



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 Monday 20 July**. Thank you! Here is the online version here: <https://ctih.org/newsletter/>

Reflection from the Hereford City Prayer walk by Rosi Taylor, Secretary for Churches Together in Hereford

“On a (thankfully) dry Saturday in May Christians from many churches in the city and beyond met in the Cathedral grounds to start our Prayer Walk. It roughly followed the old city limits marked by the ‘Gates’ so we split into groups – one for each gate. I joined a group where I knew nobody, specifically to meet others; the rest of my group all seemed to know each other and were surprised by my reasoning – but very welcoming! We started at Widemarsh Gate; the group leader explained some of the history of the gate, and then we spent 10 minutes or so in prayer, both spoken and silent, before proceeding to the next gate, and so on. The prayers for the city were wide-ranging: for the businesses, the workers, the churches, all those involved in education, those who’ve sadly been tempted to end their lives in the river and those who’ve been involved in their rescue or recovery.... Eventually all the groups congregated at the Cathedral Green but individuals were free to leave at any point and I had to leave before the finale.

It was an uplifting and encouraging event – certainly our group didn’t encounter any hostility – and it would be wonderful if it could be repeated, annually perhaps?”

By Rosi Taylor

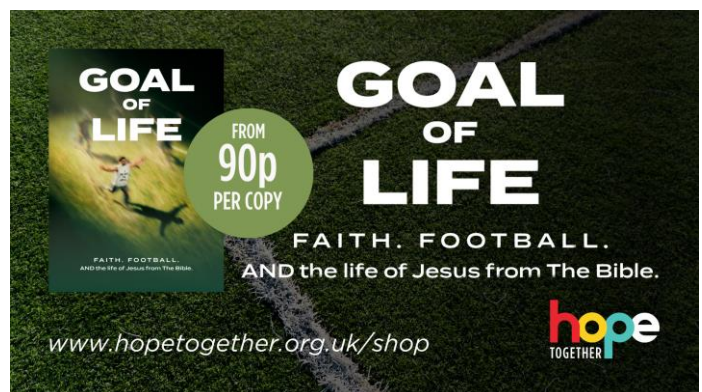
Churches/Christian Together Groups

Churches Together in Weobley

The Pilgrimage of Our Lady of the Waters and the Wye (16 August)

The pilgrimage is to help to raise awareness of the plight of the river Wye. Our Lady of the Wye will be floated between two canoes and the canoes rowed along a 75-mile stretch of the river. The pilgrimage starts at St Mary’s Church Hay-on-Wye with various stops for reflection along the way. St Thomas Catholic Church, Weobley will host Our Lady on Sunday 16th August from 3:00 -5:00 pm. Afternoon tea served in the parish room. All are welcome to attend to visit “Our Lady of the Wye.”

Hope Together – Goal for Life



This summer, Goal of Life — a football-themed Gospel from our friends at Hope Together, helps you share the message of Jesus during one of the world's most-watched events. Go to <http://www.hopetogether.org.uk/shop> to find out more!

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](#)

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.

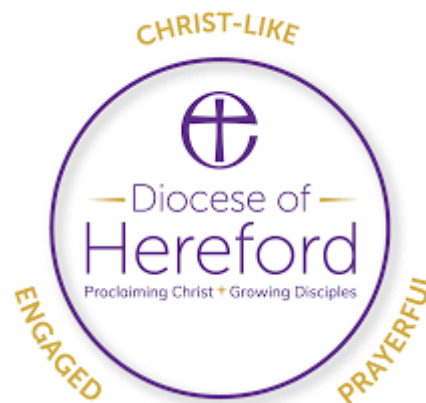
For Disability Awareness Sunday, Triona is teaming up with charity Through the Roof on a new free resource for churches, due out in April, exploring how all types of people are needed in God’s Church – including those who are disabled or neurodivergent.

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

Kingdom Over Nation CTE resource



CTE have compiled a series of resources as an ecumenical response to Christian nationalism. Have a read of these resources and tell us how you think they might impact your CT group and your church: go to Churches Together in England’s website and search [Kingdom Over Nation](#) or click the link. CTiH and CTE would love to know your thoughts. Email me at herefordshireceo@gmail.com!



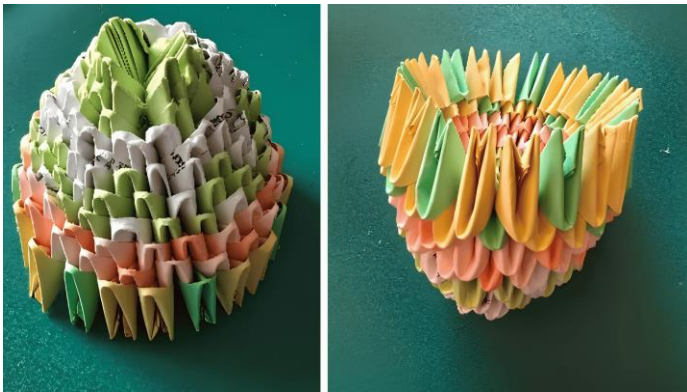
“New Guidance about Publishing Photographs of Children

Our Safeguarding and Education teams have recently received important new guidance for schools about the use of photographs of pupils, which may also be relevant for other church

groups such as parish websites, social media pages etc. Following some serious criminal exploitation of such photographs, the new guidance from the UK Safer Internet Centre sets out why using photographs of children in media channels now needs to be balanced carefully against an emerging safeguarding risk.

The full guidance, including a checklist of actions, is available here: [Image Guidance | UK Safer Internet Centre](#)."

"Prayer Beads project harnesses collective prayer for those suffering from conflicts



The Herefordshire Prayer Beads Project aims to bring together people from across the county to reflect on the human cost of armed conflict, displacement, and migration. Spear-headed by local Christian Helen Mealins, the project invites people to pause, reflect, and write down their personal reflections and prayers for the world's most vulnerable people on slips of paper, and then to fold these into modular origami units. The units will be assembled into decorative beads and strung together to form a prayer bead set. The finished artwork will go on public display and will serve as a visible reminder of the power of collective prayer.

Helen grew up in Lebanon during its devastating civil war. She witnessed first-hand the suffering of Palestinian refugees living in a camp next to her school. "As a child I learned what it means to be forced from your home. I saw the suffering behind the statistics," said

Helen.

With support from Hereford College of Art and the diocese, the project has made a strong start with over 600 participants from churches, schools and community groups crafting some 2500 units. To reach its goal of making up to 12,000 folded units, Helen is inviting others to get involved during Refugee Week (15 – 21 June 2026). Packs will be available across the county during Refugee Week, or [direct from Helen](#) by post. You can [read the full story on our website](#)."

Catholic-Pentecostal dialogue begins in England



One in Christ Jesus,
engaged in God's mission,
empowered by the Spirit



A Catholic and Pentecostal dialogue has started this year which is really encouraging. We will be praying as this moves forward that conversation sparks an increasing desire to unite!

"Conversations move beyond introduction to relationship as this new ecumenical dialogue starts with a shared commitment to learning and discerning together. [Read more...](#)"

Further and Higher: new introductory course to Further and Higher Education chaplaincy



A Training Course for Chaplains working in Further and Higher Education

This four-module course created by the Institute for Children, Youth and Mission (CYM) and St. Peter's Saltley Trust includes four contact sessions and several hours' self-directed learning, using videos and written material.

First (pilot) course, led by experienced education chaplains, will run in early autumn 2026. Cost £20. Get in touch to register your interest bursar@saltleytrust.org.uk.

Responding to a Generation Searching for Hope



"The growing interest in faith among Gen Z is an opportunity for Christians to share the hope they have in Jesus.

That's the vision behind Wild Hope, a national initiative running 4–13 July, equipping young adults to share Jesus with their friends, housemates, course mates, colleagues and communities. As more young people ask questions about meaning and purpose, Christians can step into those conversations

with confidence and compassion.

Whether you're a young adult yourself or know someone who is, Wild Hope offers a fun and inspiring summer mission, equipping a generation to share Jesus with their generation."

[Sign up now](#)

Single Friendly Church



Join a Single Friendly Church Week Q&A



If you're interested in taking part, have questions or would like to talk through ideas for your church, our Church Engagement Officer, Liz would love to meet you at one of her online SFC Week Q&A sessions:

Mon 13th July at 4pm - [Register](#)

Wed 16th Sept at 12pm - [Register](#)