

Welcome Information



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, kind, compassionate, forgiving and empowering love of Jesus Christ to all.

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

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!

Truro Methodist Church, Union Place, Truro TR1 1EP

“This is what God's kingdom is like:
a bunch of outcasts and oddballs
gathered at a table, not because
they are rich or worthy or good,
but because they are hungry,
because they said yes. And there's
always room for more.”

Rachel Held Evans, Pastor and Author



KEY CONTACTS AT TRURO (with Tresillian) METHODIST CHURCH

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LEADERSHIP AND STRUCTURE:

How we fit in to the wider Church family

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 chapels gathered into the Mid Cornwall Circuit, stretching from Newquay on the North Coast to Portscatho on the south. The Mid Cornwall Circuit, in turn, is part of the South West Peninsula District of the Methodist Church; and the South West Peninsula 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!).

The Methodist Church is proud to take its place in the worldwide church including many different denominations and traditions. We are committed to working across these traditions at every level— seeking to do nothing separately that can be better done together.

Truro (with Tresillian) Methodist Church is a partner in Churches Together in Truro, and many of our church sponsored activities are unashamedly ecumenical in concept and activity.

The Methodist Church (as the name almost suggests) has reputation for structure and method – often appearing to rejoice in a cumbersome network of committees and regulations. However, each Church is given some freedom to operate as best suits the local context. 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 Lead Pastors, Sue and Janet, our Ministry Administrator, Karen and our Community Missioner, David.

The Leadership Team includes the members of the Ministry Team, the Church and event 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 Managing 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.

Truro (with Tresillian) Leadership Team

Stewards Team



Kathleen and Ken Tinkler



Tim Wellings

Ministry Team

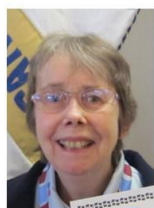


Revd Mark Dunn-Wilson

Finance Team



Rita Soper & David Rabey



Tina Buddle



Hilary Boaden



Janet Crocker, Pastoral



Sue Strawford, Pastoral

Circuit Family & Youth Team



Janet Tredrea Circuit
Family Worker



Victoria Hick Circuit
Youth Enabler



Phil Davey
Musical Director



Bob Girvan
Events Co-ordinator



David Crocker
Community Missioner



Karen Potts
Ministry Administration



Steve Harris
Safeguarding Officer

We have an General Church Meeting which receives an annual financial report, elects Church Stewards and representatives to Church Council (according to our local practice) and reviews and reflects on the 'Work of God' – and that is basically it! A simple, stripped-back structure, resulting in fewer meetings and so leaving time for mission!

WHAT KIND OF CHURCH? The story of The Gospel Table

“What kind of Church are we?” That was the question that we grappled with during the long months of ‘lockdown’ and ‘lock out’ from our buildings during the covid pandemic. ‘What kind of Church is God calling us to become?’

And as we pondered and prayed, studied and spoke, God began to give us a sense that we were to become a Church that actively and deliberately challenged everything that caused division, separation, isolation and injustice in our community and world and to extend an invitation to every person in their glorious individuality, diversity and variety.

We began to understand ourselves as the people of the ‘ever bigger table’ – where people gather, meet, share and speak, and who experience life together as God’s beloved children. We were to become a church of The Gospel Table.

In Luke’s gospel (the Gospel where the forgotten get remembered, the unnoticed get attention, the outcasts are included, and the voiceless have a voice) there is a wonderful parable story of a banquet in which the king’s guests decline to come to the feast, and to which all manner of people (usually, disregarded people) then receive invitations. And that parable finishes with the words of the King’s servant *‘But there is still room...’* (Luke 14.22)

Always more room! That was the kind of church we sensed God was calling us to become. A Church where there is always room.

The Gospel Table:

- a place where every person is welcomed for the person that they are.
- a place where every person is given worth and dignity and is received as a person to be valued and not an issue to be solved
- a place where stories are told, and conversations begin.
- a place where needs are met, and healing happens.
- a place where (as happens time and time in the Gospels), Jesus just shows up and joins in the conversation.
- a place where the grace of God silences our glib answers long enough that we might actually hear the question.

The Gospel Table is a place of invitation, exploration, conversation, transformation, and inspiration.

And to remind us that we partner with God in this wonderful kingdom-building opportunity, we created a huge, physical Gospel Table in the car park at Church around which life happens. But its presence is not an end, but a challenge to set the Gospel Table (physically or figuratively) in unlikely places around our community and our world: setting a Kingdom banquet to which anyone and everyone is invited to feast with Jesus.

“Blessed is the one who will eat at the feast in the kingdom of God.”

(Luke 14.15)

And the Table Will Be Wide: © Jan L. Richardson

And the table will be wide.

And the welcome will be wide.

And the arms will open wide to gather us in.

And our hearts will open wide to receive.

And we will come as children who trust there is enough.

And we will come unhindered and free.

And our aching will be met with bread.

And our sorrow will be met with wine.

And we will open our hands to the feast without shame.

And we will turn toward each other without fear.

And we will give up our appetite for despair.

And we will taste and know of delight.

And we will become bread for a hungry world.

And we will become drink for those who thirst.

And the blessed will become the blessing.

And everywhere will be the feast.

– Jan Richardson

Rev. Jan Richardson is an artist, author, United Methodist minister, and director of *The Wellspring Studio, LLC*.

FIVE WAYS TO A KINGDOM COMMUNITY

Be connected—Worship & Fellowship

Be active—Healthy Living

Be learning—Discipleship

Be generous—Stewardship & Service

Be alert—Spirituality

Jesus said to him,

“You are not far from the kingdom of God.” Mark 12:34



OUR MISSION FRAMEWORK

The experience of Covid was a formative time for our church when, guided by the Spirit, we reshaped much of our work and mission to become more intentionally outward facing into the community.

We adopted and amended the NHS ‘Five Ways to healthy Living’ principles and adapted them as a mission framework against which we measure our activities and programme. We are embedding this framework into our structure and practice and now measure all our activities, programmes, events and resources in terms of the ‘Five Ways’. We are finding this a

helpful way to move ourselves into our new season of mission and service. Our Five Ways, do not only help us to remain focussed and grow as a Church, but also offer a simple pattern for personal discipleship.

FIVE WAYS to grow a healthy ‘You’

Be alert Where have I encountered God today?

Be alive How have I cared for my own wellbeing today?

Be connected How have I shared quality time with God and others today?

Be generous What have I offered to others today?

Be learning What have I discovered, explored or understood today?



We are registered with Eco-Church and are committed to the struggle for Climate Justice around the world.

We were awarded the eco-church bronze award during the covid era and, in 2023 received our silver accreditation. Our buildings are nearly 200 years old and present real challenges when it comes to being eco-friendly, but we are constantly looking to improve our outcomes.

We have created a wild garden near the car park where we encourage wildlife and flowers to thrive, with plans to develop some raised beds for use by the younger church as part of their discipleship. We have recycling facilities on site as well as a Rodda's Milk dispenser enabling the reduction of single use plastic as members of Church and community can refill directly from the machine.

Issues around Climate Justice are regularly explored in worship and study and our monthly Link newsletter contains an Eco Church page.

As plans are drawn up for our new Community Hub, the eco-agenda is a key element in the design and vision, and we actively encourage individual responsibility to live as good stewards of the resources God has provided for us.

However, we remember that this is not only a local issue. The struggle for Climate Justice is a geopolitical matter, as well as a local one, and we are committed to add our voice and action to those who are able to make real, significant change on the world stage.



INCLUSIVE CHURCH NETWORK

In 2022 Truro (with Tresillian) Methodist Church was affiliated to the Inclusive Church Network.

We were the first church of ANY denomination in Cornwall to join the network and it was, for us an expression of our commitment to extend a genuine Gospel welcome to all. But our commitment goes way beyond that. We are working step by step and decision by decision to make sure that our structures, systems, strategies, premises, language, priorities, worship and theology actively serve to create a community of justice, inclusion and fairness for every person.

As part of the Network, we subscribe to this statement of understanding.

“We believe in inclusive church – a church which celebrates and affirms every person and does not discriminate. We will continue to challenge the church wherever it discriminates against people on grounds of disability, economic power, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, learning disability, mental health, neurodiversity, or sexuality. We believe in a Church which welcomes and serves all people in the name of Jesus Christ; which is scripturally faithful; which seeks to proclaim the Gospel afresh for each generation; and which, in the power of the Holy Spirit, allows all people to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Jesus Christ.”

We are committed to work towards becoming a genuinely Inclusive Church and have identified the following areas for our focussed mission and development, going beyond written policies to embed transformational practice in every respect:

- Poverty*
- Disability*
- Ethnicity*
- Gender*
- Sexuality*
- Mental Health*
- Age related inclusion

- Climate Justice

*are Inclusive Church network priority areas

Truro Methodist Church and our Minister Revd Mark are registered for the conduct of marriage ceremonies between any two people: being of opposite sex or the same sex. This is a position that has been arrived at through much prayer, reflection, and bible Study and one that we believe forms an important part of our scriptural justice agenda.

We acknowledge that the Christian Church has sometimes hurt and excluded people, failing to recognise, celebrate and affirm the uniqueness of each individual created by a loving God. We are sorry for our part in that injustice, and we are working to build a community of grace and faith where every person finds a welcome; where every person knows that they are loved; and where every person feels that they belong. We have a long way to travel, and we have much to learn – but we believe we have made a beginning.

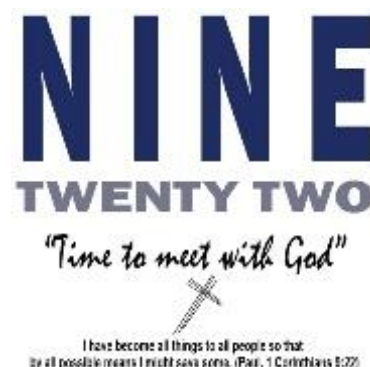


WORSHIP, FELLOWSHIP AND PRAYER

As we re-emerge from the chaos of the covid era, we have spent some time praying and pondering the shape of our worship life together here at Truro (with Tresillian). We have remained committed to the most helpful aspects of our time as an enforced 'online church', whilst trying to celebrate and develop the best of our inherited worship pattern. As we began to meet again onsite, we took the opportunity to reform our worship offering with the desire to provide worship of a consistently high quality, but also reflecting variety, flexibility and sustainability.

SUNDAY @ 9.22 am – 9:22 *Time to meet with God*

Our Sunday offering begins with a simple self-serve breakfast from around 8.40am before moving into worship at 9:22. Our Band (Leaving the 99) leads our sung worship and our preaching and teaching is quite short in length but focussed in content. We are developing a renewed Children's Ministry to care for our younger people and their families in this context and are delighted that the number of children and families is growing again. 9:22 is streamed live and remains an important part of the spiritual journey for so many people.



SUNDAY @ 11.00 am – Sunday Praise

Music and Ministry from a Methodist Tradition

At 11.00am each Sunday we gather for Sunday Praise. A more traditional style of worship than 9:22, hymns are usually led from the organ and our church choir supports the worship with an anthem two Sundays a month. We share together in Holy Communion (generally on the first Sunday of each month). Sunday Praise is



streamed live to our YouTube channel and is an important link not only for those living away from Truro, but also for local people who are unable to attend physical worship through sickness or infirmity.

LIVE STREAM:

9:22 and Sunday Praise are Live Streamed from TMC every Sunday. You can watch live, or catch up later in the week on YouTube. This was an initiative that we introduced fully during Covid lockdown and has proved to be incredibly popular – reducing isolation and acknowledging that not everyone is available at the traditional worship hour each week.



Tresillian 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’.

Café Church (Tresillian)

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:

On the first Tuesday of each month, we gather after school for our own version of messy church. Shaped, led and carried by Janet Tredrea and her team, Messy Church gives us the opportunity to explore faith as families together. We are delighted to welcome regular families month after month, and are always excited when new people join the



fun! Messy Church is greatly appreciated by those who come and it is a good opportunity to build bridges with families who may not otherwise share in the life of Church here.

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AT THE TABLE:

At the Table is our midweek service

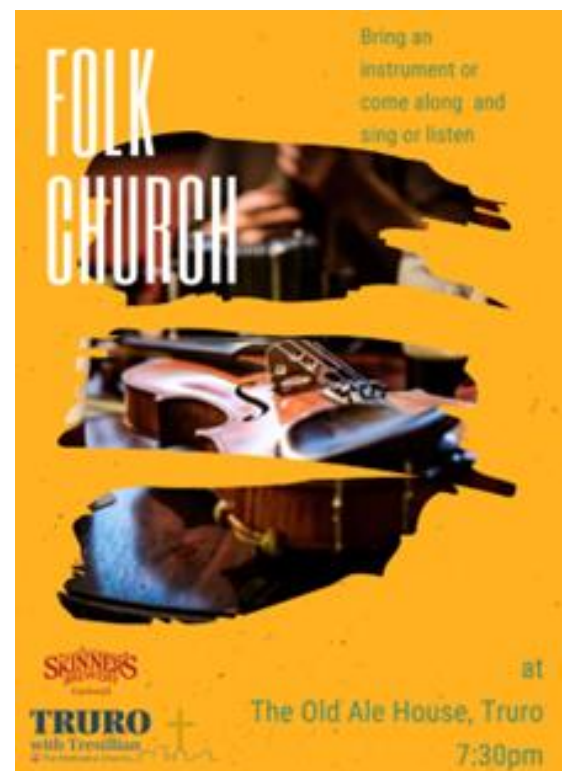
of Holy Communion. It takes place on Wednesdays. On the first and third Wednesday of the month, we are in the Sanctuary at 10.30am and on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, we gather on Zoom for an online service at 7.00pm, drawing folk from our locally based congregation and from around other parts of the country and world. This has become a very special 'midweek pause'—a cherished opportunity to worship together in the middle of a busy week. Each service lasts around 30 minutes.

FOLK CHURCH:

A new 'Gospel Table' venture, Folk Church meets in the Old Ale House pub every couple of months. It is unlike most of our experiences of Church, and offers the glorious unpredictability of worshipping God in the 'public space'. A core folk band leads the singing, and our "Folk Church Story-teller" offers entertaining and challenging tales to inspire gospel conversations and encounter.

Our worship is unapologetically lively, often appearing to grasp the attractive chaos of a pub folk night—as ad hoc musicians try to find notes and chords that 'almost work' and non-singing singers attempt to replicate a tune they think they may have once heard on Radio 2.

BUT—informal and stuttering though worship sometimes might seem – God is glorified, the Gospel message is shared and the Christian Church in Truro goes a



little way to re-write the narrative of what most people think 'Church' is. Folk Church will not be to everyone's taste—but that's OK because we are trying to set a Gospel Table in places that previously we have not been!

SMALL GROUP FELLOWSHIPS

There are a number of Small and House Groups meeting at various times and venues throughout the month.

ReZoom is our ONLINE fellowship and others meet in homes around the area. It may well be that we need to plant some more groups. If you would like to be part of one, then please be in touch with us and we can set things in place.

READ TOGETHER BOOK

One small group activity that has become very popular is our 'read together' book. Each week, onsite, in homes and online, folk will meet to share a conversation around a chapter of a book we have committed to read together. This is an opportunity to grow fellowship and to explore ideas and christian-based literature which we might not otherwise have read. The books are advertised and conversation starters published through the weekly church notices.

PRAYER MINISTRY

Our regular prayer meeting takes place in the Prayer Chapel every Tuesday morning at 9.30am.

There is also a Prayer Network on our Mighty Networks site which enables us to group people to pray for particular needs quickly when they arise. We are also hopeful of forming a telephone prayer chain in the very near future.

Prayer Request cards are available for completion and posting in Sambells, 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.

HOLY COMMUNION

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 to have passed a whole series of tests... **All are welcome here.** 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 thank God for all that Jesus Christ has done for us. We pray that, together, we will encounter the Lord in a real and transforming way.

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 palms down on the Communion Rail.

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

Our Ministry Team is also available to bring communion to people who are unable to share in physical church services on site.



GOSPEL TABLE

One of our key mission developments is the idea of the Gospel Table. Based around Jesus' story of everyone being invited to gather at a banquet – even those who wouldn't normally find a place - our vision is to create places and spaces where boundaries can be taken away, lives can be

shared, stories told, and grace discovered.

Our vision is to enable the setting of Gospel Tables in more and more places, with more and more diverse groups of people. Sometimes, that place will be a recognisable Table around which people sit and share. Often the Gospel Table will be something far less tangible and solid, and yet, holding this idea of setting grace where God's love can transform lives and assure people that they are loved. Sometimes the Gospel Table will be a long-term commitment to a place and a group of people. At other times, the Table will be set for a time and then move onto something else. But the Gospel Table vision is always to welcome, always to remove barriers and always to offer grace and care in Christ.

One very clear, and physical expression of the Gospel Table can be found in our Car Park. There is a huge picnic table surrounded by conversation boards. Sometimes people just gather at the Table and eat their lunch. Sometimes we share Communion there. Sometimes we have breakfast or Messy Church. Sometimes, we just sit and see what happens. It's a Table of grace, where everyone is welcome, encounters happen, conversations begin, stories are told and from time to time, Jesus shows up and makes himself known.

The Gospel Table – where 'there is always room for more'.



PASTORAL MINISTRY

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.

How we care for each other

We have created a framework for care which we understand as interlocking pieces in a kind of Pastoral Jigsaw. Some pieces relate to care offered through



worship and fellowship groups. Other pieces through visitation and care homes. But two key aspects of our 'Grace Enough' programme are overseen by our Ministry Team pastors, Revd Mark and Pastors Janet and Sue

Pastor Janet has a part-time role focussing on pastoral ministry to our congregation.

Pastor Janet oversees ministry particularly to those who are house-bound or unwell – and is supported by a faithful team of volunteer pastoral contacts.

Pastor Sue has a part-time role which focuses on the community aspects of our church family and exercises pastoral ministry through groups like Thursday Well, through Sambells our Café and our Toddler Groups.

Revd Mark is very willing to visit people in their homes, in hospital or at church, but has a particular focus on rites of passage and times of critical care in the life of folk.

Pastoral Communication

A key part of our administrative and pastoral programme is a hugely helpful

software programme called 'ChurchSuite'. Not only are many administrative tasks completed and communicated via the system, it also provides a framework for pastoral administration. Church Suite is a key part of our ongoing communication with members of the church family for notices and reminders. EVERYONE has their own personal login to ChurchSuite and, if you have not already done so, we would encourage you to log on and check that the details we have for you are correct.



CHILDREN'S AND FAMILIES' MINISTRY

In a world of busy schedules and all-too-rare 'family time', we understand that – when those times do arise – they are precious. Here, 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...

We make every effort to provide for children and young people, during worship. This is under review just now as we continue to reflect on the new situation after covid.

- Toddle Along (Toddler Group) meets at Truro on Tuesday and Friday Mornings. Tiddlywinks meets at Tresillian on Fridays.
- Messy Church for all the family happens on the first Tuesday of each month.
- And, at the other end of the spectrum, Youth Club meets on Friday.

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, anywhere else!

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!



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.



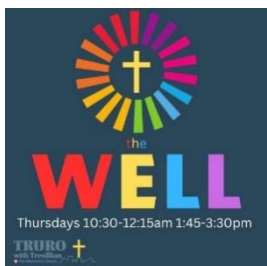
HOW DO I MEET PEOPLE

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



ENGAGE

Monday evening is Engage evening when we gather to share in a wide variety of activities and conversations. Based loosely around our 'Five Ways' programme, Engage provided space for leisure, activity, learning and worship. The programme is organised and published quarterly, and there really is something for everyone. It is not expected that people everyone will attend each week – just choose what you fancy and come and 'engage'.



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: Alternate Fridays @ 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.

Social Evenings

Organised occasionally across the year, these social evenings often take the form of meals out –or perhaps a trip to the cinema or Truro Bowl, or a relaxing stroll on a summer’s evening or the ever popular Church Social in the evening! Look in the Events Calendar, in the Notices, or on the Church Facebook page for information on the next get-together.

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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 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 to around 1.30pm Tuesday to Friday, 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 stay for an hour or two.



For the last two years, Sambells has been a registered 'Warm Welcome Space' and actively encourages people to come and find company, warmth and food. Vouchers are available on each table which can be exchanged for food and drink from the café at no charge for those who find this helpful.

FINANCIAL GIVING

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. 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
- Contactless card payments at Church.
- Via the 'Dona' system in the website.
- Regular giving envelope scheme
- Cash or cheque placed in the basket on the Welcome Table
- One off gifts including Legacies
- We now also have the means for chip and pin/ contactless card giving.
(Welcome Table in the Sanctuary)

For anyone wishing to make their offertory directly to the Church Account, the details are:

Truro Methodist Church

Sort code: 30-98-76 Account number: 00353930