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BRF Sharing the Story since 1922

Online centenary service of thanksgiving and celebration

3.00 pm (BST) 24 April 2022

BRF welcomes supporters from all over the world to a special online service to mark 100 years of ministry. This service of thanksgiving and celebration is led by Bishop Colin Fletcher, BRF's Chair of Trustees, with Chief Executive Richard Fisher and Vice-Chair Canon Dr Christina Baxter. The address is by Canon Dr George Lings and members of staff are involved in the prayers and readings. The service was filmed mainly in Dorchester Abbey and Wesley Memorial Church in Oxford and includes lively music from the Oxford Community Gospel Choir. The service will be broadcast for the first time at 3.00 pm (BST) on the afternoon of Sunday 24 April 2022.

In the past, BRF's major anniversaries have been marked at some of London's landmark churches: St Paul's Cathedral, Westminster Abbey and Methodist Central Hall, Westminster, but this year's event is open to everyone, from the comfort of their own homes, churches and community halls.

Sharing the Story

Our centenary theme is Sharing the Story, which includes the Bible story which lies at the very heart of the organisation, the story of BRF from its modest beginnings at Revd Leslie Mannering's south London church, and the stories of people who have been part of BRF as staff and volunteers, as well as those whose lives have been touched by BRF's ministries.

CEO Richard Fisher has been with BRF for over 30 years: 'I have a strong awareness of the original vision of Leslie Mannering and I believe it's a privilege that we who are involved with BRF today have been entrusted with the work he started all those decades ago. We're entrusted to take that work on into a new season, but actually the essence of BRF, the DNA of BRF, still remains absolutely the same as it was at the very beginning. I find that very exciting.'

A year to remember

BRF's worldwide ministry now includes Anna Chaplaincy for Older People, Living Faith, Messy Church and Parenting for Faith, all of which are celebrated in the course of the online service. Please join us in celebration of a remarkable century and a remarkable year.

For a taste of the service, click [here](#). For more information about our centenary, click [here](#).

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BRF's vision is to enable people of all ages to grow in faith and understanding of the Bible and to see more people equipped to exercise their gifts in leadership and ministry. BRF ministries include Anna Chaplaincy, Living Faith, Messy Church and Parenting for Faith. Find out more at brf.org.uk.

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