

MEETINGS HELD

EXECUTIVE MEETINGS

16 February 2017
12 September 2017

FORUM MEETINGS

29 November 2016
21 February 2017
27 June 2017
03 Oct 2017 AGM

CTIPA are very grateful to High St Methodist Church for kindly providing a meeting place for all our meetings, gatherings and conferences

ACTIVITIES SUCCESSFULLY UNDERTAKEN

- GOD IN THE CLOUDS AT MEMORY STYLE CAFÉ** – 17 Dec 2016 – singing, music, cream teas held at High Street Methodist Church
- WEEK OF PRAYER AND CHRISTIAN UNITY – CINNAMON REPORT** - 15 Jan 2017 - Chapel Street Methodist Church
- WORLD WOMEN'S DAY OF PRAYER** – featured worship, prayers and food from the Philippines 3rd March 2017 at St John's, Penzance
- SATURDAY LENTEN LUNCHESES**
St Peter's Church Hall, Newlyn - Catholic Church, Penzance – Wesley Rock Methodist Church Heamoor, Madron – St Mary's Church Penzance - Quakers and YMCA Penzance – High Street Methodist Church Penzance - all organised by Rev Jon Robertshaw, the CTIPA Lenten Lunches collections raised **£1056** for **Christian Aid**
- GOOD FRIDAY SILENT WALK OF WITNESS** – 14 April 2017 – Christians walking through Penzance Town Centre as part of their personal Christian witness. Short service followed. Preacher – Reverend Kirsten Norfolk, Mounts Bay Benefice. After the poignant service, coffee, tea and hot cross buns were served by the Salvation Army – Penzance in their Hall.
- GWENNAP PIT – PENTECOST SERVICE** - Christians throughout Cornwall celebrating together on Sunday 04 June as part of "Thy Kingdom Come Beacon" event. The 'address' was given by the Rev Roger Walton, President of the Methodist Conference 2017.
- HUMPHRY DAVY SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES** – Throughout the year the curriculum continues. Organised by Rev Howard Peskett. Various denominational volunteers take assemblies 8.45am -9am with 160 pupils each day for 4 days over two separate weeks. Extra volunteers would be very welcomed.



CTIPA STREET PASTORS PROJECT

Each Saturday night a team of up to four Street Pastors make their way around the town looking for anyone who might require assistance and engaging in conversation with those who may wish to talk and need someone to listen.

They carry bottles of water for those in need, flip flops for those women who can no longer cope with their high heeled shoes and space blankets for those who may be cold. They pick up and dispose of bottles as these can be used as weapons and broken glass can cause injury to those without shoes.

A team of Prayer Pastors remain at the base to pray for the team out on the street and await calls letting them know what is happening so that they can add prayer to the actions of the Street Pastors.

The following are some examples ...

'L was in her usual place, quite animated and looking better than previously. M was on the other side of the street we asked about his father who we had prayed for following his heart attack, he is out of hospital now and M speaks to him every day on the phone.'

'Looking down Wharveside saw J sitting on her own, had seen her earlier near the Bus Station. Went to check on her, she had very swollen and sore legs. Said she lived in St Ives and had left home on Wednesday morning and had been out since then was lonely and had no money left. Seemed to have mental health issues. Managed to arrange for her to get to the hospital.'

At the moment the team meets every Saturday night at 10pm and are out on the streets by 10.45pm until about 3.30am depending on the activity in the town.

Cecil Brown – Chairman of CTIPA Street Pastors Management Group

CTIPA BREAKFAST PROJECT

After a year of change, this year has been a year of consolidation. Ivor Abbott, Breakfast Project Coordinator, has done a magnificent job of combining both roles of coordinator and manager within the Breakfast Project and has initiated change and encouraged recruitment.

As part of his role Ivor has maintained an excellent working relationship with Breadline.

During the past year the average number of clients served has been 7, with 15 being the highest number on one day, from a client base of 24.

During the year we have both lost and gained volunteers and at present the Project has 18 volunteers who can be called upon for assistance.

The Breakfast Project continues because of the commitment of the volunteers and the generosity of those who support its work through gifts of money and food for which we are thankful.

Roger Rule – Chairman of CTIPA Breakfast Project Management Group



It has been a wonderful experience being part of Churches Together in Penzance Area over the last fifteen years, but particularly when we gained Charitable status in 2012. This decision helped to secure the future funding of our projects and has allowed us to explore other possibilities in line with expanding our community services and support. The Giving Shop was one such Project that over the three years of its existence raised over £100000 for various good causes.

Thank you, to all the representatives and volunteers who, over the years have helped make our important Christian mission work continue without missing a heartbeat and thanks to the Holy Spirit for journeying with us all. Long may it continue.

CTIPA Retiring Chairman – David H Smith

CTIPA FOOD BANK PROJECT

We are now approaching the 6th anniversary of the opening of the Food Bank in Penzance in premises on Treneere Estate.

The project is staffed completely by a team of around 30 volunteers and we are indebted to Sharon Jones who continues to oversee the unit during opening hours. We receive donations on Tuesday mornings when volunteers check, mark and store items. On Thursdays, we serve clients who have been issued with vouchers because they are in financial crisis.

We endeavour to direct them to agencies for appropriate help. Clients may receive 4 vouchers in 6 months but if the referring agency informs us they are still in crisis we allow a limited increase. The numbers attending remains fairly constant at around 15 each week, except over the Christmas period when over 40 attended in one week.

The majority of local supermarkets and some village stores kindly allow collection boxes for food, toiletries, cleaning and laundry products in their stores and these are emptied regularly by volunteers. Most Churches also continue to place boxes in their premises.

The roles of other volunteers include distributing vouchers to agencies who kindly assess clients and provide them with vouchers, checking all vouchers on their return and contacting agencies if there are problems.

Several people are available to collect and deliver parcels to clients living in rural communities where transport is difficult. Emails are sent weekly to supporters to notify of shortages of items in stock. An emergency telephone is manned on weekdays from 9am – 5pm and if necessary food is issued out of hours.

The support of the community is greatly valued both in the donation of items and also for financial support which enables us to purchase fresh dairy items, bread, fruit and vegetables each week to help improve clients' health.

One of our main concerns is our inability to adequately help those who are in 'Bed and Breakfast' accommodation and have no means of preparing a meal at the end of the day.

Sometimes they do not even have a kettle and it is therefore very limiting as to what items we can provide for them.

Christine Gendall - Chairman of CTIPA Food Bank Management Group

Chairman David H Smith – Treasurer – Paul Durkin

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