



HEREFORDSHIRE NEWS

This month, Christians around the world will be coming together to pray for unity in the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity – 18th – 25th. Check out the numerous events happening in Herefordshire.

Deadline for copy for the next newsletter – 25th January.

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Churches Together in Herefordshire – New Year resolution?

If you have followed the activity of Churches Together in Herefordshire via this newsletter you might want to support the organisation by giving us a New Year donation, or even setting up a small monthly donation.

CTiH are trying to establish new sources of income to sustain the work of the County Ecumenical Officer.

If you would like to support Churches Together in Herefordshire financially, please contact the Treasurer,

52gordonpowell@gmail.com or send him a donation: Gordon Powell, 18 Meadow Park, Hereford HR1 1RD

If you would like to donate online: *Account Name:* Churches Together in Herefordshire *Bank:* Lloyds Bank, Hereford *Sort Code:* 77-27-11 *Account Number:* 38010468 (and let Gordon know you have done so).

Thank you!

Christians Together in Ledbury – Joint Service

The Churches in Ledbury are jointly organising their service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity on Sunday 20th January at 10am at St Michael's Church. The theme of the service will be the call to continue in prayer. All are welcome.

Churches Together in Kington – Candlemas

The Christians in Kington have decided to celebrate Candlemas together this year with a service to be held at St Bede's Church, Kington on Saturday 2nd February at 11.30am, followed by a Bring and Share Lunch.

Churches Together in Weobley – Songs of Praise

The churches in Weobley will be celebrating the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity with a Songs of Praise service on 20th January at 3pm in Weobley Methodist Chapel. The service will be followed by fellowship and tea.

Weobley Messy Church

Messy Church in Weobley is run ecumenically and they have a need for more volunteers. If you think you could help them out and would like to find out more, contact Rev Frances Biseker francesbiseker@rocketmail.com

Churches Together in Ross – Week of Prayer for Unity

Ross churches will be sharing 30 minutes of daily prayer at 12 noon around the churches January 18th - 25th as follows:
Friday 18th – St Mary's;
Saturday 19th – Quakers;
Sunday 20th – bring and share lunch followed by a service at the Venue (1pm);
Monday 21st - Christ Church;
Tuesday 22nd - Baptist Church;
Wednesday 23rd – St Francis;
Thursday 24th – New Life Church;
Friday 25th – St Mary's.

Christians Together in Colwall – Unity Service



After an extremely successful Farmyard Nativity Service last month (pictured below), the



Christians in Colwall are holding their annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Service at Colwall Village Hall on Sunday 20th January at 11am. The theme will be Justice, and the guest speaker will be Church Army Officer Stephen Gray. The Service will be followed by a shared lunch.

Churches Together in Ewyas Harold – Taizé Service



Churches Together in Ewyas Harold will be holding their Taizé Service at the start to the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity on Friday 18th January at 8pm at Ewyas Harold Methodist Chapel. An opportunity for reflection on the Week's theme of "Only Justice". Taizé chants and silence.

Churches Together in Ewyas Harold – Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

There will be daytime prayers and discussion from Friday 18th to Friday 25th January (except Sunday) 11.30am to 12.15pm at

Acres, Pontrilas Road, Ewyas Harold.

There will be a Joint Service to celebrate the Week at Ewyas Harold Baptist Church on Sunday 20th January at 3pm, followed by bring and share refreshments.

Christians Together in Orleton – Joint Service

Christians in Orleton will be holding their monthly Joint Service on Sunday 20th



January at 11am at Orleton Methodist Chapel, organised by the Anglicans.

Churches Together in Hereford – Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Churches Together in Hereford will be celebrating the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity with the following:

Sunday 20th January - Joint Service at Holy Trinity Church, Whitecross Road, Hereford at 5pm with tea at 4pm.

Monday 21st January - a talk on the Jesuit Graves in Cathedral Close, 12 noon in the Mappa Mundi Library followed by prayers for unity in the Lady Chapel of the Cathedral at 12.45pm then soup lunch.

Thursday 24th January – Meeting for Worship at the Friends Meeting House, 21 King Street at 12.30pm followed by soup lunch.

Friday 25th January - Taizé Service at All Saints Church at 12 noon.

Hampton Park URC / St Paul's Joint Service

Originally a Local Ecumenical Partnership, these two Hereford churches are still working closely together (including a Messy Church catering for over 100). Hampton Park United Reformed Church will be celebrating its 50th birthday in 2019. As part of that celebration, they will be having a Joint Service at St Paul's Church, Tupsley on Sunday 27th January at 10am. All welcome.

Vennture - Family Pastors



The Vennture Family Pastors project continues to go from strength to strength, supporting troubled families in Herefordshire. Trained volunteers work with Vennture staff to walk alongside families with issues such as school truancy, addictions, disabilities, mental health problems, anti-social behaviour etc. Because the project has more families they need to encourage, listen and support for change, they need new volunteers, with a comprehensive training programme to start in February. For an application form and more information,

<http://www.vennture.org.uk/what-we-do/family-pastors/>