



HEREFORDSHIRE NEWS

Some churches are opening, many Christians are still accessing church online – but the Holy Spirit is working among us in lots of different ways.

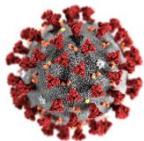
Let me know of churches and Christians working together near you. Deadline for copy for the next newsletter – 25th September.

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Churches Together in Hereford – possible publication



Churches Together in Hereford city are planning a potential book with a diversity of voices, all speaking about the work of God through Covid 19.

‘What has God been doing in Herefordshire in this time of coronavirus?’ is the theme that will connect articles (around 500-1500 words each) which might include people sharing their testimonies of answered prayer; more practical accounts of lives changed; and some sermons from this year that have encapsulated the current times.

This is at an early planning stage – but if you think you might have something to offer this project, please contact Elliot Swatridge curate@spsj.org.uk

Vennture – Street Pastors needed

Vennture, the Herefordshire



ecumenical support organisation that ‘Gives meaning to the power of Jesus’ Love’, has been working hard all summer supporting the newly-housed homeless, families in need and continuing a street presence during the day (with the Vennture Ambassadors) and, since the pubs have re-opened, with their Street Pastors team.

An observer who recently accompanied a Street Pastors team on their shift reported being amazed at how warmly they were received by the pub Door Staff, emergency services and night time revellers alike – ‘they were familiar to all and loved by all’.



Street Pastors are volunteers, trained to spend a Friday or

Saturday night supporting emergency services and keeping people safe. They help those who are vulnerable due to alcohol, injury or circumstance. They act as intermediaries between the door staff, CCTV and police, keeping people out of A & E, with a calm, non-judgemental, professional approach. They offer first aid, water, flip flops and a listening ear to all who need them.

If you think you could help, they really need new volunteers – both men and women (they always have mixed gender teams). You might know someone in your church who would be an ideal volunteer – please let them know? To find out more, contact Vennture Tel 0330 20 20 730 enquiries@vennture.org.uk

Your prayers for all Vennture’s projects are appreciated.

Ross Remembers – book of remembrance website

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The churches in Ross have been invited to share this website with

their congregations and others. It has been set up by the Anglican churches in Ross, Walford and Brampton Abbots but aims to be a non-denominational place to share memories of lost loved ones.

Although set up during the Covid-19 outbreak, it is to remember loved ones who have died at any time, for any reason and in any place. There is no charge for the site. To find out more: <https://rossremembers.org/>

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/>



South Wye Community Money Advice – volunteers needed

Putson Baptist Church and Challenge Community Church are working together to set up a much needed debt advice service – particularly needed now. They need a team of people able to offer sound



advice to seek debt solutions, after completing an excellent training programme.

Could you spare some time each week to offer support and advice to alleviate the debilitating impact of debt? If you would like to know more, email cma.manager@putsonbaptistchurch.co.uk

To learn more about Community Money Advice (CMA), see: <https://www.communitymoneyadvice.com/>

Churches Together in England – Education Sunday



This year, Education Sunday takes place at a time when many children, young people and staff have been away from schools, colleges and universities and have been working in different ways. Education Sunday 2020 will take place on Sunday 13th September and for the first time, there will be an inter-generational service on YouTube, produced by the United Reformed Church on behalf of Churches Together in England. Resources for your own service can be found here: www.cte.org.uk/educationsunday2020

HOPE Together – Hope in Uncertain Times



HOPE Together publishes a number of informative and accessible resources for distribution by churches and Challenge Community Church in

Hereford recently featured in HOPE Together news when they ordered more than 1000 copies of the new giveaway booklet [Hope in Uncertain Times](#) which points to a powerful message of hope. The church is posting a copy of the booklet through the doors of every home in Hunderton, with an invitation to come and receive prayer.

Copies are available from the website from 30p a copy https://hopetogether.org.uk/Shop/Categories/12088/Hope_Together.aspx

Churches Together in Britain & Ireland - Climate Sunday



Local churches are encouraged to hold a local Climate Sunday any time during a one-year period, starting on 6th September (the first Sunday in the annual season of [Creation Time/Season of Creation](#)).

This can be done in conjunction with other churches, or through a Churches Together Group and for their local Climate Sunday, churches are invited to do one or more of three things: hold a **Climate Service**, to pray and to commit to action; **Commit**, to taking long term action as a church community; **Call** – join with other churches and your community by adding its name to a common call for the UK government to take much bolder action on climate change. To find out more: <https://ctbi.org.uk/climate-sunday/>