

MISSION-NEWS-SOMERSET

July 2019

News



Last year, the UN released a report warning that we only have 12 years left to limit global temperature rise below the recommended 1.5 degrees agreed at the Paris talks. The Climate Coalition along with Christian Aid brought the demands for the UK to commit to net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2045 with a **'The Time Is Now' mass lobby of MPs.** (Wednesday 26 June) The lobby brought together over 12,000 people of all ages and backgrounds, of all faiths and none. This was the biggest mass lobby ever held in the UK, with 328 MPs engaged (just over half). In the South West Christian Aid lobbied 56% of MPs, and in Bristol & Somerset we spoke to 11 out of 15. A Christian Aid spokesperson indicated "In response to pressure from campaigners the UK Government set a commitment to net zero emissions by 2050 just before the lobby. However, we believe that with the political will, the falling costs of renewables and the possibilities for faster innovation we can and must get to net zero sooner than that – by 2045".

Gambling firms commit £60 million a year to treating addicts. Five of the UK's biggest gambling companies have committed to pay around £60 million a year towards treatment for problem gamblers. In response to growing calls to address harms caused by gambling addiction, William Hill, Ladbrokes Coral, Paddy Power Betfair, Skybet and Bet 365 have agreed to increase a voluntary levy on their profits from its current level of 0.1 per cent to 1 per cent by 2023. Separately, over the next four years, the firms have pledged to cumulatively spent £100 million on addiction treatment for the most needed. (The Independent)

Unity movements gather at national summit The inaugural Gather National Summit recently took place at the Ridgeway Centre in Milton Keynes, bringing together leaders of unity movements from across the UK. 150 people gathered from as far afield as Exeter and Edinburgh - mostly local church leaders seeking to deepen their commitment to ecumenical life, as well as a number of Christian organisations The event was a place of sharing inspiring stories, listening to where God is at work across the country, and having a chance to have your town or area prayed for by a dedicated prayer team. [report on the CTE website...](#)

Young Catholics Holy Land Pilgrimage 2019. Clifton Diocese Vocations, in conjunction with Downside Abbey, is currently on pilgrimage in the Holy Land with a group of 45 young adults from across the diocese At the time of preparing this newsletter they were on their way to celebrate Mass in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre.



"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

HEARTSONG: Evening Services at St Thomas's, Wells 6.30pm on August 4th & September 1st An informal contemplative service of sacred chant, poem, psalm and silent prayer to open the mind, soften the heart and draw us into the Presence of God and the Way of Christ.

Praise & Healing Service



CREWKERNE CHURCHES TOGETHER

6pm Sunday 27th July & 25th Aug

All welcome to Modern Praise & Healing Service with Crewkerne Churches Together

Modern worship songs & talk, prayer ministry after.
All welcome, go deeper in your praise to God
Venue: Baptist Church, Crewkerne
All Welcome



St Bartholomew's
Church Crewkerne

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From TORCH TRUST

Sight Loss Friendly Church Workshop

Bridgwater Baptist Church
St Mary St,
Bridgwater,
TA6 3LY

Saturday 28th September from
2.30 pm – 5.00 pm

Call or email
to book your place

This Free event is for

Welcomers

A V teams

Church Leaders and leaders of groups

All who are interested in Inclusion

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*Boosting Biodiversity
in your churchyard
—and beyond!*

10am—1pm, Sat 21st Sept

*A morning of practical advice,
workshops inspiration, coffee and cake
with local experts including*

- David Curry, Devon Living Churchyards
- Pippa Rayner, Somerset Wildlife Trust
- Chris Stringer, Frome Town Council
- Caroline Pomeroy, EcoChurch

Holy Trinity Churchyard, Frome BA11 3DE
Free of charge
All welcome!

For details contact: caroline.pomeroy@bathwells.anglican.org

EDUCATION SUNDAY

2019: Form and Flourish - to re-form



Education Sunday 2019 is taking place on **Sunday 8th September**. The theme is **'Form and flourish - to re-form'**. Resources are freely available for use by churches,

schools, colleges, groups and individuals, and can be found at www.cte.org.uk/educationsunday2019



Homeless Sunday has been part of the Christian calendar for more than a quarter of a century. It is an opportunity for churches of all denominations and people of all faiths to unite and show solidarity with those experiencing homelessness and to reflect and plan practical action on homelessness.



STOP PRESS

Lead Team
Chaplain to be
appointed to
Hinkley Point C
site.



Watch out for
announcement

This year's **Christian Resources Exhibition 2019** (15-17 Oct), will feature a Ladies' Day for the first time (Thu 17 Oct) – focusing on pressing issues faced by women inside and outside the church. The day will highlight the important contribution of women throughout history and set an agenda for the future. Among those contributing will be Saltmine Theatre Co (pictured) who will present Chosen, a play about the life of Mary Sumner, founder of the Mothers' Union. For more information on CRE National 2019 click [here](#).



Opportunities.

The Association of Interchurch Families are holding their annual weekend on the 12 - 13 October 2019 in Derbyshire at The Hayes and are currently looking for someone to lead the parallel youth programme. There is a budget for this work as well as accommodation and meals all supplied. It will be a small group of 10-16 year olds and they can possibly supply a support person if needed but do need someone to run the programme for the young people. Interested? Contact Doral Hayes on doral@interchurchfamilies.org.uk.

A reminder that of the **Allchurches Trust - grants for churches**. A new programme from the Allchurches Trust makes grants of up to £25,000 available to help churches and Christian organisations to connect with children and young people and forge lasting links with families in their area. Find out more at www.allchurches.co.uk/growinglives



Help people to break free from eating disorders.

People with eating disorders find themselves in a very dark place. tastelife aims to help them out of that darkness, by providing compassionate knowledge, understanding, and tools for recovery. Join this growing charity, train to run our 8-session tastelife course in your community, and offer sufferers and carers effective tools for recovery. Based on Christian values but suitable for all. Next training Coventry 26th - 28th September 2019. Contact debbie.niblett@tastelifeuk.org/ 07817 605349 or visit their website www.tastelifeuk.org.

Resources.

CPO have launched a new Facebook group called the Church Comms Project. This is a place to find support and ask questions about church communications. You can raise queries big or small and receive insightful replies from Church Comms Project team and peers within this space. This is a Private Facebook group meaning the questions are only seen by members, making it a safe place to discuss your communication quandary. Join the group on <https://cpo.us1.listmanage.com/track/click?u=bac51d2c95abeab38a441f573&id=5b4b65f2ec&e=e8ab61c791>

Premier Christian Radio have commissioned a series of special devotionals by Dr Jennifer Bute, a remarkable Christian doctor who specialised in working with those living with Dementia, entitled Precious Memories is free and downloadable to share with people living with dementia. Each short video includes well-known hymns, a Bible reading and a devotional by Jennifer. Go to for download <https://premierchristianmedia.co.uk/16DQ-6CVKC-NNNB2N-3NI0XS-1/c.aspx>



Flexible Framework for Local Unity in Mission. Churches Together in England has just published *A Flexible Framework for Local Unity in Mission*. The document is a reworking and renaming of *A New Framework*, issued some time ago. The re-published and slimmer text now includes hyperlinks. Pages no longer significant have been moved into 'the story' document, and there is a new PowerPoint presentation which can be freely used and adapted. Access the report and resource via www.cte.org.uk/AFlexibleFramework

The Student Christian Movement has recently launched Well Beings, a practical guide to good mental health for students. Produced in partnership with Space to Breathe, the resource is a response to a recent survey of students - showing that over 90% of students have had mental health problems, or are supporting someone who has poor mental health. The resource covers themes such as where to find help, how to face anxiety and how to build resilience. Each topic is presented along with simple, practical activities to help students develop good mental health. [Details here](#)



New book '**Anglican Evangelists**' launched. For twenty years, the Archbishops' College of Evangelists has affirmed and supported Anglican evangelists. This new book edited by +Martin Snow (Bishop of Leicester) The thirteen contributors are all practitioners, and this is reflected in their range of experience and writing styles. Find out more [here](#)

Do you feel respect for and confidence in our elected politicians is decreasing? Are you confident about where you stand as a Christian in relation to current political issues? How can you be salt and light in today's world? In their [new eBook](#), Premier Christian Radio's political editor, Martyn Eden, looks at how we as Christians can respond to the issues that surround us in politics today and how we can get involved as society becomes more secularized with people of faith feeling more marginalised.

Great discipleship material from World Vision Take the Matthew 25 challenge [here](#)

Cell UK's starting a small group material. Find details [here](#)

And finally ...

Small steps and Giant Leaps. Fifty Years ago on 20th July 1969, the Eagle landed on the moon and Neil Armstrong set the first human foot on the surface as he said "That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind". Your 'small step or Giant leap' of service is important.

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