

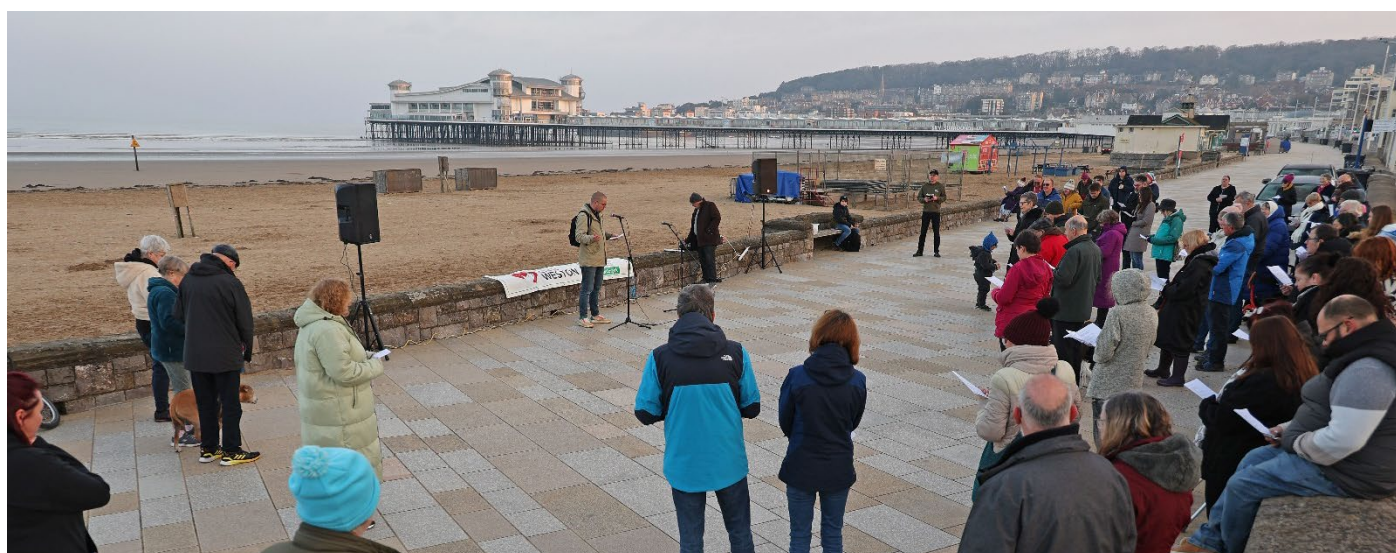
Reflecting on 2023 and Looking Forward to 2024

"How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!" (Psalm 133:1)

We have so much to be thankful for as we look back on 2023 with grateful hearts!

On behalf of the Executive Committee of CTWD, I would like to thank each of our local Church leaders and your congregations for participating in our joint acts of worship and witness, vigils for Ukraine and other community focused initiatives this year.

The **Good Friday and Easter Sunday Sunrise Services** in Weston and Worle were blessed with good weather and were an apt opportunity to witness to the message of Hope that we have in Jesus through the resurrection! We are thankful to Rev Craig Philbrick and the team at St Paul's Church for coordinating Easter Sunday morning and the delicious hot breakfast rolls!



Deacon Gary Hoare retired as President this year after several years of leadership. We honoured his dedicated contributions with a presentation and a public vote of thanks on Good Friday. Emily Cumberbatch (Locking Castle Church) is our acting President.

Ukraine - We have continued to gather to pray for Ukraine, both in the town centre and across the local churches. The most recent was at Locking Castle Church, marking 600 days

since the war started. Holy Trinity Elim, St Paul's and several other Churches are supporting the Ukrainian Community living in Weston. There is a Ukrainian hub in Waterloo Street.



AbbeyCare Homes, a local care charity have been running coffee mornings for people living in the town centre, raising awareness and supporting the needs of the elderly.



In Crisis Sheet - CTWD once again have partnered in the production of the In Crisis Sheet – managed by Key Steps, which is a useful resource for sign-posting people in need over the winter months. Links include mental health, benefits, housing, debt and food.



2024 – as we look towards 2024, CTWD are consulting with local leaders as to our format and governance. We are keen to operate using 21st century communications and management tools and to remain relevant and responsive to the needs of our communities across Weston as well as remaining true to our mission and values.

Invitation to Pray-in 2024! - Christians from all local churches are invited to join together for 'New Year's Prayers for Weston' on Thurs 11th January 2024 – 7pm as part of the St Paul's Church '**Encounter**' evening. We hope you can be with us!

Wishing you His richest blessings for 2024.

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