

SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY DECEMBER 2021/ JANUARY 2022

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SRO DIARY DATES

DECEMBER

4 Homeless Network, via Zoom. Email **Rosey Sanders** for the link.

7 Poverty Forum, 2pm, Email **Rosey Sanders** for the link.

7 Linking Lives: loneliness, older people & the Church, [book here](#).

JANUARY

11 Poverty Forum, 2pm, Email **Rosey Sanders** for the link.

26 Faith in Mental Health Network Meeting, 2pm - 3.30pm. [Book here](#).

CITIZENS ADVICE ENERGY SAVING BOOKLETS

Citizens' Advice Cornwall has some great Energy Saving Booklets.

The booklets are free and contain useful information on contracts, methods of payment, understanding smart meters, how to save on energy bills and where to get help if you're struggling with payments.

To order contact Wailim Wong via email at wailim.wong@citizensadvicecornwall.org.uk or call 07711 786688.

PRE-TENANCY TRAINING

Citizens' Advice Cornwall is planning to deliver a number of one-day workshops aimed at helping participants explore tenancy agreements and responsibilities; managing money and debt; and practical information to sustain and manage a successful tenancy. They will be offering localised, free workshops county-wide and also an online workshop option. At this stage, they are seeking interest, to help co-design locations.

To register your interest, [click here](#).

SPOTLIGHT ON

AN ETHICAL BUYING GUIDE

As we approach that time of year which sometimes feels like a glut of spending this guide is a helpful challenge to our priorities.

Our spending decisions as consumers have an impact on the world around us.

ARE CHURCHES CONSUMERS?

We may shy away from that label, but to enable our worship, serve our neighbours and equip ourselves for the work of God's kingdom, we spend money, we interact with companies and we take part in the wider economy.

From the tea and coffee that fuels friendship and conversation, to the electricity that lights our buildings for services and community activities – we make choices about what to buy, where to buy it from and when to limit our buying.

What do our purchasing decisions say about our beliefs and values? What do we know about the businesses we buy from?

This [guide](#) will help you explore ethical purchasing in your church, wherever you are starting from. It's part of a set of resources, developed for the Money Makes Change programme, to help Christians connect their faith and their finances, for a fairer, more sustainable world.

We would love to hear how you use this resource. Please get in touch with us at info@eccr.org.uk if you have questions, feedback or a story to share

LIFE ON THE BREADLINE: LENT COURSE 2022

Two new resources from theologians and social scientists from Coventry University, working with national and regional Church leaders across the UK, local Christians and people experiencing life on a low-income have created '*Life on the Breadline: Christianity, poverty and politics in the 21st Century city*'.

The Lent course has been designed with Lent 2022 in mind, but could be used at other times of the year, and can be followed individually or as a group. It has six thematic sessions focussing on poverty in the UK, with each session designed to take one hour.

The Lent course is available to download and share [here](#).

The Anti-Poverty Charter is a reflective action-oriented resource intended to help churches tackle poverty and inequality in local neighbourhoods and across the UK in a way that makes sense where you are. The Anti-Poverty Charter is available to download and share [here](#).



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LET'S TALK HOMES

The homes we live in affects every aspect of our lives.

We are reviewing the Housing Strategy* for Cornwall and have used the feedback received from residents, stakeholders and organisations this year to help us prepare a draft strategy. We are now ready to formally consult on the proposed new Strategy.

Please visit the 'Let's Talk Homes' to view the 'Draft Housing Strategy for Cornwall' and fill out the survey by 5pm on Monday, January 17, 2022.

Comments received during this time will form the basis of the final version of the new Housing Strategy with the intention that this be approved at Council in April 2022.

*The Housing Strategy is a strategic partnership document and describes what our priorities will be for homes over the next five years and beyond.

For more information contact Sarah – sarah.thorneycroft@cornwall.gov.uk

COLD WEATHER PRAYER

Watch over your children,
Especially those with no homes to return to at the end of long and weary days.
Protect them from all harm and keep them from despair.
Open the hearts and eyes of those of us with blessings to share.
Unite our voices in a call for justice:
So that no man need ever lay down for the night on a wooden park bench because he has no home;
So that no woman need ever tuck her children into the backseat of her car because she has no home;
So that no child need ever wonder, "Where will I feel safe?" because they have no home;
So that all those who wander and all who are in need, find the shelter and the peace they seek.
Remind us, O God, that we cannot rest fully secure in our homes each night until all your children are, at last, home.

Amen

THE CORNISH CHRISTMAS GIVING CATALOGUE: GIVE THE GIFT OF HOPE THIS YEAR

With Christmas just around the corner and concerns over supplies and deliveries, why not give a gift of hope this Christmas by supporting local organisations.

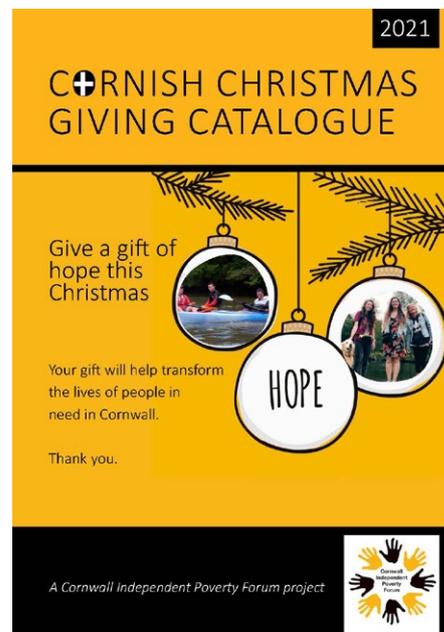
The Cornish Christmas Giving Catalogue features many worthy local groups and charities who are all working in Cornwall to provide assistance, support, activities, beds and more to people in our own community.

This year you can choose from 20 Cornish charities to donate to and in return you will receive a gift certificate to pass on to your family member or friend. Gifts start from just £1 up to £100, which would pay for meals for a month from a foodbank.

The organisations featured in this year's catalogue are:

Cornwall Advocacy, The Haven, Rebuild South West, the PZ@PZ PlayZone, All Saints Community Centre, Tuckingmill, Newquay Orchard, Quiet Connections, Hidden Help, Samaritans of Cornwall, Cornwall Community Foundation, Cornwall Prayer Shawls, Rame Community Kitchen, First Light South West, Growing Links CIC's Street Food Project, St Petrocs, Backpack Beds, the Gershie Project, Cornwall Refugee Trust, Truro Homeless Action Group, Harbour Housing and food banks throughout Cornwall.

Paul Green, Project Development Manager for Cornwall Independent Poverty Forum, said: "The Cornish Christmas Giving Catalogue 2021 provides a great opportunity for you to make a positive difference to people who need most help. In a season of goodwill, the catalogue allows you to give wonderful gifts to



family and friends, whilst helping local organisations provide support to the most needy in Cornwall."

HOW IT WORKS

Select one (or more) of the organisations in the catalogue and decide how much you wish to donate, then either order by post or online. The deadline for postal orders is December 17, 2021 and the deadline for online orders is December 22, 2021.

For more information or to request a printed catalogue email christmasgiving@truro.anglican.org or call 01872 274351. The catalogue is available to download on the Cornwall Independent Poverty Forum website [here](#).



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CLIMATE LITERACY TRAINING AVAILABLE

Cornwall Council has made its online climate literacy training available to town and parish councils. They are now able to extend the offer, on a first-come-first-served basis, to community groups to support their climate action.

Community groups, interested in the training can request an account by using the email link: learndevelop@cornwall.gov.uk

HEALTHY START CHANGES

A new Health Start scheme has been launched. The new scheme has an online application process which you can access [here](#).

All eligible families, including those already signed up to the scheme will need to complete the online application. Paper vouchers will stop once the online application is completed.

Families can still use Healthy Start vouchers until their expiry date (this is printed on the vouchers). A Healthy Start Card will replace the paper vouchers. See the poster right.

WELCOME HOME FROM HOSPITAL SERVICE

Volunteer Cornwall run a Welcome Home from Hospital Service in partnership with the Red Cross and have roughly 50 volunteers covering the county giving practical support and help to people being discharged. You can read more about the scheme including contact details [here](#).

UNPAID CARERS VIEWS SOUGHT

Unpaid carers are being sought to take part in a semi-structured interview with Healthwatch Cornwall.

They particularly want the views of unpaid carers with recent (last six months) experience of hospital discharge for those they care for, where any interventions or support from health services, social care services or voluntary sector services following discharge from hospital were required.

The aim is to capture carers' experiences of what it's like when

people they care for are discharged from a hospital setting. With the purpose of informing understanding as to what measures and outcomes are most important to get right, what best practice should look like before leaving hospital and post discharge. This will influence imminent policy change, and shape future practice and regulation

The deadline is December 15, 2021.

For more information contact Sue Dobson Project Manager on 07881 815286.



Healthy Start

The Healthy Start paper voucher scheme is changing and vouchers will be replaced with a prepaid card.

You'll need to reapply online to continue to get help to buy food and milk. We'll let you know when you can apply.

What happens next?

- 1 We'll contact you to let you know when and how you can apply online to the new NHS Healthy Start scheme.
- 2 You'll be able to apply either online or by telephone.
- 3 If your application is successful, you'll receive your new Healthy Start prepaid card in the post. Your card will be topped up with your payment every 4 weeks.







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HOW TO END THE NEED FOR FOOD BANKS

ADDRESSING THE ROOT CAUSES OF POVERTY WOULD MEAN EVERYONE IN THE UK COULD AFFORD TO BUY ADEQUATE, HEALTHY AND NUTRITIOUS FOOD

1 ADEQUATE BENEFIT PAYMENTS AND FAIR WAGES

'Food poverty' is poverty. Social security payments must be adequate, accessible and timely and wages need to match the cost of living.



2 STATUTORY CASH GRANTS

Statutory cash grants should be available through every local authority to support people falling into financial crisis in addition to an adequate social security system and fair wages. Cash grants need to be well promoted, accessible and rapidly available to help individuals and families unable to afford food.



3 CHARITABLE CASH GRANTS

When statutory cash grants aren't available, the provision of charitable cash grants enables people unable to afford food to make their own choices.



4 VOUCHERS

Vouchers for food can be a useful emergency food parcel substitute and makes choice possible.



5 EMERGENCY FOOD PARCELS

Charitable food aid provision is a stop gap measure and will not address the root causes of poverty. Food banks rely on the good will of volunteers, donations and redistributed surplus food.



WITHOUT ADDRESSING THE ROOT CAUSES OF POVERTY, MORE PEOPLE WILL NEED TO TURN TO FOOD BANKS

FOOD POVERTY

Transformation Cornwall is continuing to support the work of the incredible Cornish Foodbanks. The Cornish Foodbank Update is a monthly resource. The update has the opening times, ways to refer, contact details and ways of working of 18 of the Cornish foodbanks as well as donation links for each organisation. The Foodbanks are often at the frontline of people in need within our communities. As part of that support, Transformation Cornwall join with organisations including the Trussell Trust and the Independent Food Aid Network (IFAN) to call for a 'Cash First Approach to Food Poverty' and the shared vision of a UK without the need for emergency food aid in which good food is accessible to all.

IFAN have created the infographic above.

SPOTLIGHT ON FAITH & MENTAL HEALTH NETWORK

The Diocese of Truro and Transformation Cornwall co-Chair the Faith & Mental Health Network. The ecumenical network meets bi-monthly and welcomes pastoral visitors, clergy, chaplains, mental health practitioners, community volunteers, in fact, anyone who is supporting people who are struggling with mental health issues.

The network is a mutually supportive group of people and offers a safe space to explore issues, share information, resources and best practice; relating faith to mental health and offering insights to help us help those we are standing alongside.

Network meetings each choose a topic area and often have an invited speaker

TRANSFORMATION CORNWALL GRANTS

On the first Friday of each month Transformation Cornwall updates its two grant lists.

The first **grant list** details possible funders for Cornish groups.

The second list details hardship grants for individuals in need.

The grant lists are comprehensive and have details of relevant funding for developing projects that you might be involved in alongside our hardship list with over 90 grants available for people

in need. This month Transformation Cornwall is highlighting a grant from the wonderful Cornwall Community Foundation: Headstart Kernow Young People's Mental Wellbeing **Fund** – for individuals and groups. Individual grants between £500- £2,000 and up to £6,000 per group activity. The panel will be reviewing applications on the 7th February 7, 2022.

WEDNESDAY
26th January 2022
2:00PM-3:30PM

FAITH & MENTAL HEALTH NETWORK

The focus on this network meeting will be on 'Social Prescribing & Mental Health'.

The network welcomes pastoral visitors, clergy, chaplains, mental health practitioners, community volunteers, in fact, anyone who is supporting people who are struggling with mental health issues. The network is a mutually supportive group of people and offers a safe space to explore issues, share information, resources and best practice; relating faith to mental health and offering insights to help us help those we are standing alongside.

Please contact Rev'd Andrew Yates to register in advance for this meeting: Andrew.Yates@truro.anglican.org

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LINKING LIVES

On December 7 there is a chance to hear more from the Linking Lives Team at this online event looking at loneliness, older people & the church.

Linking Lives empowers and equips churches to significantly impact social isolation and loneliness in local communities throughout the country.

They work with churches or Christian organisations who then partner with other agencies such as social workers, charities and social prescribers on a local level to offer regular befriending. The simple act of building a relationship with a volunteer often has a clear positive impact on the health and wellbeing of those involved leading to greater confidence, self-esteem and ability to participate in community activities.

[MORE DETAILS HERE](#)

CHALLENGE POVERTY WEEK REPORT

Cornwall Independent Poverty Forum worked with End Hunger Cornwall to promote Challenge Poverty Week 2021 (October 4 - 10) in Cornwall.

The two organisations asked projects working to address poverty to invite local leaders to come and visit their community group to highlight the excellent work they do and also to give insights into the reasons why so many within our communities are in poverty.

They produced this [report](#) as a record of that work.

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CVSF FUNDING

Each week, Cornwall Voluntary Sector Forum search for funding and grant opportunities to help strengthen the sector. If you work with children and young people, families, or community groups, environmental activities and more you could apply for any of [these](#) in the upcoming weeks.

SPOTLIGHT ON COVID STORIES SOUGHT

The Director of Public Health's **annual report** for 2020-2021, which this year looks at the health and wider impacts of Covid19 on different aspects of life in Cornwall has been released. It particularly shines a light on the unequal health consequences for residents.

The local response to the pandemic in Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly has been remarkable, in the face of many challenges. There has been a shared purpose across the people and partnerships of Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly to keep each other safe in line with the Cornish spirit of Onen hag oll (One and all). This willingness to protect each other across our communities has contributed to

infection and death rates in Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly being consistently below the national average.

Rachel Wigglesworth, Director of Public Health for Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly said: "As well as the usual report this year I'd like to hear stories from residents about how the pandemic has affected them personally and our communities, and examples of the One and All spirit. The idea is to create a unique 'time capsule' of experiences and memories that show how our communities adapted to meet the many challenges we have all faced over the past 18 months."

Share your story [here](#).



Local help to enjoy a warmer, healthier home

We are Community Energy Plus. As Cornwall's energy advice charity, we provide **energy advice** and **practical help** for householders in Cornwall to achieve warmer, healthier homes.

We help people living across all housing tenures.

The support we provide includes:



Energy

- Understanding your energy bills, managing energy debt and speaking to your supplier.
- Tariff advice and switching.
- Tips on keeping warm on a tight budget.
- Emergency help to keep warm.
- Access to grants for heating repairs and upgrades, insulation and other energy efficient measures.
- Advice on reducing damp and mould.



Money

- Advice on saving energy and money.
- Advice and help to apply for the Warm Home Discount and a range of other benefits.
- Information about discounted tariffs available from South West Water.
- Referrals to local and national organisations for help dealing with debt and money management issues.



Health & Wellbeing

- Links to services provided by local and national organisations.
- Referrals for free home fire safety checks, smoke and carbon monoxide alarms.



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