



As we tentatively return to a more normal way of working, many of the County's Churches Together Groups are working out how they will operate in future. I am currently working with other Ecumenical Officers and Churches Together in England to share the best ideas and practice as groups attempt to reimagine the future – watch this space!

Deadline for the September newsletter - 25th August.

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Churches Together in Herefordshire – Church Lifeline Update



The monthly zoom call for representatives of churches across the county is continuing – sharing information about what churches are doing in their communities, resources and contacts, as well as hearing about Vennture activities in the county. The next one is on Tuesday 27th July at 11.30am with Jacquie Allsop of Hereford Foodbank – Zoom link from herefordshireceo@gmail.com – newcomers welcome.

Churches Together in Ewyas Harold - report

Churches Together in Ewyas Harold maintained an online presence throughout lockdown, including daily services during the Week of Prayer for Christian

Unity, a World Day of Prayer service as well as Lent Taize gatherings and recently raised £426 for Christian Aid. At their June meeting, they began to talk about plans for the future of the organisation and agreed to consider ideas for joint rural mission, with others, at their next meeting.

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 – at St Peter's Church (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 – worship and picnic

Ecumenical worship continues on a monthly basis in Orleton.



Christians Together in Orleton lead on the third Sunday of the month – at the moment in St

George's Church (due to Covid restrictions). The next one will be on Sunday 18th July at 11am, followed by a picnic in the churchyard – bring your own lunch.

Churches Together in Leominster – meeting



The Churches in Leominster are looking forward to planning possible new ways of working after lockdown and are holding a Zoom meeting to discuss their plans on Wednesday 21st July at 7.30pm. If you are interested in joining them, please contact Lorraine Shorten Lorraine.Shorten@moravian.org.uk

Ledbury LEAF – Activities

Ledbury LEAF – the new social action charity run by all the churches in Ledbury is going from strength to



strength. They recently led presentations within services in the Anglican and Methodist churches in the town, updating the congregations on their activities which include (or will include, soon) Christians Against Poverty (CAP) befrienders, a CAP money course, pastoral care, bereavement support, a Death

Café, Alpha, a GP Chaplaincy, Open the Book, Messy Church, Family Activity Days – all run ecumenically. To get more detail on some of these projects, watch the online service from St Michael's Church with the project leads describing their work here (from 24 minutes in) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yNv81cn6TZ8>

They would welcome anyone who wants to be involved in any of these activities and could offer some help to get in touch with Tony Hodder tony.hodder@gmail.com

Prayer for Youth – monthly Zoom

A group of people from many 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 link. The next meeting is Tuesday 27th July 7-8pm.

Venventure – could you help on the street?



Venventure have recently welcomed Ian Purcell as Street Presence Leader to their staff. As the Street Pastors are back to working in the night-time economy, he would really appreciate anyone thinking of joining the volunteer pastors to get in touch. The past year has

brought on change for many and some Street Pastors have moved on, hence the need for some new recruits. The Lean-on-Me triage team of trained students who assess and support people in need and prevent many A & E visits) will be operating again from this month and part of the Street Pastor role for some has been supporting and mentoring these young people. If you think you can help or would just like to know more, contact Ian Ian.Purcell@venventure.org.uk or ring 0330 202 0730 www.venventure.org.uk

South Wye Community Money Advice Centre - Coordinator wanted



Putson Baptist Church and Challenge Community Church are working together to meet the needs of people in debt in the South Wye part of Hereford. The South Wye CMA Centre will offer a free debt advice and support service, underpinned by Christian values. They are now looking for a Coordinator (20 hours per week) to take the project from the initial launch to a fully operational and thriving centre. For more information and an application form, please contact pastor@putsonbaptistchurch.co.uk Closing date 23rd July.

CTBI - National Thank You Day

Churches Together in Britain and Ireland are championing a 'Thank You Day'



on Sunday 4th July after the devastating impact of Covid19. They hope churches will come together to thank everyone from volunteers, staff, congregations and the wider community. Learn more: <https://thankyouday.org.uk/>

Talk Community Herefordshire

Talk Community was launched by Herefordshire Council last month, aiming to make Herefordshire a better place to work and live in, and this has been embraced by a number of churches around the county. There are already 20 volunteer run Talk Community Hubs active, offering information and signposting to local residents, many in churches, supporting the needs of their community. To find out more: <https://www.talkcommunitydirectory.org/>



Research request



A post-graduate research student would like help with her research into Christian views of LGBT+ people and issues. By filling in a brief online survey (10-15 minutes), you can help her to map out attitudes towards LGBT+ people and issues across Christian denominations. The survey can be found at: https://cambridge.eu.qualtrics.com/ife/form/SV_ext4fyb7tA4Ep9Q For more information, please contact Ellen Taylor-Bower eat37@cam.ac.uk