



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 October**. Thank you!

Churches Together/Christians Together Groups

Churches Together in Ewyas Harold & District AGM

On Monday 7 October at 7.30pm at the Baptist Church Hall we will be holding our AGM. Business should only take a few minutes. And following that we shall be continuing our policy of learning more about a different church activity at each meeting. This time we shall find out what the Open the Book team gets up to when they visit the primary school - and we are promised a taste of their acting!

Churches Together in Ross-on-Wye and District



Churches Together Harvest Service & Lunch

Sunday 6th October

In the Venue from 1pm

A short service and shared lunch to celebrate Harvest

All welcome

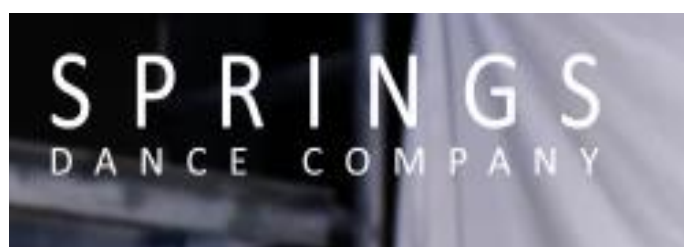


CTE General Secretary, Bishop Mike Royal speaking on the "Ecumenical Landscape across the UK."

Date and Time: 13th November at 7pm

Location: St John's Methodist Church, St Owen's St, Hereford, HR1 2PR

This includes worship, a CTiH update and refreshments!



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.

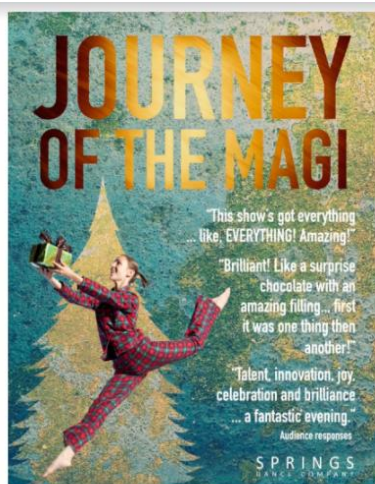
"I found myself looking for resonance and finding it."

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

"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.



CBN
UNITED KINGDOM

JOIN THE MISSION

Volunteer Recruitment

Do you have a heart to see a move of God in our local community here in Hereford?

Here at [CBN UK](https://www.cbnuk.org/), we believe that God is doing a new thing and yes, we perceive it and would like to invite you to be a part of it!

We'd love to introduce our new **Community Support Team** who will represent our Humanitarian arm of the ministry here in our own backyard!

For so long, we have been a ministry focusing most of our efforts in Europe, but we believe God is calling us to embrace our identity as CBN UK under the umbrella of CBN Europe for such a time as this, rising up to share the hope of Jesus through relationships & meaningful engagement.

As a long-standing ministry, it is a new and groundbreaking time for us, and we really do believe that God is inviting you to be a part of it.

We have a God-given ambitious goal to introduce **1 million people to Jesus**, a mandate given to our new CBN UK Director, Alisa Latty-Allene, who has obediently shared it with those of us on 'mission' alongside her, which we wholeheartedly hope will also include you.

To find out more about The Road to 1 Million, visit [click here](https://www.cbnuk.org/road-to-1-million).

If you would like to join the mission as we journey on the **Road to 1 Million**, please click the blue button below and fill out the application form to volunteer as part of the CBN UK Community Support Team.

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Should you be successful in your application, you will be short-listed and our Head of Community Support, Sarah Fletcher, will be in touch to arrange an informal interview.

Join The Mission

In this coming season, we believe God wants to use His people to come alongside lost people much more intentionally over these coming months and years to share the Gospel and prepare disciples through media evangelism and humanitarian aid, resources we already have in our hands.

To achieve our goal, as part of the Great Commission, we are 'casting our nets on every side' and inviting anyone and everyone to support us practically by volunteering to be part of our community support team, by becoming a monthly partner or by supporting us in one-off gifts.

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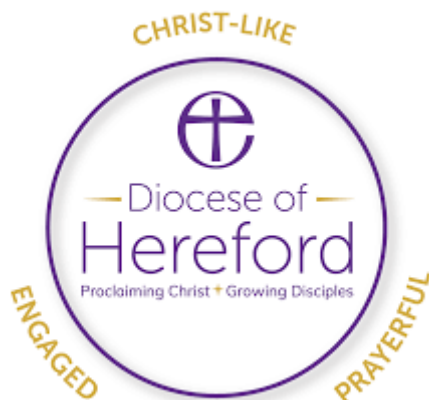
We have initiatives that will place a CBN UK Bible in the hands of those grasping for Hope and plans to mobilise the Community Support Team into the local community to practically, spiritually, relationally and emotionally come alongside the most needy of our city.

But to see all of this come to life, we need your help, your prayers and your support.

We believe God has called us to be bold, courageous and audacious as we open up opportunities for greater blessings all around, believing God will move in this nation through this ministry in this coming season but also in your life as you too trust God in all things.

We look forward to hearing from you and cannot wait to see what God does through you.

Join The Mission



Youth Worker Vacancies

Hereford Diocese are looking for employ Youth Workers in Leominster and Bishop's Castle. Are you passionate or do you know someone who is passionate about spreading the gospel amongst the Youth of Herefordshire, developing young and active disciples and develop new volunteer teams and leaders? If you want to find out more, please click on the links below:

<https://www.hereford.anglican.org/xdb/vacancies/show/youth-amp-community-worker-ndash-bishops-castle>

<https://www.hereford.anglican.org/xdb/vacancies/show/youth-amp-community-worker-ndash-leominster>

<https://www.hereford.anglican.org/xdb/vacancies/show/youth-pioneer-ndash-leominster>

City Praise

The next City Praise will be at Hereford Cathedral, 7pm, 20th October 2024.



SPSJ Ukraine Project Intercultural Course

Unlock the potential of a thriving, diverse congregation with SPSJ's comprehensive diversity course, developed through the Ukrainian Project. This program has already supported over 250 refugees and 100+ sponsors, helping churches like yours embrace diversity and find new opportunities for growth. Through this initiative, our own congregation has grown by 10%, with more people being discipled and actively engaging in church life. As your leadership teams and congregation become more diverse, this course provides essential tools to navigate these changes, fostering a welcoming and unified church community.

Faith in Fostering initiative encourages people to foster with Herefordshire Council

Herefordshire Council are reaching out to ask for your help in addressing the national shortage of foster carers. Herefordshire Council currently has around 390 children in care and only 130 fostering households. This shortfall means children often have to move out of county, sometimes as far as Cornwall, London or even Scotland, in order to find a suitable home.

Herefordshire's foster carers provide incredible support to Herefordshire's children, but more people are required to help meet the needs of local young people in care.

Foster carers are kind, caring, patient and compassionate people who offer safe, stable and loving homes for children. We ask you to consider if you have these attributes and can give the time and space required to create brighter futures for local children.

There will be a Fostering Information Event from 6 - 8pm on Monday 7th October at Bishop's Palace in Hereford where you can find out more

about fostering. Visit the [Eventbrite page](#) for more information, or to book your place.

You can also call 01432 383240, email fostering@herefordshire.gov.uk or visit the [Herefordshire Council website](#) to start your fostering journey.

The Bill Snelson Ecumenical Fund

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Apply now to The Bill Snelson
Young Ecumenists Fund

Do you or someone you know want to learn more about Christian unity, love to travel, and are aged 18 to 35? Unforgettable and life-changing experiences await! [Read more...](#)



- Asking for funds to travel abroad to have an ecumenical experience which can be study, pilgrimage, volunteering, a conference, retreat or any other activity that promotes church unity.
- Between 18 and 35 years old.
- Connected to a CTE Member Church.

All the information and how to apply can be found at cte.org.uk/snelsonfund/. We will also be hearing from a number of those who have previously received grants at the All Ecumenical Representatives Conference.



Society for Ecumenical Studies Webinar: Receiving Christ in Holy Meals -

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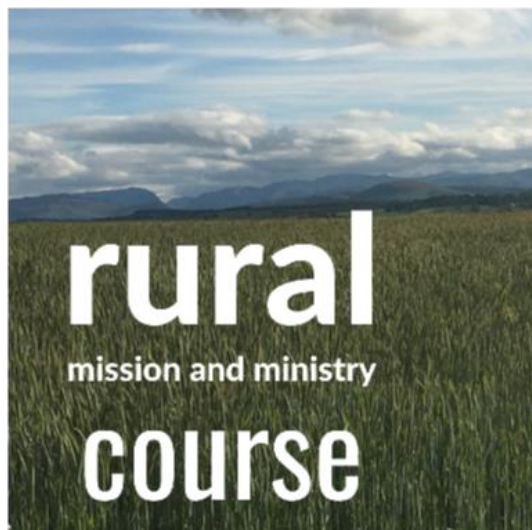
thinking afresh about Eucharistic celebrations on Thursday, 24 October 2024 at 7.30pm

Our friends at the Society for Ecumenical Studies are offering another in their series of the series of webinars, this time focused on the eucharist. The cost is just £5 and it is free to members of the Society. Please note this is not a CTE event and all queries should be sent directly to the [Society for Ecumenical Studies](https://www.societyforecumenicalstudies.org.uk). More information and the booking link (via Eventbrite) are below.

Booking at <https://Receiving-Christ-in-Holy-Meals.eventbrite.co.uk>

The holy meal at the heart of Christianity has not infrequently been a source of contention among Christians. This webinar seeks to step behind the discussions and to explore the shared experience of meeting Jesus together in this meal, considering not just how he comes to be present with us but how we come to be present with him. The speakers will be:

Dr. Racheal Adebayo – Redeemed Christian Church of God, Fr. Dominic Robinson, SJ – Roman Catholic Church and Major Paul Hilditch – Salvation Army.

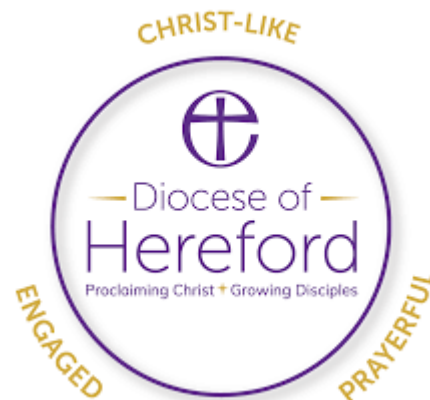


Rural Mission & Ministry Course
An ecumenical course organised by

**the Methodist Church,
 2nd-3rd October at King's Park,
 Northampton.**

Come and gather with other ecumenical rural leaders to explore what community, mission, evangelism & leadership can look like in rural contexts. ***“Really helpful – practical, inspiring & encouraging!”- RMC participant.***

This course is suitable for CMD grants. For further information & to book, please visit the [website](https://www.methodistchurch.org.uk) or contact Sarah Hulme, rural mission & ministry officer at the organisers via email at hulmes@methodistchurch.org.uk



**Bishop's Teaching Event - Growing Confidence in our Christian faith,
 Bridgnorth Deanery, 5th October,
 9:30am-1pm.**

Join us for an exciting in-person teaching event in **Bridgnorth Deanery**. This event is all about

strengthening our Christian faith and building confidence. Whether you're new to the faith or have been a believer for years, this event is for you!

Bishop Richard will lead the teaching sessions, sharing valuable insights and practical tips to help us grow in our Christian faith. You'll be able to engage in meaningful discussions, ask questions, and connect with fellow Christians.

At this event, we'll explore various aspects of our Christian faith, including understanding the Bible, deepening our prayer life, and overcoming doubts. Together, we'll learn how to live out our faith and share it with others confidently. Don't miss out on this incredible opportunity to strengthen your Christian journey. Mark your calendars and join us in **Bridgnorth Deanery** for an uplifting and enriching experience. See you there!

Bishop's Study Day 2 part of our Year of Faith 2024, 24th October, 10am-2pm.

Join us for an exciting in-person event at **St Peter's Church, Hereford!** Dive deep into the **Year of Faith** with our **Bishop's Study Day 2**. Explore the significance of faith in our lives and discover new perspectives that will enrich your spiritual journey. At this event, you'll have the opportunity to connect with others

who share a passion for faith. Engage in thought-provoking discussions, listen to inspiring talks, and gain valuable insights from our speakers including **Revd Prebendary Dr Isabelle Hamley Secretary for Theology and Theological Adviser to the House of Bishops.**

St Peter's Church, Hereford offers a welcoming environment for this event. Immerse yourself in the beauty of the surroundings as you engage in this enriching experience.

Don't miss out on this incredible opportunity to deepen your faith and connect with others on this exciting journey. Register now for this event!



Single Friendly Church Network are running free webinars to help churches welcome and value single people in practical ways. They are open to anyone interested in making a difference in their church.

Wednesday 23rd October, 11am. Sign up here and find details on our website: singlefriendlychurch.com/events

Alpha



Monday 16th September to Monday 18th November
Christian Life Church are running **Alpha** at St Marys Garden Village Community Hub, Starling Way, Ross On Wye. HR9 7WP, 6.30-8.30pm. Leaflets are available on the landing table.

