

MEETINGS HELD

EXECUTIVE MEETINGS

10th September 2015
20th Jan 2015
19th May 2015

FORUM MEETINGS

02nd September 2014
20th Nov 2014
19th Feb 2015
21st April 2015
16th June 2015 AGM

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

ACTIVITIES SUCCESSFULLY UNDERTAKEN

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 welcome.

SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN UNITY – Sunday 25th Jan 2015 – Wonderful service at CSMC 3pm with Reverend Alistair Bolt.

GOOD FRIDAY SILENT WALK OF WITNESS – 3rd Apr 2015 – Christians walking through Penzance Town Centre as part of their personal Christian witness. Short service followed. Preacher - Pastor Charles Fleming of Shekinah. Coffee, tea and hot cross buns were served in the Penzance Salvation Army Hall.

GWENNAP PIT – PENTECOST SERVICE - Christians from all over Cornwall celebrating together on Sunday, 24th May. The 'Address' was given by the Rev Steve Wild, designate President of the Methodist Conference.

SATURDAY LENTEN LUNCHESES

St Mary's Parish Church Penzance - High Street Methodist Church Penzance - All Saints, Marazion - The Giving Shop, Penzance, - Roman Catholic Church, Penzance - St Peter's Church Hall, Newlyn - all organised by Rev Jon Robertshaw, the CTIPA Lenten Lunches collections raised **£1204** for **Christian Aid**

VOLUNTEERS CELEBRATE - Upwards of 130 volunteers from all the CTIPA Projects enjoyed each others company with a night of celebration at The Luggar - It was a happy, joyous occasion to which we give thanks.

We will never forget that what we do for others is what our Lord has taught us. That "we may be one, that the world may believe" John 17v21



CTIPA STREET PASTORS PROJECT

Each weekend, a team of four pastors make their way around the town's pubs and clubs. They are armed with reveler support packs including bottles of water, anti-drink spiking gadgets and flip-flops, handing out to shoeless women so they don't hurt their feet on broken glass.

A team of Prayer Pastors stay at base and pray for their fellow volunteers, emergency services and revelers. The Street Pastor team led by Coordinator Glyn Clark also lend a listening ear to people in need of support.

Examples would be:-

"We met G who had been drinking heavily. His close friend's disabled daughter had died that week and he was angry that God could let this happen. He said he could not face his friends but we and some others there, who knew the situation, tried to explain that they needed him and he should now stop drowning his sorrow and go to see them and help them and his own young son by being strong and supportive."

"We chatted to a young women who had just rowed with her boyfriend but was never the less feeling positive. As we headed back up Mkt Jew Street, we were hailed by 3 young men who wanted to talk. This rapidly turned to matters of faith and they were inspired by what they perceived to be a non-judgmental, open-minded approach, to adopt a similar stance themselves, finally agreeing that they had moved from an atheistic stance to one in which they were prepared to keep an open mind and travel hopefully. It was a good conversation and all three said they hoped to have another chance to talk on future evenings."

At the moment, the team meets every Saturday night at 10pm and are on the streets from 10.45pm until 4.00am.

CTIPA BREAKFAST PROJECT

The twelve months figures of the Breakfast Project attendance from Jan 1st 2014 was 2901, a slight decrease of breakfasts served from the previous twelve months.

During the year David H Smith stood down as Manager after six years and handed over the reins to Sid Reed. The Coordinator post also changed from Gary Alvis to Ivor Abbott

Each of our volunteers is checked for the "protection of vulnerable adults" via the Penwith Volunteer Bureau.

The Breakfast Project is always seeking committed volunteers to assist in the daily service. If you are interested in volunteering - please contact the CTIPA Projects Co-ordinator details below.

A big thank you to Ivor Abbott, the Breakfast Project Coordinator and Sid Reed Manager plus our committed 32 volunteers from various chapels and churches in Penzance Area who make the Project (now in its 16th year) on-going and possible.

From 1st April 2014 no grant funding has been forthcoming from County so the continuation of the project relies purely on funding being raised by the BP Management Group.

If you would like to financially support this project or any of our mission projects via a Standing Order which can also be Gift Aided, please contact the CTIPA Treasurer - Bob Hulks.

CTIPA FOOD BANK PROJECT

This 1st APRIL 2015 update offers a sincere thank you for all the support work carried out by the Staff at all Food Bank outlets, the FB Coordinator Tracey Clarke and the very kind donations of tinned and dried food given by customers. This support sadly continues to remain important - the figures reflect that more and more people are having difficulty in 'making ends meet' as the effects of various benefits legislation continues to kick in.

The work carried out by the CTIPA Food Bank Project is freely given by some 30 plus local committed volunteers who collect and process the many donations and give out the food boxes on receipt of genuine food vouchers.

Professional agencies give out the CTIPA Penzance Food Bank vouchers independently of the Food Bank itself. The food given is used as a bridge between the time that benefits are applied for and when benefits are received. This time period used to be three weeks, but is now often extended to five/six weeks.

Sadly, the work of the CTIPA Penzance Food Bank continues to be necessary for all ages throughout our Penwith Peninsula. Satellite collection points are available in St Just, Pendeen, Sennen and St Buryan. Hard times for some in our communities continue but, with your help, we can all play our part ensuring the Food Bank Project continues until it is no longer required - i.e. that all members of our Penwith communities are fed.

TOTAL NUMBER TO DATE OF PEOPLE SERVED BY FOOD BANK - 7480

CTIPA THE GIVING SHOP

(Started 24th Nov 2012)

Since the early days so much has happened and peoples lives have genuinely been changed by their contact through the shop. Christian volunteers from all our churches have been working at the "coal face", supporting and helping people with problems, being a listening ear and offering all a welcoming tea or coffee.

Craft Weeks, tombolas, themed windows, prayer groups Sewing Bees, Lenten Lunches and Silver Surfer courses, - the latter resulting in over 150 people aged 65 plus, many who had never touched a keyboard, learning the rudiments of Microsoft office and safe access to the internet, at their own pace, as they try to adapt to modern life. This is truly a Churches Together Project - in the Market Place - that we are very proud of.

Kernow Credit Union point inside the shop - an alternative to pay day loan shops. Opening times Mondays 12 noon - 3pm and Fridays 10am - 1pm

The Wharfside Shopping Management are pleased with our presence opening 10am - 4pm 6 days a week, returning us to Unit 12, adjacent to Iceland Supermarket. Previously for twelve months we have been in Unit 11 opposite Costa Coffee. We continue to have a strong impact sharing our Lord's love with those who drop in.

So, from the birth of the Giving Shop, we have received over 30,000 gifts from children, parents, adults and young people, passing them onto those in need and we have distributed over £10,000 to support local charities. We know the Holy Spirit is at work in our shop. Huge thanks to our Tutors, volunteers and all our Management Group members, including Annette Costello.

May the Giving Shop long continue doing God's work, in the Penzance Market Place.

Visit the Giving Shop yourself by clicking on the link address below:-
www.churchestgetherinpenzance.co.uk/thegivingshop.htm