



As we approach the birthday of the Church, communities, fellowships and churches are cautiously planning post-Covid activities. Let me know if your plans involve working with other churches and other Christians.

Deadline for the June newsletter - 25th May.

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Churches Together in Herefordshire – May Open Meeting



Don't forget! On Wednesday 5th May at 7pm, Churches Together in Herefordshire will be holding our next online Open Meeting and AGM with guest speaker Paul Northup, Creative Director of Greenbelt Festival. Link to attend via Zoom, and papers for the brief business meeting and AGM from County Ecumenical Officer, Anna Nugent herefordshireceo@gmail.com
<https://www.greenbelt.org.uk/>

Churches Together in Ross – Joint Pentecost Service online



Churches in Ross usually come together for a Pentecost lunch and celebration – but due to the Covid restrictions this year they are moving their

celebrations online. To catch the joint service on Pentecost Sunday, visit their website <https://www.ctrd.org.uk/>

Churches Together in Ewyas Harold – 10-16 May

Christian Aid Week Appeal

As in years past, Churches Together in Ewyas Harold and District will do what they can to raise much needed funds for Christian Aid in its 75th year. The emphasis this year is on the climate crisis and helping our global neighbours whose lives are made even more difficult by the effects of climate change. Instead of the usual door to door collections, there will be a delivery-only envelope dropped through letterboxes inviting people to donate at the village shop or via text, online or telephone.

Christian Aid week - Hereford

Christian Aid Week Appeal

Churches Together in Hereford (Christian Aid) have set up a Just Giving page for you to donate this Christian Aid Week: www.justgiving.com/fundraising/churchestogetherinherefordchristianaid They remind us that 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.

Christians Together in Orleton



On Easter Sunday,

Orleton Christians joined in fellowship for a service of praise and thanksgiving – both for God's Easter gift and for the ability to worship together again. They also joined forces with the Boot Inn to organise an Easter Egg Competition – prizes were Fairtrade Eggs with an Easter Story Booklet.

Orleton Methodist Chapel reopened after Easter – there are currently two services a month at the Chapel with ecumenical worship continuing at St George's Church on the other Sundays.

Herefordshire Houses of Prayer – Thy Kingdom Come 24/7 Prayer



Thy Kingdom Come, the ecumenical initiative to pray for more people

to come to know Jesus, in the power of the Spirit, in the 10 days between Ascension and Pentecost takes place 13-23rd May. In Herefordshire, there's a plan to cover the whole county in 24/7 prayer. You can be part of this from your own home, by signing up for a slot by following the [link](#). For Thy Kingdom Come resources you can use in your church or your group – see the website:

<https://www.thykingdomcome.global/>

Venture – volunteers needed



As pubs are opening and lockdown restrictions lift, the Street Pastors of Venture, out in teams every Friday and Saturday night, are looking for more volunteers to join them. If it's something you've been thinking about, now is the time to get in touch with the team at Venture and find out about the training and support you will get. Email enquiries@venture.org.uk or phone 0330 2020 730

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 and Christians who support their local school, if you would like to know more 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 to join.

Herefordshire Interfaith Group – Let this be a year of healing



The Herefordshire InterFaith Group will be holding the third in a series of online Zoom meetings, this one with the theme 'Gratitude for all health professionals working to keep us safe'. An evening of chants and meditations, with occasional poems and prayers from members. Link for the meeting from

hello@herefordshireinterfaith.org.uk

South Wye CMA – Co-ordinator and volunteers wanted



This new Community Money Advice Centre, set up by Putson Baptist Church and Challenge Community Church working together in South Wye, has received regulatory approval and are receiving their first clients. They are looking to employ a Co-ordinator for the service and more volunteers to become trained advisors, as well as befrienders to support potential

clients along the way. If you are interested in any of these roles, please contact Andy Goode 01432 345011

Who can Receive Communion with Us? - new Leaflet

Who can receive Communion with us?



The National Board of Catholic Women have published a new resource entitled Who Can Receive Communion with Us? which seeks to answer the question: when may Christians from other churches ask to receive Holy Communion in a Catholic Church? The leaflet can be downloaded [here](#). A webinar, exploring theological, ecumenical and personal perspectives on when and why you may ask to receive Communion in a Catholic context will take place on Monday 17th May from 7-8.30pm. Details and to book a place [here](#).

Through the Roof – disability champions



'Through the Roof', the Christian disability charity, have created a new online map to show churches and ministries that are positive about disability inclusion – available [here](#). Churches can welcome disabled people by having a disability champion in their church and by joining their church to the online map. For more info, contact janet@throughtheroof.org