



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!

### Churches Together Groups

#### **Churches Together in Hereford**

Churches Together in Hereford will be holding an Open Meeting on 'The Way Ahead' for CTH on Thursday 25 September, 7pm at Holmer Church Centre. All are welcome to attend to discuss the way ahead of churches working together in Hereford. This is an event not to be missed!

*CTiH Open Meeting*  
12 NOVEMBER 2025, THE BISHOP'S PALACE, 7PM  
Rev Duncan MacLean will speak on the topic of disagreeing well.  
Come and worship, partake in a Q&A and have fellowship with the body of Christ. We look forward to seeing you there!

### Homelessness Sunday 2025

Housing Justice holds Homelessness Sunday on the Sunday before World Homeless Day each year. This year, Homelessness Sunday falls on 5 October, and our theme is '**Love thy neighbour**'.

Our aim is to raise awareness of the issues surrounding homelessness among churches and their congregations by asking churches to run their own Homelessness Sunday Service, either on 5th October or on a more convenient date.

[Here](#) you will find a range of resources to support you in doing this.

We hope that by taking time to reflect on Homelessness Sunday, church congregations will consider what they can do in their own community to alleviate homelessness, suffering and poverty.



### 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



#### **Taize Service**

A time of  
Quiet Reflection  
Gentle Music  
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A time for  
Discernment  
Affirmation  
Prayer  
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All Saints Church : 12.10pm

September 5<sup>th</sup> : November 7<sup>th</sup> : December 5<sup>th</sup>

God looks at the heart (1 Samuel 16), not outward ability.



All matter as ALL are made 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](https://throughtheroof.org/forchurches/disability-awareness-sunday)



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

### URC West Midlands Synod



Baxter URC, Kidderminster will complete their 365 years of worship and witness at the end of August 2025. In closing, the Elders would like to pass on their copies of Rejoice & Sing to any church that would make use of them.

We have 6 full music copies, 4 Large Print words editions, and 100 Melody editions. These are available freely to any church. You don't need to take the whole lot – just as many as you have a use for. They can be collected from the Synod Office or passed on at the October Synod meeting or at some other convenient time. Because of the weight involved, we won't be able to post them.

### Bulembu African Gospel Choir

### 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](mailto:greaterwhitbourneoffice@gmail.com) or call 07484 191465 for more information

### City Praise



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

- 7 September 2025

### **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.

### **Journey of the Magi**



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

This 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 November – 22 December 2025.

Further information can be found on the Springs Dance

Company website 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.

### **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, partly 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 are here: [www.german-church-south-and-west-and-wales.org](http://www.german-church-south-and-west-and-wales.org).

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.

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 it's 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).

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.

### **Churches Working Together in Ledbury**

There will be a joint Harvest supper on Sunday 12 October. It is likely that it will be at St Katherine's Hall again at 16:30 - with bring and share tea and games together. There will be more details to follow.

### **Bishop's Teaching Day**

The next Bishop's teaching days will take place on Saturday, 13 September 2025, 9.30am-1pm, St Michael and All Angel's, Ledbury and Wednesday, 22nd October 2025, 10am-3pm, St Peter's, Hereford.

### **Samaritans Purse**



Samaritans Purse, who also run Operation Christmas Child, are setting up a collection point at Hereford City Church to collect shoeboxes of gifts! This allows the opportunity to send items to children in need (toys, clothes, footballs etc) and make their Christmas one to remember!

"Attach the boy/girl label to the top of your shoebox. Mark if your gift is for a boy or a girl and select an age category 2-4, 5-9 or 10-14.

Fill your shoebox with a selection of fun toys, school supplies and personal care items. If possible, include one or two extra special items you know a child will love such as a doll, cuddly toy or deflated football with pump. "

The drop off times are Monday to Thursday 10am till 2pm. You should contact Annmarie Parker at [annmarieparker@outlook.com](mailto:annmarieparker@outlook.com) for more information.

### **Vennture**



Vennture are looking for someone who is passionate about listening to and supporting families!

They have an exciting opportunity for additional Link Workers to join their Family Mentoring Team.

A Vennture Link Worker works alongside families who are finding things tough and need support to overcome the barriers they are facing to reach their full potential.

It is available to view in full on their website where an application form is available to download:

<https://www.vennture.org.uk/job-vacancies/>

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Vennture's properties provide emergency accommodation for those experiencing temporary homelessness, many with children. We aim to ensure that our guests enjoy safe, secure and well-purposed accommodation by providing 24-hour continuous oversight and that they are met with understanding and compassion. Vennture has recently acquired a second property to extend this provision.

We now need more Accommodation Officers to join the team to ensure our guests are safeguarded and the building is respected and looked after.

The advert is available to see on Vennture's website and any enquiries can be directed to [Esther.Downs-Cooke@vennture.org.uk](mailto:Esther.Downs-Cooke@vennture.org.uk)



Click on this link to find the job description:

<https://www.vennture.org.uk/job-vacancies/>

## **Arthur Rank Centre**



### **Introducing ARC Chat**

### **Your Monthly Online Coffee Break**

Email

[info@arthurrankcentre.org.uk](mailto:info@arthurrankcentre.org.uk)

to register for this coffee break.

Rural ministry can sometimes feel like a solitary path—but you're not alone. **ARC Chat** is a new monthly online space to pause, connect, and share with The Arthur Rank Centre and others who understand the unique joys and challenges of rural church life.

It's informal, supportive, and open to anyone involved in rural ministry, lay or ordained, and from all denominations.

Our first ARC Chat takes place on **Monday 16th September, 3:00-4:00pm** on **Microsoft Teams**. Each month we'll gather at a different time and day to suit a variety of work patterns—so hopefully there'll always be a space that works for you.

### **NEW RESOURCE: HARVEST**

### ***A Missional Guide for Rural Churches***

We're really pleased to share our brand-new 2025 **Harvest guide**—written to help rural churches make the most of the season. This new guide is full of ideas, resources, reflections, and real examples to help you shape something local, meaningful and welcoming. It's about engaging with local farming communities and bringing people together in lively and creative ways—celebrating the land, the work, and the grace that underpins it all.

If you're looking to try something new this autumn—or just want to refresh what's already worked well—we offer this helpful companion.

Click on this link to find the guide: [Harvest: A missional guide for rural churches - The Arthur Rank Centre](#)