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Chippenham Mission Area launched with special service and river blessing

On Tuesday, 22 September, churches in Chippenham came together for a special outdoor service to celebrate the launch of the Chippenham Mission area. The service included the blessing of the river Avon and ended with the signing of the Mission Area Covenant, which had been produced by both clergy and lay church members. St Andrew's, St Peter's and the Greenways Benefice have come together because of a recognition that they can achieve more together than apart, committing themselves to a common vision and shared action. The Mission Area places a key emphasis on nurturing, welcoming and enabling children, young people and families to grow in faith and take their place in the life of the Church.

Hazelnut Network supporting mission, discipleship, and new communities



The Hazelnut Network is a global collection of Eco-Communities, launched in May 2024 out of Hazelnut Community Farm, a church that meets in a community garden in Bristol. The Network exists to help churches explore what can happen when they bring Creator, creation and community together. Communities that are part of the Network have access to resources and plans for land-based gatherings, alongside regular online events. As of summer 2026, the Network is made up of around 50 churches & communities, mostly across the UK as well as in Sweden and several countries in Africa. Further information can be found on the our website.

Bristol Mothers' Union celebrates charity's 150th year in cathedral service



On Saturday, 7 August, the Bristol Mothers' Union celebrated the charity's 150th Birthday during a service at Bristol Cathedral. The service was attended by around 100 people, many of whom were past and current members. The Bristol group currently supports several projects, working with a wide range of groups including the homeless, children's centres, young people with disabilities, refugees, victims of domestic abuse and families visiting family members in prison. Following the service, those gathered shared cakes, sandwiches and hot drinks. Old friends were reunited, and new friendships were formed as members recounted memories and caught up.

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