

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

CF- Diary

- 24 Jul Investment Trust & Trading Board
- 12 - 15 Sept-CIPT Training Weekend



Christian Aid

Launched at our 2024 National Assembly we have embarked on a project with Christian Aid in Malawi - the Rural Enterprise Assistance Project (REAP).

[find out more](#)

[:https://www.congregational.org.uk/global-mission/christian-aid-partnership-2024-25](https://www.congregational.org.uk/global-mission/christian-aid-partnership-2024-25)



Newbigin Pioneering Hub

The course starts in September and includes 6 units run over 3 weekend residentials, seminars at Lodge Road Community Church Birmingham.

There are 3 full Saturdays in person and 3 Wednesday evenings online together with online learning circles and personal coaching. There is also a final pitch of your pioneering project to a resource panel and graduation. [click here for more info](#)

[https://seedbeds.org/newbigin-pioneering-hub-](https://seedbeds.org/newbigin-pioneering-hub-2/)

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Any news or information you want to share let us know: support@congregational.org.uk



CRE 2024 will take place at the Marshall Arena, Milton Keynes on 9th and 10th Oct 2024. [For more information & to book a ticket click here: https://creonline.co.uk/cre-south-2024/](https://creonline.co.uk/cre-south-2024/)



Celebrating & Encouraging - Small Churches

In 2024 we will be running a series of events designed to encourage and help our smaller churches. One of the most important things they have told us is of the difficulties they have in finding leaders and people to fill in their church rotas. The next event in our year of celebrating and encouraging small churches is on 25th Sept to help support them and encourage good practice with management. [Find out more https://www.congregational.org.uk/general-secretary/celebrating-small-churches](https://www.congregational.org.uk/general-secretary/celebrating-small-churches)

EVENTS AROUND CF CHURCHES



Unexpected visit from a large Romanian church from London to Stambourne Chapel.

40 Sunday School teachers arrived at Chapel early in June to find out about the Spurgeon connection. They all prayed, and I am mean every single person, they praised God and thanked Him for the witness that we have of the Spurgeon family and their legacy to the Church. They also interceded for the church in this place. The church resounded to the sound of prayers! Once they had finished they decided to sing. It was a real treat to see them all and to share fellowship with them. They signed our visitor book and departed mid afternoon to continue their tour of Spurgeon sites.



Congratulations to Chris Gilham from CF in Wales who received a long-service certificate.

Chris is in Bethel, Middle Hill, Freystrop with the Church Secretary, Esme Utting and the Church Treasurer, Sheila Lewis. The second picture was taken at Tabernacle Haverfordwest with the Church Secretary, Pat Bannister and the Church Treasurer, Sharon Miles.



It was great to worship at Southam Bishops Itchington CC with other CF colleagues from the office in Nottingham last Sunday.

Southam Bishops Itchington CC had an art themed service on Sunday as part of hosting the Warwickshire Open Studios



The quadrennial Assembly of the Council for World Mission (CWM)

The event took place in Durban, South Africa, under the theme “Rise to Life: Together in Transformation.” CF was well represented at the CWM Assembly this year. Three thousand member churches joined the event



Crediton Congregational Church

19 members of Crediton CC enjoyed a Sunday walk in June. The weather was great and the sun was shining.

Book Launch at the CWM London Office

It was great to be at the launch of Deconstructing Whiteness, Empire and Mission. This groundbreaking event brought together distinguished participants from: Union of Welsh Independents (UWI), United Reformed Church (URC) Congregational Federation (CF), The Mennonite Church in the Netherlands, Oxford University, King's College London, SOAS, University of London, University of KwaZulu-Natal (UKZN) Christian Aid



Copies are available from SCM Press.

<https://scmpress.hymnsam.co.uk/books/9780334055938/deconstructing-whiteness-empire-and-mission?>