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SUNDAY 4th 10:00am Worship & Holy Communion - Rev Rog
Reception of new members.
5:00pm Salvation Army Meeting: Major Carol & Captain Penny

TUESDAY 6th **EPIPHANY**

SUNDAY 11th 10:00am Worship - Rev Rog
5:00pm Salvation Army Meeting: Lt Colonel Joan Williams.

SUNDAY 18th **WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY**
10:00am Worship led by Mr Graham Jones (Plymouth)
5:00pm Salvation Army Meeting - Commitment Sunday
:Major Carol & Captain Penny
6:00pm United Service @ King's Community Church, Pixon Lane
followed by TACT Annual General Meeting.

SUNDAY 25th 10:00am Worship - Rev Rog.
5:00pm Salvation Army Meeting: Captain Penny.



They opened their
treasures
and presented
him
with gifts of
gold and
of incense
and of myrrh

MATTHEW 2:11

FUND RAISING UPDATE



Callington Community Gospel Choir:	£103.80p
Advent Sunday Lunch:	£140
Tavistock Town Council grant (promised) :	£1250
Inland Revenue Tax Back! :	£1302.52p
Roof Fund Total to date (in hand):	£24,713.61p
Roof Fund + promised grants:	£42,963.61p

Please note that the Church **GIFT DAY** will be held on **SUNDAY FEBRUARY 15th**. Notices giving details of when the premises is hired out are pinned on the noticeboards in the Hall and in the Vestry. In addition there is a calendar in the vestry which notes down any additional hires in the Church and/or Hall. Please respect those who pay to use our premises!

Hiring the premises in 2008 raised an income for the Church of £18,649.

CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH & PARTY 2008

Our 3rd Christmas Day was enjoyed by 76 people. Special thanks to our " head chef " Mrs Joy May, assistant Dan Scott and the team of kitchen elves for cooking a splendid lunch!





"GROWING HEALTHY CHURCHES"

- the Church Health Check-Up!

Would all members and friends please make a special effort to come to the service on **Sunday January 11th at 10:00am** to meet and welcome the Revd Angela Steele and her husband Richard Brooks (the members of the TEAM) who will share in our morning worship by leading a Bible Study.

Then on **SATURDAY JANUARY 17th** there will be a **CHURCH DAY** from 10am - 4pm (with a cooked lunch @£5).

Please write your name on the list in Church so that we know how many to cater for.

Rev Rog says: "This will be a fun packed day, led by Angela & Richard, when we take an honest look at our church and remember our past, look at our present and consider plans for the future. So make sure you don't miss having *your say* and *listening/hearing* to what others have to say !!

As a small church we need all the help and support we can get!! We need YOU!

It is very important that we ALL make the effort to attend this very special day."

MIDWEEK BIBLE MEETINGS

With the Church Health Check this month, the **TUESDAY EVENING** films will start again in February.

The Salvation Army are holding a **WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON** fellowship meeting on January 10th and 24th starting at 2pm.

For details of the **THURSDAY MORNING** home Bible Study group, please ring Revd Phyllis on T. 855731.



New Study Groups Begin



Week
of Prayer
for Christian Unity

Tavistock Area Christians Together (TACT) are holding the monthly Prayer Breakfast on **Saturday 17th January at 8:30am** and Evening Prayers on **Thursday 22nd January at 7:30pm** hosted by King's Community Church in Pixon Lane.

King's is also this year's venue for the annual united service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity on **SUNDAY 18th JANUARY at 6:00pm**. This will be followed by the TACT annual general meeting.

Each year the theme for the week is developed by one country which produces outline material that is adapted for use in other parts of the world. The selected country for 2009 is **KOREA** - with the theme "**Reconcile your People**" based on Ezekiel 37 v15-28.

The Koreans are of course deeply conscious of the divisions in their own country and the need for peace and reconciliation.



DESTITUTE CARE ANNUAL REPORT 2008 (edited)

"2008 was indeed a difficult year. Shortages of basic commodities increased and finances were stretched to capacity. Never has the struggle for survival been so great for the poor of Zimbabwe. However, there was not a day where we were unable to feed those on our ever increasing feeding list, nor to clothe those in dire need of clothing. We saw the amazing power of God provide where no man can, and take care of the most difficult of problems.

The most desperate found their way onto our weekly feeding list, these being notably old people and single mothers with children. All those on the list live in the open in plastic shacks, or in the Destitute Resettlement Camps where they have no form of income and very meagre accommodation.

We were privileged to be able to minister to the Victims of the Political Violence which took place after elections this year. We worked together with other churches in this task, and were glad to be able to play our part in relieving pain and suffering.

1187 people committed their lives to Christ in our weekly meetings and Cell Churches as we saw the maturing of our groups which we have been teaching for a long time. Many desired to be leaders and receive training to reach others.

The people have patiently endured the hardships and extreme suffering which this year has brought. Their trust in God to meet needs has been evident for all to see. Their joy and singing in the meetings is testimony to their faith, which has increased all the more. They do not complain, but receive whatever items are given to them, however few they may be. They testify gladly of God's provision, healing and deliverances they have received in their lives.

We are privileged to serve the poor of Zimbabwe in this way, and to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to them. Thank you for making it possible by your support. We thank our Heavenly Father and His Son Jesus Christ for the provision and protection we have received this year, particularly when times were dangerous.

May the Holy Spirit continue to direct this work. Blessings to you allBryony Pichanick

For 2009, Operation Sunshine is concentrating its efforts on Zimbabwe.

Below is a picture of someone's home. Says it all really. Please help by donating items in the blue box. **Everything you give gets to where it is needed most and nothing is wasted.**

The urgent need is for MEN'S CLOTHING & SHOES also CHILDREN'S CLOTHING & SHOES (not babies). Also RICE, COOKING OIL and CANDLES. Even the candle ends are melted down



by a woman Bryony knows who gets paid a little money for melting them down to make bigger ones!

Knitters can make bigger hats using the pattern in November Contact and casting on 70 stitches use 5mm needles instead of 4mm to make a bigger hat! Experiment!!