



## HEREFORDSHIRE NEWS

*Hundreds of Christians around Herefordshire will be marching this Good Friday – why not join them in a witness near you?*

*Deadline for copy for the next newsletter – 25<sup>th</sup> March.*

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### Thy Kingdom Come – Inspire and Equip event

Are you wondering how your church might



join the global wave of prayer for 'Thy Kingdom Come' – the time between Ascension and Pentecost? Jean Kerr (part of the national TKC team) 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](mailto:amcs92@btinternet.com)

### Churches Together Groups - Lent and Good Friday

Churches Together groups in Herefordshire are studying, praying and sharing fellowship this Lent. Many are planning Walks of Witness on Good Friday. **Churches Together in Weobley** - Lent Bible Studies starting on Ash Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>. Details from any Weobley church. Walk of Witness, 11am from St Thomas RC Church car park.

**Christians Together in Bromyard** – Lent Lunches (with bible study, prayer and reflection) every Wednesday at 12.45pm - 3<sup>rd</sup> April at St Peter's Church room; 10<sup>th</sup> April in the Methodist Chapel. Walk of Witness, 10.45am from St Joseph's Church, to the Square for a short Service at about 11.10am, finishing at St Peter's with a hot cross bun and tea.

**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](http://www.faithandworship.com/Amazing_Love.htm) held at various times from Monday-Thursday – details from Stephen Chowns Tel 01531 634896

Walk of Witness, 10am from the Baptist Church to Market House.

**Churches Together in Hereford** Walk of Witness – 10.30am start outside the Odeon, Old Market; closes with tea and coffee and hot cross buns at St John's Methodist Church Hall.

**Churches Together in Ewyas Harold** – Thursday Lent Lunches at which representatives from local Christian charities have been invited to speak: 4<sup>th</sup> April - Christian Community Action for Refugees & Asylum Seekers; 11<sup>th</sup> April - Vennture. 12.30pm for soup lunch, 1-2pm for talk and discussion. Walk of Witness, 11.40am from St Michael's Church to the Methodist Chapel for 12 noon Service. **Churches Together in Ewyas Harold – Taizé Service** - The next Taizé prayer service will be held on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April at Dore Abbey 7.30-9pm

**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. Walk of Witness - 10am.

**Churches Together in Leominster** – opportunities to join Lent groups – details from churches. Lent Lunches: April 5<sup>th</sup> – Moravian Church Hall; April 12<sup>th</sup> – Forbury Chapel. Walk of Witness 11.15am from the Baptist Church in Etnam Street, finishing at the Priory for a Lent lunch.

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

**Christians Together in Orleton** are offering the Easter Experience – “Opening up Easter” at St George's Church from 9-11.15am on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April, inviting Years 1-4 from the village school. Additionally, the Easter story will be presented to the Reception Class children later that day at the Methodist Chapel.

## 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 8<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm at Our Lady's Church, elmont 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, please contact [herefordshireceo@gmail.com](mailto:herefordshireceo@gmail.com)

## Vennture – Prayer Evening

This ecumenical organisation would welcome your prayers. Why not join them on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April, 7-9pm to pray for their projects and for Herefordshire in St Barnabas Church, Venns Lane, Hereford.



## Thy Kingdom Come – Week of Accompanied Prayer

There will be a taster session for this Week, billed as 'a week to walk more closely with God', on Thursday May 9<sup>th</sup>, 6.30pm-8pm at St Peter's Church Hereford.



Churches Together in Herefordshire is supporting this 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:herefordshireceo@gmail.com)

## HOPE – Easter magazine giveaway



Many churches gave away the 'HOPE' magazine at Christmas. HOPE are now taking orders for the Easter magazine to build bridges with local communities – available via this link: <https://hopepublishing.org.uk/collectio/ns/magazines>

## Saltmine Theatre – Amazing Grace



The Saltmine Theatre has visited Herefordshire in the past with their stirring productions aiming to reach all ages, teach people about real life issues and inspire faith, hope and love. Their production this summer will be 'John Newton - Amazing Grace', – a powerfully moving story of slavery, freedom and the remarkable power of love and grace to transform a life. To find out how your church or group of churches could host 'Amazing Grace', see the website: <http://www.saltminetrust.org.uk/>

## Churches Together in Hereford – Night of the Churches

A date for your diary – when city centre churches will open their doors for a range of activities for you to wander in and out of – Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June starting in High Town at 6pm.