



HEREFORDSHIRE NEWS

Churches Together in Herefordshire groups will be holding joint services for Advent and Christmas as well as Carol Singing celebrations. If your ecumenical event was not listed – please let me know next time!

Deadline for copy for the next newsletter – 15th December.

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Churches Together in Herefordshire – Open Meeting



People from all over the county came to the Bishop's Palace Great Hall last month for CTiH's Open Meeting. The Dean led our worship in the form of a tour of portraits of past Bishops in the Great Hall. We then listened to Rev Paul Goodliff, General Secretary of Churches Together

in England. His inspiring talk gave all present hope about the future of Christians working together. He particularly commended 'receptive ecumenism' – which he said had huge potential to build relationships between Christians and is characterised by asking of each other: "What must I learn from you to be authentically Christian?" and discovering the gifts of God in each other.

Our meeting was chaired by the new Chair of CTiH, Father Simon McGurk of Belmont Abbey.

Christians Together in Orleton – Advent Services

The Christians Together in Orleton Joint Advent Service will be held at St George's Church at 11am on Sunday 1st December.



The usual joint monthly service will be held on Sunday 15th December at St George's Church at 11am (Chapel Group leading).

There will be Carol Singing at the Boot Inn at 7pm on Monday 23rd December – all welcome.

Churches Together in Ewyas Harold – Advent

Churches in Ewyas Harold will be holding an All-age Advent Encounter at 5pm on Sunday 1st December at St Michael's Church. The Encounter will consist of three advent-related activities: craft, a musical activity and Lectio Divina. There will be a chance to engage in all three before joining for reflection, singing and prayer. Mince pies and mulled wine to finish – all welcome.

Churches Together in Ross – Light up a Life Service



Churches Together in Ross are holding this service in conjunction with St Michael's Hospice on Sunday 1st December at St Frances of Rome RC Church, Ross HR9 5AL at 6.30pm.

As usual, Churches in Ross will be handing out a Churches Together Christmas leaflet to all in Ross, detailing services available at all the churches in Ross.

Christians Together in Colwall – Farmyard Nativity Service

The Christians in Colwall are holding their annual Family Friendly Nativity once again at Sunday December 8th. This family friendly event will include real animals; the Nativity story, carols and festive refreshments. For more details contact Colwall churches. All are welcome.



Churches Together in Leominster - Hustings



CHURCHES TOGETHER IN LEOMINSTER
invite you to a

GENERAL ELECTION FORUM

Churches Together in Leominster have arranged an Election Forum for the General Election candidates in the North Herefordshire constituency on Monday 9th December at 7pm at the Priory Church, Leominster. All questions to be submitted in writing to mscarlett41@gmail.com by Friday 6th December.

The churches in Ledbury organised a Hustings for the same candidates last month.

Churches Together in Weobley – Christmas Lunch

All the churches in Weobley come together to prepare a Christmas lunch for the village at the Hopelands, Weobley on Sunday 15th December, at 12.30pm, complete with a table quiz and

Christmas singing. Tickets available from the churches.

Churches Together in Weobley – Carol Singing

As usual, the Christians in Weobley will be singing carols in the rose garden in the centre of Weobley on Saturday 21st December at 10.45am. All are welcome to join them in with singing and refreshments.

Hereford Churches - Houses of Prayer



Churches in Hereford will be holding their finale to 7 weeks of prayer with a whole-church gathering on Sunday 1st December at 6.30pm – 7.30pm at Freedom Church (in the old cinema, Commercial Road, Hereford). This will be an opportunity to rejoice in all God has done and has planned for the coming decade.

Women's World Day of Prayer 2020



Next year's Women's World Day of Prayer will be held on Friday March 6th and women in Hereford are already planning for the service. If you would like to join them and get involved in the planning and / or the service itself please contact Rosi Taylor – Tel 01432 611436.

ACTS 435 – Direct Giving



A local representative of this national Christian organisation set up with the support of the Archbishop of York, spoke at a recent Churches Together in Ross meeting. ACTS 435 is a revolutionary website that allows people to give directly to others. Managed through a network of churches and local charities, the aim is to get 100% of donations to help those in need. To find out more visit www.acts435.org.uk

Dementia Friendly Churches - Workshops

'Dementia Friendly Churches at the heart of



Dementia Friendly Communities' is the strapline for two workshops in Hereford in January. The workshops will look at pastoral care, services, buildings and community networks and ways in which these aspects of church life can be enhanced to welcome people with dementia and their families.

The workshops take place on Saturday 11th January and Saturday 25th January 10am – 12 noon at St James Church, Green Street, Hereford HR1 2QW

To book your place on these free workshops, contact Mary Oxley 01584 871089 or email mary.oxley@hereford.anglican.org