



welcome to Truro (with Tresillian) Methodist Church

This is our 'Welcome Pack' which we hope you will find to be packed with all kinds of helpful information and background to the life of Church here.

However, the majority of this material was prepared before the Covid-19 pandemic, and reflects the life of the Church in that very different place.

Since the lockdown, we have adapted and developed many aspects of Church life and mission to the online environment and towards the end of this pack, some of those changes are noted.

The Leadership Team and Church Council are committed to a prayerful review of the church programme, as we see the enforced lock-down of our church buildings and a gift from God – a sabbatical, if you like – from the way we have always done things. We are seeking God's direction as we reshape our programmes and priorities for a post-Covid 19 world.





TRURO
with Tresillian
The Methodist Church

WELCOME TO TRURO (with Tresillian) METHODIST CHURCH

We're so glad you found us!

We are an active, lively and developing Christian church, at the heart of Cornwall, committed to deepening our relationship with God and sharing His love with others.

One church on two sites, 'Truro with Tresillian' combines the strengths of both urban and village settings and seeks to make the most of every opportunity that this brings. We strive to offer the welcoming, forgiving and empowering love of Jesus Christ to all that we encounter.

The impetus for our outreach and service flows from our own experience of God's love encountered in Jesus and expressed, too, in the fellowship we share. Underpinning all that we do is our programme of worship, study and prayer, by which we find the inspiration and energy to work with God in Kingdom-building.

As our experience of God deepens, so we are discovering new ways of working with God.

However, we also realise that joining a 'new' church can sometimes be a tricky and confusing experience – so we've put together this pack which, we hope, contains all you need to help you settle into and become a part of this Church family .

And we are so much more than Sunday!

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Facebook: truromethodistopen

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TRURO (WITH TRESILLIAN) METHODIST CHURCH

MISSION STATEMENT

The calling of the Methodist Church is to respond to the gospel of God's love in Christ and to live out its discipleship in worship and mission.

Truro (with Tresillian) Methodist Church, takes its place within the family of Methodist people and seeks to fulfil this calling within and beyond our city, circuit, county and national boundaries, within and beyond our traditional patterns of Church; within and beyond our Methodist tradition and heritage: in the physical and in the online world. We are committed to working in partnership with others, wherever and whenever possible, for the growth of God's Kingdom and the expression of God's love.

We seek to express our calling in the following ways

Through WORSHIP: we believe that the Church exists to increase awareness of God's presence and to celebrate God's love

Through LEARNING AND CARING: we believe that the Church exists to help people to grow and learn as Christians, through mutual support and care

Through SERVICE: we believe that the Church exists to be a good neighbour to people in need and to challenge injustice

Through EVANGELISM: we believe that the Church exists to make more followers of Jesus Christ

We will prioritise the use of our finite resources in such ways as to encourage and enable us to further our calling as part of the church of Jesus Christ.



LEADERSHIP AT TRURO (with Tresillian) METHODIST CHURCH

The Methodist Church is a Connexional Church which means that every Methodist congregation is in relationship with every other Methodist congregation. Truro (with Tresillian) Methodist Church is part of a collection of 15 congregations gathered into the Truro Circuit. The Truro Circuit, in turn, is part of the Cornwall District of the Methodist Church; and the Cornwall District is part of the national Methodist Church of Great Britain. Methodist Conference is the national body that shapes policy and practice (hopefully, guided and prompted by God!).

Here at Truro (with Tresillian) Methodist church, we have tried to simplify our structures to allow us to respond swiftly to mission opportunities and challenges as they arrive. We have very few standing committees and prefer to work through 'task groups' and working parties, which have specific goals to achieve.

The Ministry Team is made up of our Minister, Mark, our Lay Pastors Sue and James; our Ministry Administrator, Karen and our Digital communications co-ordinator (a new post), David.

The Leadership Team includes the members of the Ministry Team, the Church Stewards, our finance and property teams, our director of music – and other members of the church family on an ad hoc basis for specific purposes.

The Church Council (local Trustees) is made up of our Leadership Team, up to 15 additional members of the Church elected by the congregation, and a number of other individuals who have a place on the Council because of the specific roles they hold in the life of the Church mission and ministry. The Church Council delegates considerable financial and property responsibilities to the Leadership Team, who duly report back to the Council every few months through formal meetings.

We have an Annual Church Meeting which receives a financial

report, elects Church Stewards and representatives to Church Council (according to our local practices) – and that is basically it! A simple, stripped-back structure, resulting in fewer meetings and so leaving more time for mission!

The key focus document for the Ministry Team, Leadership Team and Church Council is our Mission Risk Assessment. Developed over the last couple of years, it seeks to identify those things that might prevent the church from thriving (we want to ‘thrive’ for Jesus – not just survive!) into the future. Having identified the threats, then we ask ‘how can we overcome them? Our Mission Assessment is a living document which offers us a springboard for mission development, strategy and practice.



WORSHIP AT TRURO (with Tresillian) METHODIST CHURCH

At Truro Methodist Church, we take our praise and worship seriously – but that doesn't mean that we're dull or that we 'do it the way it's always been done'! It does mean that we try and remember what we are doing when we worship: we are meeting the Living God and we expect to be transformed by that encounter. So, whether our worship takes the form of a traditional service, with hymns and sermon and choirs, or whether the form is free and the music is band-led, we want to bring our best to God. Have a look at our 'worship menu' to get an idea of the amazing breadth in styles of worship that we enjoy:



SUNDAY @ 8.15 am – Early Morning Communion

On the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month, we hold **Holy Communion** services at 8.15 am, followed by breakfast in the foyer. These services last approximately 30 minutes, are usually **traditional** in nature, and include a brief, four-minute address. Throughout the service, the focus remains on the sharing of bread and wine.

SUNDAY @ 9.22 am – 9:22

Time to meet with God

Our doors open at 8.45 am when you are invited to help yourself to a simple breakfast before joining in the band-led worship which starts at the very precise (and deliberate) 9.22 am! Our worship is sensitive to the Holy Spirit and seeks to create times of celebration and reflection within the encounter. 9:22 provides the opportunity for all-ages to worship together (but is NOT all-age worship), with everyone sharing together in the whole experience, separating only for the themed teaching each week. There is room for prayer ministry and – if God speaks to you – we would love to be blessed by that word, too. This service finishes at around 10.30 am, and often the Revolution Café is also open for coffee, fellowship and prayer ministry at that time.



SUNDAY @ 11.00 am –

Sunday Praise

**Music and Ministry from a
Methodist Tradition**



A traditional blend of hymns and music provides the framework for Sunday Praise. Our greatly valued and highly regarded organist and musical director, Philip Davey, ensures that congregational hymn-singing and anthems by the Church Choir are the best that we can offer to God. Preaching is usually expository, and, under the preaching ministry of Revd Mark Dunn-Wilson, sermons aim to unpack the Scriptures and apply their meaning to contemporary situations and lives. The sermon will often expand upon the theme introduced at 9:22. The second Sunday of each month is a family service, often attended by members of the Uniformed Organisations. Holy Communion forms an integral part of this service on the 1st Sunday of each month. Sunday Praise will usually conclude at around 12.10 pm, although often a little later when there is Communion.

SUNDAY @ 11.00 am

There is a service in the village Methodist Church most weeks – although sometimes the congregation join up with the Anglican Holy Trinity Church and the service takes place 'over the road'.

SUNDAY @ 6.15 pm – Evening Worship

Evening praise offers a quieter opportunity to share in largely traditional-style worship. Often hymn-based, with worship supported by the Choir (who will bring an Introit and Anthem), a preacher (lay or ordained) will give a sermon and lead the congregation in prayer.



On the 3rd Sunday of each month, Holy Communion forms part of this service.

And in addition to our weekly worship programme:

SUNDAY @ 6.15 pm - Breathing Space

An occasional Sunday evening service where regular-churchgoers and people who simply want some time to be, can come into a nurturing space of welcome, reflection and peace, which takes place within the Christian faith. Expect beautiful, gentle music; reflection; silence; art; poetry and prayer



Café Church

The 1st Sunday of each month is usually 'Café Church' at our Tresillian Chapel. The congregation gather around tables for a blend of front-led and interactive worship, with all ages exploring the theme of that week's service. If you've never experienced Café Church – and even if you have – get down to Tresillian and check it out (along with some of the best cakes in Methodism!).

MESSY CHURCH:

Look out for information about our next 'Messy Church' event, held ever two or three months and now usually during the school holidays. Unashamedly Biblical, entire families are encouraged to attend, discover, make, and explore Bible themes. There are crafts for all ages, fast-moving and lively worship, and a lovely meal to enjoy together at the close.



SquelCH:

...and then there's SquelCH – taking Church out into the mud. We have been in the forefront of pioneering this expression of Church rooted firmly in the environment and the experience of God's Creation. Closely aligned with aspects of Forest Church, we blend exploration of God's Word with the discovery of God's glorious diversity in the natural world. Adults and children, young and old learning together and encountering our living, creating God.





COMMUNION AT TRURO METHODIST CHURCH

It is our practice to welcome people to the Lord's Table in response to his invitation. It is not necessary to:

- be a member of the Methodist Church;
- be over a minimum age; or
- have passed a whole series of tests...

ALL ARE WELCOME!

If you truly want to be at His Table, the Lord delights to meet you there.

Many people find themselves brought really close to the Lord in these moments and, for some, it has been as they have knelt to receive bread and wine that they have made their commitment to God through Jesus Christ for the very first time. We do not ask that you have all the answers or every box ticked on the discipleship journey: we simply ask that you come to the Lord's Table with an attitude of respect for God and for other worshippers, to be at peace with others (as far as it is within your powers), and to be ready to remember and thank God for all that He has done for us in Jesus Christ. We pray that, together, we will encounter the Lord in a real and transforming way.

The Practical Bits...

- In our Church we ALWAYS use **non-alcoholic wine**, in order to create a safer space for ALL to receive Holy Communion.
- If you would prefer to receive a **gluten-free** wafer (rather than bread), then come to the Table with your hands face down.

If you would prefer not to receive bread and wine, then come to the Table with your hands **by your sides**. We would be thrilled to pray God's blessing over you.



PASTORAL MINISTRY AT TRURO (with Tresillian) METHODIST CHURCH

From the earliest days of the Christian church, it was accepted that Christians have a delightful responsibility to look out for one another and to do all that we can to offer support.

At Truro (with Tresillian) Methodist Church, we are taking this principle and trying to adapt it to the needs and opportunities offered by our circumstances. We are one of the larger Methodist churches, and so it just isn't possible for a few people to care for the whole membership.

We have a dedicated pastoral Ministry Team, combining paid staff and a valuable volunteer network.

Our Lay Pastors Sue Strawford and James Taylor take primary responsibility for pastoral visitation and communication 'on the ground'. The Ministry Team is led and supported by our Minister, Revd Mark Dunn-Wilson who is also available to respond to requests for visits and pastoral conversations

The Team are joined by Supernumerary Methodist Ministers, Revd Janet Knowles-Berry and Revd Margaret Barnes, and together they all share responsibility for our delivering Residential Home Ministry.

In addition, there is a small army of volunteers who quietly give up their own time to share their pastoral gifts in the service of their Church and community.

Pastoral Hotline

There is a dedicated Pastoral email address, through which information and requests for visits can be sent to The Team. pastoral@truromethodist.org.uk.



CHILDREN'S AND FAMILIES' MINISTRY AT TRURO (with Tresillian) METHODIST CHURCH

In a world of busy schedules and all-too-rare 'family time', we understand that – when those times do arise – they are precious. At Truro Methodist Church, we want to encourage whole families to be part of the life of our church.

- That's why we are committed to excellence in provision, care and opportunity for everyone...
- That's why our Child Protection Policies and Training are regularly updated and monitored...



Truro Methodist Church was the first (and so far ONLY) Methodist Church in Cornwall to be granted the Child Friendly Church Award, and we are continuously striving to build upon the good foundations that have been laid.

There is a full programme of children's and youth ministry and activity throughout the week, and we are always looking for ways of responding to, and meeting, changing needs. The reality is that, even for a church like ours, there are always more opportunities that we can seize, but we work to do the best we can for the young people entrusted to us.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME HERE!

Mums are welcome to breastfeed their babies in the Sanctuary during worship or, if you feel more comfortable, within the Prayer Chapel (where we have some nice comfy chairs!).

Toilets are located just to the left of the main doors as you are heading out from the Sanctuary, and along the downstairs corridor at the rear of the building. There is a changing table within the disabled toilet and spare items are available if needed – just ask a steward!



TINY STEPS: Sunday, for Small People up to Key-Stage 1

Each week during 9:22, two Safeguarding-trained adults are available to accompany the little ones to a room at

the back of the Church, where there is a full 'infant' discipleship programme to share. Story, singing, activity, prayer and a whole lot of fun! Your children will be brought back to you before the end of the service – and you are, of course, free to stay out with them, if you/they prefer. If you want to keep them with you, or if you have little ones at Sunday Praise, we have books and a toy bag available at the Welcome Table – please ask!

children's ministry

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY: Sunday, for slightly larger people up to Key-Stage 2

Our 9:22 Children's Ministry provision takes place during the teaching slot in the Entrance Foyer of the Sanctuary. We are committed to helping our young people experience worship as part of the church family and so we try to remain together for the opening parts of sung worship. Following their dedicated Children's Ministry session, the young people return to the main service for more worship, prayer and ministry time.

Once a month, we have a 'Clipboard Sunday', where the young people remain in their seats and are given an activity sheet to complete during the teaching slot. Plans are now well-advanced to replace 'clipboards' with 'tablets' as we evolve our ministry

into the digital age!

During **Sunday Praise**, adults will be on hand to complete simple activity sheets with children during the sermon, again at tables either within the main Sanctuary or out in the foyer. If more 'entertainment' is needed during the service, we have a stack of Bible-based colouring and puzzle sheets, plus children's books, near the Welcome Table.

TODDLE ALONG: Tuesday @ 10.00 am

This hugely popular group for babies, toddlers and their carers takes place in the Trevail Room and Parlour, at the rear of the church. An average session includes crafts, games, 'big play' toys, and sing-a-long music. The leaders come largely from within the Church family, but the Truro Circuit Children and Families' Worker is always on hand to welcome and assist. Although much of the activity is not overtly Christian, the ethos of the Church is important to the group and sessions will sometimes include some Christian teaching. It is not necessary to be a member of the Church to be part of this group.

TIDDLYWINKS: Friday @ 10.00am (Tresillian)

Based in our lovely village chapel at Tresillian, Tiddlywinks serves the local community and is hugely popular.



**LITTLE EDEN –
Toddler Church:
Sunday at
2.30pm**

Though not strictly part of Truro Methodist church Ministry, we wouldn't want you to miss out on Little Eden, the Truro Circuit Toddler Church based at Twelveheads chapel. It meets on a Sunday afternoon under the guidance of our Children and Families Worker, Janet. All children up to school age are welcome and parents' carers stay with their children throughout.



YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT PROGRAMME:

We are delighted that Victoria Hocking is our Circuit Youth Enabler. Victoria works with our own 'church-based' young people, as well as serving as part of the Chaplaincy Team at Truro College.

You can contact Victoria via her dedicated email youth@truromethodist.org.uk

YOUTH CLUB: Friday @ 7.30 pm – 9.30 pm

Meeting every week during term time in the Revolution Café, our Youth Club offers 11-17 year olds the chance to play games, participate in crafts and other activities, listen to music, or simply to chat within a friendly environment. Youth Enabler Victoria is a key member of the Team ably supported by a number of voluntary adult helpers. Don't forget to bring money for the tuck shop!

Bible Book Club - YOUTH BIBLE STUDY

Every Monday, starting at 4pm with fish and chip supper, young people meet to explore how the Bible can guide our living and shape our decision-making. Victoria leads the group.

UNIFORMED ORGANISATIONS

Rainbows, Beavers, Brownie, Cub, Guide and Scout groups run throughout the week at TMC. More details of dates and times of meetings can be found in our Regular Events sheet, on the Welcome Table in the Sanctuary.

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

We are delighted to have a good group of younger adults who meet together regularly for fellowship, Bible Study and social events. Once more, Victoria is the person to contact to discover all you need to know!



SAFE PRACTICE AT TRURO (with Tresillian) METHODIST CHURCH

We are privileged to have many children and young people as part of the Church family. We are grateful to parents who trust us with such an important part of a young person's development and we are heavily aware of the responsibility that this brings.

We have an official list of those authorised to work with Children and Young People and an adult will only be included on that list if they:

- have received an acceptable DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service)
- have completed the required Child Protection/Safeguarding Training (authorised by The Methodist Church and delivered by approved trainers) – see below; and
- understand and abide by the Truro (with Tresillian) Methodist Church Safeguarding Policy.

Safeguarding Training

As part of The Methodist Church's commitment to protecting children, young people and vulnerable adults, and creating churches which are a safe space for everyone, all relevant leaders and volunteers within church groups are required to complete the Foundation Module of the 'Creating Safer Space' Safeguarding Training. The focus of this is to promote awareness of possible safeguarding concerns and aims to equip those adults to feel confident to share safeguarding concerns with the appropriate person.

More in-depth training is undertaken within the Leadership Module of 'Creating Safer Space', and this has been completed by a number of key individuals within our Church.



TEACHING AND DISCIPLESHIP AT TRURO (with Tresillian) METHODIST CHURCH

There are all kinds of other opportunities to share and learn together at TMC. We'd love to welcome you into this fellowship, and a few of the ways in which you can do this are:

Sunday Worship

Our various Sunday services always include a significant preaching and teaching input. At Truro Methodist Church, we believe that the Bible is more than just words on a page – God speaks to us through Scripture as the Holy Spirit takes the written word and makes it the Living Word of God for us. For more information, please see the 'Church Services at Truro Methodist Church' leaflet.

Small Group Fellowships

We are delighted to have a number of active and established House Groups operating within our Church family and some newer 'Contact' groups. Each group has its own character, determines its own style, frequency of meeting and usually, its own choice of study materials. If you would be interested in joining a midweek small group – and we would encourage you to do so – please speak to one of the Ministry Team who will point you in the right direction.

Bible Study

Revd Mark is rarely more excited than when he is leading our expository Bible studies! Taking either a theme or a book of the Bible, our study series last anything from four to eight sessions, with each session lasting about 70 minutes. We usually repeat the studies - one during the day, and the other in the evening-, so as many people as possible can share in them.

Watch and Listen Again

It has long been our practice to make audio recordings of the Sunday Praise (11.00am) worship. Copies are available to

anyone who want them (free of charge). These have been particularly valued by those unable to attend worship through frailty and ill-health – but the ministry is open to all.

In recent years, we have also ‘live streamed’ 9:22 – band led worship on You Tube. If you are away from worship one Sunday, why not join with other members of our ‘virtual congregation’ and share in worship digitally. The recordings remain available online – and so you could choose to ‘watch again’ during the week.

In the future, we hope also to stream Sunday Praise worship as an extension of our virtual Church and pastoral ministry.

Plans are underway too, to create a virtual ‘house group’ using chat room technology, so that those who cannot be away from home in the evening – perhaps because of child-care - could still have a fellowship group in which to share. We will keep you informed as plans develop.



PRAYER MINISTRY AT TRURO (with Tresillian) METHODIST CHURCH

One of the most exciting aspects of life at Truro Methodist Church is the way in which we are seeing prayer rediscovered within the fellowship. We firmly believe that prayer is a vital part of growing closer to God, and we are discovering a renewal of our corporate and group prayer ministries.

Regular prayer meetings every Tuesday morning at 9.30am in the Sanctuary.

These meetings have an exciting vibrancy and life about them. There is a developing freedom in the way we are beginning to pray with and for each other, and 'prayer' is on the spiritual radar in more and more conversations.

Just off the Sanctuary is our Prayer Chapel, which is available during the day for private prayer and, after services, members of the Prayer Team are available to pray with you, if you wish.

Following 9:22 worship, fellowship continues in the Revolution Café, and there are a number of mature and spiritually sensitive folk who will be happy to pray with you if that would be helpful.

Prayer Request cards are available for completion and posting in Sambells, the Church Foyer and the Prayer Chapel, or you can email your requests to prayer@truromethodist.org.uk. We covenant with you to keep praying, and would love to hear how God answers those prayers.





HOW DO I MEET PEOPLE AT TRURO (with Tresillian) METHODIST CHURCH?

Truro Methodist Church sustains a number of groups meeting throughout the week at various times. They offer a diverse programme for a wide range of ages and interests. There are daytime craft groups, social groups, a weekly lunch club... There really is something for everyone. Just decide what you want to be part of and you will be made very welcome. The programme of groups is constantly changing – but here is a taster of what is on offer:

Lace Group: Monday @ 7.00 pm

A small group of ladies, of various ages, come together each week during term time to make various articles in Honiton lace and, occasionally, other craft items, too. They use their own equipment, but have spares for newcomers.

Banner Group: Tuesday @ 10.00 am

Each week in the Kenwyn Room, this small group of ladies meet to carry out a range of banner craft activities, including hand-sewing and embroidery, as well as share fellowship and friendship.

Walking

Members of our Church Family join with folk from 'Churches Together in Walking' group, which meets weekly from June until September, setting out each grades of difficulty are undertaken with the aim of discovering new parts of Cornwall through walking and usually a leaflet listing the walks available in the Foyer.

Tuesday Evening Fellowship: Tuesday @ 7.30 pm

Weekly, approximately 25 people meet in the Parlour to listen to visiting speakers talk on a range of interesting topics, following an opening devotion. A warm welcome will be given to all women and men who wish to come, whether for just one or every Tuesday evening!



The Well: Thursday 10.30 am and 2.00 pm

Meeting in the Parlour for tea, coffee and chat over the newspapers each Thursday morning, the group includes “Music for Wellbeing” from 11.00 am each week, and then a range of activities from 2.00 pm in the afternoon. Games of Scrabble and Rummikub are usually available, but we also have speakers, musical and craft afternoons, jigsaws and games. We break for lunch at 12.15 pm.

Thursday lunch: Thursday @ 12.30 pm

Come along to the Wesley Hall for an excellent value, two-course hot meal and good company each Thursday.

Church Choir: Friday @ 7.30 pm

Leading the singing in worship within Sunday Praise and Evening Worship services, as well as performing in concerts and festivals, our Church Choir meet for practice and fellowship in the Parlour each Friday evening, from 7.30 pm.

Men’s Breakfast (for everyone): 2nd Saturday @ 9.00 am

On the second Saturday of each month, Revd Mark opens the Revolution Café from 9.00 am – 10.30 am and serves up sausage or bacon butties of the highest quality. A time to get to know one another a little better – and enjoy excellent coffee too! EVERYONE is welcome.

Flower Guild

This group of ladies is responsible for arranging flowers for all church events – including each week’s services – and also support the delivery of flowers to members of the church family at the start of the week. Occasional meetings are held across the year.

Sunday Lunch

Every six weeks or so, our amazing volunteer team of cooks led by Anne Luke put on a two-course ‘Sunday Lunch’ for all those

who wish to join them. Served in the Wesley Hall at 12.30 pm, it's a great chance to get to know other members of the Church family here at Truro with Tresillian Methodist Church. Payment for the meal is in the form of a donation, with any 'profit' made each month donated to a charitable cause. Look out for the 'sign-up sheet' on the noticeboard in the foyer or on the Welcome Table to find out when the next one is on and to get your name down.

Social Evenings

Organised occasionally across the year, these social evenings often take the form of meals out – e.g. the men regularly meet up for a curry and a pint at Wetherspoons in town – or perhaps a trip to the cinema or Truro Bowl, or a relaxing stroll on a summer's evening. Look in the Events Calendar, in the Notices, or on the Church Facebook page for information on the next get-together.

**ALL ARE
WELCOME
HERE**



CITY CENTRE MINISTRY AT TRURO (with Tresillian) METHODIST CHURCH

Being located right at the heart of our city, we are fortunate to be able to take part in valuable outreach work on a daily basis...

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Good for you. Good for your neighbour. Good for your world

SAMBELLS – A CAFÉ IN THE CITY CENTRE

The hub of midweek and Saturday daytime activity at TMC is Sambells, our community cafe. Named after the architect of the original building, the café is staffed entirely by volunteers and serves refreshments and light lunches. But just as important as the food and drink is the welcome that is extended. From 10.00 am each morning (Monday to Saturday) all kinds of people come to Sambells because they have discovered it to be warm, comfortable and relaxing. Sambells is located at the front of the Church premises and so is easily accessible from the town centre. Pop in for a few minutes or – as some choose to do – stay for an hour or two.



TRURO FOODBANK

2019 marks the 10th Anniversary of the opening of the Foodbank here at TMC and we are proud to be

associated with the vital work of the group.

Open for two sessions a week (see posters for confirmation of current times), you will find volunteers ready to extend a warm welcome in the Revolution Café. Clients are issued with vouchers from a large number of 'front-line' agencies and

simply present that voucher in exchange for three days' food and supplies, together with advice on healthy eating. This is a wonderful – and ever more vital – part of the work of the Christian Church, and an important part of our City Centre Ministry focus.

<https://truro.foodbank.org.uk/>



TRURO STREET PASTORS

Teams of Street Pastors are on the streets of Truro each Saturday night from 10.00 pm until 4.00 am, ready to help anyone who needs it.

Sometimes, it's just a conversation, a space blanket or a pair of flip-flops for those on the journey home; sometimes a Street Pastor will stay with a person until they can be collected or travel home safely. And behind every team of Street Pastors there is a vital team of Prayer Pastors. At Truro with Tresillian we feel privileged to be able to support and resource this work. This is front-line City Centre Ministry, and the Kingdom is growing in the city and in individual lives because of it.

<http://streetpastors.org/locations/truro/>

THE CHURCH ONLINE

RETHINK CHURCH BEHINK CHURCH

We long to be part of a Church, where the traditional boundaries that separate people are removed. Online Church allows us to worship, study, pray and serve beyond geographical and time constraints, and allow a platform to celebrate diversity and difference within the Kingdom of God.

Since the Covid-19 lockdown, we have invested significant time and resource in the development of the online expression of our mission statement. What follows is a glimpse of a few of the opportunities that we are beginning to grow.

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP 9:22 AM AND 11.00AM:

WORSHIP
FROM HOME
TO HOME

(YOUTUBE)

Live from homes around Truro, we welcome the World to worship. Our circumstances are unusual, but our God is the same! 9:22 is our Band-led worship and Sunday Praise at 11.00am reflects the more traditional expression of Methodist worship.

Broadcast on our YouTube channel, you will find the links you need on the church webpage.



ZOOM COFFEE LOUNGE

There are opportunities after Sunday worship and during the week to share fellowship together in the Zoom Coffee Lounge



WEDNESDAY 7.30-8.15PM ONLINE PRAYER GATHERING (ZOOM)



There is so much we need to pray for— why not join our informal gathering. Concluding with The Order of Evening Prayer around 8.15pm

THURSDAY 7.30-9.00PM RE: ZOOM—BIBLE FELLOWSHIP GROUP (ZOOM)



Re: Zoom is our online Bible Study and fellowship Group. Led by our Minister from The Shed, everyone is welcome to come and share. We focus our thinking around video

conversations and then explore the issues that come up through Bible Study.



STUDY CHURCH

Study Church is our internet-based forum where we can carry on our conversations around the life of the Church, discipleship and Bible Study. It is an important part of our online church. The Fellowship doesn't need to stop when the meeting stops!

CALL TO WORSHIP"



"Call to worship" is our weekly worship event for those without access to the internet.

Just dial: 01872 308747 from your phone and you will be able to share in a hymn, a Scripture reading, a short address and a prayer—all for the cost of a local call. When you call, you will go automatically to the worship, starting with a welcome message from Revd Mark.

Our 'Call to Worship' material will be updated each Monday.



It has been a delight to worship online with people from all around the UK and indeed the world during lockdown. This has been one of the real blessings that God has given us in the time we are locked out of our Churches. Longing to work in and through and with, this 'church without boundaries' we formed 'Connect – our digital mission network.

So far over 70 people, from all around the country and signed up. Connect doesn't really have a plan yet. The purpose is not clear either really. But this was one of the 'Kairos' moments that come occasionally—and opportunity to seize something for the kingdom—even though we don't know quite where God will lead us yet.

In an article in Christianity Magazine, Revd Craig Philbrick, curate in Winchester Diocese wrote of this moment: "It's time for us to be the church without walls: a place that connects communities together, keeps hope alive, and demonstrates that peace that only Jesus can bring. Now is the time to be a great neighbour. Now is the time to love."

For now, that's enough of a vision: we long to create "a church without walls", where all the traditional barriers and boundaries that divide people have been taken away. A Church that just keeps on inviting people to come and share a conversation with Jesus. Who knows what that could look like, feel like or be like? Who knows what God might be planning?



FINANCIAL GIVING AT TRURO (with Tresillian) METHODIST CHURCH

Getting the balance right

The great giving principle in the Bible is that our gift is about proportion not portion; it's not so much the amount that we give to the work of God, but about how much we have left, having giving. We cannot all give the same: but we can all give with the same commitment.

It costs around £225,000 every year – around £4,000 per week – to run our mission at and from Truro (with Tresillian) Methodist Church.

Currently, direct giving accounts for around 50% to our total costs, leaving us vulnerable to fluctuations in our other income sources such as lettings.

How can I make my gift?

- Monthly Standing Order
- Regular giving envelope scheme
- Cash or cheque during worship
- One off gifts
- We now also have the means for chip and pin/contactless card giving. (Welcome Table in the Sanctuary)
- Online giving direct from our website (Dona)



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The Ministry Team would be pleased to speak to you about how your giving can be arranged and answer any other questions you may have.