



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 Wednesday 20 May**. Thank you! Here is the online version here:

<https://ctih.org/newsletter/>

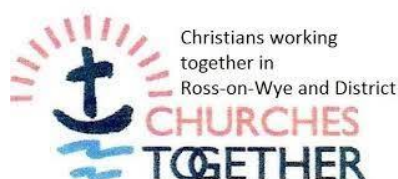
Churches Together/Christians Together groups

Christians Together in Ewyas Harold and District

An ecumenical Easter service was preceded by the Walk of Witness which was hosted by the Baptist church. It is great to see this foundational event continue to be utilised, so everyone experiences the reverence of the Lord.



Churches Together in Ross-on-Wye and District



The Easter Sunrise service was very well attended as everyone gathered to celebrate that Christ is risen!



“[St Mary’s Church] are planning a short service at noon on Ascension Day, 14 May. [We are also] inviting people to join us in a twenty-four-hour prayer vigil from midnight on 17 May to midnight on 18 May. People are asked to sign up to pray for one hour either alone or with friends in their own homes. There will be a display and a sign-up sheet for the vigil in the side chapel at St Mary’s in due course or if you or your church congregation would like to take part I can send you a sign-up sheet.

We do hope that you will join us in this Prayer Initiative. For further information please contact the parish office or email me Canon Freda Davies at freda@rossparishes.uk”.

THE CHURCHES OF ROSS
INVITE YOU TO JOIN

PENTECOST "BRING THE FIRE"

**24
MAY**

BBQ

FUN GAMES | GREAT VIBES

**LIVE
MUSIC**

**FREE
EVENT**

In the grounds of
St Mary's Church
12 - 2 pm
Inside if wet

CHURCHES
TOGETHER
IN ROSS AND DISTRICT

The next monthly Churches Together in Ross prayer meeting will be on 31 May, 7:30pm at the Larruperz Centre.

Thy Kingdom Come



Thy Kingdom Come is an initiative that runs from Ascension to Pentecost where you pray for 5 people to know Jesus. They have updated their ecumenical resources for 2026. They also have developed some resources for children at [Thy Kingdom Come](#).

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THY KINGDOM COME

11 DAY PRAYER ADVENTURE FOR CHILDREN 2026

Written by Revd Canon Jean Kerr

Hereford Prayer Walk

HEREFORD CITY CHURCHES

City Prayer Walk

Pray at the ancient gates of Hereford

Saturday 16th May 2026
Cathedral Green

Meet from 9:45
Walk begins at 10am

Seven gates. One city. Come and pray.

Hereford's ancient gates have marked the edges of this city for centuries - silent witnesses to everything that has passed through them. Christians from across the city are invited to walk and pray: for our streets, our neighbours, and the flourishing of Hereford.

THE SEVEN GATES OF HEREFORD

All are welcome - whatever your tradition, whichever church you are from.

HEREFORD CITY CHURCHES
- 2026

The One



(Photo credit: Erin Hankins and Grace Edwards)

“‘The One’ is a space run by young adults, for young adults — a space to ask questions, explore faith, worship, pray, and build genuine, lasting friendships (just like we already have). Our heart is to create a place where young adults feel known, supported, and encouraged in their walk with God, while complementing the incredible work already happening across churches in Herefordshire.

As young adults in Herefordshire, we’ve been so grateful for the strong support and community provided through churches and youth groups growing up. Now we’ve moved beyond the 11–16 age group most commonly catered for, we recognise a need for more opportunities to stay connected with other Christians at a similar stage of life. As three young people united by a passion to see young adults connect and deepen their faith, we decided to create something ourselves.



Since launching last December, we’ve hosted three gatherings with the aim of helping young people grow their faith in ways that are meaningful to them. Through panels, a Q&A on personal faith, a worship night, sharing testimonies and exploring Scripture together we’ve tried to have something on offer for everyone. With so much going on, there’s been opportunity for people to get involved and be a part of our team, be a part of growing and supporting God’s Kingdom in Herefordshire.

At the core of each event is a recognition that everyone is on a different journey, has different giftings and ideas that we want to support and grow.

To see what we're up to, you can visit our instagram @the_one_hfd or you can contact us at theonehfd@gmail.com."

Erin Hankins

UCB Prayerline Volunteers



Do you have a heart for helping others? Do you feel God is calling you deeper into your prayer life? Are you interested in becoming a UCB Prayerline volunteer? Then click here to find out more: [UCB Prayerline Volunteering](#)

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!

Rural Mission and Ministry Course

19-20 May 2026

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[Yarnfield Park, Staffordshire. ST15 0NL](#)

10 – 11 November 2026

[St Columba's House, Woking. GU22 8AB](#)

Designed for those serving in rural contexts, lay and ordained, from all denominations, the course blends practical input with space to rest, reflect, and share with others who understand the joys and challenges of rural ministry. We'll explore themes like community engagement, communication, farming, vision-setting, and resilience—all grounded in real-life rural experience.

Whether you're new to rural ministry or many years in, this is a chance to be resourced and refreshed.

[Click here to find out more and book.](#)

Church Action on Poverty



A poster for 'A Just Church: Food, Faith & Fellowship' event. The title is in large red and black text. Below it, the date '18 October 2026' and the Church Action on Poverty Sunday logo are visible. A testimonial from Rasoul, a man with a beard wearing a green high-visibility vest, is featured in a photo. The testimonial reads: 'I came for food but I found not just food - I found a job, a Church, a family and God'. Below the photo, it says 'Rasoul, Doxa Deo Community Church, Kingston'. At the bottom, it says 'Give, Act & Pray with us. Together, we can challenge the injustices of poverty.' and provides the website 'www.church-poverty.org.uk/sunday' along with a QR code.

Give, Act & Pray with us

Together, we can challenge the injustices of poverty

Find out more and sign up at

www.church-poverty.org.uk/sunday

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](#).

Barnfest



This is a Christian conference that takes place on a farm in a barn in Newent! There are speakers, children and youth work and you can also camp overnight! For more information go to [Barnfest.uk](#).



"A double calling"



"During the installation of the Most Revd Dame Sarah Mullally as Archbishop of Canterbury, the Revd Dr Tessa Henry-Robinson, one of the Presidents of Churches Together in England (CTE) (pictured), asked the new Archbishop to sign an Ecumenical Covenant "and join your voice to ours in prayer and in the service of the Gospel in our nation." [Read more.](#)

Tessa told CTE that it's "a double calling to serve the Gospel and to navigate structures rarely shaped with women's leadership in mind". Read her thoughts in [Smashing the stained-glass ceiling.](#)"

Through the Roof



‘One Body, Many Parts’: Independence or Interdependence? Disability Awareness Sunday 2026

‘One Body, Many Parts’ (1 Corinthians 12) is the theme of this year’s [Disability Awareness Sunday](#) on 27 September 2026. Young autistic Christian author, Triona Brading, is encouraging all churches to ‘save the date’!

Triona is one of the authors of a new book: ‘Belonging without Barriers’, a much-needed resource on disability inclusion as a gospel issue, due out on 20 March 2026. Also, by Triona Brading is ‘In His Image’, a colourful children’s book on what it means to be neurodivergent.

For Disability Awareness Sunday, Triona is teaming up with charity Through the Roof on a new free resource for churches, due out in April, exploring how all types of people are needed in God’s Church – including those who are disabled or neurodivergent.

In a video to accompany the resource, Triona will share her story of discovering, aged 21, that she is autistic. She is passionate about sharing the truth that being ‘different’ (in how your body or brain works) does not stop you being part of God’s family or using your gifts to strengthen it. **‘You are the body of Christ. Each one of you is a part of it.’** (1 Cor. 12:27).

To read on go to: [CTiH latest news and events](#)



Zoom

This session will offer insight and practical and helpful resources to support your church in engaging effectively with local primary and/or secondary schools.

[Register for your free place here](#)

Care for the Family



Connect your church with local schools



Wednesday 3 June 2026



7.30pm–9.15pm

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