



Hello all, if you have any news or events that you would like mentioned in the next issue of the newsletter, please let me know by **midday on 30th August** Thank you!

News from the Churches Together Groups

Summer Olympics Holiday Club in Weobley

Churches Together in Weobley sponsored a three day Olympic themed holiday club in July. Sixteen children came along to Weobley Parish Church and enjoyed team games and sport, craft, Lego construction and stories of faith. We explored the life story of the runner Eric Liddell (1924 Olympic medal-winner) and considered what it means to 'run with perseverance the race this is set before us' (Hebrews 12:1). Thanks go to our holiday club organiser Lucy Mann and our volunteers from across the churches.

Rev'd Philip Harvey
Rector of the Weobley and Staunton Benefice

Additionally, several volunteers across the churches in Weobley are members of Open the Book ~ Bible Society, it's a storytelling project where Bible stories are shared with children in a fun interactive way. CTiW storytelling volunteers visit Weobley Primary School during term time. The summer term concluded with the bible story ~The Good Shepherd. Psalm 23: "The Lord is my Shepherd I lack nothing."



The Methodist Conference

The Methodist Conference that has just finished up in Leeds. The new President of Conference is Revd Helen Cameron, former Chair of Northampton Methodist District and current Moderator of the Free Churches Group and President of Churches Together in England (CTE).

Revd Geoffrey Clarke, Moderator of East Midlands URC was the URC ecumenical observer and Bishop Mike Royal, General Secretary of CTE was also in attendance. I attach a few photos that Geoffrey took whilst he was at Conference. They also include photos with the Anglican, Scottish Episcopalian and Jan Nowotnik Roman Catholic representatives of Conference.

You can read / see Helen's welcome speech and learn more about our her Presidential year of focus here.

You can read the Revd Helen Cameron's [address here](#) and you can read Carolyn Godfrey's [address here](#).





The Evening Hour

A service of prayer for wholeness and healing. This is a quiet, reflective service with readings, prayers and music and the opportunity for people to receive the laying on of hands if they wish. **5.30pm on the second Sunday of every month in the North or South Transept of the Cathedral.** We will be meeting on **11th August.**

CHILDREN & YOUTH DEVELOPMENT OFFICER



The West Midlands Synod of the United Reformed Church is seeking to appoint a Children and Youth Development Officer. (Ref CYDO.)

This is a full-time post for 35 hours per week including evening and weekends on an open-ended contract.

This post is subject to an Enhanced DBS Disclosure.

Salary: £40,000 depending on experience and qualifications

This post offers a challenging opportunity for an experienced and professionally qualified Children's and Youth Worker with training (or development) skills. We are looking for an enterprising Christian to serve the churches of the Synod in offering advice and support to those working with children and young people and to build up a Synod Youth Executive.

The Officer appointed will be a member of a professional Assembly team and a large lay Synod team; good team working skills are essential.

If you share our passion for children and young people playing their part in the mission of God, please download the job description, person specification and application form.

[Click to download the Job Description](#)

[Click to download the Person Specification](#)

[Click to download the Application Form](#)

Closing date for applications: noon on Thursday 15 August 2024

Shortlisting: Monday 19 August 2024

Interview date: Monday 2 September 2024

In accordance with the Equality Act 2010: Part 1, Schedule 9, there is an occupational requirement for the post holder to be a practising Christian.

We are committed to diversity and equality of opportunity. We especially welcome applications from women and Black and Minority Ethnic Groups who are currently under-represented in this area of work in the Church.

For more information, please click on the link:

<https://springsdancecompany.org.uk/>



An uplifting dance production for your church to host.

Now booking for 2024.

Bring your community together to watch an intimate portrayal of grief and joy performed by five outstanding dancers.

Created after the pandemic and based on Ecclesiastes 3: There is a Time for Everything, the performance is ultimately a celebration of life, enabling viewers to reflect whilst the dancers sensitively explore the tension between grief and joy.

Springs Dance Company is inviting churches to host a performance of *A Time to Mourn, A Time to Dance* from September - October 2024.

A Time to Mourn, A Time to Dance is an hour-long professional production presented in-the-round with audiences on three sides.

"I found myself looking for resonance and finding it."

Audience feedback

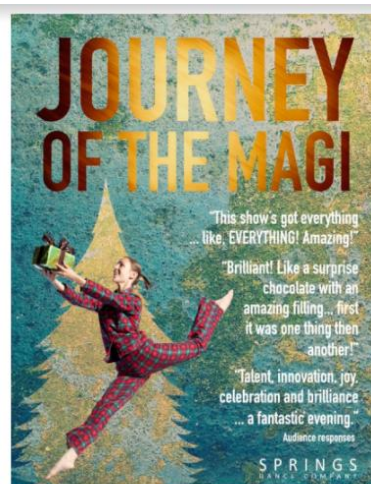
"... the best experience, the best performance, the best night.

Stunning. Blown away.

So grateful."

Audience feedback

There is a time for everything and a season for everything under the sun
... a time to weep and a time to laugh,
a time to mourn and a time to dance
... a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing
Ecclesiastes 3 verses 4&5



NOW BOOKING FOR 2024

Share the joy and wonder of Christmas with your local community through this fast-paced, brilliantly-witty yet poignant performance. Springs is taking bookings from churches for performances between November 22nd and December 22nd 2024.

Watch now:

youtube.com/watch?v=qlQmZj6hDoE

"This show's got everything like, EVERYTHING! Amazing!"

"Brilliant! Like a surprise chocolate with an amazing filling... first it was one thing then another!"

"Talent, innovation, joy, celebration and brilliance ... a fantastic evening."

Audience responses

"Absolutely fabulous show. Wonderful mix of fun, wit, and meaning. It made me laugh and it made me cry all in a couple of minutes." Richard, Poynton Methodist Church

"The show was wonderful and it was such a thrill to have the hall buzzing - everyone was captivated." Sue, Central Hall Methodist Church, Walsall

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

Webpage:

springsdancecompany.org.uk/productions/journey-of-the-magi

Journey of the Magi is a much-loved, family-friendly, festive frolic with a profound message for your church to host.

The show offers a contemporary comparison between the journey the wise men took 2000 years ago and our own preparations in the run up to Christmas today. With sparkle, a soundtrack to keep toes tapping and awe-inspiring dance, *Journey of the Magi* delights audiences of all ages.

Relatable characters help viewers to be inspired in their own "journey" to Christmas Day and can help them think about who Christ is for them.

"Forget The Nutcracker, Springs Dance Company's *Journey of the Magi* is the best Christmas show I have ever seen! I went along to see it one dark, wet and dismal night in Birmingham and I came out having been touched, amused and moved to tears. *Journey of the Magi* looks beyond the tinsel and trappings and reveals the real meaning of Christmas."

David Birtley CBE, Former Artistic Director, Birmingham Royal Ballet

The performance lasts approximately 90 minutes, plus there is a 20 minute interval, which provides the perfect time for festive mince pies! It is performed to the highest standard by a company of four world class professional dancers.



Join the Journey with Jesus for Disability Awareness Week

Disability charity Through the Roof is inviting churches to celebrate Disability Awareness Week by including local disabled people and holding a service on Sunday 22 September 2024, or a day of their choice. A church resource pack is available free on the theme 'Journey with Jesus', featuring Rev Andrew Miles' story of his life-changing accident.

Find out more and get the resource at:

<https://throughtheroof.org/forchurches/disability-awareness-sunday/>



Ecumenism is the way forward

Snelson Fund awardee Jack Woodruff reflects on his time at the 2024 conference of the European branches of the International Fellowship of Reconciliation. [Read more...](#)

To read more, please click on this link:

https://cte.org.uk/granada-peace-conference-snelson-woodruff/?utm_source=Churches+Together+in+England&utm_campaign=ab3292654d-CTe-News_July2024&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_c8ee12602e-ab3292654d-521774246

Season of Creation 2024



**TO HOPE AND ACT
WITH CREATION**
SEASON OF CREATION 2024

The firstfruits of hope
(Rom 8:19-25)

The Season of Creation will very quickly be here, beginning on 1 September until 4 October.

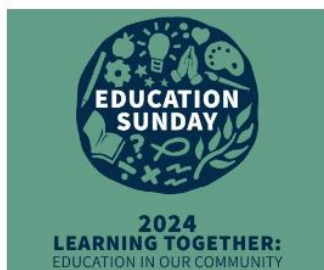
We've curated a list of fantastic resources and materials to help you and your churches to worship, hope and act as part of God's creation. You can find worship materials, notes on the weekly lectionary readings, videos, hymn suggestions, prayers and activities from a multitude of sources.

To find out more, please click on the link below: [https://jpit.uk/creation/season-of-creation-](https://jpit.uk/creation/season-of-creation-2024?utm_source=JPIT&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=14576439_JPIT%20NewsLetter%20-%20July%202024&dm_i=1MV9.8OF93.5438.FO.100RTL.1)

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Education Sunday 2024

What is your church or Churches Together group doing on Sunday 8 September to mark this national day of prayer and celebration for everyone in the world of education? [Read more...](#)



To find out more, please click on the link:

<https://cte.org.uk/educationsunday2024/>
