

After a very different Christmas for all our churches, we look forward with hope for a better 2021.

Look out for opportunities to join in with Week of Prayer for Christian Unity events and services online this year – Monday 18th – Monday 25th January.

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Churches Together in Herefordshire – Treasurer



Churches Together in Herefordshire would like to know if you know someone who might be our Treasurer? The wonderful Gordon Powell is retiring and we are looking for someone to step in. Please think about people in your church who might be good at this, and care about churches working together – full volunteer role description available from herefordshireceo@gmail.com

Churches Together in Ewyas Harold – Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 18-25 Jan

Churches Together in Ewyas Harold will be marking the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity with all events held virtually this year. On Sunday 24th January, there will be a service at 3pm, and every other day during the week they are holding evening prayers with different churches leading, using the 'Abiding in Christ'

resources, prepared by the Monastic Community of Grandchamp in Switzerland (see [CTBI website](#)). The prayers will take place at 8pm, via Zoom. To get the link, please email sue@2youngs.co.uk

The joyful Christmas message banner, put up in the village before Christmas by Churches Together in Ewyas Harold, has been joined by angels and stars, created by children from the school and others, proclaiming hope.



Churches Together in Hereford – 'God in a time of Coronavirus'

Elliot Swatridge, Chair of Churches Together in Hereford, is gathering together short and hard-hitting testimonies witnessing "God in a Time of Coronavirus" to publish into a book in the new year. He already has a wide selection of stories and is looking for more, from Christians from all different churches across Herefordshire, of how God has worked in diverse and wonderful ways amongst us. If you have a potential

contribution, short or long, please get in touch with Elliot curate@spsj.org.uk before January 15th – his publication deadline.

To mark the **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**, Hereford Quakers will be holding an online Meeting for Worship on Thursday 21st January, 12.30pm – 1pm, after which they are inviting attendees to eat their lunch and share community. All welcome. Zoom link from wanaqi@btinternet.com

Churches Together in Leominster – Leominster Foodbank



Leominster Food Bank

was set up independently and supported and run ecumenically by volunteers from Churches Together in Leominster. After an unprecedented year last year, with increase of demand and also donations, Churches Together in Leominster agreed at a recent meeting that it needed to become a stand-alone charity, with its own trustees. The Leominster Foodbank will continue to be affiliated to the Food Aid Network and receive the support of all the churches in the town. To find out more or offer help: <https://www.facebook.com/leominsterfoodbank/>

Baptist Churches – Confident Christianity Online Conference



Hereford Baptist Church is joining with Ross and Putson Baptist Churches to organise an online conference with [Solus](#), on 6th March 9.30am-2.30pm. The speakers will be Andy Bannister, Kristi Mair and Gareth Black and the aims of the conference are to help Christians to become more confident to talk about Jesus more naturally, enabling them to answer questions about faith from friends and acquaintances. For more information and to register free <https://www.solus-cpc.org/event/confident-christianity-hereford/>

World Day of Prayer 2021 – Hereford planning



The World Day of Prayer (formerly the Women's World Day of Prayer) will fall on Friday 5th March this year and plans are already afoot for a service in Hereford (hopefully physical, but possibly online). This is an ecumenical movement and the group would welcome people from as many churches in Hereford as possible to be involved in the planning. Please ring Rosi Taylor 01432 266826 or email wwdphereford@gmail.com if you are interested.

Modern Slavery awareness training

Are there really slaves in our local communities? Join a free remote workshop (up to 90 minutes) on any one of the following dates: Monday 25th Jan 7pm; Thursday 28th Jan 3pm; 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 managing the registration process please contact mary.oxley@hereford.anglican.org

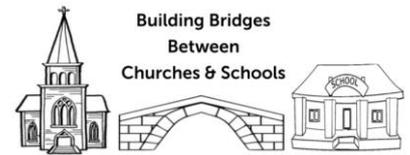


Week of Accompanied Prayer – Diocese Spirituality Group



Churches Together in Herefordshire took part in a very successful Week of Accompanied Prayer a couple of years ago – and the Diocese of Hereford are holding a further Week this month online. This is a wonderful way of enriching your prayer life, whatever your Christian background. This week will take place 10th – 16th January (with an opening meeting on Sunday 10th January 6pm-7.30pm). To find out more follow [this link](#)

Schools Network meeting



The Education Development Officer at the Diocese of Hereford has initiated a Zoom meeting to create a network for Christians of all churches who support local schools. The idea is that the group will meet, pray and share resources, receive support and training to help build stronger bridges with their schools. The first meeting will be held on Tuesday 19th January 11am – 12.30pm. To get the Zoom link, contact

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Churches Together in England - Bill Snelson



Bill
Snelson,
General
Secretary

of Churches Together in England from 1997 to 2008 died last month after a long illness, in a hospice in Knaresborough. During his tenure, he encouraged and witnessed an expansion of the membership of CTE, in particular from the Pentecostal constituency.

Bill made his own contribution to the debate on Communion through his 2006 book [Enriching Communion](#). In all his ministry he was supported by Beryl his wife of over 50 years. We give thanks for his work and witness.