



HEREFORDSHIRE NEWS

If you know of future events where Christians or churches are working together for God's kingdom, not mentioned in this newsletter, please let me know so that they can be included next time.

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

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Churches Together in Herefordshire – Open Meeting

A date for your diary – Tuesday 5th November, 10am – when Churches



Together in Herefordshire will be delighted to welcome Rev Paul Goodliff to Hereford. He is the recently appointed General Secretary of Churches Together in England, and will be giving his perspective of how churches and Christians can come together in mission. If you want more information about the meeting, please contact

herefordshireceo@gmail.com

Churches Together in Hereford – Guided Tour



All are invited on Thursday 5th September at 7pm, to join Churches Together in Hereford city on a summer evening's Guided Tour of the Coningsby Museum, and the Chapel and medieval hospital of St John in Widemarsh Street, Hereford HR4 2NP. An early site of Christian presence in Hereford, this is also an opportunity to explore a hidden gem – the Blackfriars Priory ruins and rose garden. Everyone is welcome and refreshments will be provided.

Churches Together in Ewyas Harold – Taizé Prayer



Christians in Ewyas Harold will be holding another of their popular Taizé services of prayer, peaceful reflection and chants this month – this time in the beautiful Dore Abbey, Abbeydore HR2 0AA. All welcome on Friday 20th September at 8pm.

Churches Together in Ewyas Harold – AGM

Churches in Ewyas Harold will be planning the year ahead together at their Annual General Meeting to be held on Tuesday 1st October at 7.30pm at the Methodist Chapel, Ewyas Harold.

Christians Together in Colwall – “A Turbulent Priest”



Christians in Colwall are hosting this night of comedy and songs, following the extraordinary story of Thomas Becket and King Henry II in 1170. Based on the true story of the murder of Thomas Becket in Canterbury Cathedral nearly 850 years ago, the production also asks some challenging questions. Written by BBC sitcom writer James Cary, tickets are £10 (£5 under 16) – refreshments available in the interval. The performance takes place on Friday 20th September at 7.30pm at St James Church, Mill Lane, Colwall WR13 6HE

Christians Together in Orleton – Joint Pentecost Service

There will be a joint Service at Orleton Methodist Chapel at 11am on Sunday 15th September.

Hereford Churches - Houses of Prayer



After the success of 'Thy Kingdom Come' 24/7

prayer earlier in the year, churches in Hereford are keen to build on the momentum gained and are planning another week of prayer, saturating 7-13th October with unceasing 24/7 prayer in the dedicated prayer room at St Barnabas, Hereford and prayer gatherings across the city. It will culminate in a whole church event at St Paul's Church, Hereford 4-5pm on 13th October.

To find details of their plans for 24/7 prayer, new prayer meetings and other prayer events please see the website: www.hhop.org.uk

Eco Diocese Launch Event



Your Church Caring For God's Earth

Bookings are now open for the Eco Diocese Launch conference in Hereford, be held on Saturday 21st September 9.45-4pm at St James Church, Hereford HR1 2QW. Be encouraged and inspired to look at how churches can care for the earth and integrate this in mission. Contact: mary.oxley@hereford.anglican.org

Herefordshire Interfaith Group – a Pilgrimage



Join members of the Herefordshire Interfaith Group for a Pilgrimage for Peace and Harmony with Nature at Haugh Wood, near Mordiford, HR1 4QX – a restorative walk pausing to reflect and to share stories on the theme of Pilgrimage. The walk will be on Saturday 21st September 2-4pm - no need to book but any questions please contact Zack Pandor zpandor@yahoo.co.uk

Hereford Cathedral – Life and Learning 'Koine?'



The Cathedral is offering a series of classes in a basic introduction to New Testament Greek – dealing with basic grammar and an exploration of some key texts. There will be a free 2 week taster (11 & 18 September 7-8.30pm) for those who are absolute beginners, leading into an 8 week course (October 16 – December 4). Details about this and other events and lectures in the latest Life and Learning programme available here: <https://www.herefordcathedral.org/life-and-learning>

Homeless Sunday



The Christian homelessness charity, Housing Justice, is urging churches to take part in this

year's Homeless Sunday – 13th October. The focus this year is 'The impact of volunteering on the volunteer'. For resources including reflections from volunteers, prayers, preaching ideas and an order of service: <https://www.housingjustice.org.uk/>

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity - 2020

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Unusual kindness

Churches Together Groups will be beginning to think about their plans for January's Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. 2020's materials ask us to see God working through people and places which offer unusual kindness, and is due to be published on the Churches Together in Britain and Ireland website this month. There will be ideas that are well suited to involve schools / children and opportunities for mission in your area.

The material will be found here: <https://ctbi.org.uk/weekofprayer>

Churches Together in England - Communications



Lucy Olofinjana is the new

Communications and Media Officer at CTE and would love to hear your thoughts on how CTE's communications can support CT groups, and on the best way to tell stories of churches and Christians working together in our area. To contact her email: lucy.olofinjana@cte.org.uk