



The Evangelical Fellowship of Congregational Churches

CONGREGATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS

Information for the churches

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Devotions

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

General Secretary Designate, Rev Tom Brand. At the AGM Tom shared something of his heart to encourage more men to come into the ministry and his burden for smaller churches. Pray for Tom, his wife Natalie and their three young daughters, as he takes on the mantle on 1st September 2018. Pray too, for the church at Binfield Heath as he leaves to take on this new service for God.

A date for a Commissioning Service to be announced in due course.

PRAYER SUPPORT

The EFCC Trust Board meeting 25th September 2018
Venue Bulkington Congregational Church

EFCC LADIES CONFERENCE

6th April 2019 10 am – 3.30 pm

Speaker: Ann Benton

Venue: Kings Park Conference Centre, Northampton.

Ladies please book the date in your diary for 2019, details will be available later in the year. Option of overnight stay on the 5th April, the ladies would encourage you to do this.

EFCC 2019 AGM

11th May – Stony Stratford Congregational Church

12TH WECF TRIENNIAL CONFERENCE

Details sent out with the previous newsletter – an “Expression of Interest” form can be downloaded from the EFCC website – take International tab then under WECF. Poster for churches.

INFORMATION FOR CHURCH SECRETARIES

Insurance documents – important these are **kept** in your files and not destroyed.

Affirmation of Oneness – we are pleased that a good number of churches have returned the card confirming their Affirmation of Oneness, for those churches who have not returned we would encourage you to sign and return the card as soon as possible.

Change of details – we are grateful for those churches who keep us informed regarding changes. Please e-mail changes to efcc1@efcc.karoo.co.uk or send in by mail.

Churches working together, in November 2017, a letter was sent to all churches for your prayerful consideration. We have had some replies, but it would be good for more churches to respond. If you require a copy of the letter, please contact the EFCC office.

FOR MINISTERS

5th – 8th November 2018 PRAYER CONFERENCE – are you coming? Details and booking forms mailed out with this mailing. Churches please encourage your Minister to attend.

The Coward Trust - 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.

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EFCC MISSION STATEMENT

TO BE A FELLOWSHIP OF CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES EFFECTIVELY WITNESSING TO THE GOSPEL IN THE 21ST 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.