

**Cornwall Historic Churches Trust  
Annual Report 2025**

# **CORNWALL HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST**

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*Front Cover: St Ladoca, Ladock*



have completed ten years as Secretary. Thankfully she intends to remain on the Committee but I will miss her unstinting support as I see out my time as Chair ending in May 2027. Revd Professor Andrew Lewis joined us in May as Diocesan representative in place of Rt Rev Graham James whose other commitments meant he could no longer attend our meetings. Graham has been a fount of wisdom over the years but Andrew slipped straight into his shoes and guided me through the steps required to celebrate our 70th with a service at the Cathedral with our newly appointed, by virtue of his office, Vice-President Bishop David. Christine Edwards resigned after 22 years but will continue to advise on church histories and the Methodist representative position is currently vacant following Rev Borrett's move to Wales in May. Susie Gore retired as a Trustee in September, remaining on the Committee, and Jeremy Sharp became a Trustee in June.

A small fundraising Committee was set up in the spring to actively source new benefactors. Peter Berridge and Antony Scott-Hopkins volunteered to assist me, Charles Hulbert-Powell and Georgina Chapman. In December this team was joined by Stephen Sobey. More members are required to help pursue identified potential donors both individual and corporate. In addition, Kirstie Newton is writing articles for publications here and abroad such as the Cornish American Heritage Society's newsletter, an organisation we will maintain contact with, as well as reaching out to the Cornish diaspora on other continents in our search for donations to meet the increasing number of applications and rising cost of the projects.

Membership, including our Church Friends, increased by almost 25% during the year. Our social media following also increased significantly and is helping us to reach new audiences. For example, 28% of ticket purchasers to our Christmas Party, kindly sponsored by Jonathan Cunliffe Estate Agent and Taylor Money Wealth Management, were from people who had not received a direct invitation. We hope this initial contact will follow through with more memberships. We have not increased our annual membership fee for individual Friends for many years (£20 or £30 joint); however, if you are a long standing member please check your standing order is up to date. A few are still at a level that barely covers sending out a copy of this report! If you are eligible and have not already done so please also sign up for Gift Aid either by completing the form on our website or returning the slip on the secretary's letter accompanying this report. Mark Chanter spent considerable time tackling HMRC who had mislaid our Gift Aid registration, a fact discovered by chance by Sue. Getting Gift Aid back will make a huge difference to our subscription income and we hope most of our Friends will sign up.

Almost all our fundraising events revolve around excellent food and for that I am, as ever, indebted to Libby Reed and her outstanding cohort of chefs. They, the rest of the committee and their family members who volunteer for all the other tasks required together with you, our Friends, enable CHCT to continue to ensure that "The churches are still there, still praying through the storms and the rains." To which I add heartfelt gratitude to the late Mollie Dark who surprised us with a legacy of £250,000 which, invested, will help meet the gap between our income and expenditure. The Committee resolved to make a special Mollie Dark Grant Award of £10,000 in her memory, to be allocated at the last Grants Meeting of each year, to be reviewed every five years.

*Cecilia Bisson*

## Cornish Churches in the Nineteenth Century 1st May

St Ewe Church welcomed a gathering of Friends for a talk by Dr Paul Cockerham (*right*) following the publication of the first volume of two of his treatise on Cornish Churches based on the extensive notes made by the brothers Daniel and Samuel Lyons (c.1805-10) and Sir Stephen Glynne (c.1840-70).

Paul explained their working methods and showed how their copious notes and detailed drawings have assisted our understanding of evolving church architecture and ecclesiology between then and now.

The two brothers toured the county from 1805-11, working towards the publication of the Cornish volume of their series Magna Britannia. Samuel's stamina in particular was astonishing, covering many miles daily, often on foot, visiting churches across the county enduring appalling weather and road conditions as he went. (Not so dissimilar to today!) To cross Bodmin Moor Paul showed us the map of the time with two roads going from south to north and stone markers for a footpath from east to west along the route which later evolved into the A30.

The thirty odd members present found it a fascinating presentation and as we have come to expect enjoyed a delicious tea provided by St Ewe PCC and the opportunity to chat afterwards. The second volume of Paul's book covering parishes M-Z will be published in 2026.



## Werrington Park Open Day 18th May

Two hundred and fifty people turned out for a cream tea and to see the gardens which were looking magnificent on a perfect Sunday afternoon.

Our grateful thanks to Tom, Fia, Sarah and Mike Williams for hosting us at Werrington Park and providing the super tent, Willa Bailey for all the arrangements and baking the scones, the volunteers and to all who came and contributed to the £2,500 raised.



# Annual Friends' Outing 27th June

*By Susie Gore*

For the 2025 outing the Friends of CHCT ventured to North Cornwall to visit two completely contrasting churches; the Rock Methodist Chapel with its stunning views over the Camel Estuary, and St Endellion, famous for its twice-yearly music festivals and its architecture. Starting at the Rock Methodist Chapel which sits prominently amongst domestic dwellings on the long Rock Road, we were warmly welcomed by John Godwin who gave an interesting report on the chapel roof repairs, for which CHCT gave a grant in 2024. The coffee and cakes upon arrival was much appreciated, particularly as some of the friends and supporters had travelled some distance to be there.

The River Camel has always been an important maritime area and during the mid-19<sup>th</sup> century Padstow at its mouth was one of the three principal ports for emigration to Canada and America.

Andrew Langdon was our speaker and had us all listening intently to his research for his talk. He had found information on the Rock Methodist Chapel challenging to find so he first set the scene for us as to where in North Cornwall the morning's visit was taking place, and I am most grateful to Andrew to use some of his notes for this article.

Rock is situated in the large parish of St Minver which historically has been divided into two parts, St Minver Highlands and St Minver Lowlands. The parish unusually has three medieval churches dating from the Norman period; the parish church of St Menefreda with its fine spire is at the Churchtown in the Highlands, while the chapelries of St Michael Porthilly and St Enodoc are in the Lowlands. Here in Rock, we are in the Lowlands, which is made up of hamlets and villages all merged together; this area of the chapel is known as Stoptide.



*John Godwin (left) with Susie Gore and Andrew Langdon outside Rock Methodist Chapel*

The first non-Conformists to settle in the parish of St Minver were the Religious Society of Friends, the Quakers, who established a meeting house and burial ground near Treglines Farm in St Minver Highlands in the 1690's. Today there is no trace of the meeting house, but its burial ground (1695-1742) still exists. From Andrew's research we learnt that various groups of Methodists set up missions in the area from 1815 onwards, and the 1839 Tithe Map marks a chapel, but on the opposite side of Rock Road from the present chapel, but it is not marked on later maps. In 1842 it was recorded that there was a chapel at a place called 'Stop-a-Tide' near Rock, seating 132 persons. A plaque or slate tablet, dated 1841, presumably from that building is now fixed to a wall of the present chapel as it stood on the adjacent field.

Thankfully there is good documentation to establish with clarity the building of the Rock Methodist Chapel on the present site: in 1902 the trustees (twelve names) of the Wesleyan Methodist Church decided to build a new chapel and schoolroom for which they purchased a piece of land; agreement for plans, detailed drawings and specifications by a Wadebridge architect, William Mear; builders were Thomas Williams and Harry Symons, again of Wadebridge; foundation stone laid on 1<sup>st</sup> April, 1903. The schoolroom is no longer in use as a school room.

In the afternoon we went to St Endelienta, St Endellion, a small ancient settlement on the Delabole to Wadebridge Road, and in the distance over a view of green fields was the rugged North Cornish coast. Pevsner, the 2014 edition (Peter Beacham) describes St Endellion so well: "the church stands sentinel over its coastal parish, low roofed, secure against Atlantic gales and imbued with a profound serenity." Again, we received a warm welcome from the parish and as St Endellion has a busy schedule of events throughout the year, we were very grateful for the conscientiousness of the church warden in making this visit possible. The Revd Professor Andrew Lewis, Prebendary of Marnays of the Collegiate Church of St Endellion, gave a scholarly and fascinating talk on the collegiate church. It is a church served by a group of priests. Some were portioners, sharing the rectoral income, this was common in parish churches in medieval times. Some were served by canons, monastic or secular, found in cathedrals. Most collegiate parish churches were dissolved at the Reformation; others were changed in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. In Cornwall, Crantock, Probus and Glasney College were all dissolved in 1548; St Buryan survived until 1864. Today St Endellion alone remains collegiate, albeit the prebendaries are now unpaid. Crantock, Probus and St Buryan still stand as functioning churches in the county but not as collegiate ones. Glasney College, Penryn, alas no longer exists and once again it is the 2014 Pevsner which gives further background to that large building's demise, informing the reader that architectural fragments of this hugely important medieval college can be found scattered around the town of Penryn.

In good CHCT tradition, we rounded off the day with a splendid tea by the 'tea committee' of St Endellion and what a perfect way to end such a worthwhile and productive Friends' Outing.

## Fine Curtains Fabric Sale and Open Garden at Boscrowan 5th September

Elizabeth Harris generously opened Boscrowan Garden and piled her cutting table high with several hundred pieces ranging from small exquisite offcuts to 10m lengths of beautiful cloths for sale.

Thanks to Elizabeth clearing her store, the cake bakers and volunteers on the day and to all those who came to snap up bargains the event raised an amazing £1247.50 for CHCT!

*Pictured right the sale underway.*



## Annual Meeting 18th September

Our Annual Meeting was held at Camborne Wesley Church where we were warmly welcomed by the new incumbent Revd Mark Richards. As so often with building works the project to repair the windows, which CHCT together with additional funding from the Tanner Phoenix Trust had awarded £13,500, had met with additional problems to solve but we were delighted to witness the progress.



*Tea treat postcard photo from Tregrehan Mills chapel in St Austell in around 1906-1907*

It was a fitting venue too as our speaker David Thomas addressed the forty members present on "The Rise and Fall of Zion". His talk focussed on a case study of the Camborne-Redruth area and drew on his extensive collection of Cornish Methodist images put together over half a century to illustrate this highly significant part of Cornish Church history.

We learnt how, just as today, Churches provided the local community with social cohesion and a lifeline no matter how hard daily life may be for some. The tea treats and day trips to neighbouring towns were a highlight. It seems the phrase "Wish you were here" arose from postcards being sent on arrival at a venue in the morning, to be delivered by Royal Mail and read at home before the sender returned in the evening. No need for modern tech 120 years ago!

## “Painting the Church Red” 23rd October



St Buryan PCC warmly welcomed seventy people drawn from the local community and Friends from all across the county for a talk by Dr Joanna Mattingly (*left*) for a Cornwall Churches Day Event.

Dr Mattingly's talk "Painting the Church Red" began with the explanation that a rood loft refers to the entire construction including the rood screen across the chancel.

St Buryan Church can proudly boast that its rood screen is one of the best remaining examples in the country. The audience learnt that there were a small number of Cornish and Breton craftsmen who plied their trade and that the motifs carved along the top of the screen represented families who had donated to the screen's construction. For example the dogs featured in the St Buryan screen referred to Trewoofe, near Lamorna.

A superb tea rounded off the afternoon which raised £477. Our thanks to all who helped make the day a success.

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## 70th Anniversary Celebratory Evensong at the Cathedral

Friends gathered at the Chapter House for tea on 25th November in celebration of the Trust's founding 70 years ago by the then Lord Lieutenant Col Sir Edward Bolitho, our current President's grandfather.

They were blessed to be joined by various members of the Diocese including Dean Robinson and our new Vice President, The Right Revd David Williams, who followed the President's speech with an unexpected inspirational address.

As Friends enjoyed saffron cake the sound of the choir practising for the service ahead could be heard in the background.

Numbers swelled to about a hundred for Evensong which was a wonderful uplifting occasion ending with the congregation following the choir and clergy singing "Christ is made the sure foundation" to St Mary's Aisle for the Blessing by Bishop David. A fitting place to end the service as CHCT awarded the maximum grant possible for the recent re-roofing project.



## Christmas Party at Scorrier House 18th December



*Representatives from our sponsors, from L-R: Freya Randall-Money, (Taylor Money Wealth Management), Emma Mantle, Candida Beeching (Jonathan Cunliffe), Cecilia Bisson (CHCT Chair), Jonty Brooks (Taylor Money WM) and Georgie Winfrey (Jonathan Cunliffe), ready for the party*

The annual Christmas Drinks Party at Scorrier House was a sell out success.

In the words of one first time guest who wrote to thank us afterwards "A very festive occasion, the canapés were delicious and the champagne kept flowing."

Thanks to the very generous support of our sponsors Jonathan Cunliffe and Taylor Money Wealth Management, the ten volunteer chefs providing the food led by Libby Reed, Alexandra Bolitho making Christmas wreaths (and their buyers!), and Willa Bailey collecting a hamper of goodies from donors for the raffle the evening raised £5,680.



Harpist Barbara Griggs playing Christmas melodies was a welcome addition to the occasion and much appreciated by early arrivals. Thank you Barbara.

Matthew Pope pictured left with Willa Bailey and Cecilia Bisson took home the hamper.

## The Church bells are ringing!

Roof repairs and damp related projects dominate the grant applications received by CHCT but other requirements seem to come in waves. It was windows a few years ago but the latest spate has been for bells. We all love the sound of a good peal so it has been a particular pleasure to be able to support the rehangings, recasting and other related requirements to allow the bells to be rung at St Andrew's Stratton, Constantine, Ladock, St Mawgan in Pydar, St Denys North Tamerton and St Dennis, St Clarus, St Cleer and St Hilary. Of these, four projects have completed at the time of writing.

*Jeremy Sharp writes from St Ladoca:*

The story of our ring of bells starts in January 1864 following the opening of the newly restored church of St Ladoca, Ladock. The Rector, Rev. Richard Farquhar Wise had overseen and paid for a complete restoration of the church, but had not replaced the three old bells residing in the tower. The Royal Cornwall Gazette reported from the church rededication that "...the congregation must have been painfully conscious of the miserable, inefficient and unmusical peal".

By 1883 this missing piece was found. The village and Canon Wise had raised the funds to recast these bells and hang a new ring of six in a wooden frame, as was the practice at the time. The press reported that ringers from neighbouring parishes were 'delighted with the musical sounds' of these new bells. In 1925 they were augmented to eight, all cast by Taylors of Loughborough and hung by William Aggett of Chagford.

Even in 1925 things were not quite right. Aggett, a carpenter, still used wood to hang bells. By now almost everyone else was using cast-iron framework giving rigidity and longevity to bell installations. The 1925 treble bells were cast to a modern shape and harmonically tuned to the 'Simpson Method'. They were, and are, a fine example of their type. The 1883 bells, a generation older, were of a different shape, being taller, narrower and poorly 'chip' tuned, making them inferior in tonal quality despite the reported affirmations forty years previous.

Over the next century the wooden frame suffered from years of exposure, swelling, warping and movement during ringing. In the past fifty years three attempts were made to try and improve things but the feeling was always of papering over the cracks. By 2024 the go of the bells was becoming hazardous and more than a quick-fix was required.

Bell hangers were approached for consultation and options; all agreed the wooden frame would need replacing as matter of urgency. We also discovered the 7th bell was in a precarious state, threatening to fall from the frame at any moment. Ringing on this bell was immediately stopped. As this failure could happen again on any of the bells during ringing, we realised we were on



borrowed time.

Maintaining the historic link to the original bells founder, John Taylor and Co. were commissioned in November 2024 to rehang the bells in a new, cast iron frame. Bells 3, 4, 5 and 6 were to be recast as the required retuning of these, due to their old profile, would not be possible. The deadline would be Christmas 2025. By the following June, with fundraising well underway, the old bells and frame were removed from the tower and placed on display in the church: the first time most of them had been seen out of the tower for over 140 years.

During the autumn of 2025 changes were made within the tower to accommodate the new bells and frame with the belfry floor now sitting six feet lower than before. The frame arrived in early December and, with less than 2 weeks to Christmas, our bells were delivered. Installation was remarkably quick and without issue and the try-out ring happened on Thursday 18th December, a remarkable six months and three days from the final ring on the old bells.

We now have a ring of bells to be proud of and one that will serve the church and village for centuries to come.

*Liz Bradbury writes from St Denys, St Dennis:*

The restoration of the eight bells at St Denys Church in St Dennis was the result of hard work and generous donations.



The dismantling of the bells happened across two weeks in January 2024 – the worker from Taylors was ably supported by a team of local volunteers. At the end of this process all the fittings and the oldest bell, cast in 1452, were returned to the foundry for restoration and replacement. Three bells remained in the tower and four were securely stored for us by Cornish Lithium, only requiring a light clean.

In June 2024, over a period of 4 weeks, the bells were rehung, tested and then handed over to Steve, as Tower Captain. The internal of the ringing chamber were made more hospitable

with walls and curtains cleaned, a new curtain pole and a new carpet.

Nine people have been training or refreshing their training as bell ringers – this is being conducted at first by Phil Tremaine and the training bell at St Columb Major – when this stage of training is complete then weekly bell ringing practice will resume in St Dennis.

A service of celebration and rededication of the bells was held at the church on Sunday 14th July led by Bishop Hugh Nelson and attended by representatives from across the village and Cornish bell ringing community. The focus of this service was the way the local community has come together to support the project. Bishop Hugh spoke passionately about this aspect but also about how bells impact on our lives – to call to prayer, to celebrate family and community events and to warn and protect.

The local bell ringing community have been generous in their support of St Dennis and will be supporting us as we go forward. It is wonderful to hear the bells ringing out once again.

## GRANTS MADE BY CHCT IN 2025

This year saw a continued increase in enquiries, applications and grant offers from all denominations of Christian places of worship. Although the majority of applications came from the Church of England we also received applications from Methodist, Baptist, United Reform and Congregational churches.

A total of 36 grants were made amounting to £159,250, which is the highest amount ever awarded by the Trust in a single year. These grants included six Maintenance or Kickstart payments of up to £500. It has now been decided to discontinue both the Maintenance and Kickstart schemes as it is felt their original purpose has been fulfilled.

We are deeply grateful to the Duke of Cornwall's Charitable Foundation, Cornwall Heritage Trust, Albert van den Bergh Charitable Trust and Lord Falmouth for their generous support during the year. Without their assistance we would have been unable to provide so much help to churches in need.

*Sue McClaughry, Grants Secretary*

### Details of the grants are given below:

**Church:** Porthleven Methodist Chapel **Denomination:** Methodist **Date of Grant:** 16th Jan **Grant:** £8,000 **Work:** Repairs to stonework



*St Hydroc*

**Church:** St Hydroc, Lanhydrock **Denomination:** Church of England **Date of Grant:** 16th Jan **Grant:** £3,000 **Work:** Repairs to plasterwork

**Church:** Penzance Baptist Church **Denomination:** Baptist **Date of Grant:** 16th Jan **Grant:** £8,000 **Work:** Repointing, restoration and repainting façade



*St Mawgan in Pydar*

**Church:** St Mawgan in Pydar **Denomination:** Church of England **Date of Grant:** 16th Jan **Grant:** £10,000 **Work:** Repairs to roof



*St Mary's, Biscovey*

**Church:** St Mary's, Biscovey **Denomination:** Church of England **Date of Grant:** 16th Jan **Grant:** £2,800 **Work:** Cleaning & refurbishment of organ

**Church:** St Clether **Denomination:** Church of England **Date of Grant:** 16th Jan **Grant:** £1,600 **Work:** Repairs to vestry roof

**Church:** St Ladoca, Ladock **Denomination:** Church of England **Date of Grant:** 16th Jan **Grant:** £5,000 **Work:** Bell restoration



*St Ervan*

**Church:** St Ervan **Denomination:** Church of England **Date of Grant:** 20th March **Grant:** £3,600 **Work:** Repointing & repairs to stonework

**Church:** Boyton Methodist Chapel **Denomination:** Methodist **Date of Grant:** 20th March **Grant:** £4,550 **Work:** Repairs to internal ceiling and plasterwork

**Church:** St Andrew Redruth **Denomination:** Church of England **Date of Grant:** 20th March **Grant:** £1,400 **Work:** Repair to masonry round rose window

**Church:** St Michael & All Angels, Bude Haven **Denomination:** Church of England **Date of Grant:** 20th March **Grant:** £6,500 **Work:** Masonry repairs and repointing

**Church:** St Hugh, Quethiock **Denomination:** Church of England **Date of Grant:** 20th March **Grant:** £2,000 **Work:** Repointing & repairs to masonry

**Church:** St Gerran's Church **Denomination:** Church of England **Date of Grant:** 22nd May **Grant:** £10,000 **Work:** Repointing spire & tower

**Church:** Cornerstone Methodist Chapel, Torpoint **Denomination:** Methodist **Date of Grant:** 22nd May **Grant:** £9,000 **Work:** Masonry repairs & repointing

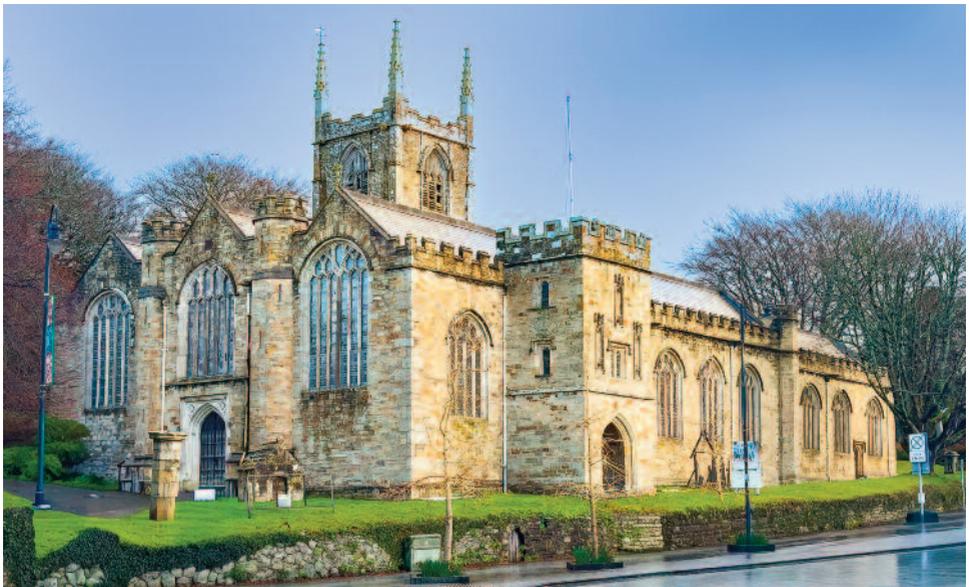
**Church:** Menheniot **Denomination:** Church of England **Date of Grant:** 22nd May **Grant:** £5,000 **Work:** Repointing of spire & tower repairs

**Church:** Probus **Denomination:** Church of England **Date of Grant:** 22nd May **Grant:** £9,500 **Work:** Roof repairs



*St Sampson, South Hill*

**Church:** St Sampson, South Hill **Denomination:** Church of England **Date of Grant:** 20th March **Grant:** £5,000 **Work:** Repairs to side chapel roof



*St Petroc, Bodmin*

**Church:** St Petroc Bodmin **Denomination:** Church of England **Date of Grant:** 22nd May **Grant:** £4,500 **Work:** Repairs to masonry around windows

**Church:** Centenary Methodist Church, Camborne **Denomination:** Methodist

**Date of Grant:** 18th Sept **Grant:** £3,300 **Work:** New gas boiler

**Church:** Constantine **Denomination:** Church of England **Date of Grant:** 18th September **Grant:** £3,200 **Work:** Bell refurbishment



*St Saviour's, Trevone*

**Church:** St Saviour's, Trevone **Denomination:** Church of England **Date of Grant:** 18th Sept **Grant:** £3,750 **Work:** Roof repairs

**Church:** St John the Evangelist, Treslothan **Denomination:** Church of England **Date of Grant:** 18th Sept **Grant:** £5,000 **Work:** Roof repairs

**Church:** Cawsand Congregational Church **Denomination:** Congregational **Date of Grant:** 18th Sept **Grant:** £9,300 **Work:** Repairs to sea facing wall

## **It's never too soon to consider leaving a legacy to CHCT**

Some gifts are easily forgotten: Yours will last for generations.

Many of the Cornish historic churches, chapels and meeting houses are fighting a battle against the ravages of time. We need to make sure they get the repairs and renovations they need to remain open at the heart of local communities.

The CHCT is a registered charity which means your gift will be exempt from Inheritance Tax. In the first instance we suggest you speak to a solicitor who can advise on the different types of legacy and the tax advantages of a charitable legacy.

We cannot afford to let down the work of previous generations and every penny you give will go towards grants that will help us protect our churches so they remain at the centre of our communities for future generations to enjoy. To find out more go to: [chct.info/legacy](http://chct.info/legacy)

**Church:** St John's Truro **Denomination:** Church of England **Date of Grant:** 18th Sept **Grant:** £2,500 **Work:** Dry rot

**Church:** Mousehole Methodist Church **Denomination:** Methodist **Date of Grant:** 18th Sept **Grant:** £3,700 **Work:** Floor repair, drainage, repointing

**Church:** St Kew **Denomination:** Church of England **Date of Grant:** 18th Sept **Grant:** £6,200 **Work:** Woodworm & rewiring

**Church:** St Michael, Caerhays **Denomination:** Church of England **Date of Grant:** 18th Sept **Grant:** £5,900 **Work:** Repairs & strengthening of 2 stained glass windows

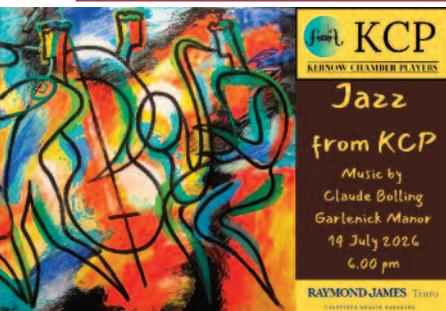
**Church:** St Just in Penwith **Denomination:** Church of England **Date of Grant:** 18th Sept **Grant:** £3,000 **Work:** Repair of tower & lady chapel floor



*St Levan*

**Church:** St Levan **Denomination:** Church of England **Date of Grant:** 18th Sept **Grant:** £4,000 **Work:** Roof replacement

Grants of up to £500 were awarded to the following churches through our Smaller Project, Maintenance & Kick Start Grant Schemes: Polperro Methodist, Leedstown Methodist, Probus, Cawsand, Treslothan, St Buryan, St Paternus, St Stephen by Saltash, and St German's Priory.



### **Introducing the Kernow Chamber Players**

KCP was formed by Richard Bushman and Harriet Petherick Bushman in 2021 to bring live music in many different genres to audiences in Cornwall. Our members include established professionals and the most promising young students from the county. We have toured several times a year since 2021, with choirs, chamber music, theatre, and musicalised Shakespeare. This summer sees us team up with Jenny Farley, freelance flautist with orchestras such as the BSO, RPO, BBC etc; Pip Harbon who has played percussion with just about every known jazz name ever; and stunning young virtuoso trumpeter, Reuben Anelay, who has played with the Hallé, BBC Phil and the Sixteen.

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Please contact Caroline Tetley if this is something that would interest you: [carolinetetley@chct.info](mailto:carolinetetley@chct.info)

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*For an evening of Jazz in the walled garden from 6.00pm*

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**Kernow Chamber Players will perform a programme of two hugely charismatic jazz suites by the French composer, Claude Bolling: Suite 2 for flute and jazz piano trio, and Toot Suite for trumpet and jazz piano trio.**

**Tickets £25 Adults / £6 Children**

includes pre-concert Pimms or soft drink

Additional food and drink on sale in the interval

Buy via Eventbrite using the QR Code , or by emailing [secretary@chct.info](mailto:secretary@chct.info)

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**Garden Open to view from 4.30pm**

**Tea and refreshments, plant stall and raffle.**

**No dogs please.**

**In the event of bad weather the concert will relocate to Creed Church TR2 4SL, but you are still welcome to look around the gardens.**

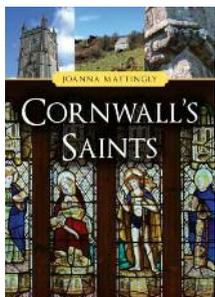


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## 7th May Annual Friends' Outing

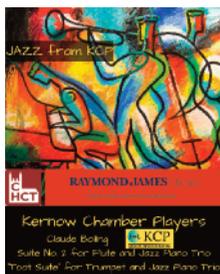
1.30pm Madron Church followed by Roman Catholic Church Penzance  
*Full details opposite page – remember to book for tea!*



## 20th May Annual Meeting 2pm St Petroc's, Bodmin

Dr Joanna Mattingley's talk "Location, location - putting Cornwall's medieval saints back in their place" takes Bodmin church as its template. Cornwall has more varied saints' dedications than any other county. In addition to the usual saints found in the rest of the country and the wider Christian world, there are no fewer than 140 Brittonic or local saints. Her talk will explore their legacy

*See page 22 for full details and how to book for tea*



## 14th July Garden Open 4.30pm followed by Jazz at Garlenick, nr Grampound 6pm

KCP players present Suite 2 and Toot Suite by Claude Bolling in the Walled Garden.

Tickets £25 adults/ £6 children include a glass of Pimms or a soft drink. Sponsored by Raymond James Truro

*See page 19 for QR code to buy via Eventbrite*

In event of bad weather the concert will be in Creed Church

## 11th September Julian Nott At Home

Trewinnard Manor, Trewinnard Lane, Hays TR27 6JX 6.30 - 8.30pm

*"The Art of Writing Music for Films"*

Julian's talk will be illustrated by some musicians from the IMS Prussia Cove. His film and TV credits include the scores for Wallace and Gromit and Peppa Pig. Accolades include a BAFTA nomination, Ivor Novello and Annie Awards.

Tickets £50 include wine and canapés. Limited numbers.

Email [chair@chct.info](mailto:chair@chct.info) to book



## 12th/13th September Ride, Stride & Sail

Collect sponsorship and travel between our churches, by foot, bike, over water to raise money for your nominated church and CHCT  
see [chct.info/ride-stride-sail](http://chct.info/ride-stride-sail) for details

## 17th December Christmas Party

Boconnoc House PL22 0RG 6.30 - 8.30pm

Sponsored by Jonathan Cunliffe and Taylor Money Wealth Management



# CORNWALL HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST

## Annual Friends' Outing 7th May 2026

### Madron Church, Madron TR20 8SP 1.30pm and

### Roman Catholic Church, Penzance TR18 2DX 2.45pm

Registered Charity No: 218340

*Parking at Madron Church is shared with the primary school, more parking along the road to Trengwainton. Drop off only at the RC Church, Rosevean Road. St Erbyn's public car park (card payment) 5 mins walk. Others available in the town.*

The Chairman and Committee of the Cornwall Historic Churches Trust invite you to the Friends' Outing visiting two contrasting churches starting with Madron Church, the ancient mother church of Penzance, at 1.30pm. Following a welcome and introductory talk by Andy Freeman we shall be free to look around this historic Grade 1 building replete with its monuments, hatchments, and angelic roof bosses. Note the important Madron (St Maddern) Holy Well and Baptistry is some distance away and it is advised to drive there before coming to the Church if you wish to view. Last year CHCT supported repairs to Madron Church tower.

The second church is the Immaculate Conception of Our Lady where Susie Gore will give a talk on the Reformation followed by a short history of the Church up to the present day and a guided tour by Father Michael Brandon. An additional aisle has recently been added, new stained glass windows and a kitchen and meeting space created beside the original crypt. CHCT has given 3 grants to this church.

Tea will be served afterwards for minimum donation of £5p.h. payable on the day, proceeds shared between the Church and CHCT. If you would like to join us, to assist the catering, please complete and return the slip below. No tickets will be issued. If you have any questions please contact our Honorary Secretary, Chrissie Hogg, 01326 565021 or e-mail [secretary@chct.info](mailto:secretary@chct.info)

## **Cornwall Historic Churches Trust Friends' Outing**

7th May 2026 from 1.30pm

I/We will be attending the Friends' Outing

How many in your party? .....

How many for Tea? .....

Name .....

Address .....

..... Telephone .....

Email .....

Please return this slip to Chrissie Hogg, Hon Sec CHCT, Orchard House,  
Higher Pentire, Degibna Lane, Helston TR12 7PR  
or email [secretary@chct.info](mailto:secretary@chct.info)



# CORNWALL HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST

## Annual Meeting

**Wednesday 20th May 2026 2pm**

**St Petroc's Church, Bodmin PL31 2DP**

*Parking available in the Priory Park car park*

Registered Charity No: 218340

The Chairman and Committee of the Cornwall Historic Churches Trust invite you to our Annual Meeting at St Petroc's Church, Bodmin on Wednesday, 20th May 2026. Our Vice-President, the Bishop of Truro, The Right Revd David Williams will chair the meeting. The speaker will be Dr Joanna Mattingly with a talk entitled "Location, location - putting Cornwall's medieval saints back in their place". This fascinating exploration of surviving visual evidence will use Bodmin church as its template. Cornwall has more varied saints' dedications than any other county. In addition to the usual saints found in the rest of the country and the wider Christian world, no fewer than 140 Brittonic or local saints have been identified across Cornwall - at sites ranging from churches, chapels, crosses and holy wells, to guilds, stores, lights and natural features. Conventional Roman-approved saints such as St Peter and St Paul vie with Brittonic saints shared with Wales, Brittany and Cornwall - evidenced by the county's joint medieval patrons - St Michael and St Petroc, the patronal role being generally taken today by St Piran. A rich tapestry of holy places, customs and beliefs associated with these saints developed in Cornwall, which can still be discerned in the county today.

Tea will be served afterwards by St Petroc's PCC for minimum donation £6p.h. payable on the day. Non-members very welcome, minimum donation £10 inc. tea. If you would like to join us, to assist the catering, please complete and return the slip below. No tickets will be issued. If you have any questions please contact our Honorary Secretary, Chrissie Hogg, 01326 565021 or e-mail [secretary@chct.info](mailto:secretary@chct.info)

### **Cornwall Historic Churches Trust Annual Meeting**

20th May 2026 at 2.00pm

I/We will be attending the Annual Meeting

How many in your party? .....

How many for Tea? .....

Name .....

Address .....

..... Telephone .....

Email .....

Please return this slip to Chrissie Hogg, Hon Sec CHCT, Orchard House, Higher Pentire, Degibna Lane, Helston TR12 7PR or email [secretary@chct.info](mailto:secretary@chct.info)

**CORNWALL HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST  
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025**

	Restricted funds		Unrestricted funds		Income Fund	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
	Capital Reserve £	Designated Reserve £	Designated Reserve £	Expensable Reserve £			
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>							
Donations and legacies	-	250,000	-	-	37,235	<b>287,235</b>	59,244
Friends of Cornish Churches subscriptions	-	-	-	-	14,516	<b>14,516</b>	7,410
Fund raising events	-	-	-	-	11,433	<b>11,433</b>	7,259
Investment income	-	-	-	-	20,109	<b>20,109</b>	19,115
Miscellaneous income	-	-	-	-	-	-	7
<b>Total income</b>	-	<b>250,000</b>	-	-	<b>83,293</b>	<b>333,293</b>	<b>93,035</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>							
Cost of fund raising events	-	-	-	-	1,246	<b>1,246</b>	1,777
Grants approved less grants withdrawn	-	-	-	-	166,750	<b>166,750</b>	77,550
Investment management fee	-	-	-	-	3,727	<b>3,727</b>	3,010
Administration	-	-	-	-	5,279	<b>5,279</b>	4,080
<b>Total expenditure</b>	-	-	-	-	<b>177,002</b>	<b>177,002</b>	<b>86,417</b>
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>	-	<b>250,000</b>	-	-	<b>(93,709)</b>	<b>156,291</b>	<b>6,618</b>
Transfers between funds	-	-	(93,709)	93,709	-	-	-
Gains/(losses) on investment assets	-	15,168	15,168	-	-	<b>30,336</b>	296
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	-	<b>265,168</b>	<b>(78,541)</b>	-	-	<b>186,627</b>	<b>6,914</b>
Fund balances b/fwd at 01/01/2025	1,945	191,589	247,208	-	-	<b>440,742</b>	433,828
Fund balances c/fwd at 31/12/2025	<b>1,945</b>	<b>456,757</b>	<b>168,667</b>	-	-	<b>627,369</b>	<b>440,742</b>

**CORNWALL HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST  
BALANCE SHEET  
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2025**

	2025 £	2024 £
<b>Fixed Assets</b>		
Investments	<b>464,363</b>	312,860
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Debtors	2,864	8,830
CBF Church of England deposit fund	254,039	129,039
Investment manager's capital account	428	16
Bank current account	4,453	7,476
Bank savings account	44,699	63,532
Cash on hand	223	-
	<b>306,706</b>	208,893
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
Accruals	3,130	2,491
Grant creditors	140,570	78,520
	<b>143,700</b>	81,011
Net Current Assets	<b>163,006</b>	127,882
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>627,368</b>	<b>440,742</b>
Unrestricted Funds		
Designated Capital Reserve	456,757	191,589
General fund	168,667	247,208
Restricted funds - Emergency funds	1,945	1,945
	<b>627,369</b>	<b>440,742</b>

The above figures are an extract from the financial statements which were approved by the trustees and independently examined by Darren Perry of Francis Clark LLP, Chartered Accountants.  
A copy of the full annual report and the financial statements will be submitted to the Charity Commission and may be obtained on request from the Trust.

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