



HEREFORDSHIRE NEWS

While we all moan about Zoom – but thank God for the technologies that can keep us connected.

If I'm not including your Churches Together Group's activities – please get in touch and let me know.

Lots of positive news from Herefordshire and beyond this month.

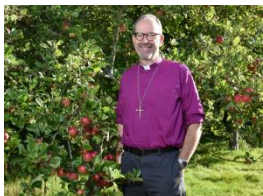
Deadline for copy for the next newsletter – 25th October.

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Churches Together in Herefordshire – Open Zoom Meeting



Churches Together in Herefordshire usually have two Open Meetings a year, but due to lockdown, the March meeting had to be cancelled. We are pleased to report that we will be having a meeting in November –

but that it will be via Zoom, hopefully enabling people from all over the county to attend, from the comfort of their homes!

Our guest speaker will be Bishop Richard Jackson, Bishop of Hereford, who will be sharing his thoughts about Christians and churches working together in Herefordshire. We will be keeping the meeting short – from 7pm – 8pm – on Wednesday 4th November.

If you would like to join us – and everyone is welcome – please let me know by email: herefordshireceo@gmail.com and I will send you the Zoom link required.

Christians Together in Orleton – joint working of churches

Christians Together in Orleton are continuing to work together through these difficult times for physical worship. The Methodist and Anglican Churches are combining under the CTiO umbrella to provide spiritual sustenance and support as well as organising activities for the younger



members of the village. Members combine to provide a weekly service sheet, collated and emailed to a wide distribution of both congregations and friends.

A 'Phone a Friend' scheme has been set up to provide a friendly voice and chat to elderly or housebound residents.

Christians Together in Orleton have asked to send their greetings to the other fellowships within the County and wish you much blessing in these difficult times.

Churches Together in Ewyas Harold – AGM

Churches Together in Ewyas Harold are holding their AGM on 6th October at 7.30pm, by Zoom. If you would like to attend, please email the Secretary, Sue Jones – sue@youngs.co.uk for the link.

Ministry in schools – local online resources

At a recent Hereford Church Leaders Together meeting, it was suggested churches pool their resources to make available short classroom worship sessions for local schools. If you might be interested in this project, please

contact Andy Goode
andygoode49@gmail.com

Venature – Volunteers needed

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Love People Better



Venature, the Herefordshire organisation made up of Christians from multiple churches and fellowships are looking for volunteers to support their current projects – Family Pastors, Street Pastors and Ambassadors.

Stephen is a Street Pastor and when asked why he volunteered he said: “I wanted to do something practical, and having had two sons who regularly enjoyed nights out in town, I wanted to be there for other sons and daughters when their night goes awry.”

On the receiving end of the Family Pastors project, a family receiving support recently informed their Link Worker: “We feel that we are ready for change now!”

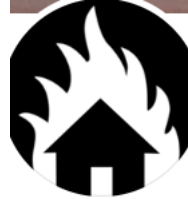
The Police requested the presence of Venature Ambassadors on the streets of Hereford during the lockdown and subsequently, to reassure and support the public and shopworkers.

If you think you could help, or if you know someone in your church who would be an ideal volunteer – please let them

know? To find out more, contact Venature Tel 0330 20 20 730
enquiries@venature.org.uk

Herefordshire Houses of prayer – Zoom prayer evening

Christians from all over Herefordshire and beyond, from different denominations and from none, have been continuing to join together to pray for an hour every Monday evening, at 7.30pm. They have been praying about and considering what is meant by ‘revival’. You can join them by clicking the Zoom link on the Herefordshire Houses of Prayer Facebook page:
<https://www.facebook.com/herefordprayer/>



HOPE Together – Hope Spaces for all



Surveys are showing that a growing number of people are exploring prayer for the first time. HOPE Together have created a website to give people an experience of prayer. The more people who visit it and share it, the more publicity it will gain through Google’s search engine. www.HopeSpaces.com

If you have opened church for private prayer during this time, please [download a free poster or social media images](#) to help those who are searching to find hope. They can continue to experience prayer, explore Christian spirituality, and encounter God

once they have left the building.

Kitchen Table Project – Raising Faith Event



Care for the Family’s ‘Kitchen Table Project’ which endeavours

to support families to inspire faith in their children, has released a free event online this month, to be followed up with some online discussion sessions helping your children or grandchildren to discover God in everyday life. The online event takes place 6,7 & 8 October and booking details can be found here:
<https://www.careforthefamily.org.uk/events/events-online/raising-faith>

Restoring Hope – faith & finance

A series of online events



have been

planned for 24-30th October, to explore the way in which our faith, finance and wider economy interact. Organised by the [Ecumenical Council for Corporate Responsibility](#), they want to offer a vision of hope that can help us in these difficult times. The flagship event is an evening conversation with Dr Rowan Williams (former Archbishop of Canterbury) and Dr Ruth Valerio (Global Advocacy and Influencing Director, Tearfund).

To find out more:
<https://www.eccr.org.uk/news/restoring-hope-a-series-of-online-events-24-30-october-2020-2/>