



# Annual Church Report

March '23

*Thank you to everyone who contributed to this report, and to all volunteers who make this incredible work happen.*



# Welcome

## From our Vicar

At the heart of our ministry at St Kea is a deep desire to see God transforming lives. We are convinced that the good news of Jesus is good news for everyone. God meets us where we are and invites us to know more of Him. We are committed to helping everyone join in this great adventure as He transforms us together to be the people we were made to be.

*We seek to be very honest and real as a church Engaged with the world all around us. We are committed to Evangelism, sharing the good news of Jesus with those who do not know him. We want to see all Christians Established in their faith, growing deeper as they seek to live for Jesus. Finally, we want to help everyone be fully Equipped for the unique life God calls them to live.*

*If 2021 was concerned with rebuilding the life of our church following the Coronavirus Pandemic, 2022 focused on building plans for future growth. Throughout 2022 we continued to welcome new people to our different congregations and our congregation at St Kea particularly saw significant growth. We held numbers of congregational events through the year to help new people integrate into the life of our church. We continued to welcome new people into the life of our small groups.*

*We maintained our focus on ministry amongst children, young people and those who are most disadvantaged in our local communities. We were able to fully open up our ministry to schools, following the pandemic. This has included the return of class visits to the church and ministry in schools. We were also able to consolidate our children's and youth groups. In 2022 we also saw a return in our client numbers in our debt relief work through Christians Against Poverty, adding an additional Debt Coach who is fully funded by donations from Churches Together in Truro and others.*

*In this report you will be able to read about all these ministries and many of our other ministries as well. As you read it, do give thanks to God for his goodness to us. Give thanks for the individuals who have served us in many ways. Give thanks for those who gave financially to make all this possible.*

Marc Baker

# Whole Church

## The New Trinity Benefice

Maybe the most significant development in the life of our church in 2022 came through our engagement with On The Way. On The Way is an initiative by the Diocese of Truro to reshape the nature of ministry across the diocese focused on making ministry sustainable and fruitful. It involved each deanery constructing new development plans.

The first half of the year included consultations across all the churches in our deanery, including our congregations at St Kea. The plans that emerged through the consultation involved significant changes for the ministry of the deanery and for the churches in the Truro Mission Area. The heart of the plan includes the partnering of five churches across Truro and the formation of a new Benefice for Truro which will be called Trinity Church. These proposals were developed in partnership with the Episcopal College of the Diocese and with the Deanery Synod. These plans will allow us to share resources and enable ministry activities across the whole of Truro and the surrounding area, working to see the revitalisation and growth of all the churches.

Since the plan was agreed in the summer, we have now begun the process of implementation. Whilst there have not yet been any legal changes, significant progress has been made in a number of areas. We saw Revd Will Harwood change his role on our Staff Team, becoming the Priest in Charge at St John's and Associate Minister at St Kea (following competitive interview). We saw Andy Bourne going to take on the role of Local Minister at Kenwyn Parish Church (and Andy will become a curate in the Benefice in 2023). We have also begun some work on the new brand for Trinity, including re-naming our congregation that meets in Truro as Christ Church. We have started to hold termly fellowship evenings where members from across Trinity can gather to pray together. At Christmas, many of our churches were able to joint together in a shared teaching series for Advent. Our Local Ministers have started to work together as a new Ministry Team.

In 2023 we hope to take the next steps in this development. We hope to grow our focus on prayer across our benefice. We hope to support one another in our ministry to the disadvantaged. We are looking to see developments in the area of youth work where we know peer relationships are crucial. We will also be looking to support one another in our ministry amongst children, especially our ministry in schools.

We hope that by the end of 2023 the legal process of coming together will be concluded.

Marc Baker



# The Dockyard Collective

A grant from the Lowest Income Communities Fund (LICF) has been allocated to Powder Deanery to serve the most in need. Three part-time workers have been appointed to form an LICF team : Erica Payne - Community Worker, Emma Durose - Community Chaplain, and Sam Payne - Youth and Families Worker.

This team will work together to create new outreach and support services for people from low income communities, develop pathways for discipleship and accessible expressions of church.

Since January 2023, we have been gathering information about current provision and needs which will inform the work going forward. Statistically, Truro has the most poverty in the deanery, but we are aware that there is a lot of hidden poverty so we are continuing to consult with churches as to how we can best use the time and resources we have been given.

Local work in Truro will be called 'The Dockyard' and will focus on creating 'safe spaces to rebuild in tough times'. The current cost of living crisis, housing crisis and ongoing mental health issues are impacting the daily life of thousands, particularly those from lower income backgrounds. The LICF staff and volunteers will support the wellbeing of these people by offering community spaces and resilience building activities. Currently, The Dockyard is hosting a cafe alongside Truro Foodbank on Friday mornings where we offer a lounge space with free hot drinks and snacks. People are invited to stay and chat, with many opening up about their challenges and offering their time and skills to give something back to their community. We are looking for a permanent Dockyard cafe to open in the city centre where we can meet with people on a more regular basis and offer tailored workshops and discipleship groups.

Emma has been working as Priest in Charge of the Parish of St Just in Roseland and St Mawes. She will be handing over three days per week to an oversight minister in May, enabling her to focus this time on support and pastoral ministry to local churches across the deanery. Emma will particularly be caring for the most vulnerable and hard to reach and those the church may not feel equipped for or have the resources to support.

Sam has identified Trelander as a starting point for youth and families work as it is statistically one of the most deprived communities in the deanery and has good opportunities for partnership with existing organisations. Sam is currently in conversations with the local primary school and community centre, with plans to start detached work, a youth club and schools work in the coming months. We will be launching our work in Trelander on the 8th April with an Easter family fun event.

Erica Payne



## Women's Breakfast

The women's breakfasts provide a wonderful opportunity for women to meet and get to know others, enjoy fellowship, and grow in relationship with Jesus. Six breakfasts take place each calendar year, and each offers a delicious breakfast, a talk from a Bible passage and opportunity for reflection and discussion.

The 2022 breakfasts used the Psalms to consider 'Walking with Jesus through...' a variety of different situations. This year's breakfasts are helping us look at 'Jesus through the eyes of Women'. In January the invitation to the wider group of Trinity Church was extended and we have been encouraged that more of our congregations are now represented. All women are welcome, and the breakfasts have provided a lovely opportunity for women of different ages and stages to meet and share wisdom as we grow together.

With grateful thanks to: Sheryl Baker, Naomi Harwood, Kay Mumford, Erica Payne, Sue Sharp and all others who have helped with food.

Grace Barne

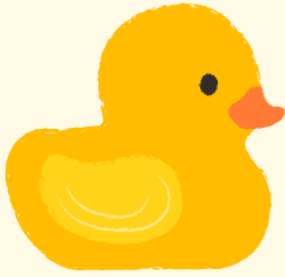
## Men's Fellowship

Men's Ministry at Kea had a good year again during 2022. Coming out of the pandemic we focused on building and improving relationships amongst the men at Kea whilst also seeking to bring in visitors too. Each month - with the exception of August we tended to meet for breakfast and chat at local restaurants and cafes. Meeting on a Saturday morning at 9am has meant that the meetings were open to all, whether the participants were working or retired, whether they have family commitments or not. We have tried a wide variety of locations - both on the north and south coast - and we have enjoyed them all!

We have seen quite a large number of different men coming with a core group usually there and we are pleased to have seen quite a few others - family members, friends etc also coming. These meetings have proven to help the men get to know each other much better and use the knowledge gained to have more meaningful discussions at other times. We also had several midweek curry nights and there is an ambition to have more of these events this year. As a group we are also looking at other opportunities to meet up including games of golf and cycle rides. We are aware too that this year may see us plan some benefice wide events so we have exciting times ahead.

Martin Handford





## STAY AND PLAY

Tuesdays @ St Kea Church

### Stay and Play

Stay and Play has had a very encouraging year. The group has re-established since the pandemic, welcomed many new families, and seen some of those families join us in church on Sundays and at Christmas. We are very grateful to God!

The 2022 summer term was Kathryn Walker's final term leading Stay and Play. The end-of-term party was a lovely opportunity to thank Kathryn for the time, care and dedication she poured in to the group. Many families came to express their gratitude and to ensure she received a good send off. We are so thankful to Kathryn for all she did.

From September 2022, Grace took over leading the group with the support of a steering group (made up of some of the Christian mums who come, and our wonderful helpers). The new academic year brought a new cohort of children and their parents/grandparents/carers, and it's been wonderful to see relationships grow as people have become regulars each Tuesday. Even now (March 2023) most weeks we welcome new families, and numbers have bounced back since the Covid times to around 30 children each week (with around 50 on the register). The children have loved our Bible story time this academic year we are reading stories on three big themes: God Made, God Saves, and God Cares. We have been running informal social events once or twice a term, and set up a WhatsApp group to encourage community and friendship amongst parents. It was a great joy to see many Stay and Play families at the Crib Service, other Christmas services and the Light Party, and to hear how much they enjoyed these. And we have also had opportunities to open the Bible and discuss Christian faith with various parents – with one or two new families now regularly attending St Kea on Sundays as a result. This is so exciting to see, and we pray on for more!

With grateful thanks to: Hugh Barne, Emma Batten, Anna Blackie, John Glinn, Clare Green, Naomi Harwood, John Horner, Matt Molyneux, Jean Stanhope, Jenny Stevenson, and all those who bake cakes.

Grace Barne

## Youth and Families

*2022 saw continued re-building of our ministry amongst young people (following the pandemic) and several new faces and re-booted events (Glow/SPREE etc). Hannah's placement with South West Youth Ministries came to an end and after unsuccessfully seeking a new intern, it was great to have Sam Payne joined the team as a part-time midweek youth worker. A huge thank you to all of those who have given much time, energy and effort throughout 2022 to serve our young people, children and families.*

**Schools work** Easter Workshops were hosted at Kea, in the Spring, for children from Kea School and Bosvigo School. During these workshops Real Easter Eggs were presented to yr 6 pupils from Kea School. The wonderful Open the Book team restarted their visits and we also hosted Christmas workshops with Kea School classes on the 30th Nov and 1st Dec.

**Thursday Night Youth** the calendar year started with a Confirmation Preparation course before embarking on a series in the summer term considering the theme of Identity. Numbers fluctuated but there were several weeks where the church hall felt full and it was great to see new faces. The academic year ended with a summer social and a farewell to Hannah Green. Since September the members of this group now attend either Ignite (Sunday evenings) or Tuesday night Youth.



**Monday Girls** (a small group in yr7-11), Tuesday Boys (a small group from yr 11-13)– these smaller discipleship Bible Study groups ran through until the end of the summer term with a steady group enjoying time in the BBQ Hut. The Monday Girls group ended the academic year with a summer party and the Tuesday Boys also with a very memorable party at Roundwood Quay. These groups were then also reconfigured as part of the changes made to Youth provision in September.



Over the summer consultations were conducted with parents and a new youth programme was agreed based around guidance from parents and also the availability of leaders. This entailed: reinstating the age range of yr7-9 for Sunday Youth, re-configuring the age range for TNY such that a new Tuesday Night Youth group for yr 6-10's was established and the older youth (yr10-13) now had provision on a Sunday evening which has been named 'Ignite'. Skyriders moved from a Friday afterschool slot to a Thursday afterschool slot and ran until October half term, when it was decided that numbers were too small in this timeslot.

**Light party** 31st October, 4-5.30pm, a good number of families joined us to think about the great news that Jesus brings light to our darkness. The event included craft tables, a quiz, hot dogs and some dancing.



**Trips away** SPREE SW '22 - after two disrupted summers, this event returned and we were able to take a group with us. Some young people also attended the CPAS Venture at Sparkford 1. In November Natalie Russell took a group to the Transforming a Generation Conference at Lee Abbey.

**Youth input into services** The children and youth, particularly the latter, were involved in Sunday services throughout the year. They were featured in videos for Mother's Day, Father's Day and Easter and continued to serve with music, visuals, and cameras for the livestream.

*A big thank you to all of our youth and children's volunteers who helped make all of the above possible across 2022 - Alison Brown, Rachael Harpur, John Horner, Sian Knights, Hanna Oakes, Chris Ramsey, Mary Reynolds, Natalie Russell, Ellie Stone, Jo Stone, Sam Trenchard, and many others who helped with one-off events and provided cover. (Sunday Club/Youth at St Kea and Christchurch is covered separately in the report)*

Hugh Barne





## Home Groups

Small Groups at Kea continue to be the best way for our church family to grow in their relationships and their faith.

We still have many healthy small groups at Kea despite the recent challenges affecting the ways the groups met. We have also been fortunate to have a couple of new groups start in the past year and two new small groups are about to start in Summer 2023. Small group leaders meet once per term with support a guidance offered whenever it is needed to help the leaders ensure groups can grow and flourish. Many of our Kea small groups continue to follow the sermon series questions each week, some have been following the Equip programme written by Marc Baker, and others have been exploring different material. We are always looking to support new small group members and leaders so if you would like to join, please contact Sian Goddard.

At Christ Church we continued to see new people join our Small Groups. We saw new leaders appointed to new small groups (following the departure of Will and Naomi Harwood to ministry at St John's).

In the first half of the year our Small Groups followed the sermon series, reflecting on and applying what we had been learning on a Sunday. At the start of September our Small Groups began a new series called EQUIP that runs for twelve months.

The premise behind EQUIP is that we only have one life to live and we want to make it count for God. All of us want to stand before our Heavenly Master on the day of judgment and hear him say well done good and faithful servant. None of us want to waste our lives. EQUIP asked what that looks like in practice and maybe more significantly how can we get the motivation to do it. It is a year that explores the foundations of our faith and lets those foundations equip us for a new radical discipleship.

Small Groups also continue to be the essential unit for support, prayer and pastoral care. Each of our groups have continued to fulfil those functions in the life of our congregation.

Sian Goddard and Marc Baker

## Pastoral Care

This year has been less busy than the very sad years preceding it, when we lost too many of our church family. We have welcomed new members to our team which allows us to provide a wider service. Our work goes on through visits to people at home, phone calls, visits to care homes and the provision of food or transport when it is necessary. We work on the assumption that the family will be the first port of call for someone in need, then the Home Group and finally the Pastoral Team.

We have a number of people whom we have supported over many years and continue to do so. But Small/Home Groups are increasingly providing very good support without our intervention. This is how we want pastoral care to work. As we all know, if we all cared for each other in the church as Jesus asked, then a pastoral care team would not be necessary. But we are necessary at the moment and are very grateful to those who refer people to us or alert us to need where we may not have seen it. Please continue to do that. And remember, you do not need to be housebound or old to have times when you need a confidential shoulder to lean on, when you are feeling down and just need support at that moment.

Don't ever feel alone in this church. We are here, we are confidential and we want to support you. And of course, if you'd like to join us please come and have a chat.

Geoff Aver

## Open The Book

We resumed our visits to Kea School for Open the Book assemblies in September 2022.

Although Kea is not a church school we are always warmly welcomed by both staff and children. Every two weeks we act out a story from the Bible in front of the whole school. Sometimes we choose a character to focus on for half a term, sometimes a theme and we also highlight important events in the life of Jesus. We always have Year 6 pupils to help us act out the scenes and there is never any shortage of volunteers. At Easter we give The Real Easter Eggs to Year 6 and at the end of the year a Scripture Union booklet helping them with the transition from primary school to secondary school.

We see this as a really important outreach into the local community, and for many it is the only contact they have with the Christian message. We are a small team and would love to have some more volunteers. We go into school on alternate Tuesdays at 3.00 but meet in the church hall at 2.25 to run through scripts and pray. If you would like to be involved do speak to John Glinn, Mary Reynolds, Monica Thomas, Peter or Janet White or come along to an assembly to see for yourself what is involved.

Janet White

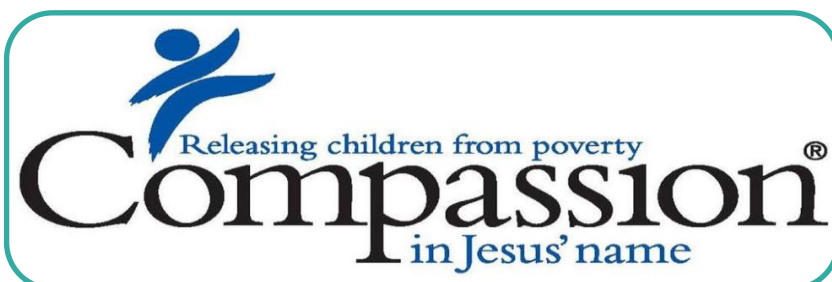
## Gospel Partnership

The New Testament always encourages generous, cheerful, sacrificial giving to others. It is therefore an enormous privilege that, as a church, we have committed to, and have continued to, give money away to support the work of the Gospel beyond the bounds of St Kea, even when Kea's own church finance are tight. The policy agreed by the PCC some years ago was that we would give away in this way 10% of our income from giving. In 2022 this amounted to just short of £19,000 shared among support for St John's to help pay for Will Harwood as priest-in-charge, Mercy Rescue Trust, Truro Foodbank, Richard Wallace, Tearfund, Barnabas Fund, plus small amounts to Compassion UK. Full details of the amounts given are in the Finance Report. In this way we supported activities locally, nationally and internationally, including evangelistic and church-building work as well as acts of mercy.

Looking ahead, the agreement at the Deanery Synod to proceed with On The Way, including its reference to support for the Global Church, meant that when we came to consider the disbursement of our Gospel Partnership funds for 2023 there was considerable uncertainty over what the impact of On The Way would be. It was in the face of this uncertainty that it was agreed to simply maintain our pattern of giving into 2023.

If you want to know more about our giving to others, please speak to myself, to Marc, or to one of the other members of the team: Polly Barton, Hannah Crewdson, Wendy Vincent.

Graham Loveland



# Christians Against Poverty

## From our CAP Centre Manager

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CAP

Christians Against Poverty is a free debt counselling service. We deal with over £45 Million of debt and support clients by negotiating with their creditors. When people are struggling with debt, CAP steps in and lifts the burden of debt, releasing people from poverty, taking them from a place of crisis to a place of hope.

Our CAP centre has been running for 14 years, reaching some of the most vulnerable people struggling with poverty in our community. We are considered a busy centre by CAP, currently with 43 cases at various stages, and we are well respected by CAP HQ and referral agencies.

With the increase in the cost of living crisis, many people are falling into debt. People face many challenges, some have to move house, sell their cars, go to foodbank, are going through domestic abuse, some living in temp accommodation with children without adequate heating. Most people struggling with mental health, others suicidal, some in addiction.

CAP Drop in Desk lead by Liz Baird which provides ongoing support to CAP clients and sign posts for various crisis with support from Acts 435, Restore, Foodbank, Cornwall Community Trust and other agencies.

With the addition of our new Debt Coach Steve Worts, we are now able to support up to 6 new clients a month and have reduced our waiting list.

**Client Quote** “Being in debt was like being in a big black hole, which has now gone. It was all consuming. I was determined I wasn’t going to let anything get in the way of getting debt free. It feels like I’ve been released from prison – like freedom and I’m not carry the weight of debt around anymore. Thank you very much, it’s meant that I have got my life back.”



Thanks to you our Christmas Appeal was an enormous success thanks to your generosity. We reached over 50 families and individuals. Together with Trinity, others and Sembrador we raised over £2,500 as well as beautiful hampers.

We could not run this centre for 14 years without your continued prayers, financial support and of course our amazing CAP and Lanterns team – together we are seeing people released from poverty and people turning to Christ. In whatever capacity you serve thank you, your time, energy and gifts are truly appreciated and make such a difference.



## Lanterns

Evangelism is at the very heart of CAP. Lanterns has now been running for 10 years! At Lanterns we engage, share Jesus and see transformation – salvation, baptism. Lanterns has grown in the last few months, 40 + people attend. Initially started for CAP Clients, now reaches other struggling with poverty, mental health, loneliness and addiction. Lanterns is a café style ministry, informal teach with Marc and Chris, live band, support group time, pray for one another and with thanks to our catering team Lunch is included, run in unity with City Life Church and others, to whom we are extremely grateful. With much thanks to our dedicated team.

Sharing the love of God is at the very heart of the work we do and it is always a great privilege to pray with people. Since April '22, 15 people have invited Jesus into their lives or recommitted their lives to him and two of those recently. Look out for their testimonies in this month's notes and news. We have seen people taking a first step towards Jesus, either for the first time or recommitment, simply through opening the bible with Word One to One, some have started engaging with church and finding support. It's so user friendly, I have been so encouraged by what God is doing through this simple study. It's been a great way to reach CAP Clients and others with the Gospel.

Natalie Gavan

## Creation Care

In March 2022 the PCC adopted a Parish Creation Care Policy and received from the Diocese a Kernow Green Church Award, which recognises the commitment we have made to being more environmentally sustainable. We also registered with Eco Church, an award scheme for churches in England and Wales who want to demonstrate that the gospel is good news for God's earth. We formed a small team of volunteers to see what actions we could take to improve our environmental performance in the five areas set out by Eco Church (worship & teaching, buildings, land, community & global engagement, and lifestyle). The team found that we are better at some of these than others, so we have gradually been trying to make improvements. We registered with the Living Churchyards scheme and have started doing plant and bird surveys. We installed some feeding stations and water bowls for birds and are trying to support wildlife and ecological diversity in the way the churchyards are managed at Kea and Old Kea. Together with Kea School we did a 'litter pick' around Playing Place in October. We have had smart electricity meters installed at Kea and in the church hall, and we recently started a WhatsApp group for interested members of the church to share relevant information. As a result of these initiatives, we received an Eco Church Bronze Award in November 2022.

If you would like to know more about Creation Care, about how this relates to your faith, or to become more involved, please contact me.

Jonathan Larkin.



## Scouts

Playing Place Scouts are thankful to the Kea for providing us with a large meeting place within the church on a Wednesday evening. We bring 30+ young people aged 10 ½ - 14 together from across the local area to actively engage and support them in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

Alongside the benefits of the space provided by the church, all of the young people identify Kea Church as a space to feel safe, nurtured, and welcome: as can be witnessed by the size of our turnout on Remembrance Sunday.

Ben Goddard

# St Kea – All Hallows

At the start of 2022 we were still coming out of the pandemic and seeking to bring our church family back into church whilst maintaining the provision of a Live Stream for those who were not able to come back to church and to show



others what life at All Hallows (now St Kea) is like. There were many things that as a church we were keen to re-introduce as we sought to get back together. We maintained our desire to provide support to our church family in the deepening of their faith and grow their daily walk with Jesus. As a church we have continued to focus on children, youth and families and providing pastoral care to those in need.

## Leadership Update

The St Kea Leadership Team met most months to provide leadership and plan for the church's future. One of the objectives for 2022 was to rebuild the communal life of the church, given the disruption and change over the pandemic, and Eat Together events and an Away Day (July) were programmed as a means of doing this.

At the start of the year several members of the church family were part of the early consultations for the On The Way project and the leadership team started to review its own role and its membership as it prepared for the future.

In May we marked the many years of service that Liz Aver had offered to the church family as she stepped back from her responsibility for small groups and her role in the leadership team. In July Hanna Oakes joined the Leadership Team.

We also said goodbye to Hannah Green, our SWYM intern, in July as she left to continue her 'Be Transformed' course in Camborne. We are so thankful to God for each of them.

In September some of the first steps were taken towards working together as Trinity Church and the name of St Kea was returned to the congregation, along with a new logo, as St Kea Truro became known as Christ Church.

Martin Handford and Hugh Barne



## Sunday Services

After the launch of 'A Passion for Life' (APFL) in Oct '21, we started the year working through some passages in Luke's Gospel, Sunday by Sunday, following the booklet 'Uncovering the Life of Jesus' with the hope that the church family might be equipped to open these passages with others. Then in May we started a series in Nehemiah entitled 'A Time to Rebuild' looking to learn lessons for our current context. The summer services saw us dip into a few Psalms and the I AM sayings in John's gospel before the new term started with a series in 2 Timothy entitled 'Never Ashamed' where we considered the value of the gospel and our role in preserving it. Our Advent series in John chapter 1 incorporated two Sundays where we joined with churches across Trinity.

Over the year it has been great to see people return to church as well as many new faces. We continue to offer Live Stream both for those of our church family weren't able to return and for those looking at our church as somewhere that they might be interested in visiting. Building up our church family is important to Kea and the process of offering teas and coffees before and after the service so that fellowship is improved and relationships grown is a major part of that. So it was great to bring this back in February. We have stepped up our prayer ministry and a new banner was bought to advertise the prayer ministry are at the front of church.

Sunday Youth – during (non All Age) Sunday services, young people gathered in the Upper Room of the church hall. The year started with an Apologetics series and then moved to a series on Identity, before some Discipleship topics. In the Autumn the Sunday Youth sessions followed similar topics to our 2 Timothy series.

## Monthly Prayer Meetings

The Leadership team gave some consideration to the format of church prayer meetings, which had been on a Sunday evening and after a trial of reinstating these which ran until March, it was decided that we should try moving to a Wednesday evening and slightly change the format. These new 'fellowship evenings' proved successful in the Autumn with far greater numbers attending. Prayer is so important to our church life and we have seen that in the way that God has blessed us as individuals and as a church.





## Pastoral Care

Pastoral care remains a standing item on the agenda for Leadership team meetings and the pastoral care team under the leadership of Geoff Aver continues to provide amazing and vital support.

## Outreach

Small groups also were encouraged to watch and discuss video resources on the APFL website. The national initiative ran in the lead up to Easter in 800 churches across the UK and Ireland. As part of this we had a series of three 'Real Lives' testimony evenings through March and April. After our Easter services we ran 'Hope Explored' at the Moresk Centre, which was useful both for those exploring faith and those with an established faith. Kea continues to seek to reach out to the community and support organisations such as CAP, Truro foodbank, Tearfund, Compassion, Mercy Rescue Trust and Samaritans Purse. Later in 2022, via its Mission fund Kea has supported the new minister at St Johns via a 3-year funding project as part of On The Way.

In a similar approach to the Christmas cooking events designed to draw people along, give them some explanation of what Christians celebrate at Christmas and to invite them to the upcoming services, the SKLT proposed that we could try a Wreath Making event this year. Hosted at St Kea and open to all the Trinity churches, this event took place on the 26th November and a wonderful team delivered a great evening. Guests enjoyed delicious food, were able to make a wreath to take home and had the opportunity to hear local artist Marieke Prinsloo-rowe share a little about her Christian faith. Several guests attended and enthused about the idea of repeating this event next year.



## Music Minister and Part-time Youth Leader

The Leadership Team also made proposals for the appointment of both a Music minister and a part time youth minister (as a replacement intern couldn't be found). God blessed the church as Matt Molyneux offered his time in a voluntary capacity as a Music Co-ordinator and Sam Payne was given a 1-year part time appointment as youth minister.

## Creation Care

The church's desire to see more attention given to Creation Care saw the setting up of a group under the leadership of Jonathan Larkin and Sue Horner. Already it has carried out actions that has seen the award of the bronze level of the Kernow Green Churches Award and the A'Rocha Eco churches award. Much good work has been done to improve the environmental aspects of our graveyards by the Tuesday morning gardening team and the monthly Saturday morning gardeners.



## Churchyard Gardening

A huge thank you to all the people who help with the gardening at Kea, the churchyards are looking wonderful. The small Tuesday morning group tackle the many routine jobs such as mowing, strimming, leaf clearing, pruning, tidying graves and weeding. The Saturday gardeners meet about once a month and tackle the bigger jobs as well as anything else that needs doing. We are always pleased to see new volunteers. We joined the Truro Diocese/Cornwall wildlife trust's Living churchyards project and manage the different areas of the churchyard in different ways. Some are mowed/strimmed more frequently and kept tidier while others, particularly the older lower churchyard, are being managed for nature and only strimmed in the late autumn when the flowers have set seed. We joined many other groups and individuals last May and didn't mow the grass in the churchyards which allowed the lovely wild flowers to bloom which helps the insects and birds. We also added bird feeders and 'bird' baths which are well used. I recorded twice as many birds this year during the RSPB birdwatch compared to last year. The churchyards are great place to wander around and appreciate the wonder of Creation, appreciate the peace and calm and praise God.

Sue Horner

## Sunday Club – St Kea

In Sunday Club, our aim is about discovering who God is, what he is like, what he does and how the children can get involved in the that. The Bible is at the centre of every session giving us "light to live by".

We recognise that children and young people can respond to God and use the Bible and Scripture Union resources to shape our thinking about human nature and relationships.

The leaders and helpers endeavour to build relationships with the children as a basis for our relationship with God.

We have been really encouraged by the support of our leaders and helpers and enormously grateful for all they contribute. Due to their commitment we have been able to run two groups covering our Primary aged children.

It's been a real answer to prayer to see our children's groups grow in numbers over the past year, in both the 4-7 year olds and the 8-11 year olds group. Both groups have covered material from the Old and New Testaments using the Scripture Union Light Compendiums.

Please pray that the children will continue to develop their spiritual awareness as we provide a mixture of fun, creativity, puzzles and looking into the Bible.

Heather Alford





# Christ Church – Truro

With the Trinity developments ongoing, we changed our name from Kea Truro to Christ Church to avoid any confusion.

We continue to worship at our current Sunday venue, Archbishop Benson Primary School, seeking to make best use of the hall and various other spaces for our church family.



In the past year, we have organised several all-age outreach events, engaging with the Archbishop Benson school community. We were also asked to serve refreshments at one of the school's big Christmas events.

The big sermon series have been based around Nehemiah, 2 Timothy and Proverbs, and we also had a full summer Sunday programme of all-age services. During the summer we also had a church social outing each month which gave chances for members of the church to deepen relationships and have fun. From September, our Small Groups have been following the various units of the Equip course and have found it hugely interesting and extremely challenging in equal measure. A large percentage of our church family attend small groups. We are blessed with a great bunch of kids, so have a flourishing Sunday Club and Creche. Details are elsewhere in this report.

We are exploring how to be a resourcing church, so it was fitting to have a number of our church family follow Will and Naomi Harwood to St John's and support them in God's work there. God has provided a number of new people and families at Christ Church – He always provides!

When we found that we were unable to meet at the school on Christmas Day, over forty of us met for an outdoor service at Swanpool. The weather behaved and it was a very special time together, along with a good number of bemused swimmers and others passing by!

Stephen Baird



## Sunday Club – Christ Church

Our Sunday Club has continued to be a thriving part of the work at Christchurch. The children and their families contribute so much to the fun and vibrancy of our church family. We have lost a few families but continue to grow, we regularly have 18 children in our Sunday Club and 5 regular creche attendees. The children are attentive and willing to learn. They run to form a queue to join the session and their enthusiasm is a pleasure for all. Our sessions invariably include an outside game, teaching, sharing and prayer. We are following the Mustard Seeds online teaching material and are thrilled that we are now able to use the projection screen at Archbishop to enhance our lessons. Several of our group are now learning the guitar and occasionally join in with the worship group at church. In September we are hoping to create a group for secondary age children.

Our prayers are that this work will continue to develop and that the children will grow in their personal faith and understanding.

Liz Baird



# Old Kea

Our services are held once a month, every third Sunday. The time is consistently 3.30pm throughout the year to prevent confusion. We are using contemporary liturgy from Common Worship printed out in booklets for ease of use. We hold 8.30am Christmas and Easter Day services, and in June, July and August services are held outdoors (weather permitting) & we have various celebration services throughout the year including Old Kea feast, favourite hymns and the new candlelit carol service in the week before Christmas.



I took over the Titular Warden role in May 2022 and my aim, alongside the dedicated leadership team, is strive to keep Old Kea a peaceful place for those seeking God's presence in prayer, reflection, silence and worship by keeping the church and garden clean, tidy and beautiful. We have a footfall count of 75 people per week visiting Old Kea from across the globe. Our vision for the coming year is to provide biblical scripture in various art forms for personal reflection around the garden and church and to be used as a resource by Christians across Cornwall as a meeting place for worship or quiet days/away days. We already have bookings - if you would like to book please contact the church office or email me on [oldkea@stkea.org.uk](mailto:oldkea@stkea.org.uk)

The garden is evolving and growing; it has been registered with the Worldwide Quiet Garden Movement and is on their website <https://quietgarden.org/gardens/old-kea/> We have had to remove dead or dying Ash trees but this has opened up the garden to include a pathway through the small wooded area. Donations from people taking the logs have been given to CAP.

We have also joined the Cornish Celtic Quiet Places website, a new initiative led by Canon Pat Robson, alongside 71 other Cornish churches. <https://celticquietplaces.com/>

The pillars in the church continue to deteriorate but we have moved forward in our plans to have them replaced. I expect to see work begin in the year ahead. Funding has been raised from various grants but more will need to be secured to ensure we have enough to complete the work. A giving point within the church has been installed for visitors to contribute if they wish.

Alison Brown

# Finance Summary



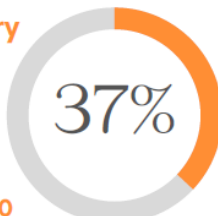
## EVERYTHING WE DO IS FUNDED BY YOU FINANCIAL UPDATE FEBRUARY 2023

As a Church we cannot thank YOU enough for all of your support to us over the past year. With your generous giving, grants and donations we have been able to continue our ministries and reach out to others in the local community and beyond. We cannot put into words how thankful we are for your giving so far, but as church we are asking you to consider giving more. Last year, we spent a total of **£242,749.37**. Below shows you percentages of how that money was spent in the following areas.

### Ministry

The majority of our money is spent on our ministry, including paying the Minister, providing the song lyrics and streaming our weekly services.

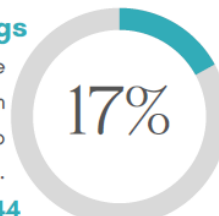
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### Buildings

From heating, lighting, insurance and maintenance, we pay an ever increasing amount to keep our buildings safe.

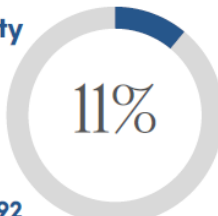
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### Christians Against Poverty

We are proud to provide Truro with a CAP centre, Manger and now part time debt coach. This is how much we paid above donations to CAP directly.

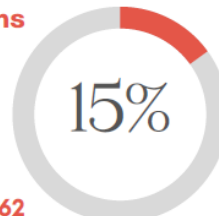
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### Operations

This covers ongoing costs such as administration staff, IT equipment, Churchsuite, website, training, software, auditing and supplies.

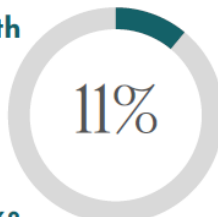
**£38,120.62**



### Children and Youth

Thankfully it does not cost much extra to use our resources to reach out to others. Imagine what we could do if we had more funding in 2023!

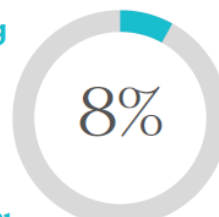
**£26,720.68**



### Mission Giving

We believe in continuing to give to others, even when we cannot cover our own costs. This equates to over 10% of our income.

**£18,976.21**



Last year we received an energy grant, some restricted incomes towards CAP, grounds maintenance, fees from hall hire and ceremonies. At the end of last year we also received a significant legacy to provide accommodation for church ministers, this will result in a small but significant savings for many years to come. With this income, God's blessings and a lot of prayer we are in a much better financial situation than predicted, however that is unlikely to be the same again this year. **As we currently stand, we are not currently sustainable as a Church.**

In response our PCC set up a group which carefully considered if we should continue with our current level of activity. We have concluded that our current levels of ministry and mission are right and good, but we know ongoing costs are rising and the need for ministries like CAP is only increasing. So we are asking for your help to do this. If you are a regular giver, or new to giving we urge you to support us in our vision of seeing God transform lives.

We are asking all who regularly give to consider increasing their giving by 10%, so if you are giving £40 per month it would increase to £44 per month. This increase could help us to continue and grow our current ministries, reaching more people across Truro and beyond.

**PLEASE SCAN TO START GIVING OR  
LOG IN TO INCREASE YOUR REGULAR GIVING**



# Thank you

There is much to read about the life of our church in this annual report. I commend it to you. Let me also take this opportunity to thank you for the part you play in the life of our church. I genuinely believe every member of our church is a member, not by chance or happenstance, but because God has brought each one of us together to be a part of his family on mission together.

As we continue to eagerly seek our vision of Seeing God Transform Lives, please take time to pray for each area of our church life: for the resources to Enable us to Engage with the world around us; for Evangelism, sharing the good news of Jesus with those who don't know him; for seeing Christians Established in their faith; and for us being fully Equipped for the life God calls us to live.

Thank you for being you. Thank you for the way you serve others. Thank you for being a part of our church family.

In Christ,

Marc Baker

Vicar, St Kea



**St Kea** with Old Kea  
TRINITY CHURCH



**Christ Church**  
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St Kea thanks all those who have contributed to this Annual Parochial Church Meeting Report

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