



## HEREFORDSHIRE NEWS

This month, Christians around the world will be coming together to pray for unity in the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity – 18<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> with the theme 'Unusual Kindness'. All 30+ 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> January.

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### Christians Together in Colwall – Unity Service



The Christians in Colwall are holding their annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Service at Colwall Village Hall on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January at 11am. The guest speaker will be Rob Thomas of Vennture (Street Pastors and Family Pastors). The Service will be followed by a shared lunch.

### Churches Together in Ewyas Harold – Taizé Service

Churches Together in Ewyas Harold will be



holding their Taizé Service just before the start to the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January at 8pm at Ewyas Harold Methodist Chapel. An opportunity to enjoy peace, and relax in the presence of God. Taizé chants and silence.

### Churches Together in Ewyas Harold – Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

There will be daytime prayers and discussion from Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> to Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January (except Sunday) 11.30am to 12.15pm at Acres, Pontrilas Road, Ewyas Harold.

There will be a Joint Service to celebrate the Week at Ewyas Harold Baptist Church on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January at 3pm, followed by bring and share refreshments.

### 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.

### Additional services for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity – Ledbury

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> – 3pm** – Joint Worship Service at St Michael's Church

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> – 7.30pm** – Contemplative prayer at Baptist Church

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> – 10.30am** – Quiet Space at St Katherine's

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> – 7.30pm** – Taize worship at Holy Trinity RC Church

### 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))

### Churches in Hereford – Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Churches Together in Hereford will be celebrating the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity with the following:  
**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> – 6pm** - Joint Service

at St John's Methodist Church, St Owen Street, HR1 2PR with tea at 5pm.

**Monday 20th – 7.30pm** -

Spontaneous Worship and Prayer at Oasis Church, St Barnabas, 45 Venns Lane HR1 1DT

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> - 1pm** - a Service for Unity in the Lady Chapel of the Cathedral HR1 2NG followed by a soup and roll lunch.

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> – 7.30pm** - Prayers for Unity at St Peter's Church, HR1 2DL

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> – 12.30pm** - a Service for Unity in the Lady Meeting for Worship at the Friends Meeting House, 21 King Street HR4 9BX followed by a soup lunch.

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> – 12 noon** - Taizé Service at All Saints Church, High Street, HR4 9AA.

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup>** - Quiet Day at 'Apples of Silver' 2 River Meadows, Hampton Park Road HR1 1TB. The Quiet Day, led by Val Turner will include lunch – numbers limited and booking essential:

[barbara.glasspoole@gmail.com](mailto:barbara.glasspoole@gmail.com)

## Churches Together in Ross – Week of Prayer for Unity

Ross churches will be sharing short meetings of daily prayer at 12 noon around the churches as follows:

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup>** - Christ Church;

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup>** – bring and share lunch followed by a service at the Venue (1pm);

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup>** - St Mary's;

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup>** - Baptist Church;

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup>** – Baptist Church;

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup>** – St Francis;

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup>** – St Mary's;

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup>** - Christ Church.

## Christians Together in Orleton – Joint Service

Christians in Orleton will be holding their monthly Joint Service on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup>



January at 11am at Orleton Methodist Chapel, organised by the Anglicans.

## Churches Together in Weobley – Messy Church

Messy Church in Weobley is run ecumenically and they have a need for more volunteers. If you think you could help them out and would like to find out more, contact Rev Frances Biseker [francesbiseker@rocketmail.com](mailto:francesbiseker@rocketmail.com)

## Hampton Park United Reformed Church – 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



This church in the heart of the community in Tupsley in Hereford recently celebrated 50 years with a joyful service at which the Moderator of the General Assembly of the United Reformed Church preached. The church was part of a Local Ecumenical Partnership with St Paul's Church, Tupsley from early on and the two churches continue to work closely together with joint regular Messy Church, Coffee Mornings and other joint work.

## 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 11<sup>th</sup> January and Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:mary.oxley@hereford.anglican.org)

## Venture Church Champions



Venture 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 Venture in their local church – particularly in churches who do not know much about Venture's work. To find out more – contact [carol.williams@venture.org.uk](mailto:carol.williams@venture.org.uk)