



**ARISE BRISTOL**

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## Together for Bristol 2013

### An invitation from Regional Church leaders

Dear friends,

Churches Together in Greater Bristol are working with Arise, the Evangelical Alliance (Forum for Change) and other denominations, networks and ministries to host two exciting ventures this year, enabling us to work as 'One Church' to impact every aspect of life in Bristol.

The first of these events will be

### **ARISE! Together for Bristol**

**Castle Park**

**Pentecost Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> 2-6pm**

This gathering follows on from the last Arise Bristol! Event in 2012 when thousands of Christians came together in repentance. This year will be quite different - a celebration of our diversity in unity with a worship service and stories of God's transforming grace in individuals and communities. This will be followed by a 'Party in the Park' with stalls, free food, family fun events and sporting activities to engage with the general public. There will be a focus on eight key spheres of society ranging across arts and media, business and workplace, education and young people, family, politics and social action, sport and health. In essence, Arising to the challenge of our great commission "To go and bring the Kingdom of God to the people".

The second event will be

### **TOGETHER FOR BRISTOL**

### **SPECTRUM: Going Deeper**

**Colston Hall**

**Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> August ALL DAY.**

This event will be a gathering to celebrate our work in Bristol and to explore more deeply issues of faith, practice and making a difference in society. As in previous SPECTRUM events, there will be stalls and exhibition stands profiling the diversity of Christian activity but there will also be a range of

seminars focussed on eight spheres of society building our understanding and of issues to improve how we work together to make an impact in our city. The day will culminate in a united service of celebration and music reflecting the rich diversity of worship from across the many traditions and cultures that make up our community.

Further information and regular updates about Together for Bristol events can be found at [www.togetherforbristol.wordpress](http://www.togetherforbristol.wordpress)

We would like to encourage your engagement and involvement with these events and with the work the Lord is doing across our city. Understanding the demand to resource local mission in these challenging times, a one off donation and/or a commitment to tithe a regular nominal amount would be a wonderful expression of your unity with this vision for the city. In which case kindly make your contributions to:

- “Arise UK” HSBC sort code: 40-14-18 a/c no 01806351
- Churches Together in Greater Bristol sort code: 30-18-88 a/c no 01140832  
or post cheques to CTGB c/o 162 Pennywell Rd, Bristol BS5 0TX

This isn't about the significance of the amount, more the heart's desire to be “One” with the whole body. We may struggle to make a significant impact in standing alone, but find strength in working together. Even if you personally cannot attend one of the gatherings, could you perhaps encourage members of your congregation, friends and contacts to come and discover their role within the vision, affirm and inspire them to take hold of the great opportunities that will arise out of our unity.

In His Service,

**Bishop Mike Hill** – Diocese of Bristol

**Bishop Declan Lang** – Diocese of Clifton

**Rob Scott Cook** – Celebration Churches Network

**Bishop Renford Brown** – Bristol Black Council of Churches

**Rev Ward Jones** – Bristol District of the Methodist Church

**Rev David Grosch Miller** – South Western Synod of the United Reformed Church

**Major Ian Harris** – Salvation Army

**Nigel Coles** - Regional Minister, West of England Baptist Association