

MISSION-NEWS-SOMERSET

April 2019

News

Churches working together in times of uncertainty. In the current political climate many churches and church leaders have been working together for the common good. Below are three ongoing initiatives that try to bring hope and reconciliation in times of uncertainty. These are all ongoing: The Presidents of Churches Together in England continue to call all Christians and churches to pray together about Brexit: <https://www.cte.org.uk/Publisher/Article.aspx?ID=542972> The national Rural Officers have written a letter with information about pastoral agencies supporting those in the rural economy who might be facing particular difficulties: [https://](https://www.cte.org.uk/Publisher/Article.aspx?ID=540206)



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The National Church Leaders Forum have produced a statement about knife crime, together with a list of actions to be taken. Full details follow on page 3 as not covered in CTe-News before, but the link is: [https://www.cte.org.uk/Articles/543764/Home/News/Latest news/NCLF statement re.aspx](https://www.cte.org.uk/Articles/543764/Home/News/Latest%20news/NCLF%20statement%20re.aspx)

Lambeth Awards presented to previous Gen Sec and current PMR staff at CTE. The previous General Secretary of CTE, The Reverend Dr David Cornick, General Secretary of CTE until September 2018, received the Lambeth Cross for Ecumenism for his outstanding sustained contribution to the development of ecumenical life and witness in England. Bishop Dr Joseph Aldred, Pentecostal and Multicultural Relations at CTE was awarded the Langton Award for Community Service 2019 for his outstanding mission to the UK's African-Caribbean community and to the wider church. The Lambeth Awards, launched by Archbishop Justin Welby in 2016, recognise outstanding service in different fields, including those of the Archbishop's ministry priorities of prayer and the Religious life; reconciliation and peace building; and evangelism and witness.



"Pray4YourPolice" is a new prayer initiative for the whole United Kingdom that the Christian Police Association (CPA) is launching this spring. The aim is to encourage individuals and churches to mobilise in prayer for their local police and for the communities they serve. Lee Russell, Executive Director for CPA is keen to let all police chaplains know about this event and invites you to contact your local CPA branch leader if you wish to support any local events

“That we should act together in all matters except those in which deep differences of conviction compel us to act Separately”

- The Lund Principle

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The latest version of the monthly mailing of news from **Churches Together in England** is now available at: www.cte.org.uk/news .

Events

Come and join them for a peaceful afternoon at Ammerdown **meeting our Baha'i Neighbours** this Sunday 28th April from 2.30-5pm. Tea and cake will be served! No charge. Let Ammerdown know if you attending by calling 01761 433709 or emailing christine.clinch@ammerdown.org

Faith at the Musicals. Sat 4 May 7.30pm - 9.30pm St Michael's Centre, Stoke Gifford, Bristol, BS34 8PD Price: £6 (Family tickets are available at £18 for 4 people) Booking: [Click Here](#). Join West End Has Faith singers (a group of professional singers working in musical theatre, who are Christian or interested in exploring their faith) from London's West End for a magical night at the musicals as they bring the passion and power of some of the most well-loved West End musical numbers. They'll be sharing their own stories and speaking about the work of Tearfund.

On **Saturday 11th May**, two members of Bath Abbey Staff, Sue Clark and Karen Gallagher are undertaking a marathon walk from Bishop Cannings to Bath along the Canal as part of the RUH Forever Friends Walk of Life. They are raising money for the Acute Stroke Unit and if anyone would like to sponsor them, they have a joint JustGiving page. The link can be found at <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/sue-clark15> . All donations will be greatly appreciated.

Handel's Messiah Saturday 11 May 7pm with Bath Abbey Choirs of Girls and Men at Bath Abbey, conducted by Huw Williams and accompanied by leading early music ensemble, Canzona. The Messiah, composed in 1742, remains one of George Frederic Handel's most well-known and best-loved works. Ticket prices ranging from £7 - £12 from Bath Box Office 01225 463 362 / www.bathboxoffice.org.uk

Charity concert by the four-part Welsh Ebbw Fach Choir in Clevedon on Sunday 12 May at 7pm, for the benefit of the Mahola Project (www.maholaproject.org). We are looking forward to seeing you there. More information from Mario Kossmann mario.kossmann@yahoo.fr



Open the Book 20TH ANNIVERSARY THANKSGIVING SERVICE. Wells Cathedral - Saturday 18th May 2019 - 5:15 pm - 6:15 pm The Dean and Chapter of Wells have very kindly offered the Cathedral for this service of thanksgiving and celebration. No tickets, payment or booking required . Car parks available around the city. Wells Cathedral, Cathedral Green, Wells, BA5 2UE

Journeys of the Heart: An invitation to the spiritual path of Meister Eckhart – the medieval Dominican friar who remains one of Christianity's great spiritual and literary voices. Mark Burrows, a scholar of medieval theology and professor of religion and literature in Bochum, Germany will be voicing a poetic rendering of Eckhart's teaching. He will be speaking in Bath at the Royal Literary and Scientific Institute on Friday 31st May at 6.45pm for 7.15pm. Suggested donation £10. For details or to book your place (essential) email bristol@christianmeditation.org.uk or call 01275 463727 or book via Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/journeys-of-the-heart-tickets-55007602219>.

Little Sunbeams
Baby & Toddler Group

fun

Tuesday Mornings
(Term time only)
10.00am - 11.30am
Play, song/story time.
Good coffee & refreshments
Ages 0 - 5 years - All welcome
£1.50 per session

Venue:
St Bartholomew's Church Hall
St Bartholomew's Church, Abbey Street, Crewkerne
TA18 7HY. 01460 72047 sibartspariah@gmail.com

Hear the Author's story
Poetry Reading
and Book Signing Event

Thurs 9th May 7pm - 8.30pm
The Chocolate Quarter

The **SANCTUARY**
GOSPELS in
HARMONY

Bible readings and original poems
that reveal the life of Jesus

Start to Finish

MARTIN WILD
FOREWORD BY REV. DR STEVE JONATHAN

www.martinwildpoet.com

National Day of Prayer for Police

Thursday 30th May 2019

Pray for

- Police officers and the wider policing family
- Safety whilst on duty
- Helping to keep communities safe
- Innovative, compassionate and courageous solutions to policing issues
- Help in making difficult resourcing decisions

CPA
CHRISTIAN POLICE ASSOCIATION

THE KINGDOM COME

Stake 9 team
www.stake9.org.uk

For more information and how to get involved,
please visit www.stake9.org.uk or phone 01933 405005

STOP PRESS



Plans are progressing for a number of open-air prayer events throughout Somerset as part of Churches Together in Somerset involvement with this global prayer initiative.

**Venues;
Bath,
Glastonbury,
Minehead and
Wellington**

More details to follow



Thy Kingdom Come Prayer Initiative 30th May—9th June

The Blessing Church in Bridgwater and Riverside Church Taunton, invite you to an **'Evening with Dennis DeGrasse'** on Wed May 15th 7.30pm at The Green, Wembdon, Holmberg Way, TA67BY. Further details Chris Stone (Riverside) or Linda Herbert (Blessing Church) [0781145743](tel:0781145743) or [07847343311](tel:07847343311) or [01278428957](tel:01278428957) inglami77@gmail.com ifo@theeaglemountainchurch.com

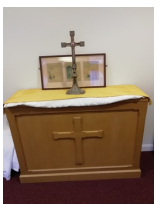
New Housing Conference Tuesday 18th June 10:00 – 16:00

Quaker Meeting House, Taunton. Keynote speakers: Revd Ali Boulton (Baptist SW), leader of the national New Housing Hub and co-author of Pioneer Association Ministry in New Housing Areas: Personal Reflections and a Practical Guide, and David Maggs (Mission Team leader for the Diocese of Bath and Wells) Workshops from parish and deanery leaders and pioneer practitioners in areas of new housing. Lunch and refreshments provided. Please register your interest with allie.white@bathwells.anglican.org

Opportunities.

If you need funding for a church maintenance or repair project, want to install a toilet or kitchen to improve community facilities, or are seeking early stage funding (such as for a feasibility report) for your place of worship, then the Somerset Churches Trust grant schemes could help you, Applications must be made online on their website at www.nationalchurchestrust.org/our-grants where you can find the most up to date information, including deadline dates and detailed guidance. Applications welcomed from any church. <https://www.somersetchurchestrust.org>

With changes to the Burham Hospital Sanctuary the faith space needs to be cleared of some of the furniture, which will then be replaced with items more suited to the room's new use. One of those pieces of furniture is a light oak Altar. This is a simple but nice piece of furniture looking for a new home. The Dimensions are: Altar - 1220W X 420D X 900H For further details contact Bernard Spilsbury bernie.alto@gmail.com



Elim Connect Wells have a vacancy at their Direct Bed Hostel for a Leader Support Worker 35 hours per week for their rural direct access hostel for rough sleepers. Please click the link for further information: <http://www.connect-centre.org.uk/job-vacancies>

Resources.



As of 25 April 2019, the World Council of Churches (WCC) Annual Review 2018 is available for download online. The annual review records many of the WCC's activities undertaken in 2018 and continuing into 2019. [Download the WCC's Annual Review 2018](#)

Light up the World! With just over a month to go until **THY KINGDOM COME** starts, be part of the 'Light up the World' online at www.thykingdomcome.global/lightuptheworld. Put simply – when you register an event or pledge to pray your local area will light up

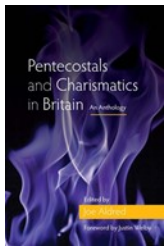
Customisable videos to encourage local churches and communities to pledge to pray and register. go to <https://gochattervideos.com/thy-kingdom-come/>

New films two new videos – the first is from Jasmine Yeboah, Youth President of the Methodist Church, who shares her wisdom and passion on the theme of Praise. See a preview first at : <https://vimeo.com/332256956> The second is from Dr Krish Kandiah on what it means to be part of God's family <https://vimeo.com/330989692>

Resources This year we have church packs for Thy Kingdom Come with two different types of design available. These packs include template posters, flyers, invitations and other useful resources. Find out more and order resources here: www.cpo.org.uk/thykingdomcome



Pentecostals and Charismatics in Britain. An Anthology, Although part of a worldwide Christian spirituality, Pentecostals and Charismatics in the UK are rooted in British religiosity dating back to at least the 1920s. However, the emergence of migrant communities from the Caribbean and Africa since the 1950s has tended to attract popular attention and consequentially has come to represent the popular public face of Pentecostals and Charismatics in Britain. This collection of essays draws upon the scholarship of eminent academics and practitioners in the field of Pentecostal and Charismatic studies, who together consider the history of pentecostal and charismatic movements, their relationship with mainline Christian churches and their engagement with the social, economic and political world. With a foreword by Justin Welby. Price £20.00 and [available to purchase](#) here.



And finally ...



Journey of the Magi – A festive, light-hearted, joyful event with a moving and profound message. Share the joy and wonder of Christmas with your church and local community through this exhilarating, critically acclaimed performance. The show offers a bridge between contemporary life and Jesus's birth, comparing our own personal journey to Christmas day with the journey that the wise men took. With sparkle and songs to keep the children engrossed and bags of good humour for the grown-ups, Springs is inviting churches to host a performance of **Journey of the Magi**, which will be available nationally from 23rd November to 23rd December 2019. Further information can be found on the Springs Dance Company website page <https://springsdancecompany.org.uk/>

Contact Us

Give me a call for more information on ecumenical life, witness and mission in **Churches Together in Somerset**, Alan Dixon, 8 Applewood Close, Chippenham SN14 0JG Email sctgether@outlook.com Tel: 01249 323475 Mobile: 07496 674331

I am the Resurrection and the Life

