



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 March**. Thank you! Here is the online version here.

[Devotional from Emma Wright, County Ecumenical Officer on Week of Prayer for Christian Unity - 18-25 January 2026](#)

A member of a Churches Together group once said to me during a meeting, shortly after I took on the role as County Ecumenical Officer that, “we are like a box of Quality Street, some people prefer the Green Triangle, and some others prefer other ones.” Or something to that effect at least. Jesus continuously implores us to unite; he created all believers to be one. It is, first and foremost, about freedom. Focusing with tunnel vision on what ultimately matters as opposed to focusing on preferences, which is Jesus.

Seeing everyone gather to mark this significant occasion always fills me with hope and joy! Seeing connections between churches solidify more this year felt empowering. There is always space for unity! Throughout each of the services, people either lit candles or, for more ease, used battery operated candles. In that moment, that group of churches were publicly agreeing to the promise of unifying together as one body. Now, as we know, the metaphorical flame is not just to be lit for a minute or two, it is up to all churches to continue to fan the flame of unity across the County! It is also encouraging to remember that God sees the work that we do and he will bless the fruit of ecumenical work. God rejoices when his believers come together in unity!

A story was given at the Ledbury WPCU service about a man who was wearing a “Jesus Is” sticker that stopped a fight in the middle of the street. The presence of the Holy Spirit broke through! Whilst two men were bracing to fight each other, this man stepped in between them and managed to stop the fight through the presence of the Holy Spirit, which deescalated the fight. Now, we might not all end up in the same situation! However, the stickers act as a talking point for those who want to find out more about our saviour and can embolden us to step in to support our community. Consequently, Rev Joan also encouraged everyone to use “Jesus Is” stickers to help spark conversation and embolden each other to share the Gospel in the community.

The reading from Isaiah was incredibly timely. The part that stood out to me was the end of Isaiah 58:6: “Is this not the fast I choose...to let the oppressed go free and to break every yoke.” Despite the current landscape of society, Jesus expresses that he has come to set the oppressed free and break every yoke that binds people. This is the call of unity: to come together and proclaim the name of Jesus in an uneasy world that is filled with uncertainty and anxiety. I helped a gentleman light his candle at one of the services and reflecting on this, it made me think of how we are called as one body to fan the flame within each other, encouraging one another to “...run the race with perseverance marked out for us” as it says in Hebrews 12:1.

So, let's do that! Let's go forward into this new year encouraging one another and fanning the flame in the events that we organise, continuing to represent the body of Christ.

Churches Together/Christians Together groups

Churches Together in Weobley

In preparation for Easter, Fr. Simon will run a Lent Course on consecutive Mondays from the 23 February to Monday 23 March at 2:30 pm in St Thomas' Parish Room. All are welcome!

World Day of Prayer



A Service for Everyone

Friday 6 March 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon
Dilwyn Cedar Hall, HR4 8JS

Join us for this year's World Day of Prayer service.

This year's theme highlights some of the challenges faced by women in Nigeria today. Through prayer, reflection, music, and readings, we will learn more about their lives and experiences.

There will also be creative displays of African items and crafts, along with music, songs, and spoken contributions.

Refreshments will be provided.

All are warmly welcome — we look forward to seeing you there.

Good Friday Walk of Witness

3rd April – 11:00 a.m.

Churches Together in Weobley invite you to join the Good Friday Walk of Witness, starting at 11:00 a.m. from St Thomas Catholic Church, Weobley.

The walk will be led by Father Simon McGurk, The Revd Philip Harvey, and The Revd Phil Summers.

The central focus of Good Friday is to acknowledge the passion and death of Christ. In towns and cities across the country, Christians of different denominations join in a public procession of witness.

During the walk, a cross will be carried through the village of Weobley, remembering how Jesus carried the cross through Jerusalem. As we walk, we will pray and reflect, preparing our hearts for the joy of the resurrection on Easter Sunday.

We warmly look forward to your participation in this holy Good Friday Walk of Witness.

Holiday club

CTiW are also hosting an Easter Holiday Club, and this will be held in Weobley Parish Church on Monday 30 March, 9am to 12.30. Please share with those who might be interested in attending.

Christians Together in Ewyas Harold and District

Lorraine Cavanagh has offered to lead an hour's meditation – consisting of scripture readings, prayers and hymns. This year it will be held in the Baptist church at 12:00. It would be preceded by the Walk of Witness at 11:30. All are welcome!

Taizé Prayer

A short service of silence, prayers, readings and Taizé chants. All are welcome at Dore Abbey on Sunday 8 March at 6.30pm.

Churches Together in Leominster WPCU



“We had a week of events at all our member churches.

On Saturday 24 January, we used the Armenian Orthodox liturgy for a short service. This was led by our Orthodox Community in Leominster and held in the Priory Lady Chapel.”

CTL Lent lunches – all held at 12:30pm

- 13 March at the Forbury Chapel, Church Street
- 20 March at the Methodist Church, Green Lane
- 27 March at the Moravian Church, South Street
- Good Friday, 3 April at the Baptist Church, Etnam Street (after the Walk of Witness)
- Lunches are free with any donations made to go to Christian Aid and CAFOD.

CTL Lent study groups – all held at 7:30pm

Lent Group to be held on the following dates on Wednesday evenings at 7.30pm at the St Ethelbert Parish rooms, Bargates.

- 4 March
- 11 March
- 18 March

- 25 March

The study we are using this year is “Let go, and Be Open”, the small group resource pack offered by the Methodist Church website.

For further information you can contact the Leominster Team Office 01568 613877

Christians Together in Bromyard

Lent soup lunches are being organised for 12:30 on Wednesdays throughout Lent!

- 4 March - St Peter's
- 11 March - St Josephs
- 18 March - St Josephs
- 25 March (Feast of the Annunciation) - St Peter's
- 1 April – Methodists



LENT SOUP LUNCHES

wednesdays in lent

12:30pm on each of the Wednesdays during Lent
February 25th to April 1st 2026

Hosted at Bromyard Methodist Church
(New Road, Opp the Fire Station)

Soup, Bread and something spiritual provided in turn by St Joseph's, St Peter's and Bromyard Methodists. All welcome.



CHRISTIANS
TOGETHER
IN
BROMYARD

LENT

Rural Missioner's Guild



Do you want to be part of a community that seeks to further and deepen rural mission? This guild is hosted by Arthur Rank Centre which seeks to encourage and strengthen ecumenical work in rural spaces. Click on [Rural Missioner's Guild](#) to find out more and how you can join below!

CTiH AGM



Tim Mitchell speaking on praying together
Christian Life Church, 133 Edgar St, Hereford, HR3 9JR
Date: 29th April
Time: 7pm



Single Friendly Church

A conversation with Dani Treweek
Tuesday 17th March, 8pm



'Single Ever After' - with Dani Treweek Online event - Tuesday 17 March, 8pm

Does my singleness have a purpose? What actually is the gift of singleness?

Join **Single Friendly Church Network** on **Tuesday 17 March at 8pm** for an inspiring conversation with Rev'd Dr Dani Treweek, theological researcher and author of 'Single Ever After: A Biblical Vision for the Significance of Singleness'.

Dani will share a vibrant, empowering vision of singleness, and challenge some of the popular misconceptions surrounding singleness, marriage and meaning.

This will be an encouraging event for both single Christians and anyone looking to understand more about what the Bible really says about singleness.

[Book your free place](#)

Single
Friendly
CHURCH NETWORK

Free online workshop: Becoming a Single Friendly Church Tuesday 3 March at 11am

Join Single Friendly Church Network for an online workshop on welcoming single people into church, **Tuesday 3 March at 11am**. You'll gain practical tips in five key areas of church life, including:

- Understanding who is “single” in our communities
- Messaging: How to adapt church language to ensure everyone feels valued
- Welcome and Belonging: How to welcome and include people coming on their own
- This online event is free and open to anyone who wants to see change in their church. You also can share your own ideas with others.
- [Sign up to the workshop](#)

We will facilitate 8 educational sessions and promote trauma informed person-centred care as our delivery model from March to November 2026 (excluding August)

Tues March 17th	Tues April 21st
Tues May 5th	Tues June 9th
Tues July 14th	Tues September 15th
Tues October 13th	Tues November 10th



The sessions will be held at St Michaels Hospice, and you can choose from EITHER 10am -12 noon or 1pm-3pm, once allocated a time slot you will stay in the same group for the duration of the project.

To book your place or if you would like more information please email lmakin@smhospicehereford.org

Ecumenical Biblical History and Archaeology Series starting 14 March

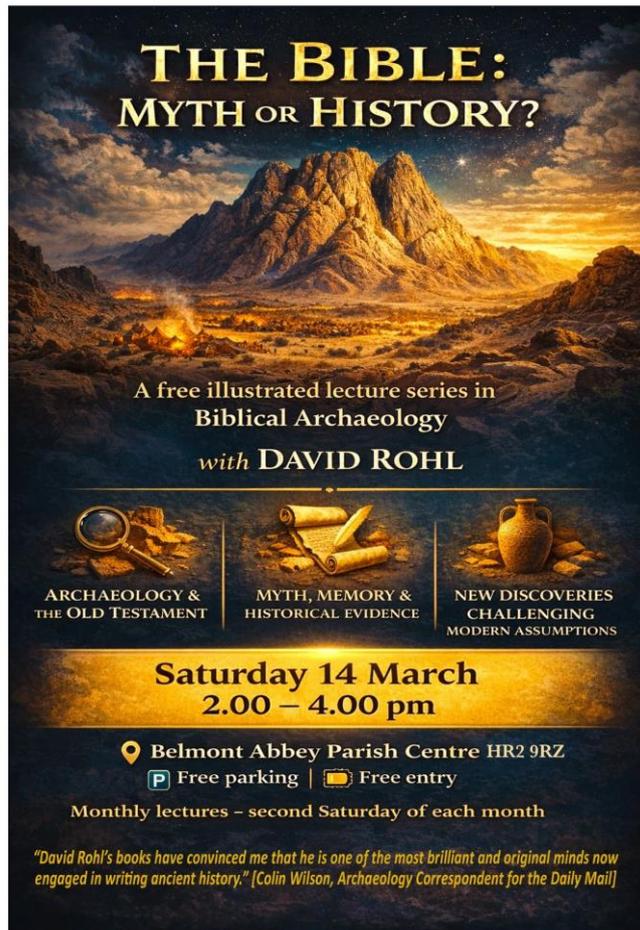
Improve project

Herefordshire Council in partnership with St Michael's Hospice are offering you the opportunity to join a Community of Practice.

As part of the IMPROVE - Intervention to optimise Palliative care for people with lived Experience of homelessness Project we will work collaboratively across all agencies and sectors in Herefordshire to deliver an improved health and palliative care pathway for people with lived experience of homelessness.

Aims of the COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE

			
IMPROVE SUPPORT FOR STAFF WORKING IN DIFFERENT SERVICES	IMPROVE MULTIAGENCY WORKING	IMPROVE RECOGNITION OF PEOPLE THAT MIGHT BENEFIT FROM A PALLIATIVE APPROACH	IMPROVE SUPPORT FOR PEOPLE WITH ADVANCED ILL HEALTH



THE BIBLE: MYTH OR HISTORY?

A free illustrated lecture series in Biblical Archaeology with **DAVID ROHL**

 ARCHAEOLOGY & THE OLD TESTAMENT	 MYTH, MEMORY & HISTORICAL EVIDENCE	 NEW DISCOVERIES CHALLENGING MODERN ASSUMPTIONS
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Saturday 14 March
2.00 – 4.00 pm

📍 Belmont Abbey Parish Centre HR2 9RZ
 🅅 Free parking | 🆓 Free entry

Monthly lectures – second Saturday of each month

"David Rohl's books have convinced me that he is one of the most brilliant and original minds now engaged in writing ancient history." [Colin Wilson, Archaeology Correspondent for the Daily Mail]

The Bible: Myth or History?

These sessions will be hosted by David Rohl, an archaeologist and member of Belmont parish.

They will be ecumenical, with a focus primarily on the history and archaeology of the Biblical narratives, so should be of interest to all faith communities.

The lecture, with time for discussion, will be 2-4pm. Tea / coffee and biscuits will be served at 1.30pm before the start of the lecture, for people to chat and get to know each other.

Churches working together in Ledbury



Ledbury Methodist Church

Bye Street, Ledbury

2pm

Nigeria 2026



been prepared by the Christian women in Nigeria and is titled "I will give you rest, come". The day begins in Samoa and moves across the world in a continuous wave of prayer, finishing 38 hours later in American Samoa. It truly is a worldwide day of prayer! Please join us at Ledbury Methodist Church on Friday 6 March.

The website is <https://www.wwdp.org.uk>

FE and HE Chaplaincy



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Advance Preview of new Training Course and Networking Day

Tuesday 24 March 2026, 10am-2pm
Birmingham Metropolitan College, Matthew Boulton Campus
Jennens Road, Birmingham B4 7PS

A brand-new introductory FE and HE chaplaincy training course launches in Spring 2026. Join us on 24 March for an advance preview!

- Sample the course material and find out how to join the course
- Presentations by course authors Nigel Roberts and Dr Sarah Holmes, and by FE chaplain Maggie Everett
- Option to share your chaplaincy experience to enhance course content*
- FE Chaplaincy networking event included
- Nigel Roberts' course text *The Good Chaplain* available to buy for £5 on the day (50% discount) for those attending in person
- Cost: £10 per head, inc. lunch (but please get in touch if cost is a barrier)

* On the day, we will be filming the presentations and vox pops from delegates, to add more material to the course content. There's an opportunity for you to share your experiences and perspectives - equally there is no pressure to do so. It's your choice, and we won't film you without your permission. The course will then become fully available online from Spring 2026.

To Book: complete the accompanying booking form and return to:
Lynne Hayes-James (bursar@saltleytrust.org.uk) by 6th March.

Organised by:



To view the PDF, please go to:

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

World Day of Prayer (formerly Women's World Day of Prayer)

Ledbury Methodist Church, Bye Street, Ledbury. Friday, 6 March 2.00pm

This year's World Day of Prayer service has

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Vennture



Vennture's Criminal Justice Mentoring Programme supports individuals leaving prison, on probation, or at risk of further involvement in the criminal justice system. Many carry trauma and experience poor mental health, broken relationships and unstable housing. Without consistent support, the offending cycle can quickly repeat.

Last year, we established 30 mentoring relationships across Herefordshire and Worcestershire. Our dedicated Link Workers walk alongside individuals, helping secure accommodation, access health services and employment, and, where possible, rebuild family connections.

The outcomes are encouraging. Our reoffending rate was just 3%, compared to a national average of 39%. This steady, trauma-informed work strengthens families and contributes to safer communities across our county.

Please pray for those rebuilding their lives, and for our Link Workers. If you would like to support this work, visit: www.vennture.org.uk/donate

Lifewords



Lifewords are a charity that provide biblical resources, in print, online and in-person. Their new resource Lifebringers is a way of collaborating, resourcing, and sharing the Bible through real lives, real contexts, and a shared hope. If you would like to find out more about stocking these resources for your church,

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please contact herefordshireceo@gmail.com. You can look at the resources at <https://www.lifewords.global/>.

The Hereford Passion



The Hereford Passion will take place on 6 and 7 March at 7:30pm at Hereford Cathedral! Tickets are £10 for adult, £6 children and are available from the Cathedral website [here](#). The cast is made up from people across Herefordshire, with a great soundtrack and the amazing backdrop of the Cathedral, it is an event not to be missed!

Church Action on Poverty

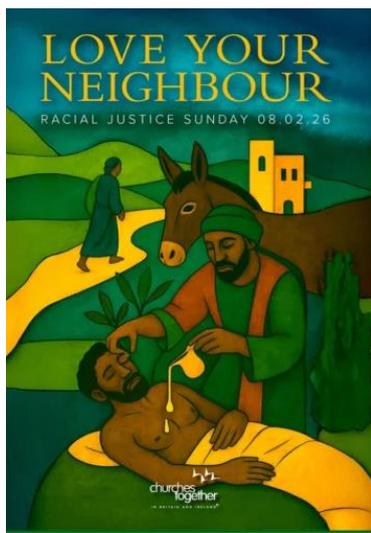


Is your church working to address rural poverty? Would you like to connect with others addressing similar issues around the UK?

If so, you can sign up for "connecting and strengthening rural voices on poverty",

an online roundtable event organised by Church Action on Poverty, The Diocese of Truro and Churches Together in Cumbria. The event is on 21 May from 10.30am to 12 noon. Sign up or find out more at [strengthening rural voices in poverty](#).

Racial Justice resources



“Love Your Neighbour

In these resources we explore what it really means to love our neighbour, especially given the current narratives of hostility, fear, suspicion and hatred of the ‘other’, particularly asylum seekers, refugees and anyone who is not British or Irish ‘enough’.

We discuss how the Bible provides a blueprint for a world where everyone belongs; where everyone is loved, valued and affirmed for who they are, and not what they look like or have to offer. And one in which our identity is ultimately to be found in Christ, as brothers and sisters of one ‘race’: the human race.

I believe that this message is ‘for such a time as this’ (Esther 4:14). It is one that speaks through the ‘flags’, banners, protests and invective, relaying a message of unity and hope. Just as the greatest commandment speaks about

loving God and one another, Jesus’ sacrificial death on the cross offers us all the hope of being united with God and with one another.

Let us use Racial Justice Sunday (and other Sundays) to stand together in love, rejecting those words, actions and behaviours that go against Christ’s teachings, and embracing those biblical principles that foment unity, cohesion and engagement.

Richard Reddie, Director of Justice and Inclusion, CTBI
