

Hello Everyone

Please find attached details of local events and opportunities coming up. Please do share the information with your church / organisation / community.

Posters/details for all the events are also attached.

A copy of this newsletter can also be found on the CTBS website <https://ctbs.org.uk/> Please share!
Thank you.



Bishop's Stortford & Sawbridgeworth

Street Pastors need your church!

For the first time in many years, we are unable to patrol weekly at the moment as we are short of volunteers. Can your church help?

Can we deliver a short presentation, perhaps in a service, or to Home Groups? Could we have a display stand at your church encouraging people to come out with us for *one night* and find out more about what we do? Please include us in your prayers.

If you think your church can help, or if YOU are interested in finding out more, please contact me for a no-obligation chat. Please see attached

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Budgeting Workshop - The local Citizens Advice is putting on a free workshop to help people with tips on how to manage their money. It will include ways to make money go further, managing when things are tight, what benefits are available and dealing with bills. The event will take place from 1.30pm to 3.30pm on Monday 6 July at the Methodist Church. **Please see attached.**



Thirst Youth Cafe is part of Tesco Stronger Starts until the end of July. Please add your votes when you shop. The more votes we receive, the more money we stand to receive!

Songs of Praise 4th October 4pm



Churches Together would like to invite you to support a special gathering focused on worshipping the Lord together as one body in Bishop's Stortford. Please save the date.

Church Leaders please respond to the information below!

The Psalms continually encourage us to lift our hearts in praise:

"Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel" (Psalm 22:3)

"Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised" (Psalm 48:1)

With this in mind, we are proposing an afternoon of worship on **Sunday 4 October 2026 at 4:00pm** at the **United Reformed Church**, lasting around an hour.

Our hope is to create a joyful and united time of song and prayer in worship of our amazing God. We would love this gathering to reflect the breadth and richness of worship across our churches, and so we are inviting congregations to contribute ideas for hymns and worship songs.

We anticipate including around nine songs in total, each introduced by a very brief testimony or explanation (maximum one minute) sharing why it has been chosen — in a style similar to BBC *Songs of Praise*. These may be grouped in twos or threes before the corresponding songs are sung together.

When suggesting songs, we would be grateful if they could:

- have a relatable testimony or story behind them
- be textually accessible
- be musically accessible for a gathered congregation

We would also like to include a time of prayer led by two or three people drawn from across the churches. Please do let us know if there are members of your congregation who may be well suited to contribute in this way.

If this vision resonates with you, we would be grateful if you could encourage your congregations to put the date in their diaries and join us for this special occasion.

Please send any song suggestions, ideas, or offers to contribute to david.clapham@ntlworld.com

Please share the attached letter with your Church Leader.

Help to improve a new online health tool for Hertfordshire Residents.

*Hertfordshire County Council is looking for Hertfordshire residents to help test a new online tool called **Healthier Me Herts**. Healthier Me Herts is designed to help people understand their health and find local services and self-help resources that might be useful for them.*

They are keen to hear from a wide range of people, including:

- *People who don't often use the internet or aren't confident online*
- *People who prefer information in simple or non-English formats*

- *People with disabilities or accessibility needs*
- *People with more complex life situations (like unstable housing)*
- *People who support others (carers)*

Please see attached for full details.

Please send me details of events at your church, including Alpha groups, courses, concerts etc.

Updates will generally be sent the first week of each month.

Please note, we now have an 'events' page on our website where you can check dates and avoid clashes.