



## HEREFORDSHIRE NEWS

Churches Together Groups busy preparing for Easter with Lent Study Groups and Walks of Witness - 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> March.

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## Churches Together in Herefordshire – Open Meeting



**GREENBELT  
WILD AT HEART  
28-31 AUGUST 2020**

Churches Together in Herefordshire will be holding their Spring Open Meeting in May – Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm in Ross (venue to be confirmed). As well as being an opportunity to hear what Churches and Christians are doing together in the county, we have a Guest Speaker. We are excited to announce that in May, this will be Paul Northup, Creative Director of the Greenbelt Festival. All are welcome – put the date in your diary.

## World Day of Prayer - Herefordshire



This year's World Day of Prayer takes place on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March and there are a number of services, organised by Christians working together, taking place across the county. The service has been prepared by churches in Zimbabwe – entitled "Rise! Take your Mat and Walk" <https://www.wwdp.org.uk/>

**Ewyas Harold** – 10am – St Michael's Church, Ewyas Harold

**Hereford** – 11am – The Lady Chapel of Hereford Cathedral

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

**Eardisley** - 1.30pm – St Mary Magdalene Church, Eardisley HR3 6NS

**Kingsland** - 2pm – Kingsland Methodist Chapel HR6 9SG

**Leominster** – 2pm - The Moravian Church, South Street HR6 8JH

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

**Malvern** – 7.30pm – St Joseph's Church, 125 Newtown Road, Malvern WR14 1PF

## Churches Together in Ewyas Harold – Lent Talks

There are a series of Lent talks by representatives of various charities to be held on Thursday lunchtimes from 1-2pm, in March, together with a bread & soup lunch (12.30) at the Baptist Church. The talks include Talking Newspaper, Samaritans, Citizen Young People, Citizens Advice and West Mercia Women's Aid. See Ewyas Harold Churches for more details.

**Good Friday** – there will be a Good Friday Walk of Witness following the Cross, starting at the Methodist Chapel at 10.30am, finishing with a service at St Michael's Church.

## Churches Together in Leominster – Lent

Churches Together in Leominster have a range of activities planned for Lent, including **Lent Lunches** to be held 13<sup>th</sup> March (St Ethelbert's Church); 20<sup>th</sup> March and 27<sup>th</sup> March (venues tbc); 3<sup>rd</sup> April (Moravian Church); 10<sup>th</sup> April – The Priory. Donations at the lunches will be accepted for



Leominster Dementia Initiative and Water Aid. More details from Leominster churches.

Churches Together in Leominster will be holding the **Lent Course** 'All Things are Possible' by USPG <https://www.uspg.org.uk/resources/study/>

More details from the churches.

## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> March to 11<sup>th</sup> April, concluding with joint worship on Palm Sunday. They are using 'Living in the Light' by John Birch and plan on offering at least 7 different groups in a range of venues (usually homes) and on a selection of time slots. Contact Stephen Chowns **01531 634896** or [schowns@aol.com](mailto:schowns@aol.com)

## Christians Together in Bromyard – Lent

Christians in Bromyard are hosting Lent Lunches again this year between February 26<sup>th</sup> and April 9<sup>th</sup>. Details from any of the Bromyard churches.

## Christians Together in Orleton – Joint Service

Christians in Orleton will be holding their monthly Joint Service on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March at 11am in the Methodist Chapel, 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 will be made welcome.

## Vennture - 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)

## Hereford Churches – Church Leaders' Prayer Breakfasts

Herefordshire Church leaders, ministers and pastors are invited to join with others for a weekly Tuesday Prayer Breakfast from 7am at St Barnabas Church, Hereford, hosted by Oasis Church.

## Herefordshire Interfaith Group – A Pilgrimage for Peace



Join members of Herefordshire Interfaith Group for a restorative walk on the Malvern Hills, pausing to reflect and to share readings on the themes of Pilgrimage and Harmony with Nature. Gather at Malvern Hills British Camp car park A449 Ledbury Road WR13 6DW from 10am to walk at 10.30am on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March. The walk will be recorded for the BBC radio programme 'Ramblings'. Aim finish around 12.30pm with refreshments. For more info: [www.herefordshireinterfaith.org.uk](http://www.herefordshireinterfaith.org.uk)

## Thy Kingdom Come – Hereford plans



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.

In Hereford, church leaders have already met at the invitation of the new Bishop of Hereford, Bishop Richard Jackson to talk about coming together to celebrate Thy Kingdom Come and Pentecost. There will be a Joint Celebration Service on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May at 7pm in the Cathedral.