

Happy Easter! As resurrection people, this is a joyful month.

Deadline for the May newsletter - 25th April. Please get in touch if you have any news about churches working together – particularly around Thy Kingdom Come and Pentecost.

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Churches Together in Herefordshire – May Open Meeting



A date for your diary: on Wednesday 5th May at 7pm, Churches Together in Herefordshire will be holding our next online Open Meeting with guest speaker Paul Northup, Creative Director of Greenbelt Festival. Link to attend via Zoom from Anna Nugent herefordshireceo@gmail.com <https://www.greenbelt.org.uk/>

Church Lifeline weekly Zoom call



For the past year, Vennture have been talking to different church leaders every week via Zoom, updating them on the ways the organisation has been adapting to the needs of vulnerable people – ‘Loving people better’. The call has expanded to be an exchange of information between churches across the county, hosted by

Churches Together in Herefordshire. The call is brief (usually less than ½ hour), held every week at 11.30am on a Tuesday and is open to anyone wanting to know ways in which the churches are reaching out to support people in need in their communities. If you would like the Zoom link or to be added to the mailing list for the notes taken each week, please email Anna: herefordshireceo@gmail.com

Churches in Ledbury LEAF - Easter activities



LEAF, the newly formed Christian organisation in Ledbury which manages all the different ways churches in Ledbury already work together, is giving Easter eggs away this Easter. They are giving out ‘Real Easter Eggs’ to vulnerable children in two Ledbury schools, with a message of Christian hope. Mrs Julie Rees, Head Teacher at Ledbury Primary School said: “This is a lovely gesture and I know the children will be thrilled to receive their Easter eggs”.

There will also be an Easter Trail at six locations in the centre of Ledbury, with a visual portrayal

of the events of Holy Week. At each, there will be a short family-friendly retelling of the story. As well as this, members of all the churches in Ledbury are encouraged to display either an Easter garden or a window decoration, proclaiming ‘Alleluia, Christ is Risen!’ on Easter Sunday.

Churches Together in Hereford – Good Friday ‘Video of Witness’



In the absence of the usual Walk of Witness, the churches in Hereford are combining to contribute to a Video of Witness. Each will be answering the question “What does Jesus dying on the Cross mean to me?” – link [here](#) for use in churches this Easter (via Facebook page from Good Friday).

Christian Aid week - Hereford

Christian Aid Week Appeal

The focus of this year’s Christian Aid Week Appeal (10-16 May) is the injustice of the climate crisis and droughts in places like Kenya. A gift of £20 could buy four taps for a water point at a dam where families can collect water. The money you raise will help families facing poverty and injustice

around the world. Churches Together in Hereford (Christian Aid) have set up a Just Giving page for you to donate: www.justgiving.com/fundraising/churchestogetherinherefordchristianaid

Vennture – job vacancies



The ecumenical Christian charity Vennture is seeking a hardworking person to manage their Street Presence work (full time, to work flexibly) in both the daytime and night-time economy. This person will recruit, develop and co-ordinate the many volunteers working as daytime Ambassadors and night-time Street Pastors. The closing date for applications is April 9th.

They also need a full time Home Presence Link Worker, working alongside families who are finding things tough, to reach their potential. Closing date for applications is April 22nd. <http://www.vennture.org.uk/working-for-vennture/>

Building Bridges – Schools Network



Mark Harrington, of the Anglican Diocese of Hereford's Education department has convened further meetings of the newly formed network of individuals and churches with links to schools. Open to all churches who support their local school, the last meeting heard from an innovative project – TLG –

Transforming Lives for Good. It is a Christian charity that helps churches to bring hope and a future for struggling children. <https://www.tlg.org.uk/>

If you would like to know more about the Building Bridges network, contact Mark Harrington

mark.harrington@hereford.anglican.org

The next meetings (via Zoom) will be 25th May and 13th July at 11am – please pre-register with Mark for the link.

Modern Slavery awareness training



Are there really slaves in our local communities? The demand for this awareness training has been so popular, that there have been more made available this month. Join a free remote workshop (up to 90 minutes) on any of the following dates: April 12th at 3pm; April 13th, at 10am; or April 19th, at 7pm. Follow this [link](#) to book your place at the training, led by Chrissie Pepler, member of the Marches Anti-Slavery Partnership. Any difficulties in the registration process, contact: mary.oxley@hereford.anglican.org

Community Action in Herefordshire - webinar



Healthwatch Herefordshire will be discussing community action (including what churches can offer) at an open webinar on Facebook on Tuesday April 13th 7-8pm. On the panel will be representatives from HVOSS, Herefordshire Community

Foundation, Hereford Anglican Diocese and the Director of Adults and Communities at Herefordshire Council. To access the webinar on the day, visit www.facebook.com/HWHerefordshire

Hope Countryside – Online Prayer Gathering

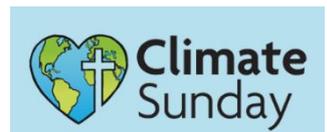


'Hope Countryside' is a partnership between [Village Hope](#), [Agricultural Christian Fellowship](#), [World Prayer Centre](#) and [Top Barn Trust](#).

They are holding the fourth in a series of prayer gatherings for the churches and communities of rural Britain. It will be held on Saturday 24th April 9am – 10.30am. For more information and to register click [here](#)

Climate Sunday – ambitious action for Creation

Has your church held a



Climate Sunday service yet? Churches are encouraged to hold a climate-focused service on any Sunday before 5th September 2021, and explore the theological and scientific basis of creation care, to pray and commit to action. For resources, visit <https://www.climatesunday.org/resources> Maybe tie it in with Earth Day - climate action worldwide, April 22nd. More info here <https://www.earthday.org/earth-day-2021/>