



LENT

HEREFORDSHIRE NEWS

Plenty of opportunities to meet and work with other Christians across Herefordshire this Lent.

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

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Women's World Day of Prayer



This annual event takes place this year on Friday March 1st with the theme "Come – Everything is ready" and the resources have been prepared by the Christian women of Slovenia. The services locally are usually organised by women working together across church denominations, and sometimes by women in Churches Together Groups. In Herefordshire, the following services have been planned:

11am – Christ Church, Ross-on-Wye – followed by refreshments

11am – St John's Methodist Church, Hereford - refreshments from 10.30am

2pm – St Joseph's Church, Bromyard

2pm – Church of the Most Holy Trinity, Ledbury

2pm – Kingsland Methodist Church

2pm – Green Lane Methodist Church, Leominster

Thy Kingdom Come – Inspire and Equip event

An important date for your diary: Jean Kerr is coming to

Herefordshire from Lambeth Palace to inspire us to think about prayer and events for Thy Kingdom Come 2019. She will be leading an Inspire and Equip workshop, complete with free resources on Friday 5th April, 3-5pm at Leominster Methodist church, Green Lane, HR6 8QJ. To book your place email Andrea Sheppick - amcs92@btinternet.com



Churches Together Groups - Plans for Lent

Nearly all the 10 Groups around Herefordshire have plans for Lent – study groups or Lent Lunches.

Churches Together in Weobley - Lent Bible Studies starting on Ash Wednesday, March 6th. Details from any Weobley church.

Christians Together in Bromyard – Lent Lunches (with bible study, prayer and reflection) every Wednesday at 12.45pm from March 6th at Bromyard Methodist Church. Further details available from the churches. Concert: Saturday 23rd March – the Shirley Community Gospel Choir at Conquest Theatre, 7.30pm. Tickets £10 www.conquest-theatre.co.uk

Christians Together in Ledbury – Ecumenical Discussion Groups looking at 'The Final Week', a new resource compiled by John Birch www.faithandworship.com/Amazing_Love.htm held at various times from Monday-Thursday – details from Stephen Chowns Tel 01531 634896

Churches Together in Ewyas Harold – Thursday Lent Lunches at which representatives from local Christian charities have been invited to speak: 14th March - Hereford Food Bank; 21st March - Borderlines Rural Chaplaincy; 28th March - Marches Christian Environmental Network; 4th April - Christian Community Action for Refugees & Asylum Seekers; 11th April - Vennture. 12.30pm for soup lunch, 1-2pm for talk and discussion.

Churches Together in Kington – Lent Study Groups to be held on Tuesdays at 7.30pm at 'Peacehaven'; Thursdays at 10.30am at 'Border Bean' and Fridays at 3pm at Kington Baptist Church all from the week beginning March 11th. The groups will be looking at "Who is the Christ?" by Anne Calver. Details from Kington churches.

Churches Together in Leominster – opportunities to join Lent groups – details from churches. Lent Lunches: March 15th – St Ethelbert's Parish Room; March 22nd – Green Lane Methodist Church; March 29th Baptist Church Hall; April 5th – Moravian Church Hall; April 12th – Forbury Chapel.

Christians Together in Orleton – Lent Group on Wednesday evenings in the Methodist Chapel, starting 6th March, based on readings from St Mark's Gospel.

A Quiz Night with Fish 'n' Chip supper has been arranged for Saturday 16th March in Orleton Village Hall.

Churches Together in Herefordshire – Open Meeting



The next Open Meeting at which members of Churches Together groups and anyone interested in ecumenism are welcome, will take place on Wednesday 8th May at 7pm at Our Lady's Church, Belmont Road, Hereford. The guest speaker for our May meeting will be David Bland, trustee of 'People in Motion', an organisation that relies on

different churches and individuals to provide clothes and goods for displaced people in Calais, Dunkirk and further afield – in Syria and Greece.

If you want more information about the meeting, contact herefordshireceo@gmail.com

Thy Kingdom Come – Week of Accompanied Prayer



Churches Together in Herefordshire is supporting a Week of Accompanied Prayer, to take place across Hereford city during Thy Kingdom Come – the period from Ascension to Pentecost. There will be an Opening Event on Sunday 2nd June, at 6pm at St Peter's Church, Hereford and participants will commit to an hour a day for prayer and time with a trained guide, Monday to Friday that week. Venues for the meetings with your guide will be at various churches around the city. If you would like to know more, contact herefordshireceo@gmail.com

Herefordshire Interfaith Group – Spiritual Day



The Herefordshire Interfaith Group invite you to join them for a day of Spiritual Contemplation, Conversation, Song and Dance at the Friends Meeting House, Almeley Wootton, HR3 6PX on Saturday March 23rd, 10am to 4.30pm. Booking contact Karim on 01981 500764 email

mikejhadden@gmail.com Cost – a donation of £15 (concessions £8) is suggested.

Village Hope – Annual Conference & Centenary Celebration 2019



Village Hope is a Christian charity based in Herefordshire, with a purpose to encourage and enable Bible teaching, prayer, worship and evangelism in village churches across rural Britain.

Their Conference and Centenary Celebration 2019 will be taking place at the Elim Conference Centre, West Malvern on 26-28 April, with the guest speaker George Verwer, the founder of Operation Mobilisation. The theme will be 'Mobilising mission – past, present & future'. They would like to invite people to join them for the Saturday from 9am-5.45pm, at a cost of £28 (which includes lunch and refreshments). For more information and booking details email info@villagehope.org.uk or Tel 01432 850071. More info: <https://villagehope.uk/conference-2019/>

Earth Hour



This worldwide movement for the planet organised by the World Wild Fund for Nature encourages all turn off their non-essential electricity for one hour. There will be candlelit meditation and prayer for the planet at Holy Trinity Church, Hereford on 30th March 8.30pm-9.30pm <https://www.earthhour.org/>