



HEREFORDSHIRE NEWS

Many churches and Churches Together Groups are planning for Thy Kingdom Come, joining in the global wave of prayer. Join in!

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

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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.

There will also be the opportunity to pick up a pack of 'Thy Kingdom Come' Resources. If you want more information about the

meeting, please contact herefordshireceo@gmail.com

Week of Accompanied Prayer – a daily retreat with God

"I finished the week excited and wanting more" - the



response of a participant from last year's Week of Accompanied Prayer, organised by trained guides from the Diocese of Hereford, supported by Churches Together in Herefordshire. If you are interested in exploring different ways of listening for God in prayer, this might be for you.

Each day through the week (2nd-8th June) you commit to half an hour of personal prayer and half an hour meeting to reflect on your experience of praying with your guide.

Join us for a taster session on Thursday May 9th, 6.30pm- 8pm at St Peter's Church, Hereford. For more info, ring Helen Blyth 01584 875041 or email herefordshireceo@gmail.com

Thy Kingdom Come – prayers from Ascension to Pentecost



"If my people pray..."

Churches in Hereford are having a concerted effort to come together and saturate the city in prayer during Thy Kingdom Come (30th May – 9th June). To find details of their plans for 24/7 prayer, new prayer meetings and other prayer events please see the website set up for the purpose: www.hhop.org.uk

Christians Together in Ledbury – Christians in Ledbury pray together every Thursday, at 7am, 12pm and 7pm at St Michael's Church. During Thy Kingdom Come there will be an evening prayer meeting each evening. There will also be a prayer tent in the town, coinciding with Ledbury Community Day on Saturday 8th June.

Churches Together in Ewyas Harold - Christians in Ewyas Harold will be holding a Pentecost Prayer walk, starting 2.30pm outside St Michael's Church, stopping for prayer at various venues around the village and concluding with refreshments at 3.30pm.

Christians Together in Orleton – there will be a joint Pentecost

Service at St George's Church, Orleton at 11am.

Thy Kingdom Come resources available from the website: <https://www.thykingdomcome.global/>

Churches Together in Ewyas Harold – Songs of Praise

Christians in Ewyas Harold will be holding a joint Songs of Praise service on Sunday 26th May at 10am in St Michael's Church during the Ewyas Harold Festival of Arts weekend. Churches Together in Ewyas Harold will be holding their next planning meeting on Tuesday 7th May at 7.30pm in St Michael's Church hall.

Christians Together in Orleton – Joint Service

Christians Together in Orleton will be holding their monthly joint worship at Orleton Methodist Chapel on Sunday 19th May at 11am.

Churches Together in Hereford – Night of the Churches

Night of the Churches Plans are well underway for the Night of the Churches – when more city centre churches than ever will open their doors for a range of activities for you to wander in and out of – Saturday 22nd June starting in High Town at 6pm.

Christian Aid Week – 12-18th May



A **Concert** in will be held at Hampton Park United Reformed Church in Hereford HR1 1UJ on Saturday May 11th at 7pm. There will be music contributions from St John's Methodist Church, Hereford Baptist Church, St Paul's Church, Tupsley and Holmer Church as well as contributions from individuals from the Cathedral and elsewhere. All proceeds from the concert will go to Christian Aid.

A **Coffee Morning** will be held on Saturday 25th May 10-12.30pm at Holmer Church Hall (on the A49) at which there will be cakes, books, plants, toiletries, jewellery and bric-a-brac. Any queries, contact Ruth Stott 01432 611609

Herefordshire City of Sanctuary – new website

This organisation that aims to create a culture of welcome and belonging in Hereford and Herefordshire, have a new website where you can find out about their activities and future plans, and pledge your support and commitment for Herefordshire to be a County of Sanctuary.



<https://herefordshire.cityofsanctuary.org/>

Millichap Peace Fund Lectures - Bruce Kent

This year is the 20th Anniversary of the Millichap Peace Fund



Lectures. On Tuesday 21st May, Bruce Kent will speak on 'War No More' at the Meeting House, King Street, Hereford 7 for 7.30pm. All welcome. For more information: millichap.peacefund@gmail.com

Green Christian Conference – 'On the Road Together' Shrewsbury



The fifth in a series of regional days with Green Christian and local communities to deepen ecological discipleship, mobilise for change and build common cause for creation, will be held on Saturday June 15th, 10.30am till 4.30pm at Central Baptist Church, Shrewsbury. Cost free, but donations on the day welcome. Booking is essential as space is limited: 0345 4598460

<https://greenchristianshrewsbury.eventbrite.co.uk/>

Churches Together in England news



Churches Together in England have announced two new appointments. Rev Dr Ben Aldous will be full-time, responsible for Evangelism and Mission. Lucy Olofinjana has been appointed to a half-time post as Communications and Media Officer. More details about both can be found on the CTE website below.

Churches Together in England have published their Review of the Year which can be found on the [website](https://www.cte.org.uk/). <https://www.cte.org.uk/>