

CHURCH

- * CTCS Covenant Renewal & Service
*Sunday 21st January 6.30pm
 Guest Preacher: Archbishop Bernard Longley*
- * Away Day - Saturday 21st October
This is an important opportunity for us to explore where we believe God is calling us to as a fellowship of his people along with considering how this may be shaped by our place within the URC and in relation to deployment of ministers and other practicalities. All are encouraged to come. Please sign up.

DOMESTIC

- * Finance & Property
*An update
 We express our gratitude to Chris Harman for the dedication and time he has given as Treasurer and particularly for amalgamating three churches accounting systems.*
- * Constitution & Charity Registration
We will agree a Constitution for SURC to enable us to register as a Charity - a legal requirement. A draft text of the Constitution is at the back of the church for borrowing/reading. If you have questions please ask Gordon Justham, prior to the Church Meeting if possible.

* Key roles within the life of the church

*Church Secretary - A 'job description' is in the Newsletter with details of a training session.
 Lettings manager - to take all hall bookings for both Hobs Moat and Christ Church premises, issue invoices and pay cheques into the bank. Hosts - By arrangement with the Lettings Manager, to welcome occasional users of our premises and ensure they have all requirements.*

MISSION

- * Life on the Front Line
Elements of our life and mission - Invitation - My Life Workshop - 'moving on'
- * Olton - Sunday 26th November - CTO Advent Service @ URC/St Margarets
A United Service with Churches Together in Olton will acknowledge the faithful witness to Christ that our premises have enabled over many years, seek inspiration for our mission together to the Olton community. We will take the symbolic 'light of Christ' out into the community at the end of the service.
- * Child Friendly Church
The significance of - Tots & Tales, Messy Church, Yew Tree School etc.
- * Same Sex Marriage
The opportunity exists for SURC to register for the conduct of same-sex marriages. The Elders are unclear about how we should proceed, given other key issues on our church 'agenda'. This meeting will not be taking a decision, but is asked whether or not we as a church wish to devote the time necessary to explore the wide-ranging issues and discover 'the mind of Christ'.

WE, the ministers and people of the Central Solihull Churches, unite in proclaiming our faith in One God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit and confess Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour.

WE rejoice in our fellowship together and in our deepening relationships with one another through this covenant.

Recognising our differences, we renew our covenant to work together towards the fullest possible expression of our Christian unity through;

- Continuing to meet regularly as a Fellowship to pray, discuss, plan and carry out our work together.
- Sharing the gifts of our various traditions for the enrichment of all.
- Creating opportunities for united worship, study and witness.
- Regularly remembering each other in prayer.
- Encouraging regular meetings between ministers and leaders.
- Sharing information and publicity within and outside our churches.
- Supporting the work of inter-denominational projects and charities.
- Seeking to speak with one voice in dialogues with other bodies and faith groups in the community.