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Working for unity, peace, and social justice



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In this edition you will find:

- The National Ecumenical Officer for the Church of England reflects on local ecumenism
- Learnings from the 2024 Irish Inter-Church Meeting

- Reflections from Race, Religion, Rhetoric and far-right extremism: a response conference
 - Lent Resources
- And much much more.

The CTBI Magazine is available online and in print.

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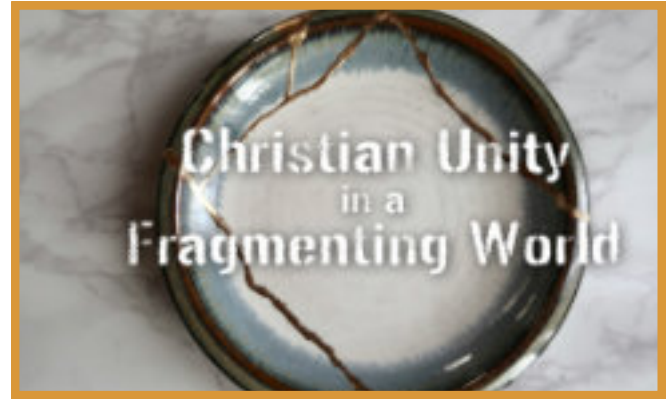
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Lent 2025 – Christian Unity in a Fragmenting World

This Lenten Resource follows on from the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity theme this year, which invites us to explore together the enduring relevance of the first ecumenical council of the Church which took place in Nicaea 1700 years ago.

The Nicaea 1700 anniversary this year, coinciding with the shared celebration of Easter, provides a unique opportunity to reflect on the progress of our ecumenical journey, deepening



our relationships and renewing our vision and commitment.

Resources are available in English and Welsh translation.

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Listen to CTBI General Secretary Nicola Brady's interview on UCB Radio, discussing CTBI's Lent reflections. [Click here.](#)

EVENTS



**David Goodbourn Lecture 2025-
Justknowing: How do we create
knowledge that does justice to
marginalised voices?**

[20 May 2025, Online](#)

This lecture will explore [Project Violet](#), a three-year project to explore women's experience of ministry in the Baptist tradition. Using Theological Action Research, the project has involved Baptist women to understand more fully the theological, missional, and structural obstacles they face resulting in 57 requests for change.

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**Standing Together
Weekend 2025
19– 20 July 2025**

Standing Together Sunday is a day for all churches, parachurch organisations and others in Britain and Ireland to share one Sunday where they pray for our young people and take action to address "Violence Affecting Young People" (VAYP). [Synergy Network](#) provides online resources in support of "Standing Together against serious young violence" Sunday.

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Christians in the Holy Land: challenges and hopes

31 March 2025, 12.00pm, London

Friends of the Holy Land is pleased to present Bishop William Shomali, Patriarchal Vicar for Jerusalem and Palestine speaking on how the war and ceasefire conditions are affecting the daily life of Christians in the Holy Land, particularly in his pastoral area, Jerusalem and Palestine.

Friends of the Holy Land is a Body in Association of CTBI.

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The gift of my neighbour: learning from diaspora communities

24 May 2025, 10.30am - 4.30pm, London

A day conference exploring some of the riches offered by Churches whose roots come from beyond the UK.

Organised by the Society for Ecumenical Studies, a Body in Association of CTBI, the Churches Together in England Racial Justice Working Group and Churches Together in Britain and Ireland.

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30th anniversary commemorations

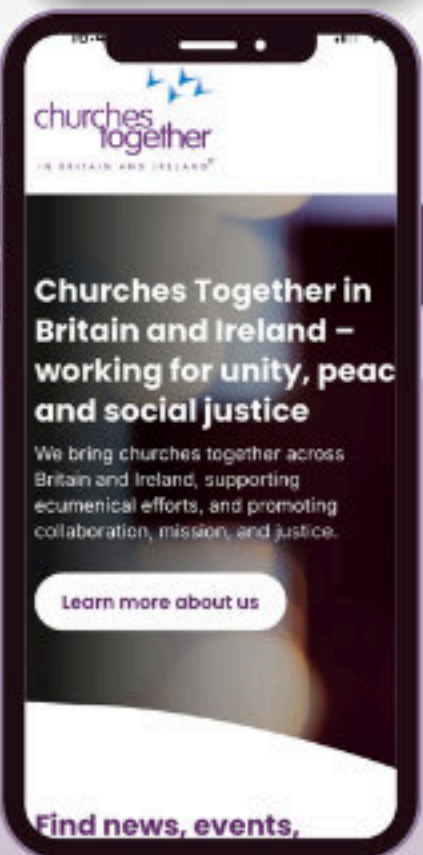
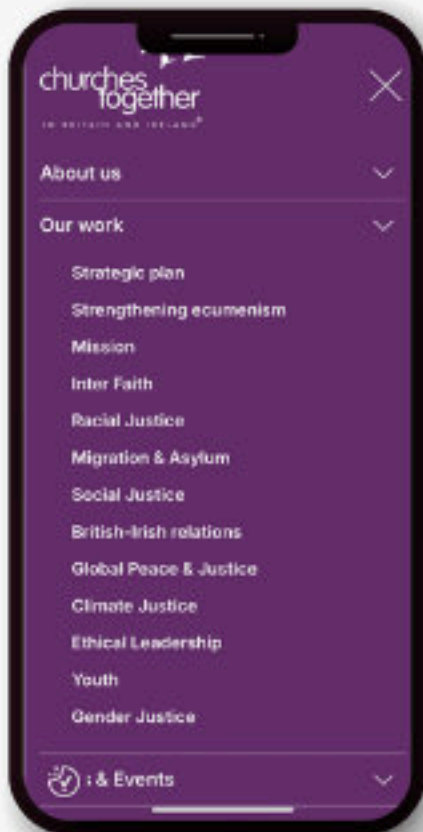


Remembering Srebrenica's aim is to commemorate the 1990s Bosnian genocide in which just under 100,000 Muslims were killed, two million people were displaced, and up to 50,000 women raped. It was the result of ethnic and religious hatred. 2025 is the 30th anniversary of the mass murder of 8,372 men and boys in one town: Srebrenica.

Remembering Srebrenica's mission is to remember yesterday and act today. To remember and pay tribute both to those who died and those who live with the loss of their loved ones to genocide. It also recommits to combatting the hate and racism that continue to kill people overseas and which too often blight the lives of people here in the UK.

Faith and interfaith communities are warmly invited to join this year's commemorations.

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PRAYER

Racial Justice

*Loving God,
Forgive us that we have been so slow
to face the reality of racism in our Church
and in the wider society.
Give us strength to persevere
When we might be tempted
to sidestep or shutdown
the difficult conversations.
We pray for the people and communities
wounded by the legacy of racism, slavery and colonialism,
and for those who fear for their lives
because of racism and the threat of violence today.
Help us to create together a vision of a world without racism
to inspire us to go deeper in this work.
Amen*



**This prayer has been taken from Week 3 of the CTBI Lenten resource:
'[Christian Unity in a Fragmenting World](#)'.*

[Other prayers are available on our website.](#)