and Sir Tim Rice.

It's directed at world leaders as they gather in Cornwall in June for the 2021 G7 Summit.

An emotive **music video** has been produced, and over 13,000 voices have signed up so far from 18 countries. **Sing2G7 has recently released the Gee Seven single**, and with schools throughout UK already learning the song, numbers are rising daily, with

50,000 being the target by the time Summit begins.

The song is just one way of putting young voices at the heart of world affairs. There's also Cornwall Council's **Y7Cornwall website** designed to celebrate and inspire a generation as Cornwall prepares to host the G7 Summit. It's being developed with the support of young people and will be packed with ways for them to get involved and get their voices heard. Young people are already recording **one minute messages** to tell world leaders what they want them to do.

CORNWALL VSF 'CO-CREATING CORNWALL'S FUTURE'

Cornwall Voluntary Sector Forum (VSF) is full steam on the **'Co-creating Cornwall's Future'** virtual event, taking place on June 11.

There is still time to share your views on improving Cornwall's environment, economy, and the health and wellbeing of our residents in this **quick poll**. There have been have some wonderful submissions for the **#IAmCornwall**

campaign and there's still time to add yours.

The comms team is working to tell as many stories from the sector as possible. If you have videos showcasing your organisation in action, which you would like to see featured in a voluntary sector showcase, please send them to comms@cornwallvsf.org.

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING FOR VOLUNTARY SECTOR

The Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Safeguarding Adults Board are offering three free training sessions covering self-neglect for members of the voluntary sector. These sessions will be held on the following dates and times via Microsoft Teams: **June 1: 1pm-2pm; June 8: 1pm-2pm**. Booking is essential and can be made via PEDT@cornwall.gov.uk

The sessions will be delivered by Kerrie Todd, Safeguarding Improvement Plan Project Officer for Adult Social Care and are aimed at creating a greater understanding of self-neglect in the community and actions that can be taken to support people who self-neglect.

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May 18th 19.30 - 20.45 - G7 & COP26 BRIEFING:
How can we speak up and respond in prayer and action?
An online event to inform and inspire.
The link can be found here: <https://www.ctcinfohub.org/events/g7-cop26-briefing-meeting/>

May 19th CREATION CARE PRAYER TOOLKIT LAUNCH
A prayer kit to help you and your church community engage with the upcoming G7 conference and the growing issue of climate change.
This will be available through the Diocese of Truro social media pages

May 24th-25th TRANSFORMATION CORNWALL: MEET THE FUNDERS
May's meet the funders conference will focus on 'Living today with tomorrow in mind.' You can book a place here: <https://transformation-cornwall.org.uk/areas-of-work/meet-the-funders>

June 5th-13th CHURCHES COUNT ON NATURE 2021
Practical environmental action accessible to all.
Sign up at: Register for 'Churches Count on Nature 2021' — Caring For God's Acre (caringforgodsacre.org.uk)

June 6th 18.00 - ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICE
Join Churches Together in Cornwall for a service on zoom dedicated to caring for God's creation.
The link to join will be posted here: <https://www.ctcinfohub.org/g7-summit-st-ives-11-13-june-2021/>

June 10th 19.00 - 20.00 - CAFOD G7 INTERFAITH EVENT
At Truro Cathedral a CAFOD interfaith event will be livestreamed for the G7 conference. Building a better world after the pandemic.
The link can be found here: <https://cafod.org.uk/News/Events/G7-interfaith-event-Truro>

June 12th THE CHURCH AND CLIMATE CHANGE: ARE WE LISTENING?
A short video where some of Cornwall's young people get to ask some church leaders some difficult questions about the church and climate change.
This will be launched on All Saints Church's Youtube channel and social media pages.

June 12th SPACE AND PEACE AMONGST THE NOISE
3rd order of Franciscans quiet day at Laverna (below Epiphany house).
Please email mailforandyharris@gmail.com to book a place.

June 12th 10.00-12.30 - LIVING FOR TOMORROW
Reflection from Dr Rowan Williams, Prof Michael Northcott and Students from Truro College on the challenges and opportunities of living together in a post-Covid world.
Details for booking will be available on the Cathedral website from the 24th of May

June 13th 14.00-15.00 - YCCN PRAYER RELAY FROM G7-COP26
An opportunity to pray and bless the Young Christian Climate Network as they start their pilgrimage from Truro Cathedral to Glasgow.

September 1st CREATION CARE TOOLKIT LAUNCH
To help us engage with the growing issue of Climate Change a toolkit will be published to support all churches across Cornwall. This toolkit will include worship, prayers, sermon ideas and help with going deeper as a community. This will be available through Churches Together in Cornwall.

September 1st CREATION TIDE
This is the period in the annual church calendar, from the 1st of September till the 4th of October, dedicated to God as Creator and Sustainer of all life.
This will be chance to use the tool kit provided and reflect on the year that has just passed, and our response to the climate crisis.

Creation Care Events in Cornwall 2021



READY TO GET BACK OUT THERE?

If you want work to be part of your future...

We will help you take the next steps!

- Build your confidence and skills
- Plan your work and life goals
- Connect with people in your community
- Job search, CVs and interview
- Meet positive employers
- Work trials and tasters.

Whatever support you need, we'll be here every step of the way.

To find out more please contact Harriet
07707 277724
hwc@pluss.org.uk

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CHURCHES TOGETHER CORNWALL
*inspiring unity
sharing our gifts*

**on the weekend of
World Environment Day
SUNDAY 6 JUNE 2021 6PM**

**ON ZOOM & FACEBOOK LIVE
or catch up later on Facebook and YouTube**

links on ctcinfohub.org/env

Join us in celebrating God's creation and new initiatives for its care as we pray for wise decisions at the upcoming G7 and COP26 conferences

