

And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love. 1 corinthians 13:13



The CF Christmas Carol Service is available on YouTube. Watch it at home or share with your Church family, we think you'll find it's an enriching message. A service led and prepared by CF President Elisabeth Sweeney Smith. [Click here to watch the service](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H5_VamtzN3w)
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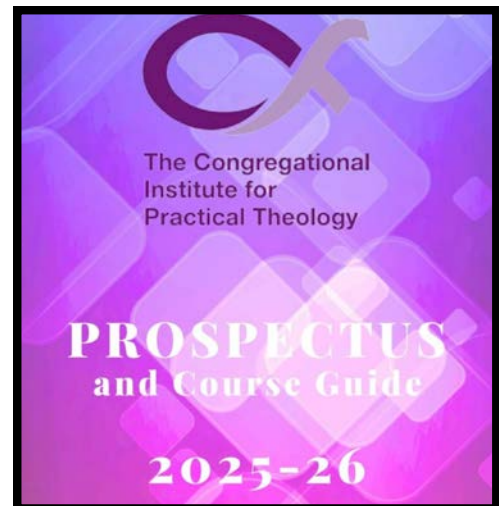
Have you got your Christmas Poster up yet?

I would love to receive a picture from any Christmas session or event that your church is organizing this Christmas!

The CF office in Nottingham will close on Friday 20th December and re open on Monday 6th January. We wish you all a fantastic Christmas and we look forward to supporting you throughout 2025. God bless from Yvonne and all the staff team



QUADRENNIAL CONFERENCE - 22-26 MAY 2025
Grand Hotel Palace, Thessalonki, Greece
Conference sessions will take place everyday, along with our journey throughout biblical sites. Included activities:
Trip into the city of Thessaloniki- Visit to the Refugee Care Center- All day trip to Philippi & Neapolis (Kavala) - Visit to Veria Vergina
Other archaeological & historical sites
For more details click here:
www.congregational.org.uk/icf-conference



The new Prospectus for CIPT course 2025-26 is now available as an e-book or if you would like a paper copy please contact the office and we will send one out in the new year. The prospectus includes full details of our courses, things you need to consider, costs and other essential information. **For more details click here**
<https://online.fliphtml5.com/usfky/odko/?f>



There are a few vacancies and staff opportunities in the Congregational Federation, in our Churches, and within other church denominations and mission organisations. To find out more visit the CF website
www.congregational.org.uk/opportunities-for-all/nw-area-youth-childrens-worker

NEWS FROM THE CF OFFICE IN NOTTINGHAM



We wish all the best to Philip and Mark -We said farewell to Philip Stainer and Happy retirement for Mark Tucker.



We also welcomed last week Blessing Ajombo . Blessing is the new Assistant Financial Controller and she will work Monday - Wednesday but please bear with us as she settles into her new role. If you would like to welcome Blessing her email is below.
blessing.ajombo@congregational.org.uk
We also want to share that we have been successful in appointing a new Trust and Property manager. They will join the staff team on Monday 13th January. Thank you once again for all you are doing and I hope you enjoy all of your Christmas services and events as we celebrate the birth of Jesus.

FANTASTIC NEWS AROUND THE CF CHURCHES-



Stalybridge Congregational Church Stalybridge 25 anniversary

Stalybridge celebrated 25 years in the 'new' church on 24th November. We had a lovely service, led by Elisabeth, to which we invited our visiting speakers. Not all could attend but it was good to have them together as they never see each other generally. This was followed by a buffet lunch.

Ridgwell Congregational Church CREAM TEA AND TABLE TOP SALE

We had a cream tea and table top sale in October and raised over £440. Our thank you to everyone who helped on the day and to everyone who came along to support us and enjoy a cream tea, and particularly to our stall holders!



Crediton Congregational Church 30 new members

We've had almost thirty new people join our church in Crediton lately - many of whom have no church background. We wanted to celebrate this, and make them all feel welcome. And so with funding from the Congregational Federation, we recently hosted a meal for them. It was a lovely evening, and afterwards one new member told us: "It was such a thoughtful way to welcome new people into the church family. From the warm smiles and open conversations to the delicious food and beautifully prepared setting, everything about this evening was perfect. I felt so valued and cared for." We're grateful to the Congregational Federation for making it possible. Thank you! CF wants to encourage your church to expand its ministry and apply for one of three CF Mission grants. For more information about grants email:

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