



November Newsletter

As November begins and the evenings grow darker, there's still plenty to look forward to - exciting announcements, new opportunities for connection, and the hopeful light of Advent drawing near at the end of the month.

At [ChurchWorks](#), we're delighted to share that this month is shaping up to be an exciting and full one. We'll be announcing a range of workshops, report launches, and Colabs that highlight the power of collaboration and demonstrate how churches can play an active role in addressing some of the most pressing issues: tackling poverty, promoting wellbeing, and supporting vulnerable children and families.

Across the country, we know that churches are already making a real difference in their communities. On 6th November, our team are delighted to be joining [Christian Community Hubs](#) for a day when churches come together to strengthen these existing connections, and explore new ways to grow partnerships with local services. Throughout the month, we'll also be hosting a series of workshops designed to help you and your church build and deepen these relationships - and we'd love for you to join us! These partnerships play a vital role in supporting people and working together for the common good.

We're delighted to announce more speakers joining us at the upcoming [ChurchWorks Summit](#). It promises to be a day that sparks inspiration and serves as a catalyst for greater collaboration between church and government.

Thank you for all that you do to serve, support, and bring hope to your communities.

Blessings,

Ellie and The ChurchWorks Team

Promoting Wellbeing

Report Launch: The role of heritage buildings on community wellbeing in a 'decade of renewal'

Thursday 27th November 10am - 11am, online Zoom

[ChurchWorks](#), in partnership with [Historic England](#), is launching new research that explores how heritage buildings play a vital role in community wellbeing, belonging, and renewal.

The study highlights the impact of [Warm Welcome Spaces](#) held within historic settings showing how these spaces offer far more than warmth. They provide opportunities for connection, confidence, and shared experience, becoming transformative places of belonging rooted in continuity and care.

As the country looks ahead to a 'decade of renewal', this research demonstrates how heritage spaces can serve as *living assets* for local wellbeing, not relics of the past, but enduring foundations for renewal and community flourishing.

At the launch event, attendees will:

- Hear key findings and insights from the new report
- Explore case studies of Warm Welcome Spaces in heritage buildings
- Gain practical takeaways for community leaders, policymakers, and partners

Keep up to date with speaker announcements on our social media.

If you have any questions, please get in touch with ellie.ayrton@goodfaith.org.uk



Get Your Tickets Here!

Navigating the Health and Care System: A Guide For Churches

Tuesday 18th November, 1 - 2pm

Our next Accelerate Wellbeing workshop is designed to help churches engage with the ever-changing complexities of the NHS and Local Authorities in their responsibilities for health and care. It will help church leaders understand where they can contribute to the health and care of their local populations, break down the jargon and language they will encounter, and who to talk to so they can turn their ambitions into practical reality.

The workshop will be led by Dr Roger Greene with Dr Amit Sharma and Kathy Barker.

- **Roger Greene** is a former NHS Trust Chief Executive and now Deputy CEO of the bereavement support charity [AtaLoss](#).
- **Amit Sharma** is a GP Partner in West Berkshire, is CEO of the Berkshire West Primary Care Alliance, and an Elder/Trustee of Carey Baptist Church in Reading.
- **Kathy Barker** is a highly experienced Nurse who has worked in the Hospice sector and is now a Parish Nurse in Horsham.



Accelerate Wellbeing Workshop:
Navigating the Health and Care System

Led by Roger Greene

Tuesday 18th November
1pm - 2pm

[Click here to sign up](#)

The ChurchWork's Summit

Get your Early Bird Tickets Now! Offer for Limited Time Only

[The ChurchWorks Summit](#) is a chance for churches to see the bigger picture of how the Church can work with government and public services for the good of local communities.

Church leaders and members will explore how national conversations on faith and public life connect with local needs - from supporting families to tackling loneliness and mental health challenges.

The day will feature proven models of collaboration between churches and local services, including the NHS and family hubs, plus workshops sharing real-life case studies and practical resources.

Hosted by [Justin Brierly](#), with the co-host to be announced soon, we would love for you to join us on to join us to be a part of a conversation all churches should be involved in.

We are thrilled to announce joining us on our Tackling Poverty Panel will be:

- **Stewart McCulloch**, CEO of [Christians Against Poverty](#)
- **Rachel Lampard**, Director of Social Justice and Social Action at the [Methodist Church](#)

We will be announcing more speakers very soon!

Want to exhibit with us?

We would love for you to exhibit with us at the Summit to showcase your organisation all attendees.

We are offering a variety of exhibitor packages. To find out more please get in touch with ellie.ayrton@goodfaith.org.uk



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Supporting Vulnerable Children & Families

Children and Families Colab

Wednesday 19th November

3-5 pm online, on Zoom.

In this Colab, we will be further exploring the opportunity for the church to partner with the government on [Best Start for Life Family Hubs](#) in light of their commitment to expanding and rolling out this model. This will include highlighting the [Family Hubs toolkit](#) as a resource to support churches in collaborating with their local authorities, and on the opportunity for partnership through parenting classes and support that many churches already offer. In addition, we will be providing an update on the Children's Social Care work we have discussed in previous Colab meetings, in light of discussions that will take place at the Commissioner Meeting earlier in November.



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Tackling Poverty

Tackling Poverty Colab

Tuesday 25th November

2-4pm online, on Zoom.

This Colab will be a space to continue work on an ecumenical church response to the upcoming Child Poverty Strategy. We will explore the content of the strategy together before facilitating a wider conversation about whether the church has a role to engage with this work, what is ours to do, and how existing church action may inform and partner further with this important policy.



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What are Colabs?

Colabs are a place where we bring together people from Commissioning organisations (including our [Commissioners](#)) to dig deeper into practical action on one of our three Mission Areas (wellbeing, children & families, anti-poverty).

Partner Resources



Talking About Money in Church :A survey for church leaders

Many church leaders we speak to share the same feeling: teaching about money, generosity, and financial discipleship is important - but not always easy. For some, it's a confidence issue. For others, it's about knowing how to communicate these themes in a way that's biblical, practical, and pastorally wise. For many, it's simply something that gets squeezed out by the pressure of everything else.

Stewardship have put together a short, practical survey to help understand what you're already doing, what's proving difficult, and what kind of support would actually help.

Following the survey, they will be inviting groups of church leaders to take part in deeper listening sessions. These are informal, relational conversations where we'll explore more of the "why" behind the data and hear directly from those on the front line.

We would like to invite you to be part of that conversation - please let clare.walker@stewardship.org.uk know and we'll be in touch to arrange something that works for you.

[Click here to find out more](#)



Join the Christian Community Hubs Launch Event

Thursday 6th November, Oldbury

Across the country, [Christian Community Hubs](#) are bringing people and communities to life, blessing one another in the name of Jesus. To celebrate and strengthen this movement, a national launch event is taking place. [ChurchWorks](#) are thrilled to be joining and taking part in this important conversation and day of connection.

The event will explore the “DNA” of Christian Community Hubs and offer workshops on:

- Growing Christian Community
- Partnership working with health services and local authorities
- Good help and referral

Attendees will have the chance to share their stories, be inspired by others, and help shape the support needed for hubs to grow and flourish.

You can find out more about the Christian Hub Movement by watching their introduction video [here](#).

[Click here to get your tickets](#)



Thousands of Churches to Unite for Safeguarding Sunday 2025: “Action Speaks Louder”

On Sunday, 16 November 2025, churches across the UK will once again come together for Safeguarding Sunday - a national awareness-raising campaign led by Thirtyone:eight, the UK's leading

independent Christian safeguarding charity.

Launched today, and now in its seventh year, Safeguarding Sunday is a powerful opportunity for churches of all sizes and denominations to pause, reflect, and take meaningful action to create safer communities for all. Last year, more than 5,000 churches participated, united by one simple belief - safeguarding matters.

In a year where public trust in the Church continues to be tested by revelations of abuse and silence, Safeguarding Sunday offers a moment for honest reflection – and a bold call to transformation.

This year's campaign theme – Action Speaks Louder – urges churches to go beyond good intentions and conversations, and take concrete steps to improve safeguarding in their communities.

[Click here to find out more](#)

We Want to Hear From You!

Have you attended a ChurchWorks event?

We'd love to hear from you! Your feedback helps us shape our events so they're as helpful and practical as possible. Whether you joined a webinar, workshop, or used our resources, your thoughts will guide us in equipping you better.

Please take a few minutes to complete this short form - we'd greatly appreciate it!

[Share your thoughts through this short form](#)



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- Monthly newsletters with jam packed content (like this one)
- Reflections and blogs from the ChurchWorks team
- Stories of impact from churches around the country
- Information about upcoming in-person and online events
- Updates and resources from our partner organisations

Did you know that being a subscriber also gives you access to a free 30 min consultation call with one of the ChurchWorks team?

Whether you want to hear more about one of our mission areas, find out how you can connect more with your Local Authority or share a story of impact, we'd love to hear from you.

[Get in touch](#) to arrange a call.

Thank you so much for journeying with us as we seek to make a difference within communities by building connection in our churches. If you have any questions or feedback, please do get in touch by emailing info@churchworks.org.uk.

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