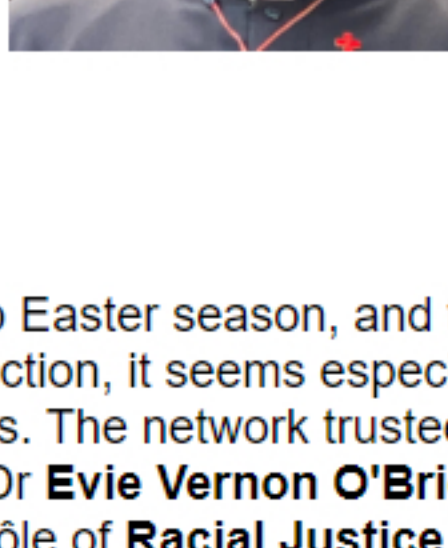




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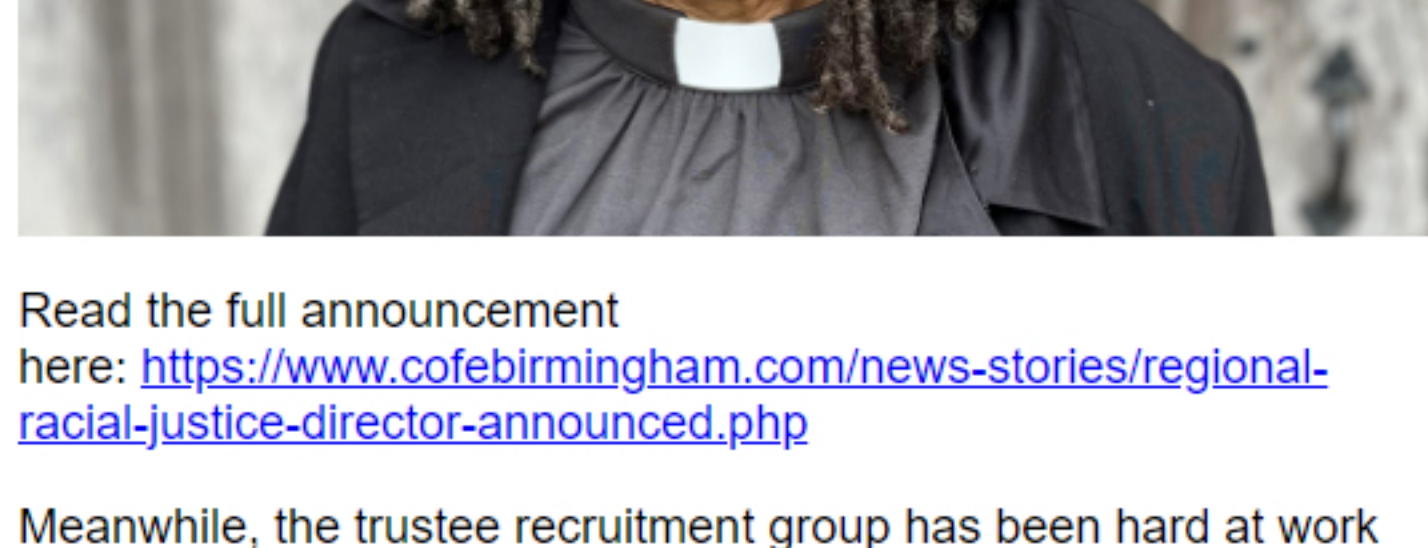
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From the Chair

Dear friends,

Since we are deep into Easter season, and the celebration of Jesus' glorious resurrection, it seems especially appropriate to share some joyful news. The network trustees are delighted for our Vice-Chair, the Rev'd Dr **Evie Vernon O'Brien**, who has been appointed to the new rôle of **Racial Justice Director** for the Church of England in the West Midlands. From our experience working with her, we are greatly reassured that this very important ministry has been entrusted into the best possible hands. Congratulations, Evie!



Read the full announcement here: <https://www.cofebirmingham.com/news-stories/regional-racial-justice-director-announced.php>

Meanwhile, the trustee recruitment group has been hard at work following the application deadline. They have a really tough job discerning the right candidates for co-option and hopeful election, because we received a lot more excellent applications than spots we're filling this time. We've decided to avoid adding too many new trustees at once, but the response this time has been so encouraging that we know we will do this again. Thank you!

Pob bendith,

*Fr Dan Barnes-Davies SCP,
Chair of the board of trustees*

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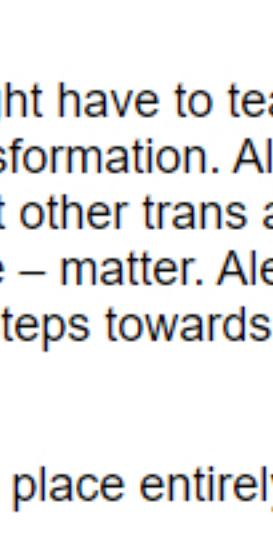
Save the date! Inclusive Church AGM and Annual Lecture

Inclusive Church AGM & Annual Lecture

Faith in Transition

Alex Clare-Young

11 July, 7pm, Zoom



Our AGM and Annual Lecture will take place on **Thursday 11 July at 7pm**. This year we are delighted to welcome former trustee Alex Clare-Young who will be giving the 2024 Annual Lecture. Alex's talk is titled "Faith in Transition".

Alex will speak about what some trans folks might have to teach faith communities in the context of societal transformation. Alex will share some stories from their research amongst other trans and non-binary people and show why they – why we – matter. Alex will que(e)rly stagnation and binarism and suggest steps towards local and national ecclesial change.

This year our AGM and Annual Lecture will take place entirely on zoom. Register here: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/inclusivechurch/e-bomaj>

Vacancies

If you have a vacancy to advertise, whether church or charity, lay or ordained, please [email office@inclusive-church.org](mailto:office@inclusive-church.org) with the subject **Vacancy advert**.

Ambassadors and New Churches

Inclusive Church has a network of over 1000 churches, and a list of the new ones who have just signed up can be found below.

We also have a network of voluntary Regional Ambassadors around the country. The Ambassadors act as a point of contact between a region (especially the inclusive churches in that region) and Inclusive Church nationally.

Please get in touch if your church would like to join the network, or if you would like to be an ambassador (if your region already has one or more, don't worry — you can work together!) If you need to get in touch with any ambassador on our list, please just find their email address [here](#).

The role description for Regional Ambassadors was updated during the annual ambassador training in 2022, in collaboration with the ambassadors themselves. It can be read [here](#).

More information on becoming an inclusive church can be found [here](#).

New Churches — April 2024

Benefice of Cheriton with Newington (3):
St Martin's, Horn Street, Cheriton;
All Souls' Cheriton; and
St Nicholas, Newington
St Lawrence Hilmarton
St Helen Escrick
Newark Congregational Church
St Mary Bexley
St John the Baptist, Barnet
Cornerstone Church, Uckfield
St Francis Bournville
St Mark's Hamilton Terrace
Histon & Castle Methodist, Cambridge
Christ Church, Quarry Bank
St Philips Leicester
Kenda, Warley Woods
Kendal United Reformed Church
St Philip & St James, Hallow
Hadley Holy Trinity and Wellington Christ Church

Welcome, everyone!

Events

Book Launch: Trans Formations

JOIN US FOR THE BOOK LAUNCH OF
ALEX CLARE-YOUNG'S
new book *Trans Formations: Grounding Theology in Trans and Non-Binary Lives* (SCM Press)

12TH JUNE 2024
5.30PM

ONLINE AND AT WESTMINSTER COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE

Join us to celebrate the release of Alex Clare-Young's [new book](#) *Trans Formations: Grounding Theology in Trans and Non-Binary Lives* (SCM Press). This is a hybrid event available online and at Westminster College. There will be a response by Professor Lisa Isherwood. Refreshments provided for those in attendance.

Fruitful 2024 conference

A day conference for LGBTQ+ inclusive evangelicals and allies at St Mary's, Bryanston Square, London

Saturday 11 May 2024 10am–5pm

Up and down the country many evangelical and charismatic churches have already fully welcomed and integrated the ministries and gifts of LGBTQ+ people. Many more are on a journey to doing so.

This is a day conference for everyone who is on that journey, and an invitation to come and see the good [fruit](#) of what God has been doing in our churches.

Everyone is invited, whether you're joyfully LGBTQ+ yourself, or simply wanting to see our churches become more welcoming, whether you've been in a church that embraced LGBTQ+ folks for decades, or you're at the very beginning of your journey towards inclusion and you still have lots of questions.

More information: fruitful2024.com

News

We Have Voices: Praying together for peace, justice and change by Barbara Glasson



The Rev'd Dr Barbara Glasson, patron of our partner *the Open Table network*, has edited a new book of prayers to empower church communities to focus more fully and publicly on matters of justice.

These original prayers commissioned specifically for public worship were contributed by a diverse range of people including two from a founding member of the first Open Table community.

Further information at Open Table's website: <https://opentable.lgbt/our-news/2024/4/26/we-have-voices-praying-together-for-peace-justice-and-change>

[We have voices: Praying together for peace, justice and change](#) is available now from Methodist Publishing for £6.99.

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