



*Hello. If you would like to send me any information for the June 2023 newsletter, please send it by 25<sup>th</sup> May. Thank you!*

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## National Sports Sunday 2023



The Chief Executive Officer of Sports Chaplaincy UK, Warren Evans explains how 14th May is an ecumenical opportunity for churches.

National Sports Sunday is celebrating its sixth year on 14th May, and we're inviting churches and individuals across the UK to get involved.

Research shows that more than 25 million people participate in a sports community each week – whether that's parents watching children play in sports teams or the tens of thousands that flock to Premier League football games each week. That's a huge number, all impacted by the power of sport.

All significant spiritual movements start with prayer. So join us on [National Sports Sunday](#) to pray for the community of sports... the biggest untapped mission field in the world!

After its birth, National Sports Sunday has seen churches from all denominations and streams

come together for this one day each year. Many churches even 'pulpit swap' across denominations and give chaplains and missional partners the opportunity to speak about our work to a different congregation. Bishop Mike Royal, General Secretary of Churches Together in England, said: "It's great to see Christians from across the church coming together to celebrate National Sports Sunday. I am delighted to add my voice to those church leaders cheering on sporting ministries challenging us to take our service with the community of sport more seriously. If you haven't put National Sports Sunday into your church calendar, let me encourage you to do so."

Our vision is to see how we might be able to challenge the church to see the community of sport as not merely an activity to take from but a place where relationships and, ultimately, mission and evangelism can take place. We have seen churches from all traditions taking the step to stop and pray for the community of sport in their locality, explore how they can work ecumenically to serve their gym and celebrate the ministry to the community of sport.

It looks different in every church fellowship, but the important thing is that churches take time out of their Sunday service – even if just for a few moments – to pray and ask God to help us see the community of sport in the same way that he does.

To aid churches, we have provided a range of resources, including specially written prayers,

sermons, a reflection based on the lectionary reading, a written assembly for those who have the privilege to share in schools, an all-age worship outline and several videos which you can share.

You can find all these resources [on the National Sports Sunday website](#).

We'd love to hear what you are doing, so [please email us and let us know how you mark National Sports Sunday 2023](#).

[Sports Chaplaincy UK](#) is one of the [Charities and Networks in Association](#) with Churches Together in England.

## City Praise

The next City Praise will take place on 28<sup>th</sup> May at Hereford Cathedral.



## Dementia Action Week 2023. 15<sup>th</sup> May-21<sup>st</sup> May.

Dementia Matters Herefordshire	
Dementia Action Week	
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> - Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> of May 2023	
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> - Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Week long exhibition of Art by local artist Gemma Moore and local people living with dementia - Leominster Library. Please refer to library opening times.
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> at 2pm	Service celebrating those living with dementia, their families and carers and remembrance for those who are no longer with us. - Priory Church of St Peter & St Paul in Leominster. Followed by coffee/tea and cake in the forenoon nave.
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> 10am-4pm	Conference, looking at Dementia from a professional focus. - Graze Court.
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> 12pm-3pm	Fête in the park, on the Grange. A variety of stands, activities, & stalls including Smoke Shack & VW Deco cars, with live music.
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> 12pm-3pm	Virtual picnic with activities for those unable to attend.

Telephone: 07591 518904  
Email: [coral.lemm@dementiamattershere.org.uk](mailto:coral.lemm@dementiamattershere.org.uk)

## Churchworks for Wellbeing conference – 18<sup>th</sup> May

How can the UK church respond effectively and lovingly to the mental health crisis? Go along to connect and be resourced.

In the midst of a national mental health crisis, we have an opportunity. The Church has been concerned with holistic wellbeing for millennia. We have the resources, people and relationships that position us to invest in the flourishing of our congregations and communities. This conference will explore:

- How can we extend our love effectively and sustainably?
- Should churches be supporting good mental health?
- Can we proactively support and complement NHS provision?

The Church Works for Wellbeing conference is an opportunity to learn about practical ways in which the church can respond to the current mental health crisis.

Speakers include Glyn Barrett (National Leader, Assemblies of God), Pastor Agu (Senior Pastor, Jesus House) and Dame Sarah Mullally (Anglican Bishop of London).

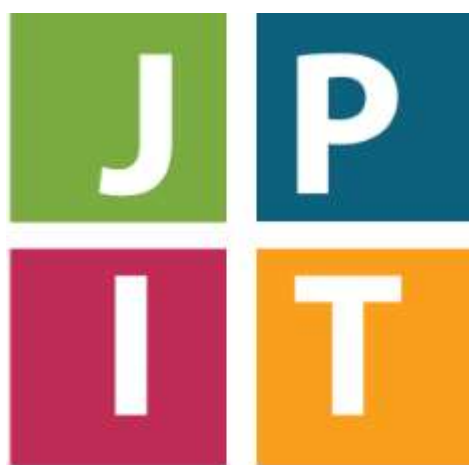
You'll also hear from experts on how to engage with social prescribing, chaplaincy, and wellbeing courses.

Lunch and hot drinks will be provided.

[Find out more about the event on Thursday 18 May at Westminster Chapel in Central London.](#)

[Book your place.](#) CTE has 10 discounted tickets available. Use the code **10425** on the Eventbrite page to book.

Queries about the event and making bookings to [info@churchworks.org.uk](mailto:info@churchworks.org.uk).



## JOINT PUBLIC ISSUES TEAM

Each year, there are opportunities to work with the Joint Public Issues Team for a year as an intern. The internships are open for applications in the spring, for roles running from September-August.

We currently run two different internship opportunities:

- Joint Public Issues Team Intern, with a focus on communication, engagement and research
- House of Commons Internship – two roles which split their time between JPIT and the office of an MP

Joint Public Issues Team Intern – Applications Now Open!

**Location: London, with hybrid working.**

**Paid Internship: 12 month fixed-term contract beginning September 2023. This is a one-year fixed term role for someone aged 21-30.**

**Salary: £24,640**

Do you want to work as part of a team bringing about meaningful change in the world? Are you interested in making links between faith, policy and politics?

The Joint Public Issues Team works on behalf of the Baptist, Methodist, and United Reformed Churches and alongside the Church of Scotland on issues of justice and peace. This internship offers opportunities to develop skills in research, campaigning and communications, which will enable you to work on a range of issues as part of a dynamic team.

You will work as part of a team in the following areas:

- Maintaining JPIT's multiple social media channels
- Contributing to campaigns, and developing supporter engagement for churches
- Analysing aspects of public policy
- Researching and drafting briefings

There will be opportunities for professional and personal learning and development to equip the intern for employment after their time on the internship.





some favourites from the Last Night of the Proms repertoire.

Performers on the evening will include Hereford Cathedral School Choral Society, Chapel Choir, Senior Chamber Choir, Cantabile Girls' Choir, Junior Choir, Colla Voce and Symphony Orchestra, Concert Band & Clarinet Ensemble.

Dr Michael Gray, Headmaster of Hereford Cathedral School, said: 'I'm tremendously excited about the Coronation Concert and the opportunity to celebrate such a historic and momentous occasion in the life of our nation. Music is such an important aspect of each of our lives and is used in times of joy and in times of mourning alike. On the occasion of His Majesty King Charles III's coronation, we are privileged to mark this great event by coming together and harnessing the power of music and collective gathering to celebrate and rejoice together.'

The Very Revd Sarah Brown, Dean of Hereford, said: 'Since starting in post at similar times, Dr Gray and I have enjoyed working closely together on joint school and cathedral initiatives. This concert of celebration is an especially joyous example of such collaboration, to the glory of God in thanksgiving for our new king.'

Tickets for A Concert for the Coronation, a fundraising event for the Chapter of Hereford Cathedral and Hereford Cathedral School, cost £15 & £10 and are available to purchase from the Cathedral Shop and website.

There are also other opportunities to mark the Coronation weekend at Hereford Cathedral. On Sunday 7 May at 10.30 am there is an Orchestral Eucharist at 10.30am celebrating the Feast of Consecration, at which Hereford Cathedral Choir sings music including Haydn's Paukenmesse and works by Mozart. Later the same day there is a County Service to commemorate the Coronation at 3.30 pm.

The cathedral will also be hosting a selection of exhibitions from Wednesday 3 to Friday 19 May

including photographs from royal visits throughout the years, an archive display of royal seals and documents and a selection of artwork by local primary schoolchildren celebrating the King's values.

On Saturday 6 and Sunday 7 May from 11am to 3.30pm, visitors will also be able to visit Café on The Close, a new pop-up catering area run by the team from the Cathedral Café. The pop up will be selling a range of refreshments including salad boxes, filled rolls and cream teas making it the perfect option for those looking to take part in the Big Lunch.

## SUMMER ORGAN RECITAL PROGRAMME

### May – September 2023

The summer lunchtime organ recital series will return to Hereford Cathedral this May.

The series of free Tuesday lunchtime concerts will open with this year's cathedral organ scholar Evie Perfect performing a programme which includes music by Bach, Franck, Dan Locklair and Naji Hakim on **Tuesday 2 May**. This year's programme is a real celebration of the organ scholarship programme at Hereford Cathedral with no fewer than six former organ scholars returning to perform.




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## Christian Aid Week 14<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> May

From 14<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> May it will be Christian Aid Week. This year we are focusing on the plight of farmers in Malawi who are struggling not only because of climate change and the variable weather but also the recent cyclone. Many churches in Hereford are supporting this year's Christian Aid Week. If you have any queries please contact Ruth Stott, co-ordinator for

Christian Aid in Hereford and area on 01432 611609.



Please share with your family, friends & all your networks!



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The Salvation Army Anti-Trafficking & Modern Slavery Team are on the road! During 2023, we are holding 9 events across the country to celebrate & champion our amazing volunteers, but to also raise awareness of Modern Slavery & Human Trafficking. Anyone is welcome to attend and we have free tickets on sale via our Eventbrite page. Please click [here](#) to purchase a free ticket. Please also see the attached which confirms the dates and locations of our events & also a short video about the Roadshow!



The event will consist of the following:-

- To start, we will be celebrating & championing our current volunteers. Come and join us and see how we value our amazing volunteers!
- We will then break for some food & drink. This is a chance for everyone to mingle, chat and get to know each other!
- Later on we will be hosting a 'What is Modern Slavery' workshop to raise awareness of Modern Slavery, during this session you'll be able to learn more about what modern slavery is, you'll be able to hear from some of our current volunteers & hear about the work The Salvation Army do to support survivors of Modern Slavery!

**Christians Together in Ewyas Harold and District**

The Annual General Meeting will be held at 7.30 on Monday 15 May in St Michael's Church Hall. The business meeting will take about half an hour and will be followed by a chance to learn more about Christian Aid. This is a charity which CTEH has long supported and does amazing development work through its partners across the world. CTEH meetings are always open to everyone - but this time we hope to welcome Christian Aid Week volunteers particularly.

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**A Time to Mourn, A Time to Dance**

A live dance event for your church to host.

Bring your community together to watch two exceptional new dance works performed by a company of five outstanding dancers.

Based on *Ecclesiastes 3: There is a Time for Everything*, the performance is an uplifting dance show that explores the tension between loss and joy. The double-bill sensitively embodies a kaleidoscope of grief and joy through open-hearted professional dance.

This stirring yet joyous arts event offers the viewer a chance to feel seen, understood and connected to others as they reflect on grief and the joy and celebration of life.

**“...it is one of the strengths of the performance that it does not offer easy answers or a simplistic message, but relates to universal emotional experiences. That makes it incredibly powerful and accessible to people from any background. Thank you and well done - it was beautiful!”** - Andrea Weigert, audience member 2022

Springs Dance Company is inviting churches and cathedrals to book now to host a performance of ***A Time to Mourn, A Time to Dance*** in October 2023.

For more information about this project please get in touch by emailing [touring@springsdancecompany.org.uk](mailto:touring@springsdancecompany.org.uk) or by calling 07775 628442.

Further information and videos can also be found on the Springs Dance Company website page <https://springsdancecompany.org.uk/productions/a-time-to-mourn-a-time-to-dance/>



**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 entertained and bags of good humour for the grown-ups, ***Journey of the Magi*** delights audiences of all ages and offers a chance to reflect and refocus.

Springs is inviting churches to host a performance of ***Journey of the Magi***, which will be available nationally during Advent 2023.

Further information can be found on the Springs Dance Company website.

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**JOURNEY OF THE MAGI**

*Touring to churches and schools this Advent*  
*Share the joy and wonder of Christmas with your local community*

"... a magnificent production. Our church members and their guests were powerfully moved."  
Rev David Senior

"A wonderful production, so accessible to every kind of audience, especially non-church goers. Opening up the meaning of Christmas."  
Rev Neville Hadley

"... the best of both worlds: a vibrant piece of entertainment and an opportunity to step back, to reflect, and to refocus."  
John Sherbourne, Moortown Baptist Church

Watch now: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4D9x2j8h0d8>  
[www.springsdancecompany.org.uk/productions/journey-of-the-magi](https://www.springsdancecompany.org.uk/productions/journey-of-the-magi)