

In Touch



Happy Easter

Here at Church Support we hope that all the preparations for Easter bear fruit in our communities.

We thank God that Easter is for all people, that God's love and salvation are for all who confess that the tomb is empty because Jesus is risen. He is risen so that we all might know forgiveness so that lives might be reborn and that his name will be glorified now and forever.



Dates For Your Diary

26 th -27 th April	Council, Nottingham
10 th -12 th May	Assembly, Dundee
12 th -18 th May	Christian Aid Week https://www.christianaid.org.uk
25 th -26 th May	Big Church Day Out, Wiston House Sussex https://bigchurchdayout.com/south
30 th May - 9 th June	Thy Kingdom Come https://www.thykingdomcome.global
17 th -23 rd June	Refugee Week http://refugeeweek.org.uk/

Assembly

There is still time to arrange your visit to the May Assembly, to be held at

West Park Conference Centre,
319 Perth Road, Dundee, Scotland

Friday 1.00pm - 4.00pm. for ministers and leaders – Andrew Roberts speaking about Holy Habits

Friday 7.30pm - 9.00pm a presentation from the Presidents group reflecting on the Open Space events -

“How can we shape the Congregational Federation in the future?”

There will be time for discussion and debate

Saturday 9.30 a.m. start – the main event

Sunday – you are welcome to share in worship at Gilfillan Congregational Church, Whitehall Crescent, DD1 4AY.

Arts and Mission Day in Sheffield

May 2nd 2019 10.45 - 4.00pm.

Do you have a space in your church that could become a gallery space?

Would your church like to run art or craft workshops as a way of building relationships and encouraging creativity?

The day includes a visit to two thriving church art projects and two city galleries.

The event is free but you will need to bring your own lunch. There are only five spaces left so please contact Suzanne Nockels at suzannenockels@gmail.com to book your place.

Big Church Day Out

—free tickets for youth leaders

In May 2020 Big Church Day Out are launching bcyouth - an exclusive event for 11-18 year olds at the Big Church Day Out.

Join them for three days of Worship, Equipping and Encounter where young people can come and connect with Jesus.

If you're a youth leader and you've never been to BCDO before, and would like to try it out, they would love you to come in 2019 for free.

You will need to prove your position at church and free tickets are limited to two Youth Leader tickets per church.

<https://bigchurchdayout.com/south/bcyouth>

Ministry and Mission Fund

The Ministry and Mission Fund exists to support the grant initiatives that the Congregational Federation offer through Mini Grants, Starter Grants and Impact Grants.

This fund is supported by contributions from our churches and areas, along with 10% of the income from closed churches at the end of each year.

This is not a limitless pot, and in order for grants to continue to be available, it is really very important for donations to continue. For more information contact support@congregational.org.uk

Thy Kingdom Come

May 30th - June 9th 2019.

Join the global wave of prayer calling all Christians to pray between Ascension and Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus Christ.

For more information and resources <https://www.thykingdomcome.global/> and www.cpo.org.uk

Transforming Poverty

Transforming Poverty is a course by Revd. Gayle Greenway, a curate in the Diocese of Lichfield.

In six sessions, the course will bring church or house group members together to talk, think and pray about the struggles that local people, maybe including yourselves, have today or have had in the past because of having little money.

Alongside this, it will help you look at how the Bible and your faith in Jesus guide you to respond to these issues.

The course uses Ken Loach's film I, Daniel Blake to inspire conversations and apply scriptural insights to everyday life issues relating to socioeconomic deprivation.

<http://www.church-poverty.org.uk/transform>

Congratulations to Johnny

Johnny O'Hanlon, one of our Church Support Workers, has received a call to training for ministry with the URC. He will be beginning his training and new role in September.

Thanks and congratulations were offered to Johnny by the Church Support Committee.