



HEREFORDSHIRE NEWS

Great news of churches and Christians working together – month after month! If you would like to receive this newsletter every month by email, please let me know (I have to have express permission to send it to you).

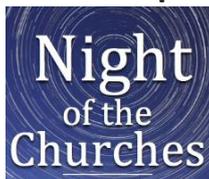
Deadline for copy for the next newsletter – 25th August.

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Churches Together in Hereford – Churches Open to All



The Churches in Hereford were blessed with a balmy summer evening last month when a record number of churches were open all evening for a variety of exhibitions, drama, worship, music and refreshments. The evening started with worship together in High Town.



Freedom Church, Hope City Church, the



Seventh Day Adventist Church, the Quakers and many others were busy with people coming to see different ways of worshipping and working towards God's Kingdom.



There were opportunities to try hand bell ringing, sing hymns, pray around a labyrinth and just to sit quietly and feel God's presence in a variety of settings around the city.

Hereford Church – Thy Kingdom Come



Christians in Hereford prayed and celebrated together as part of Thy Kingdom Come last month. A 24/7 prayer room in the city was so successful (with over 175 people signing up to pray in the hour long slots, over the period from Ascension to Pentecost),

UPPER ROOM PRAYER

that the Upper Room prayer room is to remain open for prayer for the city and the county.



Nearly 200 people gathered from

churches all over the city on Pentecost evening in St Peter's Church. To capitalise on this movement, there is a plan for all who are able to meet daily between 7-8am in the prayer room with the specific mandate of praying for revival – 'Hereford Revival Hour', from 1st July. For more details, contact Elliot Swattridge curate@spsj.org.uk

Churches Together in Ewyas Harold – Taizé Service



The next Taizé Prayer evening, organised on a regular basis by Churches Together in Ewyas Harold, will take place on Friday 12th July at 8pm at Dore Abbey. You are invited to go and share in an hour of the distinctive repeated prayer chants of Taizé worship, with simple phrases,

words of scripture and periods of silence.

Churches Together in Ewyas Harold – gifts to school leavers

The Churches in Ewyas Harold will this month be giving the 20 school leavers of their local Primary School a leaving present. They buy copies of the Scripture Union book “It’s Your Move” for each Year 6 child, giving them helpful advice to enable them to move on to their new school with confidence. The gifts will be given at the end of term.



Churches Together in Ross – Leaflet

The Churches Together in Ross group have just updated their leaflet. It gives details of the group’s activities as well as contact details and services of all the member churches in Ross and District. For more information of Churches Together in Ross, check their website: <http://ctrd.org.uk>



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Vennture – Volunteering opportunities

Vennture’s Street Pastors and Lean on Me (the assessment / recovery support centre) have played a major role in transforming the night-time



economy (NTE) in Hereford city centre. They are now looking to change the way in which they manage the NTE ministry within Vennture, relying more on ‘behind the scenes’ volunteers. This has generated a number of new voluntary roles. To find out more, contact Steve Sully: stephen.sully@vennture.org.uk

To find out more about these and other Vennture projects, see the website: <http://www.vennture.org.uk/>

Hereford Youth Outreach – summer dates

Church Youth leaders have been meeting together in Hereford try to reach out to young people in the city. They have already held one successful evening and will be holding a service to launch the initiative on Sunday 14th July, 6.30pm – 8pm at Hereford Baptist Church.



They are also planning to gather on Tuesday evenings through the summer holidays, at Coffee #1 in Hereford, 6.30pm – 8.30pm starting July 23rd, to give a space where young Christians between 11-16 can hang out and mix with Christians of other churches, and to be somewhere to invite their non-Christian friends. For more information, contact David.Morris@hereford.anglican.org

Rev Iain Skinner – Circuit Farewell service



The Methodist Herefordshire (South and East) Circuit and St John’s Methodist Church, Hereford will be bidding farewell to Rev Iain Skinner at a service at St John’s on Sunday 28th July, at 4pm, after which he will be retiring. Iain was formerly an army chaplain and since his move to St John’s 5 years ago, has worked closely with other churches and church leaders in the city.

Allchurches Trust – Growing Lives grants programme



The Allchurches Trust is one of the UK’s largest grant making trusts, and has a new grants programme, Growing Lives, aiming to help churches and Christian organisations to connect with children and young people and forge lasting links with families in their local area.

The programme will encourage church growth. Grants of up to £25,000 are available to churches of all denominations and Christian organisations running innovative, impactful projects that are helping young people to explore and grow in faith. <https://www.allchurches.co.uk/growinglives>