



As we cautiously return to a more normal way of working, churches are looking for new ways to meet the needs of their communities, often working ecumenically. If your church is working with others to bring God's Kingdom closer, let me know so I can tell others!

Deadline for the July/August newsletter - 25th June.

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Churches Together in Herefordshire – May Open Meeting



We held an interesting and well-attended Open Meeting last month via Zoom, with guest speaker Paul Northup, Creative Director of Greenbelt – the day after Greenbelt announced that the live festival was cancelled for a second year. He gave us a fascinating insight into the philosophy behind the Christian festival and ways to find out more about Greenbelt podcasts and their newsletter. Watch the meeting [here](https://www.greenbelt.org.uk/) <https://www.greenbelt.org.uk/>

Churches Together in Herefordshire – Church Lifeline Update



During lockdowns, church leaders and representatives have been meeting regularly to update each other on initiatives that meet the needs of their communities, shared information about funding, resources and support and prayed for each other. These weekly meetings were often very brief, but they proved an invaluable exchange of ideas and information. As life moves away from our computers a bit more, we are moving the meetings to monthly. The next one is on Tuesday 29th June at 11.30am – Zoom link from herefordshireceo@gmail.com – newcomers welcome.

Churches Together in Hereford - meeting

Churches Together in Hereford city are looking to expand the number of churches involved in the group and include as many fellowships as possible. To this end, they are holding an Open Meeting on Thursday July 15th, 7-9pm, hopefully in person – venue to be confirmed. They hope to include a discussion at the meeting about the wider vision of the Group for the future – all welcome to join this discussion. Contact Elliot Swatridge for more info curate@spsj.org.uk

Christians Together in Orleton – worshipping together



Ecumenical worship continues on a monthly basis in Orleton as churches open up again. Christians Together in Orleton hold this service on the third Sunday of the month – at the moment in St George's Church (due to Covid restrictions) – this month on Sunday 20th June at 11am. The group spent some time at their last meeting discussing how they can reach out together to the children of the village. Watch this space for more news!

Churches Together in Ross – Joint Pentecost Service online



Churches and Christians in Ross usually come together for a Pentecost lunch and celebration – but due to the Covid restrictions this year they moved their celebrations online. Catch the joint service for Pentecost Sunday, [here](https://www.ctrd.org.uk/) or visit their website <https://www.ctrd.org.uk/>

Herefordshire Houses of Prayer – weekly Zoom prayer



After seeing a real need for prayer for revival during the lockdown, Christians from a number of different churches continue to meet for an hour on a Monday night to pray together. They would welcome new faces to join them – link to the Zoom meeting which takes place from 7.30pm – 8.30pm [here](#).

Prayer for Youth – monthly Zoom

A group of people from a number of different churches are meeting monthly on Zoom to pray for the young people of Herefordshire – their schools, their families and specifically for them to know Jesus. If you would like to join them, contact David Morris David.Morris@hereford.anglican.org for the Zoom link. The next meeting is Tuesday 29th June 7-8pm.

Vennture – prayers answered



For a year, the team at Vennture, the ecumenical organisation aiming to 'Love people better', have been working prayerfully to secure a new operating base. With the help and support of many individuals and organisations, including exceptional generosity from The Eveson Charitable Trust, they in the process of purchasing a

building near St James Church, Hereford. They hope to move into the building in September – who knows what prayers God will answer next as they continue to work with families and the homeless. If you want to know more about Vennture's work, visit www.vennture.org.uk

I am Mark - staging of Mark's Gospel



As churches and Churches Together Groups come back physically, you may be thinking about hosting an entertaining and moving performance speaking to those on the fringes of faith as well as long term believers. Stefan Smart will be in the county in October, and again in the New Year with his one-man show – more details [here](#).

Marches Christian Environment Network - Newsletter

Marches Christian Environmental Network



As more churches of all denominations consider becoming an EcoChurch, M-CENT is an important informative local organisation. It draws together Christians of all denominations across the Marches who are concerned about the impact of climate change and protecting

our environment. You can subscribe to their quarterly newsletter (as well as accessing the latest and past issues) [here](#).

Arthur Rank Centre – Together Apart



Arthur Rank Centre

CONFIDENT RURAL CHRISTIANS

The Arthur Rank Centre has supported Christians, churches of all denominations and communities through many of the joys and challenges of rural life. In response to the pandemic, they have a resource hub which includes farming and agriculture support and information; government and denominational advice and guidance; practical action; guidance and advice on teleconferencing and live-streaming – as well as a wealth of worship resources. <https://arthurrankcentre.org.uk/together-apart/>

Hope Together webinar – Edging into Hybrid Church

HOPE Together

Many of us have reservations about going back to church in person or staying online. Hope Together have put on a second webinar with discussion on how to go digital post lockdown to benefit your growing congregation and church. The webinar with Rachel Heffer of the Evangelical Alliance and Ben Aldous of Churches Together in England can be viewed on YouTube [here](#).