



HEREFORDSHIRE NEWS

Thanks for the positive feedback about the new format – all feedback gratefully received!

Lots of positive news from Herefordshire and beyond this month.

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

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Churches Together in Herefordshire – Open Zoom Meeting



Churches Together in Herefordshire will be having an Open Meeting, between 7 and 8pm on Wednesday 4th November 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, and specifically John 17, vs 11.

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.

Churches Together in Ewyas Harold – November meeting

Churches Together in Ewyas Harold are holding their next meeting on 10th November at 7.30pm, by Zoom. If you would like to attend, please email the Secretary, Sue Jones – sue@youngs.co.uk for the link. They are planning to discuss how they will be communicating the Christian message to their community over Christmas (in the absence of carol services etc); and their plans for daily Zoom prayer sessions for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in January 2021.

Churches Together in Hereford – AGM

Churches Together in Hereford (city) will be holding their AGM via Zoom on Wednesday 18th

November at 7pm and their guest

speaker will be Deacon Angie

Allport, of St John's Methodist Church.

She will be speaking about the ways in which God has been working during Covid. They will be discussing how they can pray, witness and have fellowship in even more profound unity into the future – all welcome. If you would like the link to the meeting, please email the Chair, Rev Elliot Swatridge curate@spsj.org.uk



Ledbury Churches – worship and care

Christians in Ledbury are continuing to worship together weekly via Zoom. They meet on a Monday evening, at 8pm for prayer and charismatic worship and on Wednesday evening at 8pm for more reflective and contemplative prayer. The 7am, 12 midday and 7pm Thursday praying together also continues.

There is an active ecumenical pastoral care group operating in Ledbury, supporting many people on the edge of church in the town. There is also a Christians Against Poverty debt counselling service being set up in the town.

If you want to know more or would like a Zoom link for any of the prayer sessions, contact Rev Tony Hodder
tony.hodder@gmail.com

Churches Together in Ross – Remembrance Wreath



As we all get used to doing everything differently, Churches Together in Ross are keeping up the tradition of laying a poppy wreath in Ross for Remembrance Sunday, along with other organisations in the town, but at various times, separately, at the beginning of the month. There will be an online service broadcast live via the [Ross-on-line Facebook page](#) on Remembrance Day.

Hereford Food Bank – Donation Centre



The Food Bank in Hereford has had an unprecedented year – of donations and of requests for help. They are working in new ways and need a ground floor premises in the city preferably with easy access by a car. If you can help, please contact Jacquie Allsop Tel 01432 353347 or herefordfoodbank@rocketmail.com
 The demand for emergency food parcels is increasing so their need for donations is as important as ever. Their current wish list is for older clients – instant microwaveable meals and small tins of veg. Check the website for a full list of requirements. <https://herefordfoodbank.co.uk/make-a-donation>

Vennture – Rob Thomas MBE



Vennture, the Herefordshire organisation made up of Christians from multiple churches and fellowships supported many vulnerable people during the start of the pandemic, and continue to do so. Vennture's founder, CEO and volunteer has been honoured with an MBE for his outstanding service to the community in Herefordshire during that time. Rob said: "I am honoured to be recognised alongside others on this year's list. I'm especially grateful to all the volunteers at Vennture, this is recognition for them."

South Wye Community Money Advice - volunteers



Putson Baptist Church and Challenge Community Church have recently received approval and registration with the Financial Services Authority and are training the first volunteers for this debt advice service – but would welcome more volunteers.
 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/>

Monthly Prayers for Youth - Zoom prayer evening

A group of Christians from a variety of churches meets monthly (currently via Zoom) on a Tuesday evening to pray for the Youth of the city. If you are interested in joining in this prayer initiative, please email David Morris for the Zoom link. David.Morris@hereford.anglican.org

Churches Together in England – Toolkit for Local Unity in Mission

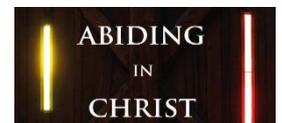


CTE has just launched [the new Toolkit for A Flexible Framework for Local Unity in Mission](#). This Toolkit provides an easy-to-use framework helping local churches to collaborate with confidence and flexibility, developing the right agreement for their joint venture – whatever that might be. For more info click [here](#)

Churches Together in Britain & Ireland – WPCU resources



Resources are available to download



for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2021, traditionally held between 18-25 January. Materials have been prepared by the Monastic Community of Grandchamp in Switzerland – available for download only. <https://ctbi.org.uk/week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-2021/>