



As we work through Lent we have the hope and promise of Easter ahead of us. Opportunities to worship and study together (online) this month – "If you have love for one another, then everyone will know that you are my disciples" John 13: 35

Deadline for the April newsletter - 25th March. Please get in touch if you have any Easter ecumenical events planned.

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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. More details to follow.
<https://www.greenbelt.org.uk/>

Churches Together in Ewyas Harold – Lent Taizé Prayer



Churches Together in Ewyas Harold are holding weekly Taizé prayer on Tuesdays through Lent, finishing on 23rd March. Each one will last about half an hour, including chants, readings, reflection, prayers and silence. For joining details, please contact

Sue Young sue@2youngs.co.uk

Churches Together in Kington – Lent Study Group

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

Christians Together in Bromyard – Lent Study

Christians from all the churches in Bromyard are invited to join the Bromyard Benefice Lent Course entitled 'Jesus: Saviour and King'. Anyone interested in participating should email admin@stpetersbromyard.org.uk

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 are coming together this Lent to participate in an Ecumenical Zoom Lent group on Wednesday evenings, at 7.30pm. Each of the five sessions are looking at the book 'God and the Pandemic' by Tom Wright. To find out more, please contact Stephen Chowns schowns@aol.com

Churches Together in Leominster – Lent Study Group



The churches in Leominster are meeting together online for a Lent Course via Zoom, entitled 'All Things are Possible' on Tuesdays at 7.30pm, finishing on 23rd March. To find out more and register for attendance, contact Roger: 01588 613567 or email: mrpitblado@gmail.com

World Day of Prayer – Friday 5th March



Due to COVID-19 restrictions, Christians will not be coming together physically to celebrate the annual World Day of Prayer. However, you can join Christians in Ewyas Harold, Ledbury and Leominster online, with their respective services, from the comfort of your own home.

The resources, used all over the world, have been prepared by the people of Vanuatu, an archipelago in the South Pacific, with the theme 'Building on a Strong Foundation'. For access to all the resources: <https://www.wwdp.org.uk/2021-wdp-free-resources-to-download/>

Churches Together in Ewyas Harold – 11am – contact [Sue Young](#) for the Zoom link.

Ledbury – 2pm – contact [Mrs J Harrison \(on WDP website\)](#)

Churches Together in Leominster – 2pm – via YouTube <https://youtu.be/5ZR5OtZAtqQ> from 5th March and also available on DVD for those who cannot get online from [Chris Rice \(via WDP website\)](#) at Leominster Baptist Church.

Rosi Taylor, of Churches Together in Hereford, in the absence of a service held in Hereford this year, has offered to get an order of service to anyone requesting one (until she runs out of copies!). Contact her here: 01432 266826 rosi.taylor54@googlemail.com

Vennture – supporting the vulnerable

The various teams within Vennture are continuing to support the vulnerable around Herefordshire and would appreciate your prayers for their work.



With the pandemic continuing to disrupt lives, the **Family Pastors** volunteers have been prevented from visiting and supporting the families in need and so now each one has a specific family to pray for, while the Link workers continue to make visits or keep in touch on the phone.

The **Building Better Opportunities** project team are working with individuals who are taking steps to improve lives (including lives disrupted by drug use). The **Housed Homeless** team

have been helping individuals move into their own permanent accommodation, and to equip that home.

The **Ambassadors** team has grown with student volunteers being trained with mental health First Aid training. The aim is to have two teams of trusted uniformed volunteers on the streets of Hereford daily, who act safely as a constant, calm, reassuring presence. If you would like to volunteer - both as an Ambassador but also potentially as a mentor for the youth Ambassadors, contact Faye Faye.Roberts@venture.org.uk



Vennture also has a **Winter Provision** team who work closely with the Ambassadors, looking after anyone in need or sleeping rough. To find out more, please contact Vennture 0330 2020 730 or enquiries@vennture.org.uk

The Cart Shed – online support

Has your church or Churches Together group identified adults or young people struggling with their health and well-being during the current restrictions? The Cart Shed, which outside of the restrictions offers free woodland therapeutic sessions, has a range of free online programmes. Courses are designed to be as close as possible to the woodland experience – social interaction, community, well-being education as well as support and practical craft activities. To find out more,



tel 01544 318231 or visit <http://www.thecartshed.co.uk/>

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: Tuesday 2nd March at 2pm; Thursday 18th March, 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 please contact mary.oxley@hereford.anglican.org

Eco church – Valuing our churchyards



Join an Eco Church online workshop on Wednesday 24th March 7.30pm- 9pm focusing on managing and valuing churchyards. Booking for the workshop is free but you need to first [register in advance](#). For more information about Eco Church click [here](#).

Thy Kingdom Come 2021 – Launch webinar



All are welcome at a Thy Kingdom Come 2021 launch webinar on Tuesday 9th March at 2pm. You can [book here](#) for the webinar, with new resources and ways churches and individuals can be involved in this time of ecumenical prayer up to Pentecost – this year 12th – 23rd May. <https://www.thykingdomcome.global/>