

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> August**. Thank you!

## Churches Together/Christians Together Groups

### **Christians Together in Ewyas Harold**

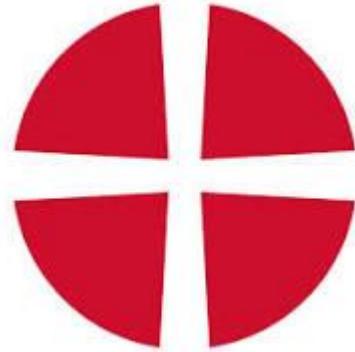
#### Taizé Prayer

Taizé chants, silence, readings & prayer at Dore Abbey on Sunday 31 August at 6.30pm.

### **Churches Together in Ross-on-Wye and District**



### Visit by Revd David Hardman - Methodist Liaison officer for Jerusalem



"We had a very successful visit from David Hardman, the Methodist Liaison Officer for Jerusalem on the 22 July. David was joined by a recently returning EAPPI officer who told of their recent deployment. The sessions at both Bromyard and St John's Methodist Churches were well attended. We were also pleased to work with Hereford PSC in co-hosting the Hereford Event. The two events were very ecumenical in nature with folk from a number of denominations and none.

At our meetings, we considered the complexities of the situation on the ground, the history of Zionism, the part the UK have played in the history and politics of the place in the last century, the Nakba, the 1967 wars, and the ghettoisation of the Palestinian people.

Together we agreed to condemn violence from both sides, and to also remember that the vast majority of Palestinian People are and have been "loving with a broken heart" and non-violently resisting occupation.

One other important topic we covered, was that sadly, many in the West have forgotten the Christians amid this conflict. David reminded us never to ask a Christian Palestinian when they "converted", as we should remember their ancestors became Christians at the very first Pentecost, and that they are the original Christians. Christians in the West Bank feel as if they have been forgotten by their siblings in the West. There are some beautiful churches, and beautiful people, trying their hardest to non-violently resist the hatred. Bethlehem has a Bible College and Jerusalem has an Anglican Cathedral and College.

What we live in hope for is Justice, justice for the Jews, justice for the Palestinians, both Christians and Muslims.

At the Hereford event, we were joined by some from the Jewish faith, who reminded us, that there are many Jews in our country who have been protesting alongside those calling for Justice and Peace and an end to the war, who say, "not in my name".

One of the main reasons for the event was to educate folk about the situation, to allow people to come to their own decisions, and to resource folk to have conversations and to pray to see Justice in the area. For those of you not able to

come, we can recommend some books that you might want to read.

The Methodist Church has recently signed up to the **World Council of Churches Statement on Palestine and Israel: A Call to End Apartheid, Occupation, and Impunity in Palestine and Israel**. Take a read of this, and maybe campaign with your church leaders to endorse this statement too. Take a read of the statement [here](#)

- <https://www.oikoumene.org/resources/documents/statement-on-palestine-and-israel-a-call-to-end-apartheid-occupation-and-impunity-in-palestine-and-israel>

Whatever we think, we are invested in this land, the land that we call Holy. This is where Jesus walked and taught. This is where Jesus challenged us by overturning the tables in the temple and commanded us to love our enemy. How can we ignore our fellow Christians, fellow human beings in this land, and do nothing as people are starved, killed and subjugated? Please consider doing something, read, pray, act!"

Phil Warrey, Superintendent of the Herefordshire Methodist Circuit

If you would like to find some more resources, please contact Phil Warrey:  
[phil.warrey@methodist.org.uk](mailto:phil.warrey@methodist.org.uk)



### Through the Roof

Disability Awareness Sunday – 28 September 2025

Join churches across the UK in marking Disability Awareness Sunday – a time to celebrate God's image in every person! – and [download the new resource pack](#) from disability charity Through the Roof ([www.throughtheroof.org](http://www.throughtheroof.org)).

"My hearing had gone... my legs wouldn't move: God's image was still in me."

This year's free resource, *Made in God's Image* (the link to the resource is below) features Emily Owen, an award-winning author who became deaf at 21 and now lives with multiple disabilities. In her video and resource, she shares how God looks at the heart (1 Samuel 16), not outward ability.



All matter as ALL are in God's image.

No matter our challenges, we're all 'wonderfully made' in God's image – and when churches fully welcome disabled people, everyone is blessed. Sadly, 72% of disabled people in the UK report facing negative attitudes. Joining church can be a challenge. That's why this matters.

Use the official date, 28th September – or any Sunday – to spark conversations and take a step towards disability inclusion. There is a FREE resource available for churches!

The free downloadable pack includes Emily's video, songs, prayers, sermon ideas, and handouts reminding us 'All are made in God's image'. Download your copy now:



Get the free pack  
at: [throughtheroof.org/forchurches/disability-awareness-sunday](http://throughtheroof.org/forchurches/disability-awareness-sunday)



Show the video. Pray together. Celebrate every member of Christ's Body.

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## **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat**

A church production by arrangement with  
The Really Useful Group Limited

**Come and Sing!**      **Come and Play!**  
Everyone is invited to perform in a concert performance of

## ***Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat***

Lyrics by Tim Rice      Music by Andrew Lloyd Webber

Open to all ages, children and adults, to all abilities – the focus is on enjoyment

On Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2025, 7.30pm at The Conquest Theatre, Bromyard

Please email greaterwhitbourneoffice@gmail.com or call 07484 191465 for more information

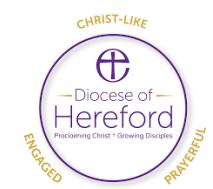
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## **City Praise**



City Praise will take place at Hereford Cathedral at 7pm on the following dates:

- 7th September 2025




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## **Bishop's Teaching Day**

Saturday, 13th September 2025, 9.30am-1pm  
at St Michael and All Angel's Ledbury

## Good News for Everyone

The Hereford branch of Good News for Everyone (formerly The Gideons) are holding their annual Celebration on Thursday 18 September in Holmer Parish rooms starting at 7.00p.m.

Come and hear what has been happening locally, nationally & internationally through their ministry.

All are welcome to come, and refreshments will be served at the end of the meeting.

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## Journey of the Magi



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

***"The show was wonderful, and it was such a thrill to have the hall buzzing – everyone was captivated. Inspired visual storytelling"*** Central Hall Methodist Church, Walsall.

Share the joy and wonder of Christmas with your local community through this fast-paced, brilliantly witty yet poignant performance.

**Journey of the Magi** is a professional production of dance, theatre, song and poetry. It is a family show: accessible for all, fun and thought-provoking, full of warmth, hilarity and delight. It offers a wonderful opportunity to laugh, reflect and refocus during advent.

Springs is inviting churches to host a performance of **Journey of the Magi**, which will be available nationally from 21<sup>st</sup> November – 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2025.

Further information can be found on the Springs Dance Company website

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*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.*

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## Senior Administrator Job with SCM



We are now looking to hire a Senior Administrator to join the SCM team. Responsible to the CEO, they will work across the charity, acting as secretary to our board of Trustees, be responsible for HR and payroll function, act as line manager to two administrators, and add to the sustainability of the organisation by writing and submitting robust trust funding applications.

**The closing date for applications is 7<sup>th</sup> August 2025 at 12 noon.** Please find attached the job advert, the applicant pack, and an image to use on social media. More information, and an application form, can be found on our website: <https://www.movement.org.uk/vacancies>

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## The Synod of Lutheran, United and Reformed German Speaking Congregations in Great Britain



Are you a creative mind and keen to shape the church of the future?

We are looking for you!

The Synod of German-Speaking Lutheran, Reformed and United Congregations in Great Britain is looking for a Pastor for the parish of Birmingham/Coventry – Bournemouth – Bristol – Cardiff/Swansea, with a share of the job allocated to nationwide responsibilities in the Synod, starting 1 September 2026, for a duration of 6 years. Information about the

Evangelical Synod in Great Britain can be found here: [www.ev-synode.org.uk](http://www.ev-synode.org.uk).

Information about the congregations in the southern, western, and Welsh parish area can be found here: [www.german-church-south-and-west-and-wales.org](http://www.german-church-south-and-west-and-wales.org).

Does your heart beat for people and for the church? We are the right place for you!

We are looking for a passionate pastor, who enjoys delivering engaging and meaningful sermons, actively engages in organising church services and promoting congregational involvement, enthusiastically shaping the community of tomorrow.

Are you a good listener who can accompany people on their journey of faith?

Your pastoral competence is important to us! You will work with people who need support and guidance. Your open ear and empathetic nature are essential for supporting people in their various phases of life and accompanying them in their questions of faith.

Can you interact creatively and sensitively with different age groups?

You can accompany children and young people spiritually in a creative way and invite them to new, exciting adventures of faith. Giving pastoral support to members of the older age groups is just as important to you. You are not just a voice, but an active part of the development of the community.

Are you looking to work in a church that combines tradition with innovation?

With us, you can do just that. In a vibrant parish area with a wide range of tasks, you can contribute your ideas, explore new paths, and at the same time preserve what is dear to the people in our congregations.

Are you ready to go new ways?

We offer you the opportunity to work with us on the challenges of the future – from creative

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church services to exciting ecumenical encounters.

We offer...

- Open, warm, and committed congregations that appreciate your service and invite you to take new paths together
- A diverse pastoral area with many opportunities for encounters in a modern environment – from active city life to quiet green oases
- A church house in a great location in Bristol, perfect for your personal retreat and as a base for your work
- Spiritual support and professional guidance in a national team through exchange and cooperation with other pastors in the Synod.

We are looking for...

- Joyful, creative and engaging services in German and English, including in modern, fresh formats.
- Sharing faith and love with all that wish to be part of our community
- Motivating and supporting volunteers to create a strong community
- Getting involved and making a difference – we invite your perspective on new ideas, modern church structures, and the integration of familiar traditions
- Public relations – whether through the congregational newsletter, the website, or social media – your creativity is welcome!
- Shaping the future – we accompany you and our congregations on new paths, with plenty of room for your visions, skills, and abilities, locally and in the Synod
- Enriching the Synod team – if you have experience with systemic approaches, church consultancy or supervision, you are the ideal candidate.

Are you the person we are looking for?

If you are ordained in the protestant church, have leadership experience, and are keen for a new challenge, then we look forward to your application. You will need a native-level command of the German language and a passion for working in an international environment. Please note that we are unable to employ persons with an active employment relationship with a member church of the EKD (Evangelische Kirche Deutschland) in this post.

Ready to unleash your talents and try something new?

Apply today and help us create a church that lives tradition and shapes the future.

How to apply:

We are looking forward to a detailed CV and supporting letter. Please send your application to: [office@german-church.org.uk](mailto:office@german-church.org.uk). The deadline for applications is 30 September 2025.

### The Cathedral Bible Studies Group



The Group will begin a new series travelling with the Book of Exodus starting on the 1 September. The Group meets on the first Monday of each month except when that it a bank holiday, in which case it moves to the second Monday, at 2.30pm in the Reading Room of the Cathedral Library (entrance near the gateway to the Bishop's Palace Yard). An indication of the importance of Exodus is the number of references in the New Testament to its events, themes and personalities, and its importance is matched by its interest and its fascinating narratives.

We shall not be engaging in a verse-by-verse examination but will deal with it in 'chunks', following the sequence of events as they are

presented to us, noting for perspective the ancient Hebrew view of history writing and the placing of Exodus within a larger framework. The sessions will be accessible to beginners with no biblical knowledge; there is an open invitation and new friends will be welcome. Join in September if you can (we shall be giving some useful perspectives then) but if you cannot manage the 1 September you can join at any of the Group's meetings.

### Ross Baptist Church

The first week of the school holidays was Family Fun Week 2025 from Ross Baptist Church. Families enjoyed a whole host of free activities- Awesome Art, Dynamic Dance, Epic Emergency Services, Brilliant Beach Party and Incredible Inflatables. The weather was kind, and great fun was had by all. Thanks to all those who visited and shared their wonderful skills. We all learned something new and had fun at the same time. Same time, same place, next year...

