



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 31st December**. Thank you!

Churches/Christians Together Groups

Churches Together in Kington

KCT Christmas Carol Service will be held on Friday 13th December, 5pm at Oxford Arms Duke Street..

Churches Together in Ross-on-Wye and District

St Michael's Hospice

Light up a Life

St Frances of Rome RC Church.
Sussex Ave, Ross on Wye.
HR9 5AL.

8th Dec 6:00pm

It's that time of year when we come together to celebrate and remember the wonderful people who have touched our hearts, especially those who are no longer with us.

We warmly invite you to join us for our Light up a Life service of remembrance.

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Alternatively, you can attend the following services:

St Michael's Hospice	Tuesday 26th November	5pm
Hereford Cathedral	Sunday 15th December	6pm

Scan the QR Code or visit bit.ly/SMH_LightupLife to find out more.

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Church Services at St Mary's Church, Ross on Wye

All are welcome to attend!

- Sat 14th - 7.00pm, Ross Choral Society, Messiah Concert
- Mon 16th- 6.00pm, Brampton Abbots Carol Service, BA Church
7.00pm, John Kyrle High School Carol Service, St Mary's
- Tue 17th - 2.00pm, Blue Carol Service (Just B Bereavement Support Group)), St Mary's
- Thu 19th - 1.45pm, Brampton Abbots School Carol Service, St Mary's
- Sat 21st - 5.30pm, Carols under the Spire, St Mary's churchyard
7.00pm, Ross Choristers Christmas Concert, St Mary's
- Sun 22nd - 4.00pm, Candlelit Carol Service, St Mary's
- Mon 23rd - 5.30pm, Carols under the Spire, St Mary's churchyard
- Tue 24th - 4.00pm, Crib Services at Walford and St Mary's
11.30pm, "Midnight Mass", St Mary's
- Wed 25th - 8.00am, Said Communion, St Mary's
9.30am, Eucharist for Christmas Morning, St Mary's & Walford

Christians Together in Ewyas Harold

The next Taizé prayer at Dore Abbey will take place on Sunday 29th December at 6.30pm. A chance for a more reflective time following all the Christmas excitement! Chants, readings, prayers and silence in the glorious atmosphere of candlelit Dore Abbey. Wrap up warm - it will be cold!

Christians Together in Orleton

- The Stars and Angels weekend will take place on 7th and 8th December, culminating with Christingle at 6pm.
- The Methodist Chapel Service will take place on 8th December at 10.30am.
- Book of Common Prayer will take place at St. George's Church at 11am on 15th December.
- Carol singing at the Boot, 18th December at 7pm.
- 9 Lessons and Carols will take place at St. George's Church on 22nd December at 6pm.
- The Crib service will take place at St George's Church at 6pm on 24th December. There will also be a "Midnight" Communion at 9pm.
- Christmas morning service will be taking place at the Methodist Chapel, 10am on 25th December.
- There will be a Chapel group service at The Methodist Chapel at 10.30 am on 29th December.
- "Meet the Kings" will be taking place on Saturday 4th January at St George's Church at 6pm.

Churches Together in Weobley

- Christmas Lunch: 8th December 2024, 12:45 at the Weobley Community Centre. Cost: £10:00
- Carols at the Rose Gardens Weobley: Saturday 21st December at 10:45
- Carol Service at St Peter and St Paul Sunday 22nd December at 18:00.

Weobley Churches Together Holiday Club

Weobley Churches Together recently sponsored a Harvest holiday club during half-term break, held in the church of St Peter and St Paul, Weobley. A team from various local churches hosted a group of 21 primary school children over two days. The children who came had a great time with Lego construction, pumpkin scooping, barn-building, making crafts, listening to Bible stories and singing

songs.

We had this email message from one of the parents whose children attended: *"I just wanted to say a huge thank you for last week. All 4 children had the best time with you all. We have some lovely new songs stuck in our head and they can't wait to come again."*



Churches Together in Leominster

- Christmas Tree Festival – 7th December – 6th January. 10am-4pm daily.
- Light Up a Light service hosted by the Methodists – 8th Dec at 4pm.

'Light up a Life'

Leominster Methodist Church
Green Lane, HR6 8QJ

Sunday 8th December
4.00pm

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The **Methodist Church**

CTiH Open Meeting

If you would like to see our CTiH Open Meeting that took place on 13th November at St John's Methodist Church, please click on this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/@churchestogetherinhereford9213/community>. Bishop Mike Royal, General Secretary of Churches Together in England spoke on "The Ecumenical Landscape Across the UK."

Conference on Assisted Suicide

The Challenge of Assisted Suicide

Wednesday, 4th December, 10.30am-5.30pm

Pusey House, Oxford

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OXFORD

'Choosing Life: the Challenge of Assisted Suicide' will be

a one-day conference hosted by **The Revd Prof Nigel Biggar, Distinguished Scholar-in-Residence at Pusey House and Regius Professor Emeritus of Moral and Pastoral Theology at the University of Oxford**, bringing together clergy, philosophers, theologians, doctors, lawyers, politicians and journalists to discuss the moral, political and legal challenges posed by attempts to legalise assisted suicide, from a broadly (but not exclusively) Christian perspective.

Headline theological speakers include **Willem Eijk, the Cardinal Archbishop of Utrecht; Vaughan Roberts, Rector of St Ebbe's, Oxford; Michael Langrish, sometime Bishop of Exeter and Prof David Jones of the Anscombe Centre**. Speakers will also discuss the current and prospective legal situation in Britain, the possibilities of serious opposition in the House of Commons and House of Lords, and the path trodden in Canada and the Netherlands.

More information can be found on the Pusey House website, [here](#).

LIVERPOOL, SLAVERY AND CHURCH OF ENGLAND

JOIN US ONLINE
3RD DECEMBER 2024
3PM (GMT)

UNIVERSITY OF LIVERPOOL
CENTRE FOR THE STUDY OF INTERNATIONAL SLAVERY

CHURCH OF ENGLAND
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Laurence Westgaph



Malik Al Nasir



Jennie Taylor



Malcolm Rogers



Scan to register

Subscribe at: csis@liverpool.ac.uk

New webinar announced

Tuesday, 3rd December, 3–4.30pm
Online

The University of Liverpool's Centre for the Study of International Slavery (CSIS), together with the Church of England Racial Justice Unit (CoERJU), is thrilled to announce the third and final webinar in its [Truth Telling: Slavery and the Anglican Church series](#). This recorded webinar, themed "**Liverpool, Slavery and Church of England: starting a journey of truth-telling, healing and repair**", spotlights the journey in the Liverpool city region, which has begun to confront and address the Anglican Church's involvement in the traffic and enslavement of Africans and its legacies.

You can get your free ticket through the registration link [here](#).



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CONVINCING RURAL CHRISTIANS

Rural Mission & Ministry Course 2025 Online

Bookings are now open with dates & new venues for 2025. For any lay or ordained leaders in need of a rural refresher or considering a move to rural.

To find out more, please click on this link:

https://arthurrankcentre.org.uk/ruralministrycourse/?mc_cid=5395756640&mc_eid=d922883a44

Christmas from the URC Bookshop



URC Bookshop have an assortment of tree baubles, hanging decorations, resources and gifts that you can purchase here: <https://urcshop.co.uk/christmas/>.

Churches Together in England



The new Chair of Churches Together in England, Dr Rev Callan Slipper, shares a reflection on being "Infinitely Valuable; Infinitely Lovable."

Click on this link to find out more:

[https://cte.org.uk/infinitely-valuable-infinitely-lovable/?utm_source=Churches+Together+in+England&utm_campaign=c4d4b28f95-CTe-](https://cte.org.uk/infinitely-valuable-infinitely-lovable/?utm_source=Churches+Together+in+England&utm_campaign=c4d4b28f95-CTe-News_Nov2024&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_c8ee12602e-c4d4b28f95-521774246)

[News_Nov2024&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_c8ee12602e-c4d4b28f95-521774246](https://cte.org.uk/infinitely-valuable-infinitely-lovable/?utm_source=Churches+Together+in+England&utm_campaign=c4d4b28f95-CTe-News_Nov2024&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_c8ee12602e-c4d4b28f95-521774246)



Rt Rev Bishop Paulina Hławiczka-Trotman is the new President for the Fourth Presidency Group. Please click on this link to find out more about Bishop Paulina and her role within the Lutheran Church: https://cte.org.uk/getting-to-know-bishop-paulina-hlawiczka-trotman/?utm_source=Churches+Together+in+England&utm_campaign=c4d4b28f95-CTe-News_Nov2024&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_c8ee12602e-c4d4b28f95-521774246



"Next year marks ten years of Thy Kingdom Come, a global ecumenical prayer movement for evangelisation occurring annually from Ascension

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.

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to Pentecost.” Please click on this link to find out more: [https://cte.org.uk/introducing-thy-kingdom-come-](https://cte.org.uk/introducing-thy-kingdom-come-2025/?utm_source=Churches+Together+in+England&utm_campaign=c4d4b28f95-CTe-News_Nov2024&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_c8ee12602e-c4d4b28f95-521774246)

[2025/?utm_source=Churches+Together+in+England&utm_campaign=c4d4b28f95-CTe-News_Nov2024&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_c8ee12602e-c4d4b28f95-521774246](https://cte.org.uk/introducing-thy-kingdom-come-2025/?utm_source=Churches+Together+in+England&utm_campaign=c4d4b28f95-CTe-News_Nov2024&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_c8ee12602e-c4d4b28f95-521774246)



It's the 21st birthday of the Anglican-Methodist covenant. You can read a short reflection of the significance of this birthday here:

https://cte.org.uk/anglican-methodist-covenant-21st-anniversary/?utm_source=Churches+Together+in+England&utm_campaign=c4d4b28f95-CTe-News_Nov2024&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_c8ee12602e-c4d4b28f95-521774246



Vennture's Street Presence Team have just welcomed our latest student volunteers who are contributing to bringing a practical meaning to Jesus' love through ensuring "People have a good time and come home safe" across the county.

"We have some wonderful conversation with people in the community, bringing connections to those that need it, including ourselves!" – Street Volunteer

Vennture is working hard to increase our presence on the streets this Christmas, could you help provide a calm reassuring presence to the streets? Could you help to guide our students to fulfil their potential?

If you would like to find out more, please email us at volunteering@vennture.org.uk or call us on **0330 2020 730**.

Hand in Hand Conference



**DO YOU LIVE WITHIN 90 MINS FROM
WEST BROMWICH?***

**ARE YOU INVOLVED IN MINISTRY
AMONGST CHILDREN?**

You are invited to join us at Bethel Convention Centre for an amazing weekend to inspire & refresh you in your ministry, give you new ideas, help you to connect with others and feel part of something bigger...The Co Mission to reach children with the gospel of Christ.

Find out more here

Book before 31st December, before the price increases!

* of course, those who live further afield are very welcome to join us too!

The Hand in Hand weekend conference has been running for over 20 years in Eastbourne BUT from this year it is moving to West Bromwich to be more accessible for those across the whole UK. We wanted to specifically reach out and invite people from your church given your proximity to the event, so there are minimal travel and accommodation costs. It's 7th-9th Feb but if you book before Christmas it's cheaper! We are here to equip and support those with a heart to reach younger generations for Christ.

Please could you pass this information on to anyone involved with children's work – whether paid or voluntary...the weekend will be an amazing gathering of over 500 people from across the UK. It will inspire, encourage and provide fresh ideas, and they will be able to connect with others who are like-minded so that they can support one another.

If you are the senior leader of your church (vicar, senior pastor, lead elder or minister) you can request a free place for church leader if one or more of your church members are booked into the conference. Simply email info@handinhandconference.com with your name, church and the booking number of the church member who has already booked to obtain your free place. There are special sessions exclusively for senior leaders as well as a full programme to help the church reach and keep the next generation.

So please encourage your children's team to book in before Christmas to be sure to get the early bird rate. If your church is able to help with

their costs of attending, that would be even more beneficial to help them feel valued!

Please let me know if you have any queries. Otherwise, we look forward to welcoming volunteers and/or staff from your church at the event.
