

# Miners' ChapelWorld

## Saving St Just Miners' Chapel

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**Dear Friends,** Welcome to the first edition of the Newsletter!

You will find lots of interesting items about the life of the Chapel and upcoming events in future editions. First and foremost – What's this all about and what is that Logo just to the right of the title? It looks like a candle in a sea of blue ... read more about this over the page.

*Editors Lucy Ellis and Bramwell Bourne*

## Grave News

At the beginning of the year it was almost impossible to see much of the ground behind the Chapel for the jungle of brambles, ivy, euonymus and holly that had been growing wild for decades.

When we announced that we wanted volunteers to help clear it, we were delighted by the most generous response of the McFadden family. Kevin and Neil arranged for Neil's company, Cornwall Garden Services, to cut and clear over two Saturdays. Richard Lawry and Louis Prowse did a brilliant job. At last we could see graves that had been hidden for years.

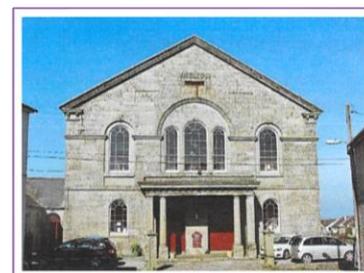
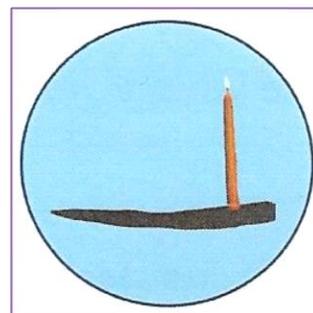
This was followed by the Cape Cornwall Scout Group on another Saturday. 24 volunteers aged from 5 to 72 worked all day clearing grass, ivy and weeds from graves that were, in some cases, completely overgrown.



More good news. Elvia Elbro raised a magnificent £175 at a Euchre Drive to provide wheel-chair access to the grave-yard.

Many graves are tended by their loved ones but some families are unable to do so. This is where volunteers may be able to help. Please do ask if you would like assistance. Please do volunteer if you would like to help. There is much to be done.

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## Upcoming Events

### July 5

Penzance Youth String Orchestra Concert

### July 8-15

Lafrowda Exhibition & Tea Dance

### August 7 – September 2

'St Just As We See It'

Exhibition

open every day 10 – 4

café open every day



## Welcome from The Reverend Julian Drew

Welcoming this newsletter, I record my thanks to those trying to save the chapel for the community. While the building is important, *what might happen in it is even more so*. The Methodist Heritage so rich in Cornwall is of social inclusion, speaking and acting for justice and service to the community and the wider world. A renewed use for the building that accomplished something similar would be a wonderful way of celebrating our past while building for the future.

## Born in Song

Human beings and the birds are nature's only natural singers and musicians. Singing together is a powerful, unifying force, uplifting the spirit and inspiring the heart, regardless of any religious belief or affiliation.

Throughout its almost 200 year history, St. Just Miners' Chapel has resounded to the voices of countless ordinary folk sharing such experiences. Thousands of voices have blended with the hundreds of pipes in the organ.

Watch this space for news of how **YOU** can ensure this tradition lives on in St Just Miners' Chapel.



*Singing is a major characteristic of Methodism ... It was 'born in song'*

## What is Our Campaign?

The shocking news that St Just's historic Wesleyan Chapel was to close on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2017 sparked world-wide interest in saving it.



People of St Just have responded so positively with practical action, donations and promises of support that the doors will not now be closing.

We need to raise substantial funds to restore the building and graveyard as a matter of urgency. We also need funds to develop and run the programmes that will keep the Chapel open long into the future, to meet the needs of the community as well as the congregation.

Our fund raising campaign starts soon.

## Volunteering Opportunities

We need people now to help clear and maintain the graveyard and to get involved in running exciting events in the Chapel (see 'Upcoming Events' overleaf). We aim to have enough people to keep the Chapel open all the time to benefit the public once long-term funding is secured.

Please either email us [stjustminerschapel@gmail.com](mailto:stjustminerschapel@gmail.com) with how you'd like be involved or fill in the *response slip below* and send it to:

St Just Miners' Chapel Appeal, c/o The Count House, Bosorne, St Just TR19 7NR

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I would like to help by .....

NAME: .....

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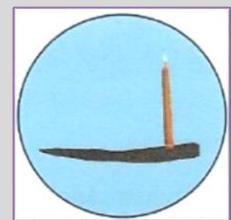
## Why the Miners' Chapel?

The Chapel will continue to serve the Methodist congregation. To survive, and to expand its service to the community, it also has to have the support of people of other faiths and of none.

From the Bronze Age until the late Twentieth Century St Just was a town built on and around tin and copper mining.

By naming the appeal St Just Miners' Chapel we respect our past with hope for the future.

## The Logo



The logo shows a lighted candle in a miner's pick-head within a circle of blue.

It represents:

*Light, shining out of our Industrial past, taken around the world by sons and daughters of this town*