

October 2026 newsletter

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

Harvest reflection by Steve Sully, Challenge Community Church

“As a city boy, born and raised in Bristol, harvest for me had little meaning beyond an absolutely huge loaf at the front of the church and singing “We plough the fields and scatter” once a year. It took me quite a long time to realise that harvest is so much more than giving thanks for the crops being cut before the Autumn rains can spoil it. Even today, I have to challenge myself to push the boundaries of what I naturally associate as harvest, to include all food production on land and sea and all who work to produce that food as well.

These days we celebrate much more than the safe gathering of crops in our local community. The probability is that the next plate of food you eat, produce will have come from around the world. Harvest today is an international celebration of all that God has provided (with a little help from man!).

Therefore, It is important that at least once a year we stop, reflect and give thanks to God for all that the many harvests of the world give to us. In that stopping and giving thanks, we also need to be grateful for those who grew and produced the harvest for us in the first place, and to work out if we have exploited them in any way. Did I pay a

fair price for what I ate? Did the farmer get well paid for his or her efforts?

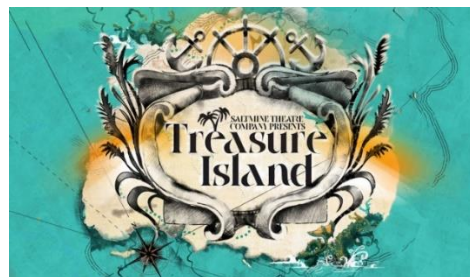
We have a calling to sow God’s word. And, as the seed of God’s word is sown, the Holy Spirit will lead people into a saving experience as they respond in faith. Therefore, “let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.” (Galatians 6:7)

This harvest lets all be sowers of God’s word and let’s see His church in Hereford built up for His glory.

Churches/Christians Together groups

Churches Together in Ross

*Saltmine Theatre Company presents
Treasure Island - Friday 27 November,
6:30pm at the Larruperz Centre*



“Great adventures begin with a map - and this mysterious map promises courage, quests, and secrets. Jemimah (Jem) Hawkins sets sail in search of treasure, but when she is drawn into a world of greed, deceit and pirates, she begins to question what she is truly looking for.

As storms close in and trust is tested, Jem must decide between gold and glory, or the people around her. This imaginative retelling of Treasure Island is packed with original music, humour and heart. Jump aboard and join Jem

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on her epic quest to discover the greatest treasure of all!".

Christians Together in Bromyard



Swingin' Samson



This year the format is slightly different to our *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat* production that we held last year. The first half is a Showcase of Variety – music, dance, drama items from different people and different groups – the second half is a performance of 'Swingin' Samson' which anyone and everyone can join in for. To find out more, go to <https://ctih.org/latest-events-and-news/>

Free online workshop: Becoming a Single Friendly Church



Our next webinar on how to become a Single Friendly Church takes place on Thursday 22 October at 11am on Zoom. You'll gain practical tips for welcoming single people in five areas of church life, including:

- Understanding who is "single" in our communities
- Messaging: how to adapt church language to ensure everyone feels valued
- Welcome and belonging: how to welcome and include people coming on their own
- Teaching: how to ensure teaching is relevant for everyone
- Leadership: how and why to include single people in leadership positions

This online event is free and open to anyone who wants to see change in their church. You will also have the

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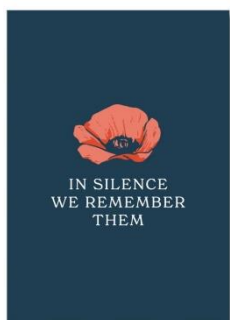
opportunity to share your own ideas with others.

[Sign up to the workshop](#)

CTiH Open Meeting



Hope Together - Remembering and sharing hope



As churches and communities prepare to mark Remembrance Sunday, our new Remembrance cards offer a simple and affordable resource to give away.

Designed for services, war memorials and community events – or simply to place into someone's hand – they offer

a thoughtful way to remember and gently share hope.

Sold in packs of 10, with prices starting from £3.50 per pack when ordering 50+ packs [here](#).

First Friday



Come along for live music, food and community

All free, no need to book, just turn up!

2 October, Tomkins Theatre at
7:30pm.

Parking is available at Holy Trinity
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LoveRural - National Rural Mission Conference



Monday 19 – Tuesday 20 October, 2026

Yarnfield Park, Staffordshire

“LoveRural offers space to listen well, share stories, and be encouraged alongside others who understand the joys and pressures of rural life.

Full details, including the programme and booking information, can be found on the [ARC LoveRural Conference website page](https://www.arclove.com/love-rural-conference).

Safeguarding Sunday 2026 – 15 November



“Safeguarding is an act of love. And love is central to our faith.”

Have a look at the resources to mark this essential day in the life of our churches on 15 November. [Read more...](#)

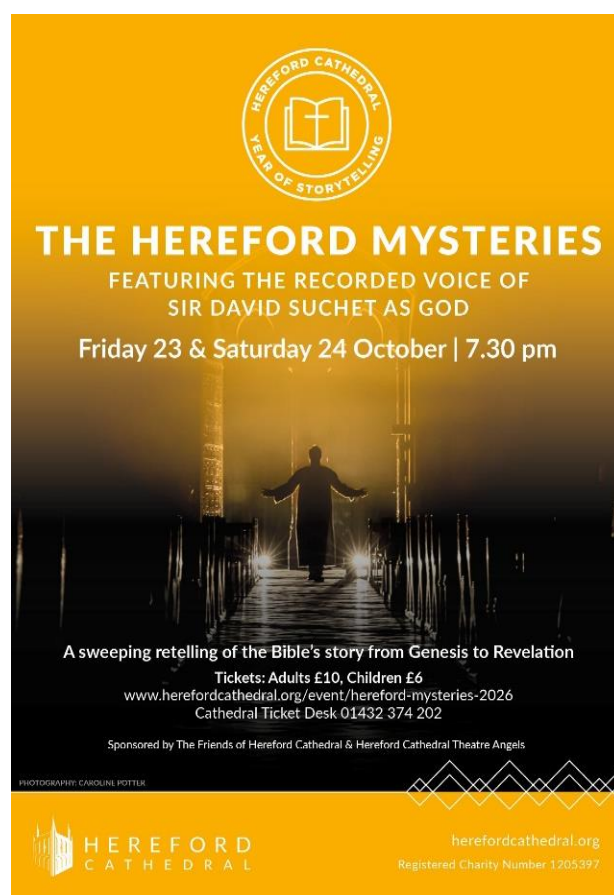
The WCCM (World Community for Christian Meditation) in Herefordshire and Shropshire.



WCCM are planning an Autumn Retreat for Young Adults (18-45 years approx..) at Belmont Abbey in October (Wednesday 28 – Friday 30.) Join us for a contemplative retreat at the beautiful Belmont Abbey, a place of prayer, hospitality and quiet reflection.

Don't miss out! Pass this along to anyone who may find this of interest: <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/wccmintheuk/2328259>

The Hereford Mysteries



HEREFORD CATHEDRAL
YEAR OF STORYTELLING

THE HEREFORD MYSTERIES

FEATURING THE RECORDED VOICE OF
SIR DAVID SUCHET AS GOD

Friday 23 & Saturday 24 October | 7.30 pm

A sweeping retelling of the Bible's story from Genesis to Revelation

Tickets: Adults £10, Children £6
www.herefordcathedral.org/event/hereford-mysteries-2026
Cathedral Ticket Desk 01432 374 202

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This is the final production as part of Hereford Cathedral's Year of Storytelling and features the recorded voice of Sir David Suchet CBE as God!

The production is a sweeping retelling of the Bible's story from Genesis to Revelation, from creation to new creation.

To find out more go to: [The Hereford Mysteries at Hereford Cathedral](#)

Room at the Table: Exploring the ABC of disability inclusion

Coming soon! 'Room at the Table: Exploring the ABC of Disability Inclusion' – Go deeper with this NEW Bible-based video course

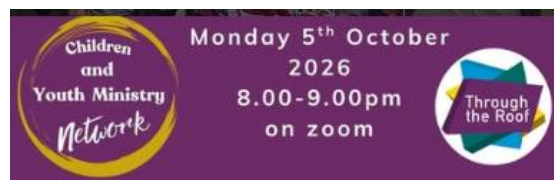


Video presenter Alisa Latty-Alleyne says: "If parts of the body are missing, then the whole body is incomplete. So, the question isn't, 'Should we respond?' It's 'How quickly can we?!'"

Work through your church's response with this new Bible-based video resource from Through the Roof, due autumn '26. Explore the ABC of disability inclusion: Access, Belonging, Commission, through Scripture, discussion and lived-experience video stories.

Find out more and register your interest in 'Room at the Table' video resource at: <https://throughtheroof.org/2026/04/22/disability-inclusion-church-room-at-the-table/>

Children and Youth Ministry Network - Supporting our Families with Additional Needs – 5 October, 8pm, Online



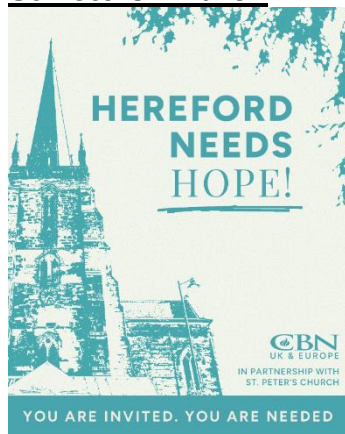
"How welcoming and accessible is church life for families of children with additional needs?"

Join us as Celeste Doyle, mother of Peter and Alyssa, shares her family's journey. Drawing on her own experiences, Celeste will speak about the joys and challenges of attending church as a family with additional needs, and the barriers that many parents can face. This will be an opportunity to listen, learn, and gain a deeper understanding of how we can better support families, helping them to feel accepted, included, and part of our church community."

Sign up [here](#)!

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CBN Outreach in partnership with St Peters Church



EXCITING NEW OPPORTUNITY!

If you would like to be a part of an upcoming outreach opportunity, then we would love to hear from you!

CBN UK are partnering with St Peter's Church to establish a weekly drop-in space in the centre of our city to represent Jesus and connect with lost and lonely people in our community.

If you would like to know more, please reach out directly to CBN's Community Outreach Lead – Sarah Fletcher for further info at:

Sarah.fletcher@cbn.uk

Application form below:

<https://f.mtr.cool/0ureviq7z5>

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?

For more information see:

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

Message from Hereford Homeless Forum

Herefordshire Council are looking for ten more people to help them with the annual rough sleeper count. This is so they can gain data that will help them with future strategies that can support people on the streets.

"When counting, we only count people who are bedding down or are about to bed down (further detail will be given) and we do not wake people who are already asleep. We do collect some basic data, wherever possible, to help us to identify people and then the outreach team will follow up with individuals.

This year the count will be on the night of **Thursday 15 October into the morning of Friday 16 October.**

Last year, we were able to cover all of Hereford and most of the market towns with around 20 people. I am

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hopeful that we can cover the same, or even more this year. People participating will be expected to be at a location (to be confirmed) in Hereford by 23:15 for a briefing (and coffee/cake) and then will head out from there.

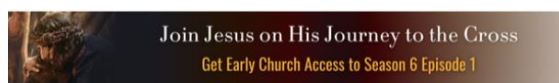
Something to consider is whether you would need to book the following day off work, or a late start.

More information will be sent out closer to the date Chris Hampton from Herefordshire Council is happy to run information sessions if needed.

Please email Christopher.Hampton2@herefordshire.gov.uk if you are interested in partaking this year, and he will then create a distribution list for further communication.

Please also feel free to forward and share with colleagues who may wish to be involved."

The Chosen Season 6 viewing



"Your church can watch The Chosen Season 6 early.

Churches and parishes across the UK & Ireland can get exclusive early access to Season 6, Episode 1 from mid-September - almost two months before the season begins streaming on Prime in November.

Picking up at Jesus' arrest in the Garden of Gethsemane, Episode 601 begins the journey towards the cross.

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Churches will also receive an Early Access Kit with promotional materials, host and discussion guides, and a prayer resource.

Bring your church community together and be among the first to experience Season 6.

REGISTER FOR EARLY ACCESS"

Hereford Runners take on 24-hour challenge to raise money for homelessness charity

A 24-hour relay around Hereford City centre took place at the weekend, raising more than £3000 for local homelessness charity Vennture.

To read on go the <https://ctih.org/latest-events-and-news/>

Donations can still be made to The Hereford 24 Hour Run Against Homelessness 2026 at <https://www.givewheel.com/fundraising/15948/hfd24hourrun2026/>

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,

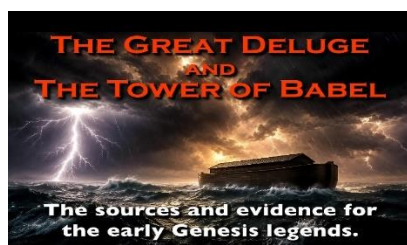
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valued, and included here. Whether you're never married, divorced, widowed, or a single parent, you belong at the heart of this community, and not on its edges.

To read on go to <https://ctih.org/latest-events-and-news/>

[Start the journey here](#)

Biblical History Group



The next Biblical History meeting will be on 10 October. It will be held in the Chapterhouse conference room starting at 2pm (with tea/coffee & biscuits from 1:30pm). The subject will be 'The Great Deluge and the Tower of Babel', which will be full of surprises! The Biblical Flood story will be covered as well as the Mesopotamian legends of that event. You will learn about the Gilgamesh epics, and David Rohl will also attempt to identify the historical figure behind the Biblical anti-hero, Nimrod – builder of the Tower of Babel!