November 2026

Doing together what is best done together

Hello Everyone

Lots of events and information this month! Please find details below and attached.

Please do share this update with your church / organisation /communities.

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



A HUGE THANKYOU to Nathan Collins and everyone involved in our inaugural 'Come Worship With Us' songs of praise service on the 4th October. It was so good to see so many churches represented. Many thanks to the URC for hosting the event, and to all who came along.



CTBS AGM 11th November, 7.45pm for 8pm
Windhill Churches Centre,
Monastery Gardens, Windhill, CM23 2ND
All welcome! Invitation attached – please share.
Please ensure your church is represented.

Christmas Services Advert RSVP!

Although it is only early November and Christmas may still seem a long time away, it will be on us before we know it, and thoughts are turning to advertising our Christmas services. I imagine that by now most churches will have settled their Christmas program, so could you please let me have the information as soon as possible. If plans are still in flux please let me have the details by the **14th November at the latest**.
Many Thanks. David Clapham david.clapham@ntlworld.com
(Thank you to those who have already sent their dates)



Churches Together Carol Singing
Saturday 5th December, Bishop's Stortford Christmas Fair

You are warmly invited, both young and old, to be part of the Churches Together Carol Singing on the Host Café balcony area in the town on Saturday 5 December. We will be singing carols accompanied by piano.
There will be other ways you can get involved too, as you will see on the attached information. Please respond to Nathan Collins, Choir organiser and Conductor On behalf of Churches Together.

Company at Christmas provide meals to those who would otherwise be on their own on Christmas Day. Meals can be delivered to individuals at home, or guests can be transported to the Methodist Church to enjoy a traditional Christmas day meal and entertainment. Previous guests are automatically invited, but if you would like to add any new names to the invitation list, please email Marianna.Damato@gvhealth.com



Would you like to hear the Christian message broadcast across the entire country this Christmas?

SaltSellers UK is a tiny Stortford-based charity which is thinking big. Formed in 2023, it makes radio ads about faith every Christmas and Easter - ads based around subjects NON-churchgoers are interested in: Strictly, the Traitors, football, AI, dating apps. We believe Jesus is relevant to ALL of these!
But advertising costs. At present, we can only afford to buy airtime on one radio station - Heart Essex. We only need £14,000 to cover the whole UK on Heart - the nation's biggest radio brand, even beating Radio 2.
Find out more! To listen to the four ads about AI made for Easter, and see the special website built for non-churchgoing listeners, head for tryjesus.org.uk. Or visit www.saltsellers.info, to hear our latest ads - which went national in June, thanks to a one-off gift.
Will you help us go national again this Christmas, and reach millions who would never go near a church, but who are hungry for reality and hope?
And please pray for us! Thank you.
Questions? Email Ali at hello@saltsellers.info



Friends of St James Autumn Craft Fair
Saturday 7th November 11am – 3.30pm
St Barnabas Centre



Encounter Service at St Barnabas Centre
8th November, 7pm
A space set aside to draw closer to God in worship and prayer. These evenings are an opportunity to be refreshed and encounter God's presence together as a community.

Prophetic Art Workshop
(part of the CCBS Prophecy Course)
Charis Centre Small Hall
Wednesday 11th November 2026 7pm - 9.30pm
This is open to all.
Materials and light refreshments will be provided.



Violin and Piano recital
St Michaels Church
Sunday 22nd November 3pm
See attached



Saturday 14 November 2026.
7.00pm Sawbridgeworth Evangelical Congregational Church
London Road, Sawbridgeworth CM21 9EH
Raising money for Tearfund.
See attached.



United Reformed Church, Water Lane Christmas Bazaar
Saturday 14th November 9.30am to 2pm
All proceeds to be donated to St Clare Hospice, The International Red Cross and the Church.
See poster attached.



Salvation Army Community Carol Service
28th November, 7pm
Holy Trinity Church, Bishops Stortford.
Raising funds for The Bishops Stortford Youth Centre.
All welcome!
Please see poster attached.



Youth Praise Night
5th December 7-10pm
Community Church, Charis Centre
An exciting night of worship, led by youth, for youth.
Ages 14-24.
See attached poster.

Dates 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.

- **CTBS carol singing** on Host Terrace at Bishop's Stortford Town Christmas Fair. See attached

Please note: The Week of Christian Unity Joint Service (24th January) is to be rescheduled.

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.