

In Touch



Have you missed this?

We had intended only a brief pause over the summer. So we are sorry that it has taken so long.

Now we have some questions.

Have you missed this? Is it worth continuing? Should we continue from now, every month?

We would like to hear from you and include news from your church! If you'd like to include anything or need advice or support then please do get in touch.



Dates For Your Diary

27 th October	Likewise at EbbwVale 10am - 4pm
1 st November	All Saints day
7 th November	Breathing Space at Market Harborough 10.30am - 3.00pm
10 th November	Likewise at Harden 10am - 4pm
11 th November	Remembrance Sunday
16 th -18 th November	The Council of The Congregational Federation Please pray for the members safe journeys and their discernment in all the decisions they have to make
30 th November	St. Andrews day
2 nd December	Life Light—Advent resources launched through the Congregational Federation Website
3 rd -4 th December	Tree Dressing Day : For more info - www.commonground.org.uk/tree-dressing-day/

Breathing Space

A day to be—not to do!

Come and pray, unwind, contemplate and refresh. On the first Wednesday of every other month.

Come and go between 10.30am and 3.00pm November 7th is at Market Harborough For more information or if your church would like to host a Breathing Space in 2019 then please contact us. support@congregational.org.uk

Life Light

Beginning on 2nd December, the first Sunday in Advent, the Congregational Federation will once again be sharing a daily reflection, leading up to Christmas Day. We will use images, music, Bible readings, personal reflections and news from our churches around the following Advent themes:

2-8 December Hope
9-15 December Peace
16-22 December Joy
23 -25 December Love

Prayer Trees

Does your church have a prayer tree? Is it placed somewhere that is highly visible? A tree in your church yard? Could it and the glory of Gods creation be celebrated during Tree Dressing week? If you have the space could we come and plant a prayer tree at your church? Or maybe you have a prayer wall or box. We would love to hear more about your prayer spaces, how they work, and who posts prayers on them.

Kerusso

Have you planned your services for Christmas yet? When you do, we want to help you get the word out to as many people as possible. So that they can come and hear the Good News of the Christmas Story.

You may remember Project Gabriel. We've revamped and relaunched this as Kerusso. Kerusso means to preach, to proclaim, to be a herald of good news. Through the new website we aim to proclaim your events and services.

So visit the website and fill in the form on the 'Share' page with as much detail as you can. We will verify your details to submit your event and it will go live on the website. People will be able to search their locality to find a Carol Service at a Congregational Church close to their own home.

You can submit as many entries as you like. Please enter one service on one form. If you are holding events on 15th, 16th and 17th December please submit three separate forms.

Give as much detail as you can and please be specific with your address details. And this is not just for Christmas. You can also use it at other times of the year

Likewise: 'Worship and the Psalms'

Led by Walter Riggans. Two Likewise events, will explore what it means to worship God when life is hard. We will be immersing ourselves in the Psalms as we

explore this together. The same day will be run twice. 27th October at West End church, Ebbw Vale and 10th November at Harden church, West Yorkshire from 10 am to 4 pm. Are you interested? Please contact - training@congregational.org.uk, or 0115 911 1460.

Continuing Ministerial Development

Announced at the last Assembly and in the most recent issue of The Congregationalist, we are now actively encouraging those in ministry to contact Walter Riggans if they would like to explore the possibility of some form of ministry energising. A few ministers have already been in touch, and we are working on customised ways to explore different matters, discover new vistas or find a fresh approach to life and ministry. For an informal chat contact walter.riggans@congregational.org.uk or 0115 911 1462

Working Group for Children and Youth Strategy

There was a proposal at the Church Support Committee to form a small working group for planning the future of Children's and Youth work and generating a new strategy to take forward. The group would not necessarily need to comprise only of Church Support Committee members, but also people from the Areas with enthusiasm for taking this work forward. Do you have a heart for this? Then please contact us. support@congregational.org.uk