



The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity theme last month was 'Abide in my love'. Lots of opportunities to do that with other Christians this month – mostly but not exclusively online.

Deadline for the March newsletter - 25th February.

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Churches Together in Herefordshire – Week of Prayer Zoom Celebration



Churches Together in Herefordshire welcomed over 50 homes from all over the county joining via Zoom, to celebrate the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity last month. Following the resources for the service provided by the monastic community of Grandchamp, Switzerland, along with ecumenical groups from all over the world, we enjoyed a peaceful and contemplative time together, around the theme 'Abide in my love'. The highlight of the service was a homily from the Dean of Hereford, the Very Revd Michael Tavinor, as he comes to the end of his time in Hereford. It was good to be able

to thank him for all he has done ecumenically in Herefordshire during his time as Dean, and to wish him a happy retirement. Recording of the service available from herefordshireceo@gmail.com.

Churches in Ledbury – Lent Study Group

LENT 2021

17th February to 1st April

Shared understanding

An Ecumenical Discussion Group for the Ledbury and district churches

Christians in Ledbury will be coming together this Lent to participate in an Ecumenical Zoom Lent group on Wednesday evenings, beginning at 7.30pm on 24th February. Each of the six sessions will begin with someone different leading prayer and introducing a topic for 10 – 15 minutes. They will then use 'breakout rooms' to divide into smaller groups. The whole session will last 60-75 minutes a week. If you would like to know more, including a short 'Zoom tutorial' if need it, please contact Stephen Chowns schowns@aol.com

Churches Together in Leominster – Lent Study Group



The churches in Leominster will be coming together online for a

Lent Course via Zoom from 25th February. To find out more, contact Michael Scarlett mscarlett41@gmail.com

Churches Together in Kington – Lent Study Group

Churches Together in Kington will be marking Lent with study groups via Zoom. For details and to register your interest, please contact Pat Roberts patroberts123@btinternet.com

Churches Together in Ewyas Harold – World Day of Prayer



Churches Together in Ewyas Harold held a very successful week of prayer meetings last month online to celebrate the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity together. Their next online get together will be for the World Day of Prayer on Friday 5th March. For joining details, please contact Sue Young sue@2youngs.co.uk

Venventure – Street Presence

As we get used to another lockdown, Venventure are looking for volunteers from the churches of the county



(preferably not shielding or in a Covid high risk group) to join an exciting development in their daytime street presence – Ambassadors.

In the first lockdown, the Ambassadors proved to be a valuable crisis touch point for those with issues affecting their mental or spiritual well-being. The team is expanding, to include students from the Lean-on-Me service (currently stood down). All volunteers will receive mental health First Aid training, as well as the usual excellent Vennture training (which includes being Covid-safe). The aim is to have trusted uniformed volunteers on the streets of Hereford and market towns 7 days a week, who act safely as a constant, calm, reassuring presence; listening ears, and well-trained helpers; a trustworthy crisis touch point; and a responsive capability for CCTV.

To find out more, please contact Vennture 0330 2020 730 or enquiries@vennture.org.uk

Vennture – Family Pastors



Reversing the tide of family breakdown in some of Hereford's 1,023 most troubled families.

With the pandemic continuing to disrupt lives, the Family Pastors at Vennture were prevented from visiting and supporting the families in need. Each volunteer Family Pastor, all from different churches around the county, now has a specific family to pray for and bring before our loving heavenly Father. Please pray for the families and all the volunteers who continue to support and

help however they can.

Modern Slavery awareness training



Are there really slaves in our local communities? Join a free remote workshop (up to 90 minutes) on either of the following dates: Wednesday 3rd Feb 3pm; Tuesday 16th Feb 7pm. Follow this [link](#) to book your place at the training, led by Chrissie Pepler, member of the Marches Anti-Slavery Partnership and employee of the Diocese of Hereford. Any difficulties in the registration process please contact mary.oxley@hereford.anglican.org

Loss and HOPE – Bereavement webinars



Loss and HOPE is a coalition of organisations who feel passionately about churches of all denominations across the UK being equipped to support the bereaved. As many people are grieving and lockdown is restricting bereavement support, Loss and HOPE is providing webinar training to support the bereaved.

See [here](#) for Bereavement Care Awareness webinars for all church members, [here](#) for learning how to support young people and [here](#) for *Bereavement Friendly Church* webinars for church leaders to ensure grieving people are welcomed within the life of the church. Find out more about Loss and HOPE at www.lossandhope.org

Racial Justice Sunday – CTBI Resources



Churches Together in Britain and Ireland have decided to republish the wealth of material that has been created over 25 years to celebrate Racial Justice Sunday. The material will also be supplemented by contributions of 50 people who have championed the cause of racial justice in British and Irish churches. To access these resources to celebrate Racial Justice Sunday, on Sunday 14th February in your church follow this [link](#).

<https://ctbi.org.uk/racial-justice-sunday-2021/>

Churches Together in England – Web Content Assistant vacancy



Churches Together in England is seeking to appoint an organised and efficient web content assistant for a fixed term of 25 days, over approximately 12 weeks. This short-term position offers the opportunity to play a key role in the launch and delivery of CTE's new WordPress website – to start w/c 22nd February. Closing date Monday 8th February. For more info and an application pack: <http://www.cte.org.uk/wca>



Could you be our new Web Content Assistant?
Home-based, 25-days fixed term contract