

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 August**. Thank you! Here is the online version here:

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

Churches/Christian Together Groups

Churches Together in Kington



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 16 August from 3:00-5:00 pm.

Afternoon tea will be served in the parish room. All are welcome to attend to visit "Our Lady of the Wye."

Christians Together in Bromyard

All youth are welcome to Bedrock Youth Night below!



CTiH AGM 2026

Our CTiH AGM is now on our Youtube channel:

<https://youtu.be/hD7r6c3N8kU>. Watch to be updated on what's gone on across the County recently!



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](#)

Annual Memorial Service

ANNUAL MEMORIAL SERVICE
Celebrating Lives

Remembering those who are homeless, in temporary and supported accommodation in Herefordshire.

A time to reflect, remember and celebrate the lives of people in our communities.

DATE
Thursday
3rd September
2026

TIME
2.00pm

VENUE
St Peter's Church,
St Peter's Square,
Hereford HR1 2PG

*All are welcome.
Everyone belongs.*

This service is for everyone affected by homelessness, including those living in temporary and supported accommodation, and the staff and volunteers who walk alongside them.

*Come together in community.
in hope, and in remembrance.*

AFTER THE SERVICE, JOIN US AT LEE'S PLACE
ACROSS THE ROAD FOR REFRESHMENTS AND TIME TOGETHER.

Hosted by Community Power and St Peter's Church

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, published 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 the charity 'Through the Roof' on a new free resource for churches, 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: [Kingdom Over Nation](https://kingdom-over-nation.org.uk). CTiH and CTE would love to know your thoughts. Email me at herefordshireceo@gmail.com

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



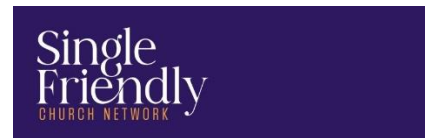
A Training Course for Chaplains working in Further and Higher Education

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. The cost is £20. Get in touch to register your interest bursar@saltleytrust.org.uk.

Single Friendly Church

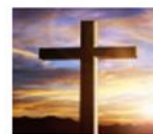


Join a Single Friendly Church Week Q&A



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:

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



Local Discipleship Action Learning Cohort - recruiting now for early 2027 start



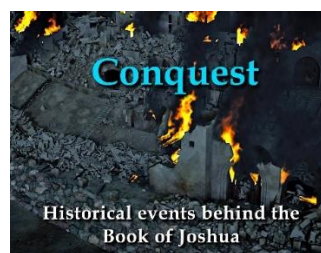
Are you a local church seeking to deepen the culture of on-going discipleship and spiritual growth in your congregation(s)? Are you wondering how you can go about practically doing this in a way that works for your congregation and context? Do you want to try some ideas out/reflect upon it with a group of like-minded other church leaders and with input and support to learn from your experiences?

Starting in January 2027, Eido Research and St Peter's Saltley Trust are currently recruiting local churches to form a small community on a year-long journey of coming up with practical ideas to promote on-going discipleship and spiritual growth, trying them out, and reflecting on whether they worked or not.

For more information see:

<https://www.saltleytrust.org.uk/local-discipleship-action-learning-cohort-recruiting-now-for-early-2027-start/>

Biblical History Group



The next Biblical History meeting is a little over a week away on Saturday 8 August, starting at the usual time of 2 pm, with tea/coffee being served from 1:30. Once again, we are in the Chapterhouse Conference Room.

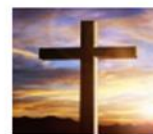
The subject this time is 'Conquest' – that is the archaeological evidence for the Conquest of the Promised Land by Joshua and the Israelites. This is an action-packed topic with lots of amazing archaeological discoveries which confirm the biblical narrative. To see the rest of the itinerary please go CTiH news.

URC West Midlands Synod Clerk



You may have read in the July Synod newsletter that Rachel Wakeman, Synod Clerk, is taking early retirement and will be leaving her employment with the West Midlands Synod after the Synod Meeting in October.

We are now recruiting a new Synod Clerk and ask that you spread the news far and wide to enable us to fill



this vacancy which is much needed to ensure the smooth operation of Synod through its schedule of meetings and activities. The person should be a member of the United Reformed Church.

This is a paid post of 21 hours per week, usually home-based with occasional meetings at the Synod Office. It could also be office-based, or hybrid, depending on the individual.

Details are attached and, on our website, here: <https://urcwestmidlands.org.uk/synod-clerk-now-recruiting/>

Deadline: Monday 10 August (noon)

Shortlisting: Wednesday 12 August

Interviews: Tuesday 25 August

Message for Churches/Christians Together groups from Herefordshire Homeless Forum

Summer SWEP (Severe Weather Emergency Protocol) was triggered during recent heatwaves, with teams providing sun lotion, water, battery-operated fans, and access to air-conditioned spaces, Lee's Place has been made available 1-4pm during the hot weather with SWEP days supported by the Rough Sleeper Outreach Team.

Outreach efforts continue in market towns, utilizing Street Link responses to identify and support new individuals sleeping rough outside the city.

As so much of the energy and support is focused on Hereford, can Churches/Christians Together Groups mobilise local church members to be on the lookout for people sleeping rough in the market towns and outlying villages, so that they can alert them to the summer SWEP provision and/or provide support for them in the hot weather.

A crucial additional action is to report the person to the Rough Sleeper Outreach Team (RSOT) through the Streetlink website, so that the team will be alerted to their presence and location, then go to their assistance.

Thank you!

Revive Café



Revive Café, based at CLC Hereford, are looking for someone to cook on Thursdays. No experience is needed as full training will be given. A lovely lunch is provided whenever you serve, and we have a great team to work with. All you need is just a welcoming smile, a willingness to learn, and maybe coming alongside someone who needs a hearing ear or a comforting word and find a warm welcome in peaceful surroundings. We



were recently voted winner of the Hereford Times Best Community Project.

Contact Lesley Marrett at lesleymarrett@aol.com, or drop in to Revive Cafe and have a chat. Tel: 01432271071

Growing Peace Project (GPP)



Growing Peace Project (GPP) is a programme for Herefordshire primary school children, run under the auspices of the Millichap Peace Fund:

www.millichappeacefund.org.uk

The outcome of the peace education programme is for young people to learn peaceful actions, behaviour, language and techniques which can become the norm. This leads them into becoming more confident, kinder, thoughtful and more aware youngsters. The programme is usually delivered in one-hour sessions over six weeks.

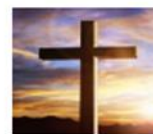
The key tool is working within a circle where ideas and opinions can be shared. Listening and speaking to each other have important roles in developing empathy, and emotional literacy. Games and activities all have purpose and are fun strategies for

learning and understanding. Role play and discussion enable the children to understand the source of anger, worries and concerns and offer them positive and safe techniques for dealing with those emotions.

Set up in 2023, it has reached over 600 pupils in some 15 rural and urban schools in Herefordshire and surrounding areas. Requests for the programme are increasing throughout Herefordshire and the Welsh borders and often schools ask for return visits.

To meet this growing demand, GPP is looking for more volunteers to help deliver the project. Volunteers are offered training and travel expenses are paid. All volunteers need to have an Enhanced DBS which can be arranged through the programme. You don't need to be a teacher to volunteer - just an interest in supporting young people to develop peaceful ways. Incidentally, the class teacher is always in the room and usually joins the activities.

If you are interested in learning more, or know someone who may be interested in volunteering, please contact mailto:growingpeace@millichappeacefund.org.uk.



24/7 Prayer: 12-13 September 2026

Sign up for the Global Week of 24/7 prayer from 12-13 September! We need as many people praying as possible across all denominations. [Sign up here!](#)

in Israeli settler violence in the West Bank has decimated communities. [Learn more about the coalition.](#)



24 HOURS OF PRAYER

8am Saturday 12 to 8 am Sunday 13 September

WHEN time	WHERE venue	WHAT prayer activity	WHO intercessors
8am	Cathedral Lady Chapel	Morning prayer	All invited
8:30	Cathedral Lady Chapel	Cathedral Eucharist	All invited
9-11am	Booth porch (meet at cathedral north porch on the half hour for access 9, 9:30, 10, 10:30)	Prayer meeting	Limited Numbers & access challenging for mobility
10-11:15	Cathedral Tower	Prayer meeting	Numbers limited to 20
11-12noon	Stanbury Chapel	Prayer for peace	Numbers limited due to space
12-3:30pm	Cathedral Green	Prayer Gazebo	Passers by
3:30-5:30	Booth porch (meet at cathedral north porch on the half hour for access 3:30, 4, 4:30, 5)	Prayer meeting	Limited Numbers & access challenging for mobility
5:30-6:30	Cathedral Nave	Evensong	All invited
6:30pm - 8am	Beyond cathedral precincts Praying at home	Prayer walking TBC	All invited Sign up to pray online 24/7

Commitment for Life



The URC, alongside its world justice programme Commitment for Life, is part of a UK-wide, cross-denominational coalition calling for an end to the illegal occupation of Palestine. The "Time to Act" campaign, organised by the Just Peace Coalition of churches and charities, says the conflict in the Middle East and the rise

Single Friendly Church Week

27 September – 4 October 2026

We are inviting everyone – from church leadership to people in the pews – to join our 8-day campaign **Single Friendly Church Week!**

For one week, churches, leaders, and individuals across the UK are coming together to say clearly: single people at every stage of life are welcomed, valued, and included here. Whether you're never married, divorced, widowed, or a single parent, you belong at the heart of this community, and not on its edges.

This is your invitation to be part of the movement. Hosting an event during Single Friendly Church Week doesn't have to be complicated, it just has to be intentional. Together, we can inspire a culture shift that helps every person in your congregation truly flourish.

Not sure where to begin?

We want to make sure you have all the resources you need to take part in whichever way suits your church community, so have created a



variety of things to help you. Start with downloading our [SFCW Resource Pack](#), joining our [online Q&A sessions](#), or brainstorm with others how to celebrate Single Friendly Church Week.

[Start the journey here](#)

Belonging Conference - 26 September 2026



“We're kicking off Single Friendly Church Week with your invitation to our conference ***‘Belonging: Every single person: loved, welcomed and valued’***.”

You are invited to a thought-provoking day of talks, panel discussions and workshops all on theology of singleness, single ministry as mission, the nuances of relationship status, single people's stories, and much more. This is not an event for single people solely but to ask how we can change the culture around singleness in churches across denominations.

When: Saturday 26 September, 10am - 4pm

Where: St Ethelburga's Centre,
78 Bishopsgate, London EC2N 4AG

We've designed the day to be a single friendly experience, with a variety of ways to engage and participate. Full programme details to follow soon.

Register here
