



September 2026

Doing together what is best done together

Hello Everyone

So much news this month! Praise God!

There are lots of things happening, so please do share this update with your church / organisation / communities.

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.



A very warm welcome to the new church leaders in our town!

We have been blessed with the appointment of several new church leaders, and we are delighted to welcome them to our community.

You are warmly invited to the following services:

- **Pastor Kristian Dimond**, Welcome Service,
Bishops Stortford Baptist Church, Saturday 5th September, 3pm
- **Abigail Perrow**, Ordination and Induction Service,
United Reformed Church, Saturday 12th September, 2.30pm
- **Rev Christopher Wilson**, Circuit Service,
Bishops Stortford Methodist Church, Sunday 13th September, 6.00pm

Invitations with further details for each service are attached to this newsletter.

Global Week of Prayer 'At the Name of Jesus' 6th – 13th September

An invitation to join non-stop prayer across nations and denominations.

<https://www.24-7prayer.com/weekofprayer>

"Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

Philippians 2:9-11 NIV

Tear Fund have published some useful resources. Please see attached newsletter, or follow the link: <https://www.tearfund.org/campaigns/global-week-of-prayer/global-week-of-prayer-uk>

- ❖ St James Thorley will be hosting a 24 hour prayer session in the church 12th – 13th September.

Alpha courses starting in September

- **St James (St Barnabas Centre) on Monday nights**
<https://www.stjamesthorley.church/alpha>
- **Community Church (Charis Centre) Thursday nights**
<https://ccbs.churchsuite.com/events/cb5z4m6a>



Two News items from Thirst Café



1. Rachel's parachute Jump has raised almost £2,500 so far!

Please see attached update for more details.

2. Quiz Night on 18th September at 7:00 pm at the Charis Centre

This year, we have been privileged to support over **800 incredible young people** in our community. However, keeping our youth projects running takes **£180,000 every year**. We would love for you to join our journey and help us reach this goal - while enjoying a bit of friendly competition! Remember that everything we raise at this event will be matched by a generous supporter.

Get ready to test your trivia skills at our **Charity Quiz Night!**

- Friday 18th September at 7:00pm, Charis Centre, Bishop's Stortford
- Bar and snacks available to fuel your brainpower!
- Tickets Just **£10** if you book before 10/09/26 (£12.50 after)!
- Click [here](#) to secure your booking

We are also looking for raffle prize donations! If you can help, or if you have any questions, please contact rachel@thirstcafe.com.

Poster attached – please share



We are starting a new monthly coffee morning at the Community Church
on the first Saturday of the month
starting September 5th 10-11:30 am.

No need to book.

‘Songs of Praise’ Event

United Reformed Church

Sunday 4th October at 4:00pm

Please remember to send a favourite hymn or worship song from your church to

ctbshelp@virginmedia.com

*“Rejoice in the Lord always,
I will say it again rejoice” Phil 4:4*



Important request from Holy Trinity Night Shelter

The shelter is beginning to prepare for the winter season, and is looking for volunteers. There are various roles available. Please see attached request and share with your communities.

“FOR EVEN THE SON OF MAN CAME NOT TO BE SERVED BUT TO SERVE, AND TO GIVE HIS LIFE AS A RANSOM FOR MANY” Mark 10:45



National Emergency Briefing

This is a 50 minute long film about climate change. Churches are encouraged to put on a showing of the film for congregations and the general public, as a catalyst for wider public conversation. Please see link for further details.

<https://www.nebriefing.org/the-film>



Something for your diary!

You are invited to a Prophetic Art Workshop
(part of the CCBS Prophecy Course)
at the Charis Centre Small Hall 7pm - 9.30pm
on Wednesday 11th November 2026.

This is open to all.

Materials and light refreshments will be
provided.

Date for your diaries:

- **Next CTBS Forum is our AGM on 11th November 7.45 for 8pm**
Windhill Churches Centre. Please make sure your church is represented.
- **All Churches Carol Singing 12th December** 
Oasis Lounge, Methodist Church, with charity collection.
Please save the date and share with your music group. Details to follow.
- **Week of Christian Unity January 2027. Joint Service 24th January**
Details to follow

Please send details of events at your church, including celebrations, Alpha, concerts, courses, etc. to ctbssecretary@gmail.com by 1st of the month.

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

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