



## Churches Together in Alresford November 2019 Newsletter

### **Who's who in Churches Together**

CTIA is not a lone voice: there are other organisations nationwide with which it is affiliated or which have similar aims and with whom it shares common cause. Here are two:

#### **Churches Together in Britain and Ireland (CTBI)**

CTBI write:- There are many different Christian churches and denominations, but all have the same basic calling – to worship God, to share the good news about Jesus Christ and to work for the good of all people. Churches Together in Britain and Ireland is the umbrella organisation helping to bring these Christian churches together under Christian unity.

CTBI is committed to developing ties and communications with other Christian churches throughout the country, strengthening fellowships with each other as well as deepening understanding of different denominations and their diversity or identity.

Acting as an 'instrument' by which the churches can journey together towards full visible unity, CTBI provides information and guidance to bridge understanding of issues in today's society and develops publications and free resources with other organisations and members to offer reflection, prayer and study materials to celebrate key Christian events.

As an agency of the churches through the four nations, CTBI strives to ensure churches work more together, less apart. [www.ctbi.org.uk](http://www.ctbi.org.uk)

#### **Association of Interchurch Families (AIF)**

The Association of Interchurch Families was formed in 1968 to help couples by providing mutual support and, above all, information about what the churches say about interchurch couples. And this is why the Association has at the heart of its mission:

*"the provision of a support network and information service to interchurch families (including partners and parents, growing children and young adults) as well as clergy, ministers, relatives, and all others concerned in the welfare of these families".*

Although our churches remain divided, ministers are often unaware that much has changed in recent years to help couples live their marriages and bring up their children with the support of both churches. [www.interchurchfamilies.org.uk](http://www.interchurchfamilies.org.uk)

**Piers Armstrong**