

Welcome to SACREdnews, the newsletter for SACREdplace.  
SACREd stands for St Austell Christian Resources and Education.  
SACREdplace is the Christian Resource centre which is part of the SACREd Trust.

## **A TIME FOR CHANGE...**

### **SACREd TRUST and SACREd PLACE - Trustees Statement April 2019**

It is with great sadness that the Board of Trustees publicly announces its decision to formally close and terminate the activities of SACREd Place at the end of April 2019. It does so with the deepest regret, acutely aware of the particular distress this causes to our Managers and Volunteers who have served the vision and purpose of this very special place with dedication and enthusiasm.

We acknowledge too, that many folk will be very disappointed at this news, not only those who have so generously donated money, and those who have supported the shop with their custom over the years, but also those who have sought, and have found, quiet space, friendship and support in so many ways.

We might all wish it otherwise, but despite the generous gifts, grants and loans we have received during the past ten years, it is no longer possible for the shop to remain viable, and our inability to secure regular, adequate funding is no longer an acceptable position.

The decision to formally close at the end of April is to ensure that our legal obligations can be met in a sensible and orderly fashion; **HOWEVER**, please be aware that the shop will remain **OPEN** for business throughout **MAY**, whilst we conduct a “stock clearance sale” beginning on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April, and arrangements are made to vacate the premises.

Following closure, please also be aware that Carolyn Rowse, one of our Managers, intends to continue providing a mobile outreach service to individuals and churches that have been our customers in the past; this will be announced separately by Carolyn in due course.

The Trustees take this opportunity to express their sincere gratitude for all the ways in which the staff, volunteers, and customers alike, have contributed to the activities and ministry of SACREd PLACE since it opened its doors in the summer of 2010; it has been a demanding commitment requiring much hard work, but nevertheless, an exceptional blessing.

**LOOK OUT FOR THE AWESOME**

**SACREdplace**

**HALF PRICE**

**CLOSING DOWN SALE**

**STARTING ON TUESDAY 30TH APRIL AT 9AM**

### **Thank you and Goodbye**

Sometimes saying thank you can be difficult, either because we are not sure that we even feel very thankful or perhaps because we cannot express the sheer depth of our gratitude. Here at the SACREdplace Bookshop we have a great deal to be thankful for. Our wonderful team of volunteers give their time and skills, offering a genuine welcome to all who come, while our Trustees provide oversight and guidance. More than anything though we value and are grateful for our customers, especially those who feel able to spend time here, perhaps just sitting with a cup of coffee and appreciating a quiet space for a while, or sharing their concerns with staff trained to listen respectfully. Of course, since we are a Christian organisation we are also delighted to share the Good News of God's acceptance and love for everyone, in any situation, by sourcing information, witnessing through our own faith journeys and in prayer, either for or with each person.

Thankfulness can be especially difficult when we are approaching significant change or transition with loss and uncertainty. This has now become our situation at SACREdplace as sadly we are beginning to prepare for closure. The demise of high street shopping in favour of the internet has of course had an impact, together with the closure of surrounding businesses and increasing costs. So as we say our goodbyes inevitably we feel sad, but we are also very thankful for all of the years, the people who have built and laboured before us, and most especially for each person who has entrusted us with their joys, sorrows and challenges. Please continue to pray for us as the SACREd Trust looks for new ways to move forward and contribute to bringing about the kingdom of God.

Kathy Pope & Carolyn Rowse, Managers