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New CEO sets out his hopes for CUF



Dear Laura,

This week Bishop Rob Wickham joined CUF as our new CEO. Bishop Rob, formerly Bishop of Edmonton in north London, has spent years working in deprived areas, and has encouraged churches to host initiatives such as food banks and debt advice. He says in his new role he wants “to resource the Church nationally to be the Church in areas of greater deprivation”.

Photo: Geoff Crawford

[Read more about Bishop Rob's story](#)

[Free webinar series on growing a fruitful church](#)



community, increase participation and tackle isolation. But where do you begin? We're running a five-part webinar series based on our Growing Good resources to help get you started. The first is this Monday, 17 July, at 11am: experts, practitioners and church members will look at how to open and run a Place of Welcome.

Starting and running a Place of Welcome 17 July 11am

Getting your church online and improving your church's online presence 24 July 10am

Resilience for leaders and volunteers of church-based social action projects 20 Sept 10:30am

Adapting to our communities: church beyond walls 11 Oct 11am

Recruiting, managing and retaining good volunteers 22 Nov 10am

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Sign up for our harvest resources



You can pre-order our *Hidden Treasures* resources for harvest services. In a fresh reading of the Wedding at Cana, our reflection asks: what if the gifts and tools you need to meet the needs of your community are already among you?

[Available in August, pre-order now](#)

Come and find us at Greenbelt



Next month we'll be donning our wellies and heading to the Greenbelt Festival, which is celebrating its 50th year. We'll be in the Takeaway Village so come by and tell us what you love about the place where you live.

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