### **Keeping Connected**

We aim to keep everyone connected on a day-to-day basis through our website, social media channels and an annual CTWD Report/Handbook.



### **Get involved!**

There are lots of ways you can get involved with CTWD and our many partner projects. It may be through volunteering, signing up for newsletters, joining the prayer teams or supporting

with goods, will bequests or donations.

Please contact our partner organisations and churches direct using the links on the website or if you want to get involved more directly with CTWD, please email us at secretary@ctwd.org.uk.

We look forward to hearing from you!

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#### SOME OF OUR MANY PARTNER ORGANISATIONS...





# Reflecting God's Heart through United Work, Worship & Witness

# INTRODUCING CTWD...

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# Churches Together in Weston-super-Mare & District (CTWD)...

is a cross-denominational (or ecumenical) body that encourages and supports inter-church work, worship and witness among our 35 member and associate churches.

There are lots of amazing things happening in and around Weston-super-Mare! As we see more and more initiatives where people from our local churches get together 'as one' (John 17:21) - we are witnessing seemingly 'impossible' projects being blessed with resources, volunteers and support.

The outcome is that our community is being gradually transformed for the better and doors are opening for us to express in practical ways and in words, the message of hope that motivates us.

CTWD is part of Churches Together in Somerset, who in turn are affiliated to Churches Together England. Our support comes from donations and yearly subscriptions paid by member churches.

Deacon Gary Hoare from the Methodist Circuit in WsM is our President. Our Vice President is Rev Julie Birkett, Chaplain to Weston College. They are our ambassadors and each of them has numerous links with church and community projects in and around the town.

Churches Together is run by an Executive Committee consisting of one clergy and one lay member elected from each of the member churches along with co-opted representatives of some of our partner projects. They meet three times a year.



Weston-super-Mare & District



## **Our Ethos**

is very much to serve the church community and to seek to oil the wheels of unity and gladness.

From time to time, we are called upon to pioneer and co-ordinate initiatives or to make responses to the media on behalf of the Christian Church in the town and district. But we are not a head office!

Our emblem is the unifying badge that connects us all as the united churches of Weston & District.

We aim to be the connecting link that forges the strong bond of collaboration between the churches.

CTWD also aims to excite, to mobilise, to raise awareness of all the GOOD things that are happening - and to present to the town the voice of the local church without walls!

### What do we do?

Our primary tasks from our constitution are to encourage the church to combine for Christian fellowship, evangelism and social action.

### Fellowship

We organise joint worship events at Easter, Christmas and occasionally at other festivals. We hold an outdoor service of prayer and blessings for the town each year, at Uphill, organised with LOVE WESTON.



### Evangelism

Local CTWD churches are regularly running joint outreach events. From praying one-to-one on the streets and in local coffee shops to large youth events, concerts and missions.



### **Social Action**

CTWD churches have spearheaded a number of community projects addressing identified social needs including the Foodbank, Somewhere to Go, CAP, Street Pastors and more recently, the Night Assessment Centre.

We interface with local government by nominating representatives to sit in on significant North Somerset Council meetings and to report back and liaise on our behalf.