

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 4 January 2026**. Thank you!

### Reflection from Steve Grisman, Chair of CTiH

"At just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly." - Romans 5v6.

Advent is here, the season of waiting and preparing for the birth of Jesus and the start of the church year. A time of reflection as we consider the coming of the Saviour into the world. The Son of God humbling himself - a human baby, laid in a manger, dependant on his teenage mother and surrounded by shepherds and animals. What a story! The Word made flesh.

It was no accident, no random event. The coming of Jesus was at an exact time and place in history, as planned and foretold by our triune God. An important step in the pathway of salvation, reconciling man with God and restoring balance to creation by His life, death and resurrection.

A message of hope, joy, peace and love.  
Immanuel - saviour - God with us!  
Hallelujah!!

### 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).

**Wednesday 10th**  
5.30pm Larruperz, Jack and the Beanstalk, Saltmine Theatre Company  
Tickets: online or at RBG offices

**Saturday 13rd**  
10.30am: The Community Church (Henry Street)  
Carols on the Patio

**Sunday 14th**  
10.30 am: Ross Baptist Church  
All Age Nativity  
11 am: CLC Ross (Larruperz)  
Carol Service  
4 pm: The Community Church (Henry Street)  
Carol Service

**Sunday 21st**  
11 am: CLC Ross (Larruperz)  
Carols and Communion  
3.30pm: Ross Baptist Church  
Carols by Candlelight  
4pm: St Mary's  
Nine Lessons and Carols

**Monday 22nd**  
5.30pm: St Mary's  
Carols Under the Spire

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Carols Under the Spire

**Wednesday 24th**  
4pm: St Mary's  
Cris Service  
7pm: St Francis  
Mass on Christmas Eve  
11.30pm: St Mary's  
Midnight Mass

**Thursday 25th**  
9.30am: St Mary's  
Sung Eucharist  
10 am: The Community Church (Henry Street)  
Christmas Day Service  
10.15 am: CLC Ross (Tudorville Community Centre)  
Christmas Day Service  
10.30 am: Ross Baptist Church  
Christmas Day Celebration Service  
11am: St Francis  
Mass on Christmas Day

**Christmas in Ross and District**

St Mary's Church, Ross-on-Wye  
Sunday, 14th December - 6.00pm

Lighting a candle to commemorate a loved one is a very special thing to do, particularly at Christmas time. We invite you to join with others who have also lost someone that they love, as part of our *Light up a Life* celebrations this year, in association with St Michael's Hospice.

**Light up a Life**

## Churches Together in Hereford



### 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>

CTH carol service: the BID on 20 December at 12:30pm. Please support and sing along! CTH are also supporting HBC too who are carol singing in Maylords from 12 to 2pm.

## St John's Methodist Church Advent and Christmas services



The Methodist Church  
St John's Methodist Hereford

## Churches Together in Weobley

Advent Bible Study Series 2025-

What do Christians Believe?

A discussion series based on the Nicene Creed led by Reverend Philip Harvey for Churches Together in Weobley.

The Nicene Creed was written to capture the key ideas of the Christian faith in the year 325 in the city of Nicaea. On this 1700th anniversary of the Creed, we meet to explore its deeper meaning for our lives and our shared beliefs.

### Dates and Time

- Monday 1 December - 2:30 pm
- Monday 8 December - 2:30 pm



**Venue:** Weobley Methodist Chapel

*All are warmly welcome to attend, can you kindly pass this notice to your respective congregation.*

Carol Singing in The Rose Garden: 20 December 10.45 am to 11.30 am. The format is four or five readings, a very brief talk and short prayers followed by carols in a spirit of celebration. Jo Ware will organise mulled wine and mince pies.

## Christians Together in Bromyard



The Methodist Church  
Bromyard Methodists

There will be a Christingle on 7 December at 2pm at Bromyard Methodist Church – celebration adopted by the Moravians – all are welcome.

### Christmas tree festival: 5-7 December

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The festival will be open at these times:

Friday 5 December - 15:30 - 19:00  
 Saturday 6 December - 9:30 - 18:00  
 Sunday 7 December - 12:00 - 16:00

### Churches Together in Kington

Advent & Christmas Services – Kington  
 Benefice

*St Mary's Kington · St Peter's Tilley · St  
 Mary's Kinnerton · St Thomas à Becket  
 Huntington · St Stephen's Old Radnor*

All are welcome to attend.

- **Wednesday 17 Dec**

- 15:00 Lucton Carols — St Thomas à Becket, Huntington

- **Friday 19 Dec**

- 18:00 Carols — St Mary's, Kington

- **Sunday 21 Dec – Advent 4**

- 10:00 Holy Communion — St Peter's, Tilley
- 10:00 Morning Praise — St Mary's, Kington
- 11:30 Carols — St Thomas à Becket, Huntington
- 18:00 Carols — St Stephen's, Old Radnor

To see more dates, please visit

<https://ctih.org/latest-events-and-news/>

### Christians Together in Orleton

#### Sunday 14 Dec

- 15:00 Christingle / Family Service — St G's

#### Wednesday 18 Dec

- 19:00 Carols at the Boot

#### Saturday 21 Dec

- 18:00 Carols by Candlelight — St G's

#### Thursday 25 Dec – Christmas Day

- 10:00 Holy Communion — Chapel

#### Sunday 28 Dec

- 10:30 Holy Communion — Chapel

#### Sunday 11 Jan

- 10:30 Methodist Covenant Service – Chapel
- 15:00 Meet the Kings / Family Service — St G's

### Churches Working Together in Ledbury

All are welcome to attend the Advent and Christmas services at Ledbury Methodist!



The **Methodist Church**  
 Ledbury **Methodists**



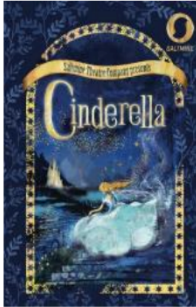
### Theatre for the Community this Christmas

This Christmas, step into a sparkling re-telling of **Cinderella**.

**Saltmine Theatre Company** brings new life to this timeless tale, packed with laughter, music, and festive fun for all ages.

With a signature Saltmine twist, **Cinderella** playfully explores themes of hope, kindness, and true worth – reminding us that even in the darkest moments, light can still break through.

The message of the show is "Choose Kindness (Luke 6:35)"



You are cordially invited to the Royal Christmas Ball!

The most extravagant event of the century is here at last, and the whole kingdom is invited – from the richest reveller to the humblest servant. In a kingdom decked with holly and hope, Ella lives a quiet life of chores, often cleaning out the cinders from the fire.

But when the invitation to the grandest event of the year arrives, Ella's step-mother won't let her go to the Ball and her dreams seem further away than ever – until a little Christmas magic shows up in her hour of need.

But will the magic last? Will she get back?

Christian Life Centre, Edgar Street Hereford HR4 9JR

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025 at 6.00 p.m.

(Ideal for the whole family) This two-hour production (including interval) is suitable for all ages, blending joyful entertainment with a meaningful message for the season.

Rachael Orrell, CEO at Saltmine Theatre Company, said:

"Our new Christmas show **Cinderella** shines a light on the message of **Hope**. We believe this story will remind audiences that no matter where you find yourself, hope can always rise again – and that's something worth celebrating this Christmas."

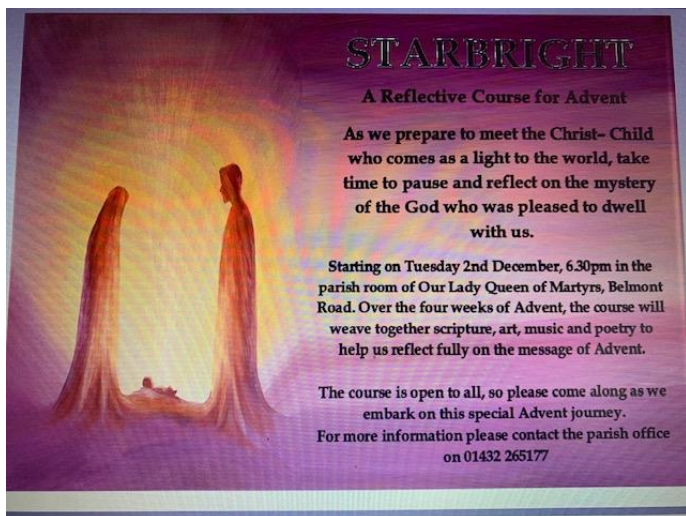
• Ticket prices: Adults - £10      Under 16 - £4      5 or under - Free

Book now!

<https://clch.churchsuite.com/events/6zlr50fh>

*If you would like to pay for a ticket that can be given to someone to use as a gift, please could you purchase one of the Pay It Forward tickets available. Thank you.*

### Starbright: a reflective course for Advent



### Vennture



### New Link Workers strengthen our support across Herefordshire

Vennture is delighted to have welcomed four new Link Workers this month, each bringing vital skills to strengthen our work with local families and individuals.

Seb's experience with young people will enhance our Care Experienced Young People team and our Fresh Start initiative, supporting those navigating the criminal justice system. Anna, fresh from her Criminology degree, joins Fresh Starts too. Rachel will lead the delivery of our new Reducing Parental Conflict programme, helping parents find healthier ways forward. Esme, with a background in children's counselling, joins our Early Help team to provide guidance and support within families.

Together, these new colleagues will extend Vennture's reach, offering practical help and hope to people across Herefordshire. Please pray for our newest team members.

As Christmas approaches, our appeal focuses on families in need. Please consider donating to support this vital work: [vennture.org.uk/donate](https://vennture.org.uk/donate).

### Single Friendly Church resources



### Christmas Resources for Churches

Christmas can be one of the hardest times of year for single people. Our research suggests 70% of single people find at least some aspects of Christmas difficult. Some find the focus on families challenging, while 43% say the week between Christmas and New Year is a lonely time.

However, **80% of single Christians tell us that they enjoy carol services!** We encourage

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churches to provide something for everyone in their Christmas calendar this year and make a special effort to ensure carol services are welcoming towards people coming alone.

We have lots of practical ideas and resources for churches at Christmas, all based on research. Check out our [Single Friendly Guide to Christmas Services](#) and [our whole range of Christmas resources](#).

### **Church Action on Poverty** Church Action on Poverty

“As Christians, we are called to seek justice and challenge injustice. But making that a regular part of church life isn't always easy.

To help, Christian Aid and Church Action on Poverty have jointly launched the "26 in 26" project: an interactive poster with 26 ideas for churches to try next year.

It includes suggestions for new prayer, reflection or worship materials; ideas for engaging with community groups; and ways to speak up about topical issues effectively and justly.

Posters are free to order, from <https://www.church-poverty.org.uk/justchurch/>

### **Hereford Palestine Group**



You are invited to join Hereford Palestine Group, 'Carol' singing' on Wednesday 17 December, gathering at 5.45 at the Bull in High Town. We will be using familiar tunes but singing Palestinian Themed words. Please join us if you can.

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## The Middle Coming

### Fr Michael Casey OCSO

A renowned Cistercian spiritual writer talks about the interior landscape of spiritual experience: of Christ, coming to us now, in grace, to transform the human heart.

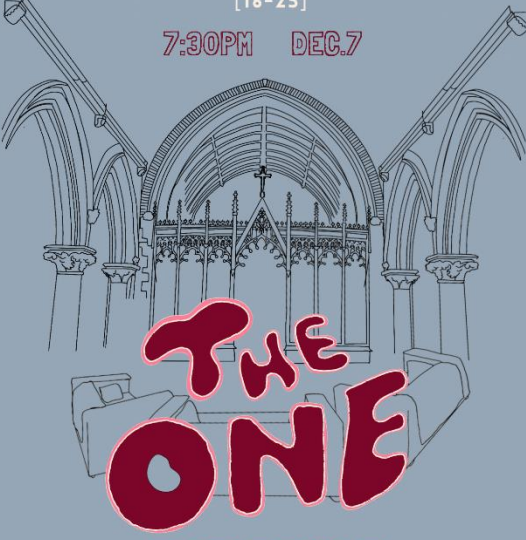



Fr Michael Casey is a Cistercian monk and spiritual writer from Tarrawarra Abbey in Australia whose work on Benedictine and Cistercian spirituality has shaped monastic understanding world-wide. He is the author of more than eighteen books and with us on a rare visit to the UK.

**10am - 12.30pm, Saturday 13th December**  
At The Chapterhouse, Belmont Abbey, Hereford HR2 9RZ

“The One” is an event for 16–25-year-olds happening this Sunday where there will be music, prayer and time for fellowship. Scan the QR code to find out more!

MUSIC | PRAYER | SOCIAL  
[16-25]  
7:30PM DEC.7



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