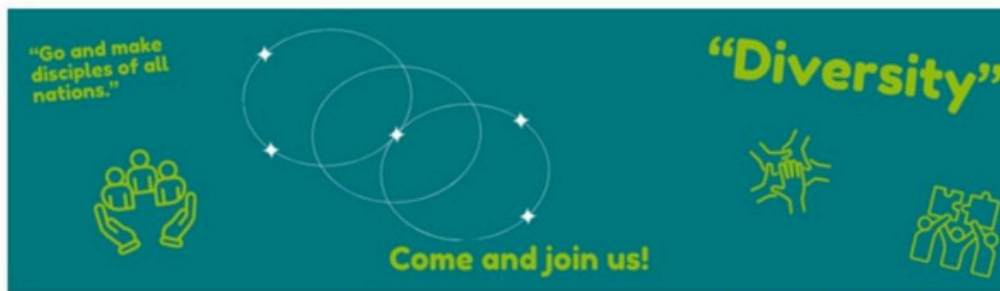


Philippians 4:13

“For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength



## National Assembly 2025

The main event  
Saturday May 10th  
Newton Building, Nottingham Trent University

Doors open at 9.30am for welcome and refreshments  
10.00am–10.30am Open Worship  
10.30am–4.00pm Formal proceedings

Friday 2.00–4.00pm A gathering for those interested in Mission  
Friday 7.00–9.00pm A Walking Tour of Nottingham  
(now fully booked) Refreshments available

Saturday 6.30–9.30pm Ceilidh (Barn Dance) with Reel2Reel Ceilidh band

Sunday – church services at various Congregational Churches

For further information and how to book your place, see link below!  
Hope to see you there.

<https://www.congregational.org.uk/nationalassembly>

**running alongside the main event is**

**Children’s Assembly  
and  
Youth Assembly**

**Please pre-register, if possible for numbers and safeguarding**



New Childrens book  
**Belinda got it Wrong**  
 See In Form for more details



## April updates from HMRC

### Employer National Insurance Contributions

From 6 April 2025, the rate of employer National Insurance will increase by 1.2 percentage points, rising to 15%. Additionally, the Secondary Threshold—the level at which employers become liable to pay National Insurance on each employee's salary—will reduce from £9,100 per year to £5,000 per year.

### Employment Allowance

This measure also increases the secondary Class 1 NICs rate from 13.8% to 15% and increases the maximum Employment Allowance from £5,000 to £10,500.

### National Minimum Wage National Living Wage rates

The hourly rate for the minimum wage depends on your age and whether you are an apprentice. You must be at least School leaving age to get Minimum Wage

#### April 2025

21 and over	£12.21 per hour
18 - 20	£10.00 per hour
Under 18	£7.55 per hour
Apprentice	£7.55 per hour

[www.gov.uk/national-minimum-wage-rate](http://www.gov.uk/national-minimum-wage-rate)  
[www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk)

## Congregational Federation Safeguarding Training Delivered by Thirtyone:Eight May 2025



**Empower, Protect, Unite: Join us for essential Safeguarding Training Webinars.**

- **Safeguarding for Adults**  
 Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2025 – 7PM – 9:30PM
- **Safeguarding for Youth and Children**  
 Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2025– 7PM – 9:30PM
- **Safer Recruitment**  
 Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2025 – 7PM – 9:30PM
- **Online Safety**  
 Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2025 - 7PM – 9:30PM
- **Safeguarding Leads (2 Day Webinar)**  
 Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> & Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2025  
 7PM – 9:30PM (Both Days)

#### To Book:

To reserve your place please contact the Safeguarding Officer for the Congregational Federation, Lisa Vickers at: [lisa.vickers@congregational.org.uk](mailto:lisa.vickers@congregational.org.uk) Please state the course title, your full name, and your email address in the email.



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## Christian Aid Week 1 - 17 May 2025



You  
 Are  
 Invited  
 to a



**Prayer Gathering**  
 Thursday 15th May 2025

Thank you for all the money that has been raised so far for the Malawi project

Please join the General Secretary for an informal prayer time

We will have an update on the project from Christian Aid and then pray together

This project aims to help people in southern Malawi's Mulanje and Phalombe districts to lift themselves out of poverty.

The project aims to help 5,250 households by the end of 2025.

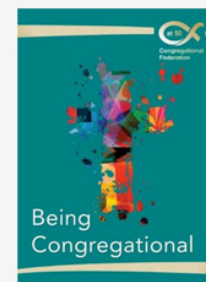
REAP provides business skills training, and micro-loans and supports people in establishing or strengthening their businesses.

Join us to pray together for this project  
 7pm on Zoom

Meeting ID 937 314 7464 Password cf



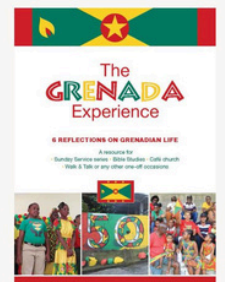
New Resources  
 available soon



Go worship!  
 Go out!  
 Go wonder!

A resource to equip churches to connect to God through nature

Reflections on the recent  
 trip to Brazil



**CIPT**  
 The Closing date for 2025/26  
 is 31 May 2025  
 contact  
[training@congregational.org.uk](mailto:training@congregational.org.uk)



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# Celebrations in our churches

## Special Service



On Sunday 16th March Abertillery Tabernacle was blessed with a visit from the president Mrs Elisabeth Sweeney Smith.

The occasion was made more special as the congregation witnessed the induction of Beverley Lucas as their pastor and the commissioning of John Green as a deacon. The church family look forward to a bright future making the love of God known in their community



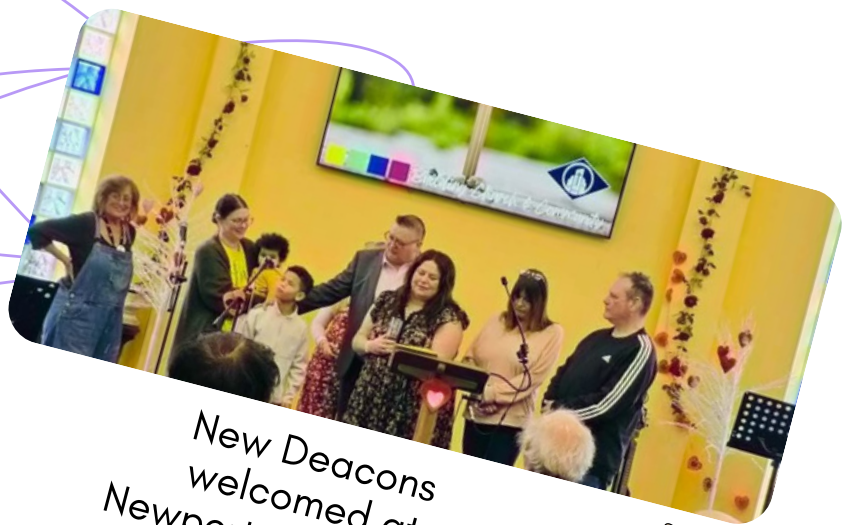
New members welcomed at Union Heathfield.



*Glory to God*



Huge Congratulations to Rev Viv Nicholls Celebrating 35 years of ministry at Zion Miners Chapel in Wales



New Deacons welcomed at Newport, Isle of Wight



If you would like your event or news included please email: [support@congregational.org.uk](mailto:support@congregational.org.uk)