



Welcome to the latest Forward-up, which contains a link to the [Baptists Together Council remit](#) news of how [geologists are playing a role](#) urging the Government to take in more unaccompanied refugee children on the 80th anniversary of Kindertransport, and much more, including [Baptist resources](#) [faint oral histories](#). reaction to the recent [Billettint Shmitt](#) and reviews of [selection of new books for Advent](#).

Please note we are currently revising the way in which we send our regular mails to you, and these changes will be phased in over the next couple of months. From December this news update will be sent on the third Wednesday of each month, and there will be links to news items in the resources email at the start of the month. Church Secretaries and Treasurers will also receive a regular mail from our Support Services Team with information on finance and legal matters.

As ever, thanks for reading,

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Key shared priorities and sustainable funding - latest Council report



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Discerning key shared priorities and exploring a sustainable funding model were among the main discussion points at the latest Council

#### Kinderireensoori anniversary: It's our turn

in 1938 the UK Winched what became known as the Kindertransport scheme, an organised rescue effort that saw 10,000 predominantly Jewish children given refuge from Nazi persecution.

This Thursday, on the Berth anniversary of the lobbying for the scheme, a group of campaigners, including Baptist ministers emboldened by the response of their local council, will ask the Government to protect today's unaccompanied refugee children - and they request your prayers.

#### New Baptist resources for Inter Faith Week

Would you Ike to build friendship with those in the local mosque or girchvara - but need better understanding?

### Regional Molder Inductions at the LBA

A new season In the life of the London Baptlst Association has begun with the Induction of low regional ministers

### APraYerful new beginning

A report from the Induction of new Yorkshire Etaptlst Association regional minister Cilve Bumard

### Festschrift honour for John Colwell

Baptist theologian John Colwell Is presented with a set of essays that engage with his work and seek to build upon It

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Church-run drop-in centres for vulnerable and homeless people will be targeted by traffickers this winter

### Church installation inglillgitfl

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### Churches team uo for Christian Aid

Churches it the north-eastern corner of Cardiff gathered together for a unique programme of fund-ralstng activities over a weekend In October

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The latest Catalyst Live, the TED-style event organised by BMS World Mission, featured a typically diverse range of speakers to help Christians engage with challenging ideas. Here's a snapshot of audience reaction

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### A mimed life?

Some seriously bad people ive to be a hundred, while many good people, including frie Christens, have their earthly lves cut cruelly short. Where is God in this?

### The Parable of Maradona

How a conversation about footal presented an opportunity to talk about a famous

player - and Jesus

### **Keep faith growing**

A Baptist minister argues that we need to focus on growing our faith, as opposed to growing the church

### **'A reluctant hero'**

The unassuming padre who became one of the most highly-decorated non-combatants of the Great War - and was killed just before it ended

### **Moving on to the Promised Land....**

Completing a church building project is not the end of the journey - it's often just the beginning.

### **How the church can help with emotional eating**

Dr Deborah Lycett gives an update on the Taste & See programme

### **Reviews:**

#### **Keep Faith Growing by Phil Campion**

Useful book about the importance of growing faith, with clear steps on how to go about it

#### **The Prince of Peace in a World of Wars by David Kerrigan**

David Kerrigan's excellent and realistic book takes its readers on an unusual Advent journey which offers no trite answers

#### **Celtic Advent by David Cole**

This gem of a book features 40 meditations and offers a truly refreshing way to prepare for Christmas

#### **Advent for Everyone by Tom Wright**

The latest in Wright's 'For Everyone' series provides a useful period of preparation for Christmas

#### **The Art of Advent by Jane Williams**

Wonderful and beautiful book reflects on a painting each day and has the potential to engage all ages in the season of Advent

## **Baptisms and other notices**

## Baptisms

Alton Baptist Church, Hampshire: Andy Green  
 Dagenham Baptist Church, London: Lalithe Wakwella  
 Kankanamge and Charlotte Laryea  
 Greenfield Baptist Church, Llanelli: Licolle Griffiths



## Obttuary

[The Revd Dennis Edgor Weller 192111-2018](#)

An inspiring example of someone who knew how to combine a clear aid firm faith while always remaining open to the mystery of the divine'

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## Jobs

- Pensions Manager, Baptists Together

[For more Information on this, and other roles, or to advertise your vacancy, click here](#)

## Events/resources

### JPFT newsletter

It can be difficult to know how to respond to the injustices in our world. Christians are called to act justly and to work for God's kingdom on earth as it is in heaven. What does this mean today, and how can we make a difference?



The Joint Public Issues Team (JP IT) is made up of Baptists

Together, the Church of Scotland, the Methodist Church and the United Reformed Church, working together for peace and justice.

We work to equip Christians to act and pray on issues of injustice.  
We work to resource churches to reflect and campaign effectively.

**Sign up to the JPIT newsletter here:** [www.jointpublicissues.org.uk/newsletter](http://www.jointpublicissues.org.uk/newsletter)

### **Meet your MP**

Meet Your MP is a new initiative to encourage positive links to develop between church congregations and their MPs.

It's about going deeper than just sending an occasional letter or email, but really trying to get to know your representative in Westminster, and giving your MP an opportunity to better understand the activities and concerns of local churches. Visit <http://www.jointpublicissues.org.uk/issues/politics-and-elections/meetyourmp/>

### **'Scientists in Congregations' Funding**

How do we raise fresh awareness of the significance of the science-theology conversation in the lives of church congregations? How do we raise the profile of the locally based science professional in his or her local church? The **'Scientists in Congregations'** scheme provides a year of funding for new projects. Churches across England are being invited to **apply for a new round of grants** to fund activities aimed at promoting a better understanding between science and faith - apply by 7 January 2019.

### **Tearfund's Big Quiz Night - Saturday 17 November**

Tearfund are looking for churches and groups to help them raise £150,000 for Tearfund's work around the world. **Sign up today** to receive a Big Quiz pack, featuring everything you'll need to run (and publicise) your event. The pack includes a USB stick with the entire quiz, including special filmed inserts.

### **Charitable Incorporated Organisation Training Day** Tuesday 20 November

Hill Cliffe Baptist Church, Warrington, Cheshire.

An opportunity to find out more about the new legal structure for charities known as the 'Charitable Incorporated Organisation' or CIO for short.

Visit <https://www.baptist.org.uk/Publisher/Article.aspx?1D=527184>

### **Practical Peacemaking course, London - finding peace in the spaces in-between** 8 December

Tools for contemporary peacemaking including:

- Hospitality and loving the 'other'
- Organising for peace
- Faith and peace
- Peaceful spaces
- De-escalating aggression and violence

- Elevating voices of peace
- Action and reflection

If you have any enquiries please email [rachel@cruciblecourse.org](mailto:rachel@cruciblecourse.org)

Visit <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/practical-peacemaking-tickets-48022093374>

Crucible Course - various dates in London and Exeter

Crucible provides training that equips Christians to follow Jesus on the margins.

Crucible is run by Urban Expression ([www.urbanexpression.org.uk](http://www.urbanexpression.org.uk)) the Incarnate Network ([www.incarnate-network.eu](http://www.incarnate-network.eu)), in association with the Northumbria

Community, and others

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