



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 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.

Devotions

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

Vice-Chairman of The EFCC Committee – with Tom Brand becoming Ministry Director, the Committee have agreed that Rev. Matt Rees (Minister St Briavels Congregational Church) becomes Vice-Chairman.

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 previously sent out. Option of overnight stay on the 5th April, the ladies would encourage you to do this.

Details on the website or with this newsletter

EFCC 2019 AGM

11th May – Stony Stratford Free Evangelical Church

12TH WECF TRIENNIAL CONFERENCE 27 – 31 May 2019

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.

For Church Contacts

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.

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

PENSION SUPPORT

EFCC Trust Board Pension scheme covers those directly involved in gospel/evangelism ministry who have a formal contract of a minimum 3 years, in full time ministry or pro rata for those who are part time (minimum 16 hours/week). EFCC support is initially £60/month for full time workers, with rising scale for the number of years within EFCC Ministry.

Further details please contact the office

FOR MINISTERS – Ministers on Low Stipend support, letter and form sent out by e-mail – please contact the office if not received.

IMPORTANT CHANGES TO PRAYER CONCERN

From 2019 “Prayer Concern” will become “PRAYER FOCUS” and will be included as a pull-out insert of the EFCC INFellowship Magazine.

As its new name suggests, prayer requests will be chosen on a focussed theme to help target our prayers.

(NB. All requests received will appear on the EFCC Website but not all will be included in PRAYER FOCUS.).

We will continue to provide Prayer Concern for those who require a hard copy for a period of time.

The focus will change with each edition to encompass the wide range of requests received – so please continue to send in your prayer requests as before ready for the Spring Edition of INFellowship, not forgetting to pray for the requests on the Website.

Congregational and General – Charitable Trust

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

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

APPLICATION FOR GRANTS.

The EFCC Trust Corporation Ltd is responsible for the oversight of a number of Trust Funds including the National Funds. Affiliated churches are eligible to apply for grants from one or more of the Trust Funds as well as from National Funds.

Categories:

Ministerial Training/ Ministerial Support/ Welfare/ Evangelism/ Renovation, Repairs and Maintenance/ General Purpose.

Education Fund - We have limited funds available for small grants, we would welcome applications for their use, the funds are available for children of ministers employed full-time by member churches.

Grants up to a maximum figure of £10000 are considered based on the individual circumstances of the church applying, loans will also be considered on an application by application basis, possibly for larger projects such as church building extensions/renovation/new builds. One of the key areas is Ministerial Training/Support, EFCC would want to offer practical support to churches to enable them to consider calling a Minister.

The Trustees meet three times per year, usually in February, June and September to consider all grant applications. In the case of a particular need it may be possible for an interim decision to be made prior to the next trustee meeting. Completed application forms need to be returned to the office about 4 weeks prior to a meeting.

Grant application forms are available from Mr A R Harrison, EFCC, P O Box 34, Beverley HU17 0YY or by e-mail – anthonyharrison@efcc.org.uk

**PLEASE NOTE THE EFCC OFFICE CLOSSES 21ST
DECEMBER 2018 AND REOPENS 2ND JANUARY 2019
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT**

LADIES CONFERENCE 2019 - BOOKING FORM

It would be helpful to have the booking forms by the end of January 2019

Name.....

Church.....

Address.....

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Tel.....

Email.....

I would like to book for the EFCC Ladies Conference in 2019.
(Please tick requirements).

Friday and Saturday shared overnight accommodation **Yes No**

Cost: £85.00

Friday and Saturday with Single accommodation **Yes No**

Cost: £100.00

Saturday only Yes No

Cost: £25.00

Dietary requirements / Other requests

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Please send your completed booking form with details of any dietary requirements and a £20 booking fee (part of the fees mentioned above) (or £25 for Saturday).

Fees payable by online banking (preferred) details as follows:

CAF Bank Ltd, EFCC Trust Corp Ltd – EFCC Charities, 40-52-40, 00005870. Or by cheques made payable to EFCC to ;-

Mrs Pam Harrison

EFCC Office,

PO Box 34,

Beverley,

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by the end of January 2019 to guarantee a place.

Women2Women Conference

5-6 April 2019

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Ann Benton became a Christian 50 years ago while at university. She has written on a range of family issues and speaks at conferences and for church groups. Married with four children and seven grandchildren, Ann loves reading nineteenth century novels and music.

FRI 5 - SAT 6 APRIL 2019

Fellowship Evening
5PM

Day Conference
9:30AM-3:30PM

King's Park
Conference Centre
Kings Park Rd.
Northampton
NN3 6LL



Day or resident tickets available.
Come and enjoy great biblical teaching and fellowship.

BOOK YOUR PLACE AT
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