

Carers' contribution recognised with a dedicated Carol Service

Despite the weather, the Carers' Carol Service, held on Monday 7 December, was enjoyed by 200 people including carers and guests from health, social care and the voluntary sectors. Cornwall Rural Community Council's (CRCC) annual service was this year held at Truro Methodist Church and celebrated the valuable contribution carers give to a relative, partner, friend or neighbour, who due to their disability, ill health or frailty need support to enable them to remain in their own homes.

The service was lead and sermon delivered by Reverend Amanda Stevens who was formerly Carer Lead for Adult Care and Support. The lessons were beautifully read by carers and a young carer and St Hilary School Choir delighted everyone with their singing. Canon Rob Dickenson, who also has a real understanding of the needs of carers, lead the final prayers.

Monica Thomas, CRCC said,

"What a lovely service and many thanks to everyone who contributed to its success. We were delighted this year, to have received funds from Cornwall Community Foundation (CCF) which allowed us to give each carer who attended a gift bag with a scented candle, chocolates and a Christmas card. After the service, everyone enjoyed a cup of tea with mince pies, kindly donated by Sainsburys, Truro."

The Carers Support Service offers impartial advice, information and support to carers in Cornwall. If you would like to know more about the service telephone 01872 243531 or email carers@cornwallrcc.org.uk

