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SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY BRIEFING

SUPPORT LOCAL CHARITIES WITH A GIFT THIS CHRISTMAS

With Christmas just under a month away, towns are packed with shoppers all looking for that perfect gift.

Why not give a gift locally this Christmas and do something good for the community at the same time?

The Cornish Christmas Giving catalogue features many worthy local groups and charities who are all working in Cornwall to provide assistance, support, activities, beds and more to people in our own community.

This year you can choose from 20 Cornish charities to donate to and in return you will receive a gift certificate to pass on to your family member or friend. Gifts start from just £1 up to £100, which would pay for

meals for a month from a foodbank.

The organisations featured in this year's catalogue are:

CIPF - Backpack Beds, Cornwall Befriending Service, Cornwall Community Foundation, Cornwall Prayer Shawls, Cornwall Refugee Resettlement Network, Cosgarne Hall, Coastal Zone, DISC, Fresh Start, Hidden Help, Nature Workshop, Norda House Project, the Chy Sawel Project, the Gershie Project, the Samaritans, the YMCA, Sea Sanctuary, St Petroc's Society, Truro Community Football and food banks throughout Cornwall.

[SEE THE CATALOGUE HERE](#)



BACKPACK BEDS

Over the past four years, the Cornwall Christmas Giving Catalogue has helped fund the charity project Backpack Beds (developed and managed by Cornwall Independent Poverty Forum) and the donations have resulted in the purchase of over 100 of the portable shelter backpacks, which have been distributed to people facing a night rough-sleeping on the street.

Paul Green, project development manager for Backpack Beds, says: "This simply would not be possible without the support of the Christmas Giving Catalogue and the donations pledged because of it."

CAMBORNE, POOL & REDRUTH FOOD BANKS

Other organisations which benefit from the money raised through the catalogue

WHAT THEY SAY...



↑ **Donovan Gardner, manager of the Camborne, Pool, Redruth food banks**

are the many foodbanks, throughout Cornwall. Donovan Gardner, manager of Camborne, Pool and Redruth Foodbanks (CPR) says: "The proceeds of the catalogue help us to deliver 10,000 meals each month to people who need them most. In addition to this, the team of 84 volunteers will also be delivering 1,080 Christmas

lunches this year. The catalogue is a great support to our ongoing work and we couldn't do without it."

CORNWALL BEFRIENDING SERVICE

For the Founder and Director of Cornwall Befriending Service (CBS) Rowena Koning, this is the second year the charity has taken part in the catalogue. Rowena believes inclusion in the catalogue in 2016 helped CBS reach more of those in need of the free debt, financial advice and support the charity provides and featuring again in 2017, will help extend that reach further.

Rowena says: "I think the Cornish Christmas Giving Catalogue is a great idea and Cornwall Befriending Service feel privileged to be part of it. We greatly appreciate the donations, which help support CBS in the work we do. The Cornish Christmas Giving Catalogue really is such a worthwhile project."

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NEW SERVICE CORNWALL TIME CREDITS

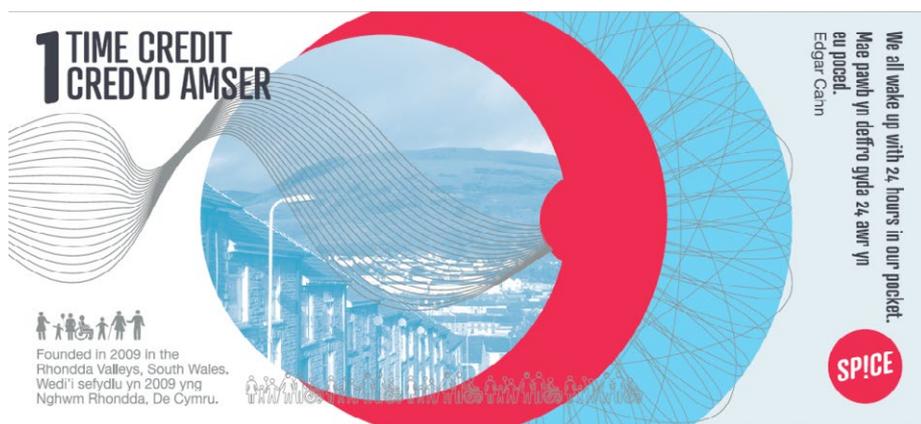
Spice Innovations are in the process of setting up Cornwall Time Credits, supported by Cornwall Council, to enable service users to earn credits which they can spend.

Initially working in Penzance with those who struggle with substance misuse, they intend to roll out the scheme, both geographically and thematically.

They are currently advertising two jobs on their website, and are looking forward to working with other organisations in Cornwall to enable more service users to 'earn' credits, and also provide venues at which they can 'spend' them.

MORE INFORMATION

Download the **flyer**.



'WE SEE YOU' CAMPAIGN: MOBILISING THE CHURCH

Have a look at the new film 'We See You' featuring Archbishop Justin Welby and newsreader and presenter Julie Etchingham.

It shows that modern slavery is hidden in plain sight on our high streets and even in our churches.

We are asking Christians across the country to take off their blindfold and say 'We see you' to the vulnerable and exploited who are all around us.

The Clewer Initiative enables Church of England dioceses and wider church networks to develop strategies for detecting modern slavery in their communities and help provide victim support and care. Learn more **here**

MORE INFORMATION

If you are keen to have regular updates on the Clewer Initiative, you can sign up to the newsletter via www.theclerwinitiative.org

INCLUSIVE CHURCH: WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT

Helen Tyers, was one of the speakers at this year's Disability Conference. This is what she told delegates:

"What is the point of putting in a ramp if the attitudes inside are disabling?"

"What is the point of having a loop system if the words spoken are disabling?"

This gets to the heart of what Inclusive Church is about – encouraging The Church, local churches and individuals to see beyond the obvious with issues of inclusion.

It is no good having a ramp or a great sound system – if what is going on in the church is disabling and excluding.

All churches have signs outside their buildings and on their websites advertising a welcome to all. The experience of too many is that although they may advertise a welcome, what they offer is far from that.

Helen went on to say: "Disabled Christians are disabled by the church."

Too many of us are excluded by a church that says welcome.

SRO DIARY DATES

DECEMBER

- 5 Cornwall Independent Poverty Forum**, Launceston Parish Centre, 2.30pm
- 7 Churches Homesless Network**, St Petroc's Society, Truro, 9am
- 7 Cornwall Faith Forum Projects Meeting**, all welcome, 7pm
- 8 Workplace Chaplaincy Event**, Royal Cornwall Hospital, Treliske, Truro, 9.30am

JANUARY 2018

- 9 Cornwall Independent Poverty Forum**, Truro Samaritans, Treyu Road, Truro
- 24 Climate Change Book Club - Naomi Klein's book No is Not Enough**, 7pm, More info from andrew.yates@truro.anglican.org

MARCH

- 9 Environment & Churches Study Day**, Truro Methodist Church, more info luci@climatevision.co.uk

WORKPLACE CHAPLAINCY

Following the publication of the excellent and far reaching Report on Workplace Chaplaincy in Cornwall undertaken by THEOS, Bishop Chris has asked to meet with as many chaplains as possible to discuss the implications of the research. This is to consider both support for the present ministry and also to look at how chaplaincy might be enabled to grow across Cornwall.

You are invited to a meeting at The Royal Cornwall Hospital, Truro, on Friday, December 8. It will run from 10am to 1pm with refreshments available from 9.30am. There will be an opportunity for those who are able to give the time to continue the discussion informally over a bring your own packed lunch.

To book a space please contact Gillian McMullen via info@truro.anglican.org If you are not able to join us but have suggestions about the current practice of Workplace Chaplaincy and /or about its development please do get in touch with Revd Andrew Yates via srotruro@btinternet.com or Becky Nesbitt via rebecca.nesbitt@fxplus.ac.uk

Please feel free to pass on this information to anyone who might be interested in attending.

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FUNDING

FUNDING FOR HARD TO FUND PROJECTS

THE HENRY SMITH CHARITY'S Improving Lives programme is part of its Main Grants programme, and aims to support people in the UK for whom other sources of support have failed, are inappropriate, or are simply not available.

The priorities are:

- Help at a critical moment – helping people to rebuild their lives following a crisis, critical moment, trauma or abuse;
- Positive choices – helping people, whose actions or behaviours have led to negative consequences for themselves and others, to make positive choices;
- Accommodation / housing support – enabling people to work towards or maintain accommodation;
- Employment and training – supporting

people to move towards or gain employment;

- Financial inclusion, rights and entitlements – supporting people to overcome their financial problems and ensure that they are able to claim their rights and entitlements; and
- Support networks and family – working with people to develop improved support networks and family relationships.

Grants of between £20,000 and £60,000 are available per year. Funding for up to 3 years is available.

There are lists of eligibility criteria and exclusions on the Henry Smith Charity [website](#). You will also find application guidelines, and an application form to download. These must be submitted by post.

SOUTH WEST LEGAL FUND OPEN TO APPLICATIONS

THE SOUTH WEST LEGAL FUND is currently open to applications. Grants between £500 and £5,000 are available.

Preference will be given to activities that enable the provision of free legal advice to members of the public who would otherwise be disadvantaged, though other types of funding needs may be considered.

Examples of the type of project that could be supported through the fund include IT or other equipment that increases an

organisation's proven capacity to undertake casework.

Further information, together with an application form can be found on the South West Legal Support Trust [website](#). The closing date is 2pm on Friday, December 8, 2017.

MORE INFORMATION

Nick Hanning
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E enquiries@swlst.org.uk

GRANT FUNDING FROM OTHER ORGANISATIONS

THE OLIVER FORD FOUNDATION supports projects and initiatives in the fields of: housing, education and training for individuals with a learning disability. Charitable organisations may apply for a grant of between £2,500 and £10,000.

More information is available from Matthew Pintus, The Oliver Ford Foundation, 20 Cursitor Street, London, EC4A 1LT or 0207 831 9222

THE WOODWARD CHARITABLE TRUST offers grant funding for smaller charities offering direct services to vulnerable groups, primarily aimed at one-off projects. Charities with an annual turnover of less than £300,000 are eligible. The closing date for the current funding round is December 22. A full list of restrictions, and

the application procedure can be found on the trust's [website](#).

THE MASONIC CHARITABLE FOUNDATION offers grants to registered charities in England and Wales for projects in the following areas: Financial hardship, Health and disability, Education and employability, Social exclusion and disadvantage

Two grant programmes are available: Grants over £5,000 (deadline Friday, February 2, 2018) and Grants of between £500 and £5,000 (applications are on a rolling basis).

More information is available on the [website](#) or The Masonic Charitable Foundation, Freemasons' Hall, 60 Great Queen Street, London, WC2B 5AZ
T 020 3146 3333 E csr@mcf.org.uk

CORNWALL FAITH RESPONSE TEAM MEMBERS SOUGHT

Plans are under way to form a Faith Response Team made up of people prepared to offer support in times of emergency crisis within the county.

Members of the group will be fully trained and will work very much as a part of the Council's Resilience & Emergency Management team.

An initial meeting for interested persons will be held on Wednesday, February 14, 2018 at County Hall in Truro.

MORE INFORMATION

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BECOME A SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS VOLUNTEER

Charities, organisations and community groups will often need extra help at Christmas. For many it can be one of their busiest times of year. If you would like to give a helping hand there are lots of opportunities. Find out more [HERE](#)

This includes supporting the Cold Weather Provision at St Petroc's Society.

St Petroc's Society is looking for volunteers to work with individuals who are homeless during the coldest months of the year, assisting them to identify their support and housing needs, advocating for them and helping them to access services. Find out more [here](#).

UNIVERSAL CREDIT BEGINS

During December Universal Credit will start to be rolled out beginning in the east of the county. Research by the Trussel Trust has shown a 30% increase in demand at food banks in those areas where it has been introduced. So what can we as churches do?

1. Promote donations to your local food bank.
2. Contact your MP to question a system which pushes people into greater hardship at a cost to the customer and to services which have to pick up the costs of additional support.
3. Consider signing up to be a holder of a **Cornwall Community Foundation Crisis Fund pot**.