



## HEREFORDSHIRE NEWS

*Churches Together Groups busy preparing for Lent Study Groups - all Herefordshire events in the CTiH website diary [www.ctih.org](http://www.ctih.org)*

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

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### Churches Together Kington - Candlemas / Presentation of Christ Service

Christians in Kington will be coming together on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> February to celebrate the presentation of Jesus at the Temple with a joint service in St Bede's Church, Kington at 11.30am, followed by a bring and share lunch.

### Churches Together in Ewyas Harold – Meeting

Churches Together in Ewyas Harold will be holding their next meeting to plan future joint activities on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm in the Baptist Church Hall.

**Churches Together in Ewyas Harold – Lent Talks**  
There are a series of Lent talks

from various charities to be held on Thursday lunchtimes in March, together with a bread & soup lunch at the Baptist Church Hall. See next month's newsletter for further details.

### Christians Together in Orleton – Joint Service -

Christians in Orleton will be holding their monthly Joint Service on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup>



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

They also hold joint fortnightly Prayer Evenings (on the first and third Tuesdays at 7.30pm) in the Methodist Chapel, praying for the Orleton community and beyond. All welcome.

### Christians Together in Ledbury – Joint Activities

The Churches in Ledbury continue to come together for ecumenical worship every Monday evening at 8pm at Ledbury Baptist Church. All are welcome to join them.

They also meet for Joint Prayer every Thursday at St Michael's Church at 7am, 12 noon and 7pm.

**Ecumenical discussion groups in Ledbury** will again be organised for Lent 2020 which runs from February 26<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> April. They are planning on offering at least 7 different groups in a range of venues (usually homes) and on a selection of time slots. If you are interested in hosting or facilitating one of these groups, please contact Stephen Chowns 01531 634896 or [schowns@aol.com](mailto:schowns@aol.com)

### World Day of Prayer - Herefordshire



This year's World Day of Prayer takes place on 6<sup>th</sup> March and there are a number of services, organised by Christians working together, taking place across the county.

**Hereford** – 11am – Hereford Cathedral

**Ross** – 11 am - Ross Baptist Church, Broad Street HR9 7DY

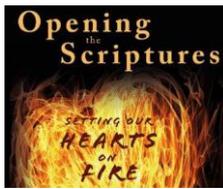
**Leominster** – The Moravian Church, South Street HR6 8JH

**Bromyard** – St Joseph's RC Church, Old Road, HR7 4BQ

**Ledbury** – 2pm - Ledbury Baptist Church, The Homend, HR8 1BZ

## Churches Together in Britain & Ireland – Lent Course

This year's Lent course from CTBI is entitled



'Opening the scriptures: setting our hearts on fire'. A number of churches in Britain and Ireland are keeping 2020 as the 'Year of the Word', so this course, with its focus on scripture will be an ideal resource for Lent 2020. Visit the CTBI website at [www.ctbi.org.uk/lent](http://www.ctbi.org.uk/lent)

## Vennture - Family Pastor Training; Church Champions



Vennture is the Herefordshire ecumenical organisation that runs Street Pastors, Lean-on-Me, Family Pastors as well as a Building Better Opportunities project working with unemployed individuals. They are looking for **Church Champions** – individuals who will be a point of contact for Vennture in their local church – particularly in churches who do not know much about Vennture's work. They are planning a meeting for all interested on 5<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm. To find out more – contact [carol.williams@vennture.org.uk](mailto:carol.williams@vennture.org.uk)

There will be a new session of 6 weekly training sessions for **Family Pastor Volunteers** starting this month. If you think

you could show Jesus' love to a troubled family, or would like to know more, contact Lynette Halpin

[lynette.halpin@vennture.org.uk](mailto:lynette.halpin@vennture.org.uk)

<http://www.vennture.org.uk/what-we-do/family-pastors/>

## Council of Christians and Jews – Yad Vashem Seminar



The Council of Christians and Jews is offering this unique programme for Christians in leadership roles, in association with the International School for Holocaust Studies at Yad Vashem, Jerusalem.

The seminar (this October) will examine in depth aspects of the Holocaust, reflect on past, present and future relations between Christians and Jews and consider lessons for society today in tackling prejudice and hatred.

For further information, you could contact Deacon Angie Allport who has attended the seminar in the past: [angie.allport@methodist.org.uk](mailto:angie.allport@methodist.org.uk)

## Through the Roof – Disability Inclusion in our Churches

'Through the Roof' is a charity that exists to 'transform lives through Jesus



with disabled people'. They are holding events across the country for churches wanting to discover new ideas and resources to help include people with disabilities.

There will be an event at Holy Trinity Church, Broad Croft, Bradley Stoke, Bristol BS32 0BD on 21<sup>st</sup> March 10.30am-3.30pm. More info can be found: <https://www.throughtheroof.org/forchurches/events/>

## Thy Kingdom Come – Inspire and Equip workshops



Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray for more people to come to know Jesus. This year it is taking place from 21<sup>st</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> May 2020. The Thy Kingdom Come team are offering free two-hour interactive workshops called Inspire and Equip events, giving you an opportunity to see how churches in your area can get involved, and receive free sample resources.

Visit the website to find an event near you – or could your church / Churches Together group host such an event? Contact Jean Kerr [jean.kerr@lambethpalace.org.uk](mailto:jean.kerr@lambethpalace.org.uk)

<https://www.thykingdomcome.global/stories/2020-inspire-equip-events>