



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 30<sup>th</sup> September**. Thank you!

### CTiH Statement on the Recent Violent Disorder

CTiH is saddened and horrified to see the violence happening across our country. We stand with Churches Together in England and Churches Together Merseyside in a call for peace. We must love all of those who are targeted for hatred and discrimination. The victims of this violence are innocent who have long been subjected to unjust treatment by others.

It is the responsibility for all who follow and worship Jesus to work for peace and stand with those who are being persecuted. Jesus himself suffered the same attacks by those swept up by a frenzy of disinformation. We hope that every Christian across our nation consider among others, their Muslim neighbours, those seeking asylum, and others finding themselves in fear of hatred, and express our love and assure them of our prayers and seek to walk in solidarity and peace alongside them.



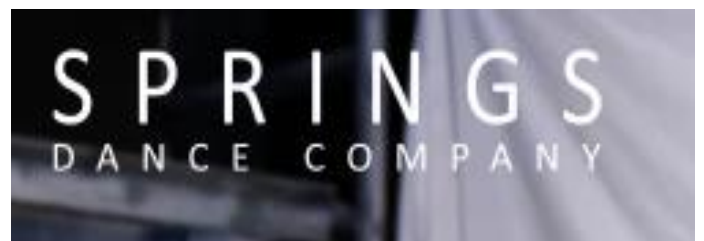
### News from the Churches Together Groups

#### Christians Together in Ewyas Harold and District

##### **Taizé Prayer Dore Abbey – 29th September**

Taizé Prayer is very different from the usual church service. There is more time for your own thoughts and prayers and for silence. The repetitive chanting & the candle-lit Dore Abbey promotes an atmosphere that lends itself to contemplation. We sit in a circle with a cross and candles on the floor in the middle.

Following in the footsteps of the brothers who founded the brotherhood at Taizé over 80 years ago, we encourage everyone to arrive and leave quietly. Each service lasts less than an hour and includes readings, repetitive chants, silences (one of at least 10 minutes) & prayers. If you have never been before and want to give it a try, 29th September is a great opportunity. There will be tea and cake available in the Abbey from 5.00 to meet others and receive an introduction to the service itself. There will then be a short break at 6.15 before moving into silent preparation for 6.30 prayers. Why not try something different?



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

*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!

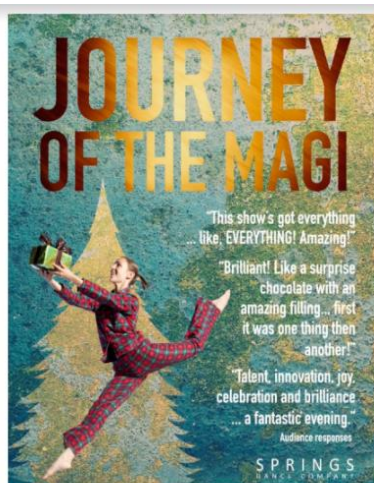
For so long, we have been a ministry focusing most of our efforts in Europe, but we believe God is calling us to embrace our identity as CBN UK under the umbrella of CBN Europe for such a time as this, rising up to share the hope of Jesus through relationships & meaningful engagement.

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.



## 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](https://www.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](https://springsdancecompany.org.uk/productions/journey-of-the-magi)



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.

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## Disability Awareness Week launches on Sunday 15 September

Don't miss Revd Helen Cameron, President of the Methodist Conference, Moderator of the Free Churches Group, and President of Churches Together in England, preaching to launch

Disability Awareness Week: 15-22 Sept '24, calling for justice, equality and access.

Watch the Disability Awareness Week launch service, available after 3pm on 15 Sept at <https://valeofstour.org.uk/daw2024>

**Join the journey! – mark Disability Awareness Week in your church or ministry**

Hold a Disability Awareness Sunday service on 22 September or a day of your choice.

Free resources are

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



## What happens in Disability Awareness Week (15-22 September)?

Let's all take action! All churches are invited to reach out and meet with disabled people in their community in Disability Awareness Week. This could be through organised church events or through individuals inviting a disabled person they know to meet for a coffee.

UCB radio and Through the Roof (TTR) are making sure disabled Christians' voices are heard. On UCB1's Talking Point programme, 9am–1pm from 16-20 Sept, each day, one

disabled person will share about their lived experience of disability in church and society.

TTR will also be sharing videos, tips and insights each day during the week about the ABC of church disability inclusion on social media @TTRChangesLives. Please 'like' and share!

### City Praise

The next City Praise will be at Hereford Cathedral, 7pm, 15th September 2024.



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.

**Food for All**

is an inclusive Christian presence on the High Street of Bromyard, Herefordshire, sharing the eternal story of Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord to people of all ages. We nourish personal faith journeys at whatever stage they are and for denominational churches in our region, seek to serve them all 'spiritual food'. Alongside a wide range of fiction and non-fiction best-selling books, we support our vibrant market town, offering tourist information, local guides and maps, fairly-traded goods and gifts for all occasions. **'Whoever comes to me will never go hungry.'** (John 6:35)

## Food For All, Bromyard NEW MANAGER REQUIRED

**Does your Christian faith inspire you to welcome others to Jesus?**

**Do you have a passion for books and reading?**

**Do you love reaching out to the community?**

**Are you interested in promoting this town and its surroundings?**

**Perhaps you love working with people – locals and tourists alike?**

If so, the Trustees of this well-established bookshop at the heart of the Bromyard community, would love to hear from you. At the heart of this vocational position (with 16 hours paid honorarium) is a desire to enable and develop an inclusive Christian mission in the town and beyond. As well as selling Christian books and resources for local churches, the shop has a wide range of best-selling fiction and non-fiction books for sale. Cards and gifts for all occasions are widely sold. There is a wonderful opportunity to further integrate Tourist Information services within the shop.

You will manage the day-to-day running of the shop so retail experience is desirable. You will care for and assist our small team of volunteers. You will also need to be computer literate and, ideally, confident with promoting the bookshop and Tourist information on social media.

You will be supported by a team of Trustees who manage the building and uphold the Trust's original aims. The Trust is seeking to become a charity in its own right.

**Please contact Rev'd Wallace Brown (Trustee).**

**Email: [revwallace@outlook.com](mailto:revwallace@outlook.com)**

**Phone: 07833710393**

Or call in to speak to Jane (retiring Manager) for further information or leave a message at Food For All, 10-12 High Street, Bromyard, Herefordshire HR7 4AA  
Tel: 01885 483359  
Email: [foodforall@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:foodforall@tiscali.co.uk)



SFX said a sad farewell to Father Brendan Thomas who has been elected Abbot of Belmont. "We have been blessed by his kind and inclusive ministry and will miss him and thank him for all he has achieved in his time here. God Bless him in his new role."



## URC Prayer Handbooks and Diaries for 2025

We are ordering resources from the URC Bookshop in time for Synod in October. If you would like to order prayer handbooks and diaries to collect at Synod on Saturday 19th October in Sutton Coldfield, please order them as soon as possible and no later than Thursday 3rd October. Prayer handbooks on the theme "Immersive Joy" cost £6.49 (A5) or £11.99 (lectern edition). Pocket diaries, brown or black, cost £9 or £11 for the green A5 size. Please email [moderators@urcwestmidlands.org.uk](mailto:moderators@urcwestmidlands.org.uk) or [admin@urcwestmidlands.org.uk](mailto:admin@urcwestmidlands.org.uk) to order your copies. You will receive an invoice to the billing address you provide.

Copies for Synod Recognised and Assembly Accredited Lay Preachers will be ready for collection at Synod. If you are attending and know a lay preacher who isn't, please could you offer to collect it for them? Those copies that are not collected by or for lay preachers will be posted from the Synod Office.

You can also order online from the URC Bookshop: <https://urcshop.co.uk/>

To find out more, please click on the link below: [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](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)

**You are invited to a**

**GOOD NEWS**  
*for Everyone!*

**Celebration**

Wednesday 18th September 2024  
at 7 pm  
at Holmer Parish Church Centre  
HR4 9RG

**Guest Speaker: Graham Ellis**

Please join us for updates about  
GNFE nationally and locally  
and a time of praise  
for all that God has done

*The meeting will be followed  
by light refreshments*

**ALL WELCOME**

## 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.









