



## The Evangelical Fellowship of Congregational Churches

# CONGREGATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS

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## EFCC MISSION STATEMENT

**TO BE A FELLOWSHIP OF CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES EFFECTIVELY  
WITNESSING TO THE GOSPEL IN THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY**

We want to achieve this by promoting:-

- **Gospel Truth** Advancing Evangelical Christianity through Independent Churches.
- **Gospel Fellowship** Promoting fellowship and encouraging prayer, co-operation and mutual support for the churches as they witness to the gospel.
- **Gospel Independence** Bearing witness to the Scriptural principles of the autonomy of the local church and the freedom of believers in Christ.

We have a number of items that need your attention.

**PRAYER SUPPORT**- reminder to pray for Mike Plant (and Margaret) currently on Sabbatical until the end of August. Also for the EFCC Trust Board meeting on the 23rd September 2014.

We meet for prayer in the office at 9.30 a.m., please advise us of any prayer matters.

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## **WEBSITE**

On the site there is a Find A Church Facility for EFCC churches (Photos of Church and Minister still required) as well as the Church Directory, it would be appreciated if you could keep us informed regarding any changes to enable us to keep our records up to date.

Thank you.



Find us on Twitter @EFCC\_UK

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## **EFCC 2015 AGM 8th - 9th May**

Alderholt Congregational Church, Alderholt, Dorset

As you can see it is a 2 day meeting, please make a note in your diary – we are starting to look at accommodation needs and will have more information later.

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## **FOR MINISTERS**

**3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> November 2014 PRAYER CONFERENCE** – are you coming? Details and booking forms mailed out with this mailing. Churches please encourage your Minister to attend.

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### **Congregational and General – Charitable Trust**

[www.congregationalinsurance.com/charitable\\_trust.php](http://www.congregationalinsurance.com/charitable_trust.php)

The aim of the Congregational & General Charitable Trust is to support churches, in particular those of the United Reformed and Congregational denominations.

#### **Trust Objectives**

To make grants for the overall care, upkeep and extension of churches. To make grants towards the capital costs of church community projects.

To promote the Christian religion and, in particular, the United Reformed Church, Congregational Denominations and other churches which are of the Protestant tradition

### **The Lady Hewley Trust.**

Provides financial assistance for Ministers including Ministers of the EFCC Churches.

The trustees meet twice a year in June and November to consider grant applications in instances of need and hardship. Application forms from the EFCC office or contact:

Clerk to the Trustees

Lady Hewley Trust (Charity number 230043)

Military House, 24 Castle Street, Chester, CH1 2DS  
Tel:- 01244 400315 Fax:- 01244 400317  
Email:- neil.blake@pursgloveandbrown.co.uk

**The Coward Trust** - [www.cowardtrust.org.uk](http://www.cowardtrust.org.uk)

Please visit the site – grants may be possible for Ministerial and other support.

### **Robinson Trust**

Samuel Robinson's Charities is a link up of 2 separate charities and is 200 years old. It provides grants to ministers (serving and retired) and to widows of ministers in cases of need. Churches qualifying include Baptist, Congregational, Presbyterian and URC.

If anyone needs help they (or someone on their behalf) should contact Elizabeth Lawson – contact details below. A form will be sent that requires details of ministry etc as well as details of the financial circumstances. Although the majority of applications are considered in June, they accept applications at any time of year, as and when the need arises.

Elizabeth Lawson [ealawson@btinternet.com](mailto:ealawson@btinternet.com)

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**For Treasurers** – information circulated last year.

ACAT is a registered charity that promotes Church stability by providing advice, guidance, information and training to Church Treasurers. We have a growing membership of 9,500 and support Treasurers from across the spectrum of Christian denominations. Annual membership of ACAT including a helpline and a regularly updated Treasurer's Handbook is £12.50 a year.

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Association of Church Accountants and Treasurers  
19 Nethermoor Road, Wingerworth, Chesterfield S42 6LN

## **EFCC LADIES CONFERENCE**

18<sup>TH</sup> April **2015** 10 am – 3.30 pm

Speaker: Ruth Eardley

Venue: Kings Park Conference Centre, Northampton.

Please book the date in your diary for 2015, booking form below.



## Women to Women

EFCC Ladies Conference

17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> April 2015

Friday evening – informal fellowship

**Saturday Day Conference 10am-3.30pm**

**Speaker: Ruth Eardley**

**Topic: “Distinctively Different”**

(How to live for Christ in a non-Christian world)

Kings Park Conference Centre

Kings Park Road, Moulton Park, Northampton, NN3 6LL

**Please come and share in this time of encouraging and strengthening the faith and fellowship of women within our EFCC churches.**

Overnight shared accommodation: £73 (extra charge for single rooms) includes evening meal on the Friday, breakfast, lunch, refreshments and day conference on the Saturday.

Saturday Day Conference only: £22 includes lunch and refreshments during the day.

All the above costs are inclusive of a £5 conference fee.

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**Booking Form to be returned by the end of October 2014**

Name.....Church.....

Address.....

Tel:.....email:.....

I would like to book for the EFCC Ladies Conference in April 2015 (pls tick the appropriate answer):

Friday & Saturday with shared overnight accommodation    Yes    No

Friday & Saturday with single accommodation                    Yes    No

Saturday only    Yes    No

Please send your completed booking form with details of any dietary requirements and £10 booking fee (cheques made payable to EFCC ) to Mrs Pam Harrison, EFCC Office PO Box 34, Beverley, HU17 0YY by the **END of OCTOBER 2014**