

“Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it.” Luke 11:28



**Life-Light series- Advent reflections.**

Look out for all our reflections on CF Facebook pages. click here to find them:

<https://www.facebook.com/CongregationalFederation/>

May you find them a blessing, a challenge and an inspiration.

**CF- MISSION TRIP TO**

## **Brazil**



**A MASSIVE THANK YOU FOR THOSE WHO PRAYED AND SUPPORTED THE CF TEAM GROUP IN BRAZIL**

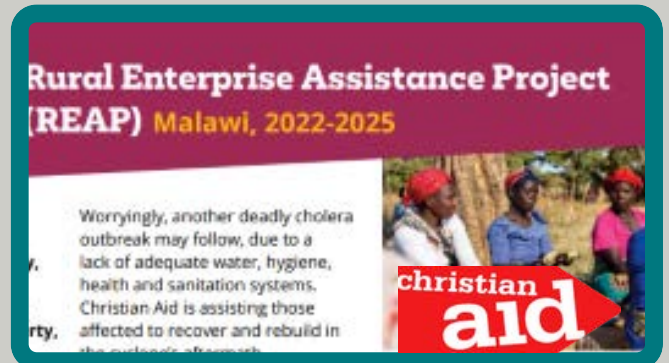
We worked with two local congregational churches in Brazil supporting the local community. We evangelised on local squares and food markets, preached the gospel, worked with homeless families and adults. Prepared and served over 300 bowls of soup, distributed toys, visited the sick & elderly, visited schools, organised events etc. if you want to know more about our amazing experience serving the Lord in Brazil, we could arrange to visit your church and share about our experience and how the Lord has blessed us in Brazil. for more information email: [luzia.watt@congregational.org.uk](mailto:luzia.watt@congregational.org.uk)

## Discover Churches: A Toolkit for Welcoming Visitors

The Discover Churches Hidden Stories, Open Doors Tourism Resource Guide aims to encourage curiosity about new ways of attracting visitors, inspiring and sharing knowledge, values and experiences. Discover Churches is a resource designed to help volunteers extend a warm and meaningful welcome to visitors exploring church heritage, art, and community.

[click here for more details:](https://www.nationalchurchestrust.org/explore/discover-churches-toolkit)

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## Christian Aid Partnership 2024-25

The people of Malawi need our support to carve out new opportunities and hope.

Through the Rural Enterprise Assistance Project (REAP), Christian Aid and its partners are doing just that. This year, we invite you to make a difference by supporting this vital project. Please send cheques made payable to Christian Aid and the CF will send a lump sum late spring

[for more detail click](https://www.congregational.org.uk/downloads/Mission/christian-aid/reap-malawi-proposal.pdf)

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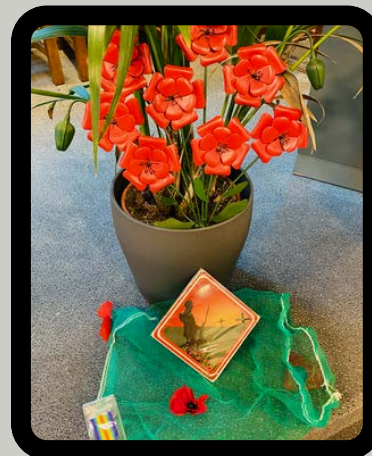
CF will hold an online prayer meeting on the 5th December the session will be led by Kevin Dudman

# REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY AROUND CF CHURCHES



## Southam Congregational Church

Our Church in Southam featured as the backdrop to the weather report on BBC Midlands during the remembrance week - courtesy of the BBC weather watcher Little Acorns. A stunning display and a little bit of local recognition



## Springhead Congregational Church

Our worship, on Remembrance Sunday, was led by Elisabeth Sweeney-Smith (President of the Cong Fed) and we enjoyed bacon butties afterwards, with all proceeds being donated to the Royal British Legion. Many of our remembrance decorations were brought by Elisabeth



## Winton Place EU Congregational Church in Kilmarnock.



## Timperley congregational church Remembrance Service.

This was a parade service with all the uniformed groups joining us.



**Clarendon Park Congregational Church**  
 Remembrance Service at Clarendon Park  
 Congregational Church, at which RAFAC  
 1F Squadron were present.



**Blaby Congregational Church**

Our Harvest Festival was held on Sunday 6th October, a date which also coincided with our Church Anniversary. Pastor Julie Newitt led worship and we celebrated both events. The church was founded in 1928 with the building completed and opened in 1929 therefore we have worshipped in the same place for 95 years. Only last year we lost the last person to remember the opening of the church. This is our wonderful harvest display which was arranged by Vernie using donations brought to the coffee morning on Saturday 5th. The decoration was completed by hops supplied by Valerie from her allotment. After the harvest service the fresh produce was taken home by the congregation in exchange for donations to Tearfund which was our harvest charity. We raised £335.00 in total for Tearfund from the coffee morning and donations. The non-perishable food was donated to our local Foodbank being added to the regular donation box which is taken to the foodbank monthly.



**Blaby Congregational Church**

Remembrance Sunday display which Brian arranges every year. We commemorate four young men who were members of the church, two lost their lives during the First World War and two during the Second World War. We display photos of the cemeteries where they are buried alongside remembrance crosses and poppies. One of the poppies on the display is a ceramic poppy from the Tower of London installation in 2014 which was purchased by a church member and kindly donated to the church. As well as holding a church service on Remembrance Sunday, which is led by a visiting preacher (thanks to Paul Baxter for leading worship this year), Pastor Julie leads the local commemoration at the War Memorial in Blaby following a parade through the village.