

In Touch



Jesus is Tested in the Wilderness

'Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread." Matthew 4:1-3

Lent began on 26th February, and many people will have given up something or maybe added something to their lives for the period of Lent. But discipleship means always trying to be as God calls us to be, not just resisting temptation for a few weeks of the year.



Maybe Lent is the time to reflect on and renew our calling as Christians, and to look for ways to fulfil God's purpose in our lives. Amen

Dates For Your Diary

March

21st Church Support Committee Nottingham

April

Various Spring Harvest: Minehead, Skegness, Harrogate
<https://springharvest.org/>

12th Easter Sunday

22nd Disaster Ministry—Ashby Congregational Church - 09.30-15.30 £10 - Includes buffet lunch and course materials

May

8-10th Annual Assembly, including Children and Youth Assembly, Solihull, West Midlands

23-24th Big Church Day Out Wiston House West Sussex
<https://bigchurchdayout.com/south>

August

28-31st Greenbelt—Boughton Estate, Kettering
<https://www.greenbelt.org.uk/>

In Touch—would you like it to continue?

The first edition of In Touch went out in July 2017. Since then we have been able to point churches towards a whole range of events and activities that may help them in their church growth and development.

If you would like In Touch to continue, we need to hear from you. Just an email to share your views would be helpful.

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Roxton Coffee and Chat

One of Roxton's claims to fame is the unique cottage ornee style thatched chapel that began as an 18th century barn and was converted to an independent chapel where worship began in 1808.



We hold a monthly 'Coffee and Chat at the Chapel' meeting from 10-30 a.m.

on the 4th Thursday of each month from March to October. If the weather is fine, we hold the meeting in our chapel garden where visitors can look out over Roxton Park and see the Long Horn cattle that are usually there.

If you are travelling on the A1 or A421 near Roxton on the day we hold this

event just turn for Roxton at the 'Black Cat' roundabout. We will be thrilled to welcome you and show you round our unique chapel. Bernard Harper

Summer School

We are holding our first Summer School in August; 'Is Christian Non-Conformity a Thing of the Past?' There is an early bird discount for the first 30 places.

<https://www.congregational.org.uk/summer-school/summer-school-1>

Continuing Ministerial Development days

We have five Keeping it Fresh CMD days for ministers coming up. These will be held at Lapford, Hay Mills, Blavenon, Clydebank and Stepney. For more information Ministers should visit <https://www.congregational.org.uk/cmd-events/events>

'What's in a Name?'

Part one of our new publication 'What's in a Name?' is now available.

This resource can be used alone or for group study. The booklets are priced at £1 per copy or 6 copies for £5.
<https://www.congregational.org.uk/enable/learning-and-development-resources-for-your-church> for i

Disaster Ministry

An Interdenominational Response - Local Churches coming together to offer practical, pastoral and spiritual support.

This one-day interactive programme will provide you with an understanding of disaster management and the tools for developing an action plan for churches in your area to offer practical, pastoral and spiritual support both in the acute and community recovery phases of a major incident or disaster.

For more information and booking details please visit <https://www.congregational.org.uk/news-and-events/latest-news/latest-news/post/627-disaster-ministry>

Holy Habits

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It is a way of life for all ages and cultures; a way of life based on Luke's portrait of the community of followers of Jesus that we see in Acts 2:42-47; a way of life that nurtures whole-life, missional discipleship; a way of life that, when lived faithfully day by day and fruitfully both personally and collectively, encourages others to join the adventure of following Jesus.
<https://www.holyhabits.org.uk/>