

# In Touch



## Happy Easter

I might be a bit early but by the time the next edition comes out we will be knee deep in chocolate eggs. Of course Easter isn't about the chocolate but about Christ's sacrifice for us and his glorious resurrection- Alleluia! So happy Easter one and all.

Remember if you'd like to include any news or events or need advice or support then please do get in touch!



## Dates For Your Diary

- 10<sup>th</sup> March** Stapleton Road Bristol : Open Space Event 10.30am-3.30pm open to everyone.  
We shall be discussing the following question, As a Federation, how are we going to support our youth and children in their faith journeys?
- 11<sup>th</sup> March** Hay Mills CC Membership service 11.00am-12.30am, followed by lunch.
- 12<sup>th</sup> -15<sup>th</sup> March** Swanwick, CWM Regional Members Mission Forum
- 24<sup>th</sup> March** Nottingham, Church Support Committee 10.00am for 10.30am
- 25<sup>th</sup> March** Palm Sunday
- 1<sup>st</sup> April** Easter Sunday

### QUIET DAYS—BREATHING SPACES

Looking for somewhere to spend a day in quiet reflection? A place to be, rather than having to do? Then this could be just what you are looking for. We will be offering a programme of quiet days over the next few months starting soon with a day in Taunton : North Street. More information will be available soon.

### CWM REGIONAL MEMBERS MISSION FORUM

'The Regional Assembly is an opportunity to reflect on the Assembly theme "Healing for the broken body: Hope for renewal" and specifically what this looks like in our European mission context. In addition, the Assembly celebrates and highlights what CWM has been doing and is an opportunity to reflect on its future programmes. The Assembly provides a platform to hear from member churches and seek new ways to collaborate together. At this round of Regional Assemblies there is space to discern new priorities together and input into CWM's future strategic direction beyond 2020.' - Part of invitation letter from Wayne Hawkins CWM Mission Secretary (Europe) The General Secretary and The church Support workers will be in attendance at the meeting in Swanwick.

### PRAYER REQUESTS

Church Support Committee members. Please pray for the committee members as they come together on the 24th.

#### The Church Support team

The Church Support team meets regularly to discuss their work, and look at new ideas and information from our churches. Please remember Walter, Maddy, Lisa, Neil, Johnny, Judith and Yvonne in your prayers as they undertake to offer help and support to all of our churches.

#### Hay Mills CC

Please pray for the 7 people who will be coming into membership at this church on Sunday 11th March. This is the church that was re-opened several years ago as a Congregational Federation project, and is now transitioning to an independent Congregational Church. God is clearly at work in this project, and we pray for every blessing on those who are part of this process.

### DEEPER INTO FAITH

If you would like an opportunity to dig deeper and find out more about God, the Bible and your faith, and would like to do it with other people like you, then consider our CF course. For us, learning and growing in faith go together. Have a look here:

[www.congregational.org.uk/learning/going-deeper](http://www.congregational.org.uk/learning/going-deeper).

Or give us a call: 0115 911 1450. Or email us at: [training@congregational.org.uk](mailto:training@congregational.org.uk).

### GODLY PLAY WITH OLDER PEOPLE

Many of you may already be familiar with Godly Play that is focused on children. 'A creative and imaginative approach to Christian nurture, Godly Play is based on long established, tried and tested approaches, uses symbols and objects as well as words values process, openness and discovery and encourages people to make meaning for themselves <https://www.godlyplay.uk/> This approach is now being developed for use with adults in care homes, those with dementia and adults in a general setting. If you would like more information, you can go to the website above, or contact us at [support@congregational.org.uk](mailto:support@congregational.org.uk)

### CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

An Open Space Event is taking place on Saturday 10th March, as previously advertised, where we will be looking at the question 'As a Federation how are we going to support our children and young people?' Results of these conversations will be shared and will go towards informing future strategy.