

# newsletter

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Revitalising REDDITCH



Redditch Mission Area



Welcome to the May 2026 Newsletter which contains:

- **Mission Update** - Open the Book - Bringing Faith to Life
- **Mission Opportunity** - Become A Lightbox Volunteer.
- Bring your Mission to the Heart of Redditch.
- **Mission Support** - Telling Authentic Stories in Your Community

## Open the Book - Bringing Faith to Life

Open the Book brings Bible stories to life through drama in our local schools. Currently, joint teams from Christ Church Matchborough and St Peter's Ipsley visit Matchborough First fortnightly, while St Matthias & St George visit Astwood Bank Primary once a term. We are looking for volunteers to grow this ministry!

Amanda Worley is seeking people to form a new team at St John's, Greenlands, and the Astwood Bank team is also looking for new members to join them. If you'd like to help, please contact Amanda at [info@cofe-redditch.org.uk](mailto:info@cofe-redditch.org.uk). No experience is needed—just your enthusiasm!



## Telling Authentic Stories in Your Community

Each of our 12 churches has a unique mission. To make our faith visible throughout the week, we encourage every church to share its story online using platforms like Facebook and Instagram.

To connect effectively, avoid reporting activity without purpose. Instead, lead with a human hook that shows why people should care, and focus on four key strategies: Inform with clear details, Invite with a warm welcome, Encourage with hope, and Evidence Impact through authentic outcomes.

For more information, contact [elaine@cofe-redditch.org.uk](mailto:elaine@cofe-redditch.org.uk).

## Mission Opportunities

**Lightbox** School Teams in Redditch are seeking volunteers to join their day-time opportunities within colleges and high schools.

If you are interested, or know someone who might be, please contact

Jo Oates, Lightbox Project Manager:  
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**Bring** your Mission to the heart of Redditch. If you have a vision for an outward-reaching mission but need the right space to make it happen let us know. We have the perfect town centre venue available from now until November. Contact Elaine [elaine@cofe-redditch.org.uk](mailto:elaine@cofe-redditch.org.uk) to discuss your ideas and check availability.