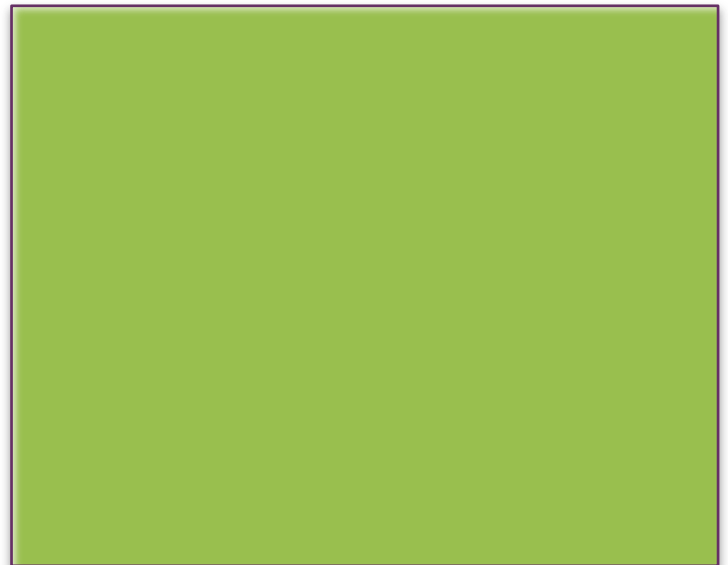


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with Case Studies





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Executive Summary of Report and Key Findings

Background information:

Surveys and faith audits are currently being carried out around the country, this is because faith groups and local authorities are recognising the need to understand how social action is taking place in their communities and to work in a more joined-up manner, so they can better respond to increasing needs.

The survey of faith groups in Cornwall has been undertaken to identify and establish the extent and types of social action and outreach faith-based groups are providing in the Cornish community. The survey results will provide detailed information on current activity and the challenges being faced by faith groups in order to:

- Produce a database of all faith groups in Cornwall and the activities they offer
- Identify the contribution that faith communities/groups make in supporting communities in Cornwall

Since the launch of the 'Big Society' initiative by the government, faith groups have been attracting the attention of policy makers and the government because they offer multiple services and copious support, often freely, in direct response to the needs of the community they serve.

Countless hours are worked by willing volunteers and many premises are available up and down the county, even in the most rural areas. This survey will create a baseline for further research by mapping out the support available around the county and putting a value against the contribution faith groups are making to the voluntary and community sector in Cornwall.

Technical information:

- Defining terms: For the purposes of this survey when we use the term 'faith group' we mean a group within the community that comes together based on a shared faith or belief or system of worship or prayer - a voluntary organisation who have faith or belief as part of their ethos, aims or objectives
- 184 groups are represented in the data, which is a response rate of 20%
- Surveys were conducted via online survey programme, emailed survey, postal survey and some phone surveys were carried out
- Representation in the findings are 86% Christian groups, 8% Other, 3% Buddhist, 1% Islamic groups, 1% Jewish groups and 1% Baha'i

Key Findings:

- If the current living wage of £7.65 is applied to the total volunteer hours recorded through responses to this survey, and if this figure is multiplied based on the full count of faith groups in Cornwall, the value of volunteer hours per year contributed through faith groups is in excess of £20million
- The top 5 groups of people faith groups provide activities for are (these were the 5 most selected of the options in the survey):
 1. Children and young people (aged 0-19) 44%
 2. Older people (e.g. lunch club/friendship group) 44%
 3. Homeless people 17%
 4. People with mental health problems 14%
 5. Carers (people looking after a friend or relative unpaid) 14%
- The top 5 activities provided by faith groups are (these were the 5 most selected of the options in the survey):
 1. Foodbank/food parcels for those in need 48%
 2. Spiritual healing 28%
 3. Support for parents (e.g. mother and baby group) 25%
 4. Bereavement 24%
 5. Promotion of local food/fair trade 22%
- 72% offer their building/premises for use by other community groups
- 61% provide this space free of charge to some groups
- The average number of people using the premises weekly by other community groups was 116
- 57% say they have taken part in activities with other faith groups from within their own faith tradition
- 51% are interested in information about the traditions and practices of groups outside their own faith
- Groups have worked with an average of 4 other organisations each over the last 12 months
- Top 5 groups they have links with (these were the 5 most selected of the options in the survey):
 1. Primary schools 77%
 2. Secondary schools 53%
 3. Care home/supported housing (adult/children and young people) 43%
 4. Police 35%
 5. Hospitals/medical centres 33%
- Volunteers:
 1. Age band with most volunteers is 50-69 years old with an average of 8 50-69 year olds volunteering up to 2 hours per week
 2. Most volunteers were recorded to be volunteering up to 2 hours per week across the board
 3. 82% of volunteers were thought to be members of a faith group
 4. 8% of volunteers thought to not be members of a faith group

5. Average of 9 people per group thought to also volunteer for non-faith led projects

- 46% of groups had received grants or external funding
- Based on those who responded to the question, the average grant obtained during the period July 2012-June 2013 was £15,472 per group

As is evidenced, in the initial findings above, faith groups are making a huge contribution to the voluntary and community sector in Cornwall. Their contribution is through the provision of services to the community, the volunteer hours they contribute and the facilities they provide through their buildings and meeting rooms. Faith groups are located up and down the county of Cornwall with premises in the most rural of areas offering community spaces.

For years members of faith groups' commitment to charity has been documented with faith groups identifying issues in their communities and finding solutions to offer help and support. The results speak for themselves and clearly demonstrate the care and enthusiasm faith groups in Cornwall put into their communities. This is a snapshot in time to represent the current contribution faith groups are making to Cornwall. Hopefully this is a piece of work to build on in the future.

We are immensely grateful for the careful consideration and dedication the faith groups have contributed to their survey responses, and feel this care and dedication is reflected in the results.

Lois Wild, Transformation Cornwall
20th January 2014



**CORNWALL
METHODIST
DISTRICT**





Survey Respondents:

Baha'i:

Baha'i Community of Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly

Buddhist:

Lizard Chan Group

Nyingma Aro Buddhism

Rigpa Cornwall

SGI-UK Cornwall Headquarters

Christian:

All Saints Church, Highertown, Truro

Anglican Church, St Dominic

Apostolic Church Porthleven and Carleen

Bodmin Street Pastors

Bude street Pastors

Bugle Methodist Church

Burraton Methodist Church

Callington Christian Spiritualist Church

Camborne Christian Spiritualist Church

Camborne Methodist Church

Camborne Salvation Army

Camelford and Week St Mary Methodist Circuit

Camelford Christian Spiritualist Church

Cawsand Congregational Church

Centenary Methodist Church

Chaplains to the Devon and Cornwall

Constabulary

Christians Together in Camborne

Christians Together in Illogan

Christians Together up the Creek

Church of St John the Evangelist

Church of St Kea

Churches Together in Cornwall

Churches Together in Penzance Area

Come to Good Quaker Meeting

Community of St Anthony & St Elias: Orthodox

Parish of St Cuthbert (Malpas)

Cornwall Methodist District

Crafthole Methodist Church

Crantock Methodist Church

CRAPY (Camborne Redruth And Pool Youth)

Cubert Methodist Church

Downderry Methodist Church

Falmouth and Penryn Churches Together

Falmouth Central Christian Spiritualist Church

Falmouth New Life Church

Falmouth Parish Church of St Charles the Martyr

Falmouth Temple Salvation Army

Falmouth United Reformed Church (with Trinity Baptist Church)

Flashlight St Ives incorporating: Open Space.

Garden Vineyard Church

Grace Church Truro

Grace Community Church

Gulval Methodist Church

Gwennap Parish Church

Hayle Salvation Army

Highway Church Penryn

Kidz Klubs in Falmouth

Kingdom Vision

Landrake Methodist Church

Launceston Community Church

Light & Life Free Methodist Church (Helston)

Light and Life Church (St Austell-runs St Austell Foodbank)

Linkinhorne Parish (Church of England)

Liskeard & Looe Foodbank

Liskeard Corps

Lostwithiel Community Church (Elim)

Madron Parish Church

Manaccan Church

Messenger Kingdom (The Stable Light)

Mount Hawke Methodist Church

Mousehole Methodist Church

Mustard Seed (Helston)

Mustard Seed Independent Evangelical Church

Newlyn Trinity Methodist Church

Newquay Christadelphians

Newquay Methodist Church

Newquay Salvation Army Corps

Newquay Spirit

North Petherwin Parish Church

Orthodox Church of Archangel Michael and Holy Piran

Par District Churches Together

Par St Mary's Methodist Church

Parish of Kenwyn with St Allen

Parish of Our Lady of all Nations , Camborne & Redruth



Survey Respondents:

<p>Parish of Par Church of England Parish of St Gluvias with Penryn (Church of England) Pendeen and Morvah Churches Penzance Light & Life Perranporth Methodist Church Redruth Salvation Army Rose Methodist Church Ruanlanihorne PCC SACREdplace Bookshop Spiritual and Pastoral Care-Cornwall NHS Foundation Trust St Agnes Methodist Church St Andrew's Church, Stratton St Austell Salvation Army St Austell Seventh-day Adventist Church St Columb Minor and St Colan PCC St Cubert Parish Church St Gerrans with St Anthony in Roseland St Ives Salvation Army St Keverne Parish Churches (St Keverne Parochial Church Council) St Martins Parish Church, Liskeard St Michaels and All Angels Church, Trewen St Newlyn East Parish Church St Pol De Leon Church St. Uny Church, Lelant St.Germans Methodist Church St.Ive Methodist Church STAK Stoke Climsland Parish Church The Ark Cornwall CIC The Coast Family Church The Coastal Zone, Donderry, Saltash Circuit The Methodist Church Saltash The Oasis Centre - Cornwall. The Parish of Tregony, St. Cuby with Cornelly The Rusty Bucket Christian Resource Centre The Salvation Army - Penzance Corps The Salvation Army Launceston The Truro Foodbank Tintagel Parish Church Traditional Anglican Communion</p>	<p>Transformation Cornwall Transformation CPR Trebulet Methodist Church Tregony Congregational Church and St Mawes Evangelical Church Tremaine Parish Church Truro Baptist Church Truro Corps (Salvation Army) Truro Methodist Church Truro Roman Catholic Church Truro Street Pastors Tuckingmill Baptist Church, Camborne Ultimate Answers Wadebridge Christian Centre Wadebridge Local Quaker Meeting Walk On Water Life Choices Wesley Cottage Whitemoor Methodist Church Zion Community Church Islam: Cornwall Islamic Shia Muslim Jewish: Kehillat Kernow (The Jewish Community of Cornwall) Treth Community Church Other: Bodmin Spiritualist Church & Healing Centre Bude Quaker Meeting Falmouth (local) Quaker Meeting Camborne Science and International Academy Chaplaincy Cornwall Faith Forum Cornwall Fire and Rescue Service Chaplaincy Cornwall Humanists Inspiring Women Network Multifaith Chaplaincy Sikhism, Hinduism, Islam and Indian Culture Workshops St Austell Quaker Meeting Truro Quaker Meeting Pagan group in Cornwall (Don't have a formal name)</p>
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Case Study:

Newlyn Trinity Methodist Church and The Centre

Newlyn Trinity Methodist Church and the Centre are located in the centre of a working fishing port in South West Cornwall. "The Centre" is a multi purpose Church and Community Centre. The Centre was opened in November 2006, with an official opening the following Summer by HRH Duchess of Gloucester.



The Centre in Newlyn offers modern, accessible community facilities available to hire. It has level access from the street, lift, baby change facilities and toilets to disability standard. All rooms have access to hot drink making facilities and catering can be provided. The building is wireless broadband enabled and a range of additional equipment can be hired including laptops, data projectors, flip chart stands and screens. There are five meeting rooms available to hire, with seating capacity from 4 to 180.

The Centre is open all week to the community for various activities, and the church holds its weekly Sunday services at 11am and 6pm in the Tolcarne Hall, which in the week doubles as a meeting space and often a badminton court.

They say "Sunday services help provide the spiritual heartbeat of our life together and our work for and with the Newlyn community and beyond. But there is more to being part of the Jesus story at Trinity."

The Centre promotes fair trade, the environment, supports the foodbank and runs health and fitness classes. Newlyn Trinity also runs its own Charity Shop, offers

employment support, a gardening club, provides IT support, runs youth work with partners and hosts a craft group.

The Centre also hosts "Ebb and Flow" (Creative Spirituality), a Drop in Sanctuary Space designed with local materials embedded in the history of the area. There is Listening Post, a team devoted to prayers which people request and they host themed Community Days (Energy / Safety and so on).

The Centre is used by various community groups – a youth Project who's a partner to the church, mental health services, various dance companies, art groups, Children's Centre facilities, poetry, male voice choir, Short mat Bowls, Brownies and Guides, AA, Newlyn Archive, Drama, Cornish Language, Amnesty, various art Groups. Space is offered to the community at various rates depending on the group and its purpose – charities are offered the facilities at a reduced rate to local authorities.

“Trinity people try to serve the community particularly through The Centre, Christian Helpline in Newlyn (CHIN), 3 Villages Youth Project (3VYP) and the Charity Shop. We could not do this without our friends and partners from other churches.”

As a result they were awarded the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service in 2009.

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Denomination: Methodist



THE CENTRE NEWLYN
TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH



Case Study:

Bude Street Pastors

...The church in action on the streets...

Street Pastors is an inter-denominational Church response to urban problems, engaging with people on the streets to provide care and to listen.



Bude Street Pastors was launched on 28th May 2010. Currently eight churches are involved based in the Neetside Centre and working on the streets of Bude and the surrounding district.

It was pioneered in London in January 2003 by Rev Les Isaac, Director of the Ascension Trust, and has seen some remarkable results, including reductions in crime in areas where teams have been working. There are now over 100 teams around the United Kingdom.

Presently the 'Bude Street Pastors' team is made up of eighteen street pastors and ten prayer partners who assist with crime reduction, community safety, first aid and health and hygiene. All the volunteers are over the age of eighteen as this is a requirement of Street Pastors. All the team are members of a faith group, and six or more volunteer for non-faith led projects too.

There are approximately 8-10 people regularly involved in the running and management of the group. There are no paid staff. All who are involved are volunteers and run activities either on streets or as prayer support.

Teams of four operate on Fridays (term time with youth at the Splash Leisure Pool) between 8.30 pm and 10.30 pm, and on a Saturday between 10 pm and 4 am.

Partnership working is key to the success of Street Pastors. In the last 12 months, Bude Street Pastors have worked with many organisations such as The Police, Bude CCTV Project, Bude & Stratton Town Council, Walk Cornwall 2, Methodist, URC, Anglican, Roman Catholic and Elim Churches. Projects and issues they have worked upon together are Community safety, crime reduction, clearance of dangerous waste; glass and cans etc. They have very good links with police, working together to promote community safety and raise awareness of local issues. Through this partnership they are able to promote Christian faith in Police service with CPA. The Bude Street Pastors also provides talks in schools when requested to any school.

“The Street Pastors provide a visible and reassuring night-time presence for the people of Bude, and are available to deal with the problems and associated needs of those who are out during the evening.

Although they are working in conjunction with the Police, they are an independent body and act in total confidence for those who may need their assistance. We at Bude Police are totally supportive of this new initiative and are excited about the contribution they will bring to making our town a safer place.”

PC Dave Flynn

Each Street Pastors project is set up by the Ascension Trust and run by a local coordinator with support from the Ascension Trust, local churches and community groups. This is all run in partnership with Police, Council and other statutory agencies. Bude Street Pastors have been in receipt of some initial grants for setting up in the past and there have been a number of voluntary donations to fund the work from outside the area.

Bude Street Pastors have had great successes which have been formally recognised - a drop in crime has been recorded on Saturday nights on the strand and over 2,000 contacts have been made. Local Police say: *“There is a much calmer feeling on the streets when Street Pastors are out.”* There was a 29% reduction in reported crime in Strand area of Bude, as stated by Devon and Cornwall Constabulary.

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Faith Group: Christian

Denomination: Multi denominational Christian, for all church members



Case Study:

Wadebridge Christian Centre

Wadebridge Christian Centre is a mainstream Pentecostal Church, in fellowship with the Assemblies of God UK (AOG) and the Evangelical Alliance based in The Exchange, Wadebridge.



Originally built in 1874, the building is owned by Wadebridge Christian Centre and continues to be home to their church congregation and church activities. In 2012, Wadebridge Christian Centre embarked on an exciting collaboration with a local social enterprise, Exhale CIC. The partnership between the two organisations has raised over £300,000 to completely renovate and remodel the building, including inserting an additional floor and adding a rear extension.

“Our vision was to create a valued community resource, serving the needs of the local community. A place where health and healing and wholeness could be found.”

This resulted in over 3,500 square feet of contemporary, state-of-the-art facilities and flexible community space; comprising offices, small consulting and counselling rooms and larger flexible meeting, training and conference rooms. Suitable for a whole range of events, and offered at an affordable rate. The whole building is fully accessible, with a lift that serves all three floors, accessible toilet facilities and a hearing loop in The Sanctuary, a large top floor auditorium. The building was renovated to the highest specification, with low energy lighting, new efficient double glazing and buckets of internal insulation to minimise our impact on the environment. They have provided facilities that encourage people to access the building by bike or foot, including showers and bike racks. They ensure any profit from The Exchange is ploughed back into the community through Exhale Community Interest Company, a registered Social Enterprise who they are partners with.

“Here at The Exchange we are passionate about sustainability, and not just because it’s trendy. We are serious about doing business in a way that protects the environment and benefits the local community. Both Wadebridge Christian Centre and Exhale CIC have strong sustainability policies, and we have brought this with us into our partnership.”

The Sanctuary is open to all during the day for quiet reflection and prayer. The Exchange has 4 meeting rooms available to hire. The premises are available for use by the community and are let to appropriate "charity" groups in line with their policy.

Wadebridge Christian Centre meet on a Sunday morning at 10:30am for “powerful praise and worship, communion and prayer, and an inspiring message from God's Word. We aspire to be a dynamic and Spirit-led Church, and so make room for other elements, such as stories of testimony, prophecy and words of knowledge.” The formal part of the service ends at 12 noon, although people are welcome to sit quietly in the main sanctuary or receive prayer or ministry from the ministry team. They then meet afterwards for tea, coffee and friendship in the Basement below the Church. They are a family Church so children are welcome and there is a crèche for little ones and Kingdom Kids groups for primary aged children.

“We are a Spirit-filled and Spirit-led church. We have a vision and a passion to grow the kingdom of God, to be culturally relevant and to serve our local community and demonstrate God's love to those around us. We value each and every member of our Church family, and believe in investing time and effort into seeing them grow and mature in their Christian walk.”

Wadebridge Christian Centre have good links in the local community with the local nursery, hospital, police, women's refuge and they have involvement with prison ministry. It is through the work of the church and through the Foodbank that they liaise at various times with these organisations. They provide talks in the primary school, have a weekly presence at the secondary school and are on the board of the local children and families centre.

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Faith Group: Christian

Denomination: Pentecostal Assemblies of God



Case Study:

Lizard Chan Group

Lizard Chan Group is a Chan (Chinese Zen) Buddhist group based on the Lizard, South Cornwall. The group is an affiliated group of the Western Chan Fellowship, in the lineage of Chan Master Sheng Yen.



Lizard Chan Group leader Sophie is also a student of Ven. Lama Chime Rinpoche, a Tibetan Lama, whom at Rinpoche's request she represents in Cornwall. Thus both Tibetan and Chinese forms of practice are followed.

The Lizard Chan Group doesn't own a property, it meets in the homes of two members. Meetings are twice monthly evening sitting meditation and occasional day or weekend retreats. Retreats are held currently at avenue near Helston - the Long Barn at Roselidden.

They say "People with a personal meditation or Buddhist practice contribute to the community in ways which are discreet and may not be formally associated with a Buddhist group. Motivation to serve all beings is at the heart of Buddhist practice and is fulfilled in many ways by concerned and dedicated people, individually and with others."

The Western Chan Fellowship has a lineage which is led by a Teacher – Simon Child, Chuan Fa Jing Hong. He is the second Western Dharma heir of the late Chan Master Sheng Yen of Taiwan. The Founding Teacher was Master Sheng Yen's first Western Dharma Heir, Dr John Crook.

Lizard Chan Group meets bi-monthly each 1st and 3rd Monday Evening, 7.30pm - 9.30pm. They organize day retreats led by visiting Teachers, either senior Fellows of the Western Chan Fellowship or from other traditions. There is also a retreat cabin in a wooded, Creekside setting which is available for periods of short retreat from 3 days - 1 week. Between 6-10 people attend the weekly meeting while between 15-25 attend day retreats. Up to 100 attend retreat with Lama Chime. Weekly Tai Chi classes also take place at Gear Mill & Roselidden. Buddhist funeral services have been provided at the request of local Chinese families.



Regular Lizard Chan practice opens with short Buddhist liturgy (chanting) and continues with two half-hour periods of sitting meditation - Silent Illumination ('Mo-zhao') with walking meditation - 'Kin-hin' in between. The group recites the Heart Sutra, Refuge and Vows in English and sometimes Chinese. A reading may be shared while discussion, inquiry and tea follow the sitting, with a dedication to close. The meditation evening is offered freely. A dana (generosity) bowl is put out inviting donations. Dana helps toward cost of logs, toward sponsorship of a Tibetan nun and contributes to other charities and events.

Newcomers are warmly welcome and are asked to please telephone Sophie or contact her via email for any further information and to check on current meeting dates (as it's a small group they are flexible as to the strict regularity of the meetings).

Lizard Chan Group serves with discreet presence in the community, focusing on providing contemplative space, meditation instruction, Dharma teaching and opportunities for silent retreat.

The group has a strong connection with Dor Kemmyn, the Cornwall interfaith community. Through Dor Kemmyn and Faith Forum Open meetings, Lizard Chan members and other Buddhists join in activities with other faith groups and help support other faith group's activities. They are actively involved in Dor Kemmyn with one member serving as Buddhist representative to the Cornwall Faith Forum and also more recently nominated to SACRE. One member is currently coordinating 'Sacred Sound, Common Ground', a recording project for 7 different faith groups' sacred music for a CD.

Individuals in the group are involved with the Helston Plastic Bag Free Land and Sea Campaign, raising awareness of the threat to marine and land habitat by plastic waste. The bi-annual Helston Eco fairs are an off-shoot of the campaign and several Buddhists take part, offering their crafts, cooking and service.

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