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"**Father**, we pray for wisdom and courage for our leaders gathered in Glasgow.

Shine your light in and through their discussions. Enable them to make bold decisions that will bring hope to the world."

more information on Leeds Anglican Diocese website:

<https://www.leeds.anglican.org/environment/saving-creation>

New CTE GENERAL SECRETARY

Bishop Mike Royal has been called as the next General Secretary of Churches Together in England (CTE). He will take up his post in March 2022 when the current General Secretary, Rev Dr Paul Goodliff, retires.



Bishop Mike is the Co-Chief Executive of The Cinnamon Network, a charity helping churches across Britain and Ireland with community engagement and social action projects. He is a founding Trustee and former National Director of award-winning charity Transforming Lives for Good (TLG) which works with children and young people at risk of exclusion from school. Bishop Mike has a wealth of ecumenical experience at local, regional and national level. He has worked closely with Birmingham

Churches Together on their "Standing in the Gap" initiative and is currently Co-Chair with the Anglican Bishop of Birmingham of the Birmingham Commonwealth Games 2022 Churches Together Working Group. Bishop Mike says "I am both honoured and humbled to accept the role of General Secretary of Churches Together in England, as the church journeys together to fulfil the mandate of Jesus - 'that they all may be one, as we are one' (John 17.22). Bishop Mike will be the fifth General Secretary of CTE since 1990. The General Secretary of CTE leads the staff team and with the Board of Trustees, develops and maintains the organisation's vision, promoting unity and mission among the churches in England.

WEST YORKSHIRE CHURCHES TOGETHER is the intermediate body within Churches Together in England serving West Yorkshire and the districts, dioceses and other groups within and around.

WYCT Co-ordinator is **Deacon Nick Shields**- westyorkshirect@icloud.com :

WYCT Convenor (Chair) is **Bishop Tony Robinson** Area Bishop of Wakefield, and Deputy Convenor is **Bishop Tony Parry** of the New Testament Church of God: **Rev Glenn Coggins** is convenor for Denominational Ecumenical Officers & Local Ecumenical Projects in this area: cogginsglenn@gmail.com

This newsletter is produced by WYCT: contact the Co-ordinator as above. We would be very pleased to receive your news- and photos- to include here- e-mail as above.

The Coordinator is happy to preach/speak on on WYCT or Christian Unity to your church or group....

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Big Give Christmas Challenge

Local charity, In2Out, is participating in The Big Give Christmas Challenge to raise funds to help even more lads leaving prison make a new start.

The Big Give Christmas Challenge is the UK's largest match funding campaign and In2Out aims to raise £5,000, which when added to their pledged match funding, will equal £10,000 towards their mentoring support service. Based at HMYOI Wetherby, In2Out offers resettlement support to lads aged 15-21 years old, leaving prison and returning to communities. Many young people in prison face an overwhelming number of issues from poor mental health, growing up in care, abuse, neglect, and social deprivation. The national reoffending rate for 15-18 years old within 12 months of leaving custody is around 65%; but for lads actively engaging with In2Out, that is reduced to less than 25%. The mentoring support offered by In2Out helps lads envisage a different way of living and find hope for the future after their time in custody, making a real difference in their lives and outlook.

Donations can be made online from 30th November until 7th December at: bit.ly/TBGin2out.

Craven Climate Action

David Hawkins writes:

I'm currently engaged with Craven Climate Action at the Craven Arts Hub in Skipton www.cravenarts.com. The project is interactive with the public, who are invited to send me photos of the effects of Climate Emergency on the landscape in Craven. For example the degradation of our peat moors, plastic, air and water pollution, fallen trees as a result of soil erosion and the flooding of river banks and the misuse of the chain saw. Send to: david@davidhawkinsartist.com;

The Residency is deliberately local in scope. We all have a part to play in caring for God's creation and the environment we love.



The project lasts until 12th November and the **resulting exhibition runs from 14th - 20th November** at the Craven Arts Hub at the bottom of Skipton High Street opposite Cafe Nero. Call in and meet me at work and collaborate with the project. The Hub is open to the public each market day from 10.30 - 4.00pm. That's Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays.

David Hawkins is an artist and a retired Bishop in the Church of England.

NEW! Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (WPCU) 2022 - 'We Saw His Star in the East'. Materials have been prepared by the churches of the Middle East who offer these resources conscious that the world shares many of the travails and much of the difficulties that it experiences, and yearns for a light to lead the way to the Saviour who is the light that overcomes darkness. Available FREE online. <https://ctbi.org.uk/resources-for-week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-2022/>