

SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

JULY & AUGUST 2018

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SRO DIARY DATES

JULY

3 Poverty Forum Meeting & CIPF AGM, The Samaritans, Treyu Rd, Truro, 2pm.

11 Food Network Meeting, Wadebridge Christian Centre, 2pm

11 Inclusion Cornwall AGM, 10.45am, Cornwall Council Offices, Dolcoath, Camborne. RSVP agilbert@cornwall.gov.uk

14 Singing for Peace, Cornwall Faith Forum, Penmount, Paul Haines for more information paul.haines10@gmail.com, 2pm

19 Churches Climate Change Book Group. Talking to my daughter about the economy: A brief history of Capitalism, 7pm, contact andrew.yates@truro.anglican.org for more information.

AUGUST

5 Lammas Day Celebration, 2pm, Cornwall Faith Forum, Penmount

SEPTEMBER

17 Faith Emergency Response Team Inaugural Meeting & Training, 7pm, More information mrawling@cornwall.gov.uk

SAVE THE DATE

December 1: Sanctuary in Cornwall, All Saints Church Hightertown, Truro. More details to follow.

FOOD BANK USE SURVEY

This survey by The Independent has found that 3.7 million adults were forced to use foodbanks in the last year. This is around 7% of the adult population, according to the report, carried out for the Independent newspaper.

Read more [here](#).

FOOD SHARING APP

Olio is a food sharing app that connects neighbours with each other and with local shops so surplus food and other items can be shared, not thrown away. Go to <https://olioex.com> for more information.

SPOTLIGHT ON...

LEADERS ENCOURAGE SEASON OF CREATION PARTICIPATION

This week Christian leaders signed a letter of support for the Season of Creation, an annual celebration of prayer and action to protect the environment.

This represents the first joint statement of support for the season reaching across denominations and including the Catholic Church, and Orthodox, Anglican, Lutheran, and Reformed signatories. Ecumenical organisations, including the Conference of European Churches, have also endorsed the message. It is a sign that Christian leaders

increasingly see environmental protection as an essential expression of their faith.

The Season of Creation is celebrated annually from September 1 to October 4 in hundreds of events on six continents. The full text of the letter is below and available as a PDF [here](#).

Ways to celebrate and mark the season will be available next month.

Following the successful CMD day on Climate Change there are small grants available for parishes wanting to undertake projects on the environment.

MORE INFORMATION

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JOSEPH ROWNTREE REPORT ON RISE IN DESTITUTION

The Joseph Rowntree Foundation has issued a report into the increase in destitution in the UK, defining destitution as unable to afford the bare essentials in order to eat, stay warm and dry, and keep clean.

Over 1.5 million people experienced destitution in the UK at some point during 2017, including 365,000 children.

Common factors that caused destitution include:

- benefits delays, gaps and sanctions
- harsh debt recovery practices (mainly public authorities and utilities companies)
- financial and other pressures associated with poor health and disability
- high costs of housing, fuel and other essentials;

See the Joseph Rowntree Foundation [website](#) for the full report, including their suggestions for solving the crisis.

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'THAT AGE OLD QUESTION' REPORT SUGGESTS AGEISM IS A PROBLEM

A new study by the Royal Society for Public Health (RSPH) entitled "That Age Old Question" has suggested ageism is a problem across Britain, with millennials holding the most negative attitudes towards ageing.

The research surveyed attitudes across 12 areas of life, revealing that the public are most ageist about:

- * Appearance;
- * Memory loss; and
- * Participation in physical and community activities.

However, 69% of the public agreed that "fundamentally, older people are no different from people of other ages", and attitudes towards ageing were significantly more positive among people from a black ethnic background.

The RSPH recommends housing



Image: Elderly People Look At Their Younger Reflections In a Photo Series by award-winning Texas photographer Tom Hussey

nurseries and care homes under the same roof, arguing that it could be an opportunity for local authorities and private providers to save costs "as well as offering genuine well-being benefits to 'young' and 'old' customers alike."

Further information is available on the Royal Society for Public Health [website](#).

GYPSY & TRAVELLER COMMUNITIES

If you work with people from Gypsy and Traveller communities, you might be interested in resources from Friends, Families and Travellers (FFT), FaithAction's partners in the Health and Wellbeing Alliance.

There are two new briefing papers available:

- Research on learning disabilities in Gypsy and Traveller communities; and
- Fairer for all? The negative and disproportionate impact of Universal Credit on Gypsy and Traveller communities.

You can find these and other resources on health in Gypsy, Roma and Traveller communities on the FFT [website](#).

FARESHARE

A 60% increase in the numbers it is helping to feed each week.
Find out more [here](#)

CHURCH URBAN FUND IMPACT REPORT

The 2017 Impact Report sets out the positive changes of vulnerable people across the UK through our network of churches and partnerships.

With your help, we were able to impact the lives of more than 130,000 people. Strong community relationships were built and most importantly lives were transformed for the better.

One of many programmes is the Good Neighbours partnership formed by Together for Change

Coventry' network. Loneliness is now the biggest cause of early death in England, reducing life expectancy by around 10 years. Good Neighbours was formed to mobilise local churches and volunteers to serve the elderly living alone, through one to one befriending and developing places where they can meet each week; surrounded by friends and 'neighbourly' support.

To find out how your impact has changed lives, read our full report [here](#).

CHARITY TRUSTEES WELCOME PACK

The Charity Commission has recently released a new Welcome Pack for charity trustees.

[READ MORE](#)
You can access the pack [here](#).



People Helping People

WEDNESDAY 11TH JULY 18

WHAT'S ON IN YOUR COMMUNITY?

Are you a Practitioner, health worker, community worker or do you run a group, activity or club?

COME & JOIN US
Networking Event 10-1pm
The opportunity for health, social care and voluntary sector organizations to find out what groups and activities are in the area to benefit the people that frontline workers are supporting



Venue:
ClayTAWC Centre
1 Fore Street, St Dennis, St Austell
PL26 8AF

From 10-1pm

Drop in for tea coffee and a chat or bring your lunch.

Join us at Clay TAWC where it is about conversations and connections so that we can work together to make the most of the groups, activities and clubs that people can be a part of. Contact Carolyn Trevethick.
CarolynT@volunteerscornwall.org.uk
07968 706107

DEMENTIA RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO CHURCHES



With dementia being a growing social issue, it's likely that every faith community is affected either directly or indirectly – and educating ourselves is one of the best ways both to tackle the fear and stigma surrounding the disease, and to ensure that people who are affected get the support they need.

There are resources available to assist you [here](#).

SHAPING MY COMMUNITY EVENTS AT THREE LOCATIONS THIS JULY

Cornwall Voluntary Sector Forum is the voice of voluntary, community and social enterprise (VCSE) organisations in Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly.

Cornwall Voluntary Sector Forum is working in partnership with local agencies in Bodmin and Torpoint (into Bodmin and C.H.A.T. – Community Health Around Torpoint) to bring together organisations and individuals that are already doing excellent work in those communities. We know that by working together we stand a better chance of achieving and sustaining the changes we all seek.

DEMENTIA RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO CHURCHES

If you need statistics for funding bids then take a look at the latest set of statistics from the government.

The Statistical Digest of Rural England, with the figures from April 2018, has just been published by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.

The figures cover areas such as:

- population and migration, broken down by age, and local authorities;
- rural economy, looking at



Livability, in partnership with Alzheimer's Society, have produced a practical guidebook **Developing a Dementia-Friendly Church**.

With information about dementia itself, why churches should engage with people who have dementia, and steps to take to become dementia friendly, this is a useful and authoritative resource.

We believe that grass roots initiatives always stand a greater chance of making an impact than top-down campaigns imposed by us.

Events will run in Torpoint on July 4, Bodmin on July 18 and Newquay on July 24. They will run from 9.30am to 2.30pm, and include a free lunch, plus opportunity to network.

Booking is essential. Please use the links below:

Torpoint - click [here](#).

Bodmin - click [here](#).

Newquay - click [here](#).

employment and earnings, home working, productivity, businesses, innovation, investment, accessibility, transport and travel, service accessibility and broadband;

- rural living, covering housing, household expenditure, poverty, fuel poverty, education and skills, health and wellbeing, and crime.

You can download the full copy on the government's publishing service [website](#).

FREE FOOD OFFER FOR EVENTS

Cornwall Food Action (CFA) collect surplus food from manufacturers and redistribute it to around 50 charities and organisations including churches across Cornwall.

The food is mostly frozen such as, uncooked pasties, pies and other pastry products, along with some ambient temperature food such as muesli or biscuits.

MORE INFORMATION

E dcfa.cornwall@gmail.com with your contact details including telephone number.

T 07817 825265

MAKE A MEAL OF IT

Does your church want to grow community connections and tackle loneliness and isolation? Do you want to create a place of welcome in your neighbourhood?

Get this new resource called 'Make a meal of it'. It gives you inspiration and practical tips for how to plan and host a meal in your community for older people.

The resource comes from a new faith based coalition called 'Christians Together Against Loneliness' to tackle isolation amongst older people.

Read more [here](#).

MY FAITH MATTERS

My Faith Matters, from Christian disability and community engaging charity Livability.

This is a resource to support people living with dementia to maintain, reconnect with, and explore what brings meaning to their life.

While it's primarily aimed at churches, it can be used with a person of any faith to help them and those caring for them record and celebrate what is important to them – and it's full of tips of how to have conversations about spirituality with someone who has dementia.

READ MORE

You can read more on the Livability website by clicking [here](#).

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

UP TO £10K FOR GROUPS WORKING WITH DISABLED YOUNGSTERS

Grants up to £10,000 for UK organisations that are working to make a difference to the lives of disabled children and young people (aged 0-26 years) and their families (applications may be made at any time by application form) are available from the True Colours Trust.

The True Colours Trust provides one-off core cost or project grants of up to £10,000 with no match funding requirement for local causes in the UK.

Grants are intended to help smaller organisations develop and deliver

programmes for children with a disability, their siblings and families.

Support is available for children and young people aged 0 to 26 years with a disability and/or with a complex health care need.

An online application form is available on the trust's **website** which can be completed online or downloaded and returned by email or post.

MORE INFORMATION

T 0207 410 0330

E truecolours@sfct.org.uk

HELP THE HOMELESS GRANTS OF UP TO £5K AVAILABLE

Grants up to £5,000 for capital projects for small and medium-sized charities in the UK that are helping homeless people rebuild their lives and return to the community are available from Help the Homeless.

Projects must assist individuals in their return to mainstream society, rather than simply offering shelter or other forms of sustenance.

Applicants requiring funding for refurbishment or non-capital projects are advised to contact the construction industry's charity for homeless people, **CRASH**.

The next deadline is Friday, September 15, 2018.

MORE INFORMATION

Help the Homeless **website**.

E HTH@help-the-homeless.org.uk

CRISIS FUNDING AVAILABLE VIA ACTS 435

Acts 435 is a crisis funding organisation primarily used by churches to crowdsource crisis funding for people who they are working with. However, other organisations can apply to be Acts Advocates, which gives them access to put their funding requests on a central message board, where members of the public can donate. There is a maximum limit of £120 for single items (eg bed,

sofa, cooker) and £100 for general items, eg clothing.

You can find out more at the Acts 435 **website**. Inclusion Cornwall have details of the local Acts 435 advocate.

MORE INFORMATION

If you are interested in finding out more email Ellie Moseley on emoseley1@cornwall.gov.uk

UP TO £250 CRISIS CASH

Cornwall Community Foundation hold a crisis fund which is accessible to charitable organisations in Cornwall. The fund is 'for immediate help, to alleviate destitution or poverty. Charitable organisations reaching people in crisis can apply for £250. No more than four requests per year per organisation.

More information **here**.

TRAVEL HELP FOR FAMILIES

The Anchor Fund is open to the families of children who live in Cornwall but are being cared for in a mental health unit outside the county. The Invictus Trust will make a one-off payment of up to £500 for those that qualify to help with travel and other costs.

More information **here**.

TRUST OFFERS SMALL GRANTS

Small grants for registered charities and voluntary organisations for UK and overseas projects in the fields of social welfare and education from the Weldon UK Charitable Trust.

The trust's preferred funding areas are social welfare and education, although it has previously funded in the housing, arts and heritage projects.

Applications may be made at any time in writing, addressed to the Weldon UK Charitable Trust, Howard Long FCA, 28 Motcomb Street, London, SW1X 8LB
T 0207 2356146

MONEY FOR OVER-60S

Grants between £1,000 and £3,000 for UK registered charities working with older people are available from the WG Edwards Foundation.

Community and innovation - grants for community initiatives such as exercise classes for the over-60s, lunch clubs, horticultural therapy and day trips. Consideration will also be given to technology projects aimed at benefitting the over-60s.

Registered charities may apply for a grant of between £1,000 and £3,000.

There is no formal application form; details about how to make an application can be found on the foundation's **website**.

MORE INFORMATION

Mrs Tamzin Mackie

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IRONMONGERS' COMPANY

Grants up to £10,000 for UK projects enabling disadvantaged children and young people under the age of 25 to fulfill their potential (2018 application deadlines 31 July and 15 December) can be applied for from the Ironmongers' Company.

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