

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 31 October**. The link to the newsletter on our website can be found here: Thank you!

### Churches Together Groups

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

Join the amazing Saltmine Theatre Company for a fun-filled performance of Jack and the Beanstalk! Singing, dancing, and lots of laughter on Wednesday 10 December, 6.30pm at the Larruperz Centre, Ross-on-Wye.

Tickets: Adult: £10, Child (up to 16 years old): £5, Family Ticket: £20. They are available from [rossbaptist.org](http://rossbaptist.org)

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



##### **Taizé 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 5th

#### **Churches Together in Leominster**



Father Paul Stoneham spoke on the ecumenical journey he's been on throughout his life. It was great to hear about the ecumenical work over the past year and to have good fellowship.



**Homelessness Sunday 2025 – 5 October**



Homelessness touches many lives in Herefordshire, from rough sleepers to sofa surfers to families in crisis. This October, for Homelessness Sunday, local ecumenical charity Vennture invites churches to stand with those without a safe place to call home.

Vennture's Link Workers walk alongside people at risk of losing housing, helping them find stability and support. And through Project Bright Path, the charity and its partners are equipping local professionals to better respond to the mental health needs of rough sleepers.

Please pray, share these stories of compassion in action, and consider how your church might support this work.

## 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

*Please note - this newsletter strives to share a wide range of ecumenical news and information and is not necessarily an expression of the views of CTiH.*



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## **BULEMBU African Gospel Choir**

AN UNFORGETTABLE EVENING OF

LIVE GOSPEL CHOIR  
TRADITIONAL DANCING  
STORIES OF TRANSFORMATION



## City Praise

Join us for the next



## 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

October 2025

## 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.

## 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 and Study Day



The next Bishop's study day:

-22 October 2025, 10am-3pm, St Peter's, Hereford and Saturday,

The next Bishop's Teaching Day:

-Saturday, 8th November 2025, 9.30am-1pm  
St Mary's Church, Ross-on-Wye

## **Spiritual Questions with Bishop Richard and Dean Sarah**

-Tuesday, 21st October – with Angie Kateley at The New Harp Inn, Hoarwithy, 7:00pm-8:30pm

## Samaritans Purse



Samaritan's Purse<sup>®</sup> International Relief | United Kingdom 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.

## The Bill Snellon Ecumenical Grant



The next round of Bill Snellon Ecumenical Fund applications is open! This grant is available to those who are 18-35 and are interested in a new ecumenical experience! Step into a different tradition or denomination and tell Churches Together in England about your spiritual journey. For example, if you are from a Pentecostal denomination, you might want to give Taize a go? Or if you are part of the C of E, you might want to step into a Roman Catholic tradition for a few days? This

opportunity can also take you overseas as well! Click on this link to find out more: <https://cte.org.uk/working-together/young-ecumenists/snelsonfund/> .



### **Disability Awareness Sunday 24-hour Prayer & Free Online Christian Courses**

Free Online Courses: Dementia Support and Hope Explored

**Is your church a great place to grow old?** Explore how to support people with dementia in church with free online talks in Sept/Oct by charities Through the Roof and Embracing Age. Register free at: <https://throughtheroof.org/2025/09/02/online-events-coming-alongside-people-with-dementia/>

**Do you need to find hope right now, or does someone you know?** Join Through the Roof for a three-part series of online **Hope Explored** events in Sept/Oct 2025 to look for hope, peace and purpose. Find out more and register for free at: <https://throughtheroof.org/2025/09/04/online-hope-explored-events/>

Do you want to deepen your church's commitment to justice, and help overcome challenges facing your community?

Why not sign up for Church Action on Poverty Sunday, which takes place on October 19. Participating churches are provided with discussion ideas, worship materials and prayers.

This year's theme is Dreams & Realities, based on a portrait project featuring people living in deep hardship in Britain today.

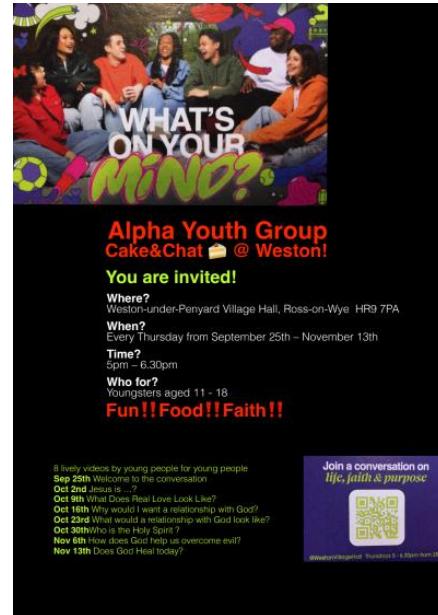
Church Action on Poverty is a national charity, which has been supporting and equipping churches and community groups for more than 40 years.

Liam Purcell, the charity's chief executive, says: "As Christians, we know that seeking justice and speaking up against injustice should be an integral part of our faith. Knowing where to start isn't always easy, but when churches put themselves at the heart of this work, amazing change can happen."



We have an opportunity to appoint an experienced and gifted person for the role of Executive Support Officer. This role will provide executive support to the CEO, the Chief Operating Officer and our Trustees, while also delivering essential HR administrative support.

Full details of the position are available to read on our website. The closing date is Friday October 3. Click here to view vacancies: <https://www.vennventure.org.uk/job-vacancies/>



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10AM - 12 NOON

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REPRESENTATIVES, CARES AND PRODUCE  
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## Clun celebrates 30 years of ecumenism



Last week the congregations of St George's Clun and Clun Methodist church gathered for a special service, led by Bishop Richard, to commemorate 30 years since the signing of a Declaration of Intent between the two churches. Both churches pledged to join in prayer and worship, to further each other's ministries, to support one another in deepening and renewing our traditions, to pray and study together, and to cooperate in ministry and pastoral care within our community.

During the service, Revd George Heinz, the Minister of Clun Methodist Church, preached on the humility of simply following God together, rather than competing for worshippers, and celebrated the great achievement of 30 years of working together, which predates the national Anglican-Methodist Covenant. Both churches re-dedicated themselves to the promises made in the original declaration.

Clun joins other churches in the diocese which share fellowship with Methodist congregations, such as St Peter and St Paul in Eye which last year celebrated 50 years of partnership with Luston Methodist Chapel.

## Watoto Stories of Restoration Tour

