

MEETINGS HELD

EXECUTIVE MEETINGS

29 September 2015
2 February 2016
12 April 2016
13 September 2016

FORUM MEETINGS

15 September 2015
09 November 2015
08 March 2016
21 June 2016
04 Oct 2016 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

SANKEY HYMNS AT MEMORY STYLE CAFÉ – 11 Jan 2016 – singing, music, cream teas held at High Street Methodist Church.

GOOD FRIDAY SILENT WALK OF WITNESS – 25 March 2016 – Christians walking through Penzance Town Centre as part of their personal Christian witness. Short service followed. Preacher – Fr Keith Owen, Penlee Cluster. After the poignant service, 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 15 May. The very fine 'address' was given by the Rev Paul Smith from Plymouth Methodist Central Hall.

SATURDAY LENTEN LUNCHESES

St Peter's Church Hall, Newlyn - Chapel Street Methodist Church Penzance - Catholic Church, Penzance – Madron Methodist Church – Quakers and YMCA Penzance – Ecumenical Prayer Group using High Street Methodist Church Penzance - all organised by Rev Jon Robertshaw, the CTIPA Lenten Lunches collections raised **£1056** 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

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 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.

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 Wharfside 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 3.30am.

Cecil Brown – Chairman of CTIPA Street Pastors Management Group

CTIPA BREAKFAST PROJECT

During the last twelve months 2965 persons have received both food and advice. Our staff were able to signpost them onto Breadline so they could gain assistance which health and housing.

The Breakfast Project continues to serve the needs of the homeless of Penzance by providing them with a cooked breakfast with a hot cuppa each weekday.

During the past twelve months there have been a few internal changes. The P/T Manager and P/T Coordinator roles have been combined into the latter.

Sid Reed, completed two years of dedicated service. Oversight of the Project is now done by the Chairman of the BP Group Roger Rule, who is also one of the CTIPA Trustees.

The meals are supplied, prepared and served by a dedicated group of volunteers with much of the food used donated by supporters.

We are always looking for new volunteers and will always help train them through induction.

The opening times are now 8am – 9am which benefits both the Project users and the local neighbourhood. Whilst maintaining its independence and Christian vision the Project is now more closely linked with Breadline, helping to provide seamless support to the most vulnerable.

We have been pleased to receive support from the Bolitho Trust and Cornwall Community Fund. Should you wish to support the Breakfast Project in any way please contact our Treasurer, Paul Durkin

Roger Rule – Chairman of CTIPA Breakfast Project Management Group

CTIPA FOOD BANK PROJECT

The support given to those members of our community who find themselves in crisis situations has remained a great asset to the area during 2016 with many expressing their gratitude.

Without the continuing support of members of the public who donate the food, essential items and give financial support we could not continue to provide a week's supply of food to those in need.

All clients require a voucher to be served and can use our service four times every six months or, in exceptional circumstances, for a limited extended period.

Most supermarkets in the vicinity, along with several village stores and many churches continue to willingly position boxes in their premises to collect items for the charity.

Our work is now carried out entirely by a team of around thirty volunteers in various roles. These include marking and storing all donated items, emptying store boxes, serving clients, purchasing fresh food items, manning the emergency phone, sending out e-mails, providing all referring agencies with vouchers and recording their uptake and a team of volunteer drivers who collect supplies and deliver to clients in rural areas with no transport.

We are indebted to Sharon Jones who offered to oversee each session at the Food Bank voluntarily.

We are seeing more clients with large families, plus a number of single young men possibly due to the lack of availability of employment and their low benefit entitlement.

Since the Project was set up five years ago we have provided food for over 9500 people.

We look forward to the day when we can close our doors because all in our community have adequate food.

Christine Gendall - Chairman of CTIPA Food Bank Management Group

CTIPA THE GIVING SHOP

Started 24th Nov 2012

Since the early days so much has happened. Craft weeks, tombola's, themed windows, Sewing Bees and Silver Surfer courses - the latter resulting in over 250 people aged 65 plus who had never touched a keyboard, learning the rudiments of Microsoft office and safe access to the internet.

The result of this hard work has helped many lonely and vulnerable people gain friendship and self esteem, as they come to know of God's love for them over a cuppa with cake.

By the close of the shop 26th Feb 2016

- Over 26,000 visitors donated £25,000 to various local community charities and projects,
- 33516 goods had been donated valued in the region of £100,000 - AMAZING.

Beneficiaries have been :- Breakfast Project, Women's Aid, Food Bank, St Petroc's, Fisherman's Mission, Street Pastors, Social Services Children Dept, Kernow Credit Union, Samaritans Purse, Philippines Earthquake, Refugee Aid, SAT 7, Open Doors UK, Breadline, Water Aid, Christian Aid, Mosquito Nets for Children in Need, British Legion, Help the Heroes, Tsunami Appeal, Three Villages Youth Club.

None of this would have been possible without the support and help of the general public and the commitment to the cause of our loyal and valued volunteers.

A BIG THANK YOU TO THEM ALL

This has been a truly "Churches working Together" Project - in the Market Place - that we are very proud of.

David H Smith – Chairman of CTIPA The Giving Shop Management Group

Chairman David H Smith – Treasurer -Bob Hulks

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