



Dear Church Leaders,

Jesus prayed for the unity of his disciples, a unity which centred around his own teaching, as well as a unity to Him and the Father. In other words, Jesus prayed for the unity of the church.

We know from Paul's writing and indeed from our own experience that the Holy Spirit is the great giver of unity, (1 Cor 12:13 - *in the one Spirit we were all baptised...*) and that in this spirit of unity we pursue the truth that Jesus is Lord. We also know that a sign of this unity is the love that we show one another (John 13:35 - *by this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another*), and that this love has a purpose – i) to be a witness to the world, and ii) and to be a triumphant acclamation of the glory of God.

Our expression of this unity, as Churches Together in Truro, is found in our common vision for Truro:

'That every person, living and working in Truro and the surrounding localities, should have the opportunity to receive the Gospel of Jesus Christ from someone who loves them.'

After a year of prayer, and our recent away day in Redruth, we now have an emerging sense of how we might go about this vision together. Four significant opportunities have arisen from our prayers and discussions (outlined below).

I would now ask that you discuss these four areas with your councils, eldership, and leadership teams and to ask for full support and commitment to work with other churches in Truro so that together we can further develop these opportunities. For these prospects to mature into a means of sharing the gospel it is believed that a deeper relationship between our churches is required. By sharing this vision with your leadership, ministry teams and congregations you will be preparing the ground necessary for something new for Christ to take root.

Once you've had the opportunity to share these proposals and opportunities with your councils and eldership, could you then write/email to our CTT Secretary, Mrs Helen Perry to confirm that this has been done and the response to the appeal to work together on these four areas. I'm sure it would also be helpful for others to hear how you came to your decision, by sharing a few words about how your leadership collectively feels about the way ahead too.

I look forward to hearing from you all soon.

Yours sincerely
Revd Jeremy Putnam

Chair, Churches Together Truro.



Focus #1 Truro YouthWorks/Hub – Partly connected to the conversation about LoveTruro.Net (see below) and the need for more community spaces in Truro including youth provision. The main conversation here is for a more intentional cross church partnership for Christian Youth Work in and around the city. The premise being that currently there are a few churches that have their own youth ministry. On occasion these small groups of young people can feel quite vulnerable, particularly at times when there are a lower number of young people attending. We are looking to develop a youth ministry that both supports existing Christian young people in their journey and reaches out to others. Consultation with young people is the next step to make sure what we set out to do together is actually in line with the hopes of our young people. A proposed date of April 2019 to launch a new joined up ministry is being proposed. Will your church commit to supporting this new partnership?

Focus #2 LoveTruro.net is the listening exercised commissioned by Truro City Council to understand how some areas of the city could be redeveloped to enable Truro to be fit for the future. This is a substantial and very exciting project. CTT have been invited to participate in this discussion as they consider how they can provide for growing community needs across the city. There is an open door for our involvement as CTT, with the potential of being a significant contributor/partner with the City Council. Can you imagine how our partnership might be able to use this opportunity for the furthering of our common vision? We hope to offer a statement of intent to show our willing commitment to working to serve the community in Truro.

Focus #3 Langarth Development – Cornwall Council has a proposed strategy for planning intervention, to buy back land along the A390 corridor between Treliske and Chiverton Cross. This intervention is of national significance, it is the largest of its kind and involves £600m of government money, and £30m of Cornwall Council funds. In essence, CC are wanting Full Council agreement to develop the site themselves involving 2700 homes and a future population of 8000 people (the size of Wadebridge). In the discussion between Cornwall Council and All Saints Highertown a statement of intent has been requested from CTT to show our commitment to work as one Church in Truro, so to offer thoughts on what provision could be created for a church/worshipping community in the new development. The detail of what this might look like will come much later, but for now CC have asked whether we can work together and write a letter of intent to show this. Is your church leadership and community willing to commit to this working in partnership for a church in Langarth?

Focus #4 Transforming Mission – TM for Cornwall is an Anglican funded project to plant a number of resource churches in Cornwall, including one at All Saints Highertown, Truro. TM Truro is setting out to be ecumenical in spirit and practice, and its success will be ensured through the deepening of our relationship as One Church for Truro.