

Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18



Every 6 minutes, someone in the UK starts to lose their sight.

What does it mean to be a Sight Loss Friendly Church?

Thursday 12th October at 1.00pm - Register now!

Diary Dates, Congregational Federation 2023

- Saturday 30th September - Church Support Committee Meeting
- Saturday 7th October Finance Support Committee



CONGREGATIONAL FEDERATION
SAFEGUARDING TRAINING
Working with thirtyone:eight

Safeguarding Training

SAFEGUARDING FOR YOUTH AND CHILDREN:

Wednesday 11th October 2023 - 19:00 to 21:30

SAFEGUARDING FOR ADULTS:

Wednesday 18th October 2023 - 19:00 to 21:30

SPIRITUAL ABUSE SAFEGUARDING (TWO DAY COURSE):

Wednesday 25th & Thursday 26th October 2023 - 19:00 to 21:30
If you or anyone in your congregation would like more details or wish to book contact Lisa Vickers.

Please for more information click here:

<https://www.congregational.org.uk/news-and-events-latest-news/latest-news/post/769-safeguarding-training>



CIPT Exam Board Result
01 September 2023

On Friday 25th August, CIPT held it's final Exam Board of the academic year. This is where the marks and awards for all students are verified and agreed by York St John University. We are delighted that all of our marks and awards for all of our students were approved, and the comments from our External Examiner, Rev Dr Carlton Turner from Queens University, Birmingham, were exceptionally positive!



The Bill Snelson Young Ecumenists Fund

The Bill Snelson Young Ecumenists Fund has been set up to give young ecumenists – between the ages of 18 and 35 – the opportunity to experience ecumenism abroad.

This experience can be study, pilgrimage, volunteering or any activity that promotes church unity. for more details click here:<https://cte.org.uk/working-together/young-ecumenists/snelsonfund/>

Challenge Poverty Week

16 - 22 October 2023



Challenge Poverty Week is an opportunity to speak up collectively about issues that are impacting your local area, or even issues on a more regional and national scale.

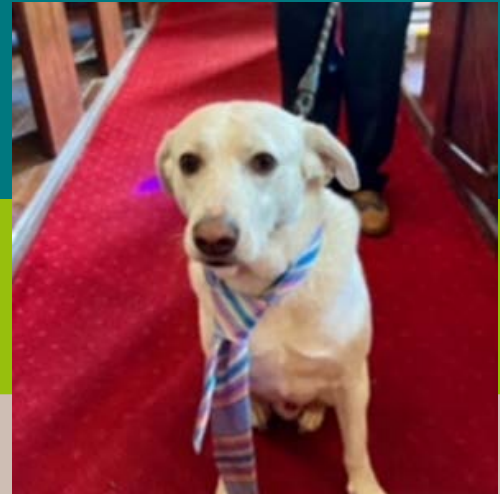
Whether you're looking to plan an event or something smaller, there are lots of ways you and your organisation can join in. For more information click here: <https://challengepoverty.co.uk/>

**RETREAT DAY - MONDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER
- 11AM-4PM FOR ALL IN MINISTRY WITHIN
THE CONGREGATIONAL FEDERATION.**

Led by Engage worship at the National Arboretum in Tamworth.
It is a time to be refreshed, take time out with God and recharge.
If you would like to be part of the day or would like overnight
accommodation please contact Yvonne Campbell.



SUMMER AROUND OUR CHURCHES



Freystrop: Bethel Chapel

the pictures above reflect what people wore to go to Chapel in 1950s

- No lady would dream of being without a hat and all the men would be in their Sunday Best with collars and ties. This time, the congregation decided to impress me and show that people can be just as smart in the 2020s. Even the dog had a tie!



Garden Party at Stambourne CC

we held our "MS Trust Garden Party"

And £240 was received in donations and raffle
ticket money which has been sent directly to MS
Trust for which we have received a letter of
thanks.



Friendship club at Zion Miner CC

I attended Zion Miner CC in Wales and had fun
playing bingo with the friendship group. It is lovely
to see a few members of the community so
engaged with the church. Viv is an amazing host!