



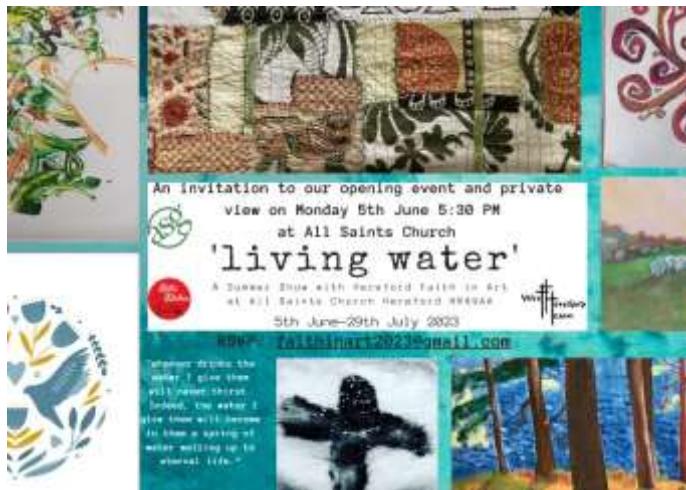
Hello. If you would like to send me any information for the June 2023 newsletter, please send it by 25<sup>th</sup> June. Thank you!

City Praise Talk: 30/4/23:

Please find the link to City Praise talk on 30.4.2023.

[CITY PRAISE 30.4.2023 Phil Arnold.mp3](#)

Hereford Faith in Art is an ecumenical group of Christian creatives who meet to study God's word, to pray and to encourage each other. They are putting on an exhibition on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June at 5:30 at All Saints Church, Hereford. If you would like to come along, please contact [faithinart2023@gmail.com](mailto:faithinart2023@gmail.com).



coaching and clubs in schools and churches, sports/dance-based holiday clubs all taught with a link to the Christian message. They also provide learning mentors and lay chaplains for both primary and secondary schools.

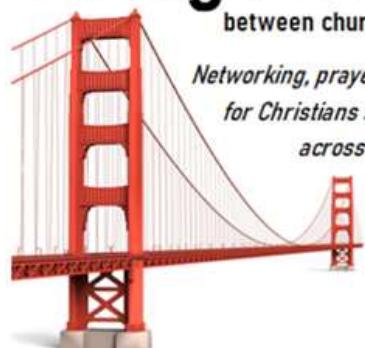
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Please note this is not a video to be shown to schools; it is about their church-based work. To open the doors in schools please speak to KICK directly and invite them to meet with your schools. If you would like to know more about the details of their school-based work, please contact me via email: [herefordshireceo@gmail.com](mailto:herefordshireceo@gmail.com).

Our final meeting of the year is on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June from 10:00-11:00 am. Please book using this link: <https://youtu.be/E33dnLG5TdU>

## Bridge Building

*between churches and schools*



*Networking, prayer and encouragement for Christians supporting schools across the region.*

### Bridgebuilding – Churches to Schools Network

Here is the video from May's Bridgebuilding Churches to Schools Network meeting. Joe Lowther joined us from [Kick.org.uk](https://kick.org.uk). Their national ministry works with churches and schools to build bridges using sports and dance

Join the global wave of prayer calling all Christians to pray between Ascension and Pentecost for more people to come to know the love and peace of Jesus Christ. There are lots of new resources available to use in church services, small groups or individually.



## New President for CTE

Dr Anna Krauss is the incoming President for the Fourth Presidency Group.

Churches Together in England is pleased to announce the appointment of a new President, to represent our Fourth Presidency Group.

**Dr Anna Krauss, General Secretary of the Council of Lutheran Churches in Great Britain, was nominated by the Group's members.** Her term of office begins at the start of May 2023 for four years. To read more, visit the CTE website: <https://cte.org.uk/new-cte-president-krauss/>





**HOLY GROUND**  
Ecumenical Spiritual Direction Training



An Online Evening Course  
September 2023 to May 2024

**COURSE PURPOSE**  
Holy Ground is an ecumenical spiritual direction training course for Christians in further education, theological colleges, seminaries, and other training providers. This course is aimed at those who are interested in spiritual direction as a ministry, particularly those who are interested in ecumenical spiritual direction. It is also aimed at those who are interested in spiritual direction as a ministry, particularly those who are interested in ecumenical spiritual direction.

**COURSE DATES**  
Term 1 (2023-24): Weeks 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25  
Term 2 (2023-24): Week 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25  
Term 3 (2024-25): Week 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25



<http://westherefordcam.org.uk>

An Invitation to...



Get Away for A Quiet Day

in the beautiful peace of St Michael's Church, Breinton

We are offering three days. Each will run from 10am to 4.30pm and have a different leader and theme, and will end with a short Communion service. The church has parking (B34 7PG), level access and a loo!

#### PROGRAMME

May 13<sup>th</sup>  
Praying with Pictures  
led by Bishop David Thomson  
Bring your cameras, sketchbook, a favourite picture... We'll take time to look and listen, using the art and our art and photographs to help our prayers.  
Light lunch provided

June 17<sup>th</sup>  
Praying along the River  
led by Presbyter Daye Goffick  
A gentle guided walk along the river, entering God's great creation and companionship with fellow travellers on the way. We will pause for lunch at the church. Please wear suitable clothing and footwear.  
Light lunch provided

July 15<sup>th</sup>  
Exploring Creation with Benedictine Craft  
led by Revd Iain Chamberlain  
Reflecting on our place in creation through prayer, craft activities and a Benedictine walk to a local place of prayer. Craft activities will include: batik, tea, coffee, cake, robes & break bread.  
Please bring your own picnic lunch (how ever if you can't you can make it a phone friendly one you can!)

There will be a charge of \$15 per day to cover refreshments (including a light lunch on the first two days), materials and other costs. Any surplus will go to support Breinton Church.

Booking needed as places are limited.  
Please use the form opposite.

Contact David Thomson: [thomson@broadbanduk.co.uk](mailto:thomson@broadbanduk.co.uk) 07771 964133

#### BREINTON CHURCH QUIET DAYS

##### BOOKING FORM

Your name:

Contact email (or address if not an email):

Tick the day(s) you would like to book for:

Sat 13<sup>th</sup> May

Sat 17<sup>th</sup> June

Sat 15<sup>th</sup> July

Please note any dietary or other needs here:

On receipt of this form we will reserve a place for you if one is still available and then contact you to confirm the booking by sending payment by either BACS or cheque.

Please send this form to Bishop David Thomson, 31 Apple Grove, Hereford HR4 0SA or email to [thomson@broadbanduk.co.uk](mailto:thomson@broadbanduk.co.uk)

War, was a shock for the entire civilized world. This war has led to humanitarian and social catastrophe, the extermination and maiming of thousands of people, large-scale destruction, and reveals the telltale signs of genocide. At the ESD, we are going to analyze the causes of this war, in particular, its religious and ethical aspects. We will look on how the Churches in Ukraine are acting during the war, how civil society has become organized around defending principles of human dignity, freedom, and solidarity.

The current war, which has caused horrible atrocities against civilians, has become an opportunity to reconsider the modern approaches to peacebuilding and their effectiveness. During the school, we will examine the issue of peacebuilding, consider various approaches to it, and at the same time we will emphasize the importance of the context of the conflict. Through the lectures of prominent professors from Ukraine and around the world, we will talk about the fundamental basis for peacebuilding and reconciliatory initiatives. We will carefully examine their implementation in different situations. Social teachings of the Churches could serve as an important indicator for finding the right emphases in our search for common principles and values, that are necessary for the integral development of society.

Among the speakers would be:

**Dr. Gerard Powers**, Director of the Catholic Peacebuilding Studies, University of Notre Dame (USA); Coordinator of the Catholic Peacebuilding Network; **Dr. Maryann Cusimano Love** is a tenured Associate Professor of International Relations in the Politics Department of The Catholic University of America in Washington.; **Dr. Werner Wolbert**, Professor-emeritus of the moral theology and ethics at the Catholic-theological Faculty of the University of Salzburg; **Myroslav Marynovych**, UCU Vice-Rector, Co-Founder of Amnesty International Ukraine, and a Founding Member of the Ukrainian Helsinki Group and others.



## Institute of Ecumenical Studies of the Ukrainian Catholic University

The Institute of Ecumenical Studies of the Ukrainian Catholic University (Lviv, Ukraine) would like to share with you information about the online summer school, which may be of interest.

**"IES is organizing an Online Ecumenical School for Dialogue 2023 "The War in Ukraine and Rethinking Peacebuilding Approaches" on July 3 – July 11, 2023.** The school will be held in English, participants could obtain 3 ECTS credits.

Russia's full-scale military aggression of Ukraine, which became the largest war on the European continent since the Second World

*Please note - this newsletter strives to share a wide range of ecumenical news and opinions and is not necessarily a reflection of the views of CTiH.*

June 2023

No participation fees at the ESD thanks to the support of the Diocese of Mainz."

If you would like to find out more information, please click on this link:

<https://ies.ucu.edu.ua/en/schooling/summer-schools/esd2023/>

Here is the registration link:

<https://forms.gle/supeCGidEGR6RiVr7>



### Reducing Parental Conflict

Vennture are creating a Families Programme, this is an additional project to support families to reduce the impact of parental conflict. Vennture will work with schools, developing a model to address parental conflict in dispersed rural populations. Rural families who are dealing with parental conflict are hidden, disconnected, and unable to access timely and meaningful support.

Vennture has an opportunity for a **Specialist Senior Link Worker** who will work with the Programme Manager to develop the programme and help lead a team.

There are also opportunities for **Specialist Link Workers**. They will work collaboratively with small rural schools and come alongside families who are finding things tough and need support to overcome the barriers they are facing to reach their full potential.

Full details of the vacancies are available on our website and all our social media sites.

<https://www.vennture.org.uk/work-for-vennture/>

Any enquiries can be directed to [Richard.griffiths@vennture.org.uk](mailto:Richard.griffiths@vennture.org.uk)



### **Colin Bloom's Independent Faith Engagement Review: 'Does government do God?'**

Colin Bloom published an Independent Faith Engagement Review: 'Does government do God?' You can find a link to the review [here](#), and the press notice issued by the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities [here](#).

The review considers government's engagement with faith, people of faith and places of worship across a broad range of themes including faith literacy across public services, faith in education, prisons and the probation service, the UK Armed Forces, faith-based extremism, financial and social exploitation, and forced marriage.

More than 21,000 people responded to the public consultation and Colin Bloom has set 22 recommendations for government to consider. The key messages are that faith is an 'overriding force for good' and government needs to improve its engagement with these groups, and that a better understanding of faith will help government tackle systematic issues including forced marriages, child safeguarding and extremism.

**It is important to note that this review is independent and does not represent UK government policy. Government will consider the findings and will respond in due course.**

## A Time to Mourn, A Time to Dance

A live dance event for your church to host.

Bring your community together to watch two exceptional new dance works performed by a company of five outstanding dancers.

Based on *Ecclesiastes 3: There is a Time for Everything*, the performance is an uplifting dance show that explores the tension between loss and joy. The double-bill sensitively embodies a kaleidoscope of grief and joy through open-hearted professional dance.

***“...it is one of the strengths of the performance that it does not offer easy answers or a simplistic message, but relates to universal emotional experiences. That makes it incredibly powerful and accessible to people from any background. Thank you and well done - it was beautiful!”*** - Andrea Weigert, audience member 2022

Springs Dance Company is inviting churches and cathedrals to book now to host a performance of ***A Time to Mourn, A Time to Dance*** in October 2023.

For more information about this project please get in touch by emailing [touring@springsdancecompany.org.uk](mailto:touring@springsdancecompany.org.uk) or by calling 07775 628442.

Further information and videos can also be found on the Springs Dance Company website page <https://springsdancecompany.org.uk/productions/a-time-to-mourn-a-time-to-dance/>



***Journey of the Magi*** – a festive, light-hearted, joyful event with a moving and profound message.

Share the joy and wonder of Christmas with your church and local community through this exhilarating, critically acclaimed performance. The show offers a bridge between contemporary life and Jesus's birth, comparing our own personal journey to Christmas day with the journey that the wise men took. With sparkle and songs to keep the children entertained and bags of good humour for the grown-ups, ***Journey of the Magi*** delights audiences of all ages and offers a chance to reflect and refocus.

Springs is inviting churches to host a performance of ***Journey of the Magi***, which will be available nationally during Advent 2023.

Further information can be found on the Springs Dance Company website. Further information can be found on the Springs Dance Company website page <https://springsdancecompany.org.uk/productions/journey-of-the-magi/>, by emailing [touring@springsdancecompany.org.uk](mailto:touring@springsdancecompany.org.uk) or by calling 07775 628442.

# JOURNEY OF THE MAGI

*Touring to churches and schools this Advent*

*Share the joy and wonder of Christmas with your local community*

*... a magnificent production. Our church members and their guests were powerfully moved."*

*Rev David Sower*



*"A wonderful production, so accessible to every kind of audience, especially non-church goers. Opening up the meaning of Christmas."*

*Rev Monette Headley*

*"... the best of both worlds: a vibrant piece of entertainment and an opportunity to step back, to reflect, and to refocus."*

*John Sherbourne, Moortown Baptist Church*

*Watch now: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xtA0qDqB1D8>*

*[www.ventureforchrist.org.uk/productions/journey-of-the-magi](http://www.ventureforchrist.org.uk/productions/journey-of-the-magi)*

## Street Presence Update



January—March 2023

So far in 2023, we have joined together with the Lord-Lieutenant, High Sheriff, Police and parents to celebrate the graduation of new members of the Lean-on-Me team including the addition of new student Medical Assessors and Supervisors.

Street Pastors update  
107 Conversations Thank you Agency Engagements

**Message of thanks**  
"Thank you for looking after my daughter last night. Unfortunately, it appears she has been spiked however we are taking care of her and she seems well. Once again thank you for your help, it's very much appreciated."

**48 Incidents**

• Vulnerable  
• Injured/ Impaired  
• Keeping people safe  
• Changing behaviour

Lean-on-Me update  
23 Women  
50% Of visits prevented a trip to A&E

Average age  
23  
Alcohol Levels (ug/100ml)  
44-88  
88-175

5 Police interventions saved

"My sincere thanks to you all. I never imagined an innocent night out with friends would turn out what it did so thank you! I genuinely don't know what I'd have done had everyone not done what they did."



Ambassadors update  
137 Conversations 315 Acts of prevention Agency engagements

Incident Types  
• Vulnerable  
• Injured/ Impaired  
• Keeping people safe  
• Changing behaviour

**News from the Teams**

Following a serious incident in Hitchens on 27.3.23, teams responded quickly to provide a calm, reassuring presence to shop workers and shoppers with some great feedback from those they encountered.

Thank you to everyone who managed to attend our 'Love Pizza, Hate Crime' get together evening where we received a very informative talk from West Mercia Police's Equality and Diversity Advisor. We also gathered to share memories and wish Mark and Val, long term Street Pastor volunteers, all the best in their new chapter.

**Still to come this year**

Includes training in conflict resolution, drugs and alcohol, First Aid training tailored towards likely street encounters, additional donkey training in conjunction with manual handling as well as an update from CCTV including wider areas to be patrolled in times ahead.

**A Big Thank you!**

**Looking forward**

Following the purchase of a new gazebo, we hope to attend Hereford market days to help promote the work we do and recruit new volunteers to join us on the streets. We would love for you to get involved!



*Churches Together Around Ludlow*



We are looking for talented performers, singers, musicians and poets, who may wish to enter our **Totally Psalmic** competition!

## A Psalms competition with a £600 prize pot (Judges may split this prize between joint winners).

Our competition hopes to develop ways of presenting the Bible's Psalms (Songs) to a modern audience who may not have intimate knowledge of the Bible text.

This event will be held on the evening of Saturday 15th July 2023 AT Ludlow Methodist Church Broad Street Ludlow SY8 1NH. For Entry details and form:

Contact: Colin Sheward C/o Friends Meeting House, St Mary's Lane, Ludlow, SY8 1DZ

Tel: 01584 875946

Email: [colinsheward@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:colinsheward@yahoo.co.uk)

**Please register interest by Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2023 for shortlisting.**

## Churches Count on Nature 2023

Churches and communities throughout England and Wales are teaming up to participate in the Churches Count on Nature 2023 initiative, a wildlife survey taking place from Saturday 3rd to Sunday 11th June during Love your Burial Ground Week.

Participants will visit local churchyards and chapel yards to record the plant and animal species they encounter. Churches of all denominations are invited to hold activities to encourage participation in the nature count.

The initiative is promoted by Caring for God's Acre, A Rocha UK, the Church of England and the Church in Wales. During the week the Church of England will be running an interesting range of webinars on various aspects of land and nature.

If you are organising an activity or event, simply register it on the Caring for God's Acre website to appear on the event map and receive a Churches Count on Nature pack by post. Here you will find more information on recording wildlife and submitting records, along with ideas for events, identification sheets and a comprehensive list of Frequently Asked Questions.

[www.caringforgodsacre.org.uk/get-involved/love-your-burial-ground-week/](http://www.caringforgodsacre.org.uk/get-involved/love-your-burial-ground-week/)



### Open Meeting – 24<sup>th</sup> May 2023

We had a very encouraging and insightful open meeting last week. If you would like to view the annual report, you will be able to access this at: <https://ctih.org/>

**Dignity For All**

Come together to end UK poverty  
Saturday 10 June 2023, 10am to 4pm  
Gateway Church, Central Leeds



The  
APLE  
Collective



Joiner Public  
Issues Team  
Churches Count on Nature



Churches Count  
on Poverty

### Dignity For All: come together to end UK poverty

Saturday 10 June 2023, 10am – 4pm  
Gateway Church, Central Leeds

Tickets are now available for the Dignity For All conference with Church Action on Poverty and the APLE collective!

Come together to strengthen the movement to end UK poverty. At this day-long conference, we'll come together to build new relationships, listen and learn from each other about how we can all end poverty in the UK. Then, we'll plan how we can act together to reclaim dignity, agency and power. This is an event led by the real experts – people with experience of poverty. Our aim is to particularly build links between activists who are based in churches and other organisations and campaigners with lived experience of poverty. By working together, we can do so much more to move towards a UK where everyone can thrive.

We've got three ticket options:

- Free tickets, for anyone who needs to book a free space, for whatever reason.
- Pay for your place - £10
- Pay it forward, by covering the cost of your ticket as well as a donation to enable others to join us - £20

[Click here to find out more and book](#)

[your space](#)

