



I hope you have had a good summer – please find below the good news of Christians working together towards God’s Kingdom, in Herefordshire and beyond. Please let me know of any news you have so that I can share more widely.

Deadline for the October newsletter - 25th September.

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Churches Together in England – Local Group Re-imagining

Ecumenical Officers across England recently met and agreed that many Churches Together Groups were thinking about new ways of working, post-COVID19. To support the process, this month, CTE has published an A4 document with examples of Groups that have already worked through the re-imagining process and questions that Groups might ask of themselves to prayerfully seek a way forward.

The document can be found [here](#):

Churches Together in Herefordshire – diary date

The next Churches Together in Herefordshire Open Meeting, to which all local groups are invited as well as anyone interested in ecumenism, will be held on

Tuesday 2nd November in the Great Hall at the Bishop’s Palace, Hereford at 10am.

We are excited to announce that Revd Canon Sarah Brown will be our Guest Speaker, who by then will have been installed as the new Dean of Hereford Cathedral. She has been asked to speak about ‘Cathedrals as Ecumenical Spaces’ and has indicated that she is looking forward to meeting ecumenical colleagues. To be added to the mailing list for information about the meeting, please email Anna – herefordshireceo@gmail.com

Churches Together in Weobley - meeting

Churches Together in Weobley will be holding their next meeting to plan upcoming events together on Monday 13th September at 2.30pm in Weobley Methodist Chapel.

Churches Together in Herefordshire – Church Lifeline Update

Have you tried the monthly zoom call updating each other and 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 Wednesday 1st September at 11.00am (please note the new day and time) email herefordshireceo@gmail.com for the link - newcomers welcome.

Christians Together in Orleton – Harvest Worship

Ecumenical worship continues on a monthly basis in Orleton. Christians Together in Orleton will be holding a Harvest Service on Sunday 19th September at St George’s Church at 11am. They will be following this with an Environmental Sunday Service held on Sunday 3rd October, at which an innovative new National Lottery funded project for Orleton will be explained. The project will be looking at ways to involve the whole community in environmentally sustainable projects.



Churches Together in Leominster – AGM

Churches Together in Leominster are holding their Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 22nd September at 7pm at the Moravian Church Hall. The meeting is open to members and representatives of all the



churches in Leominster, and the Guest Speaker is Kathy Bland, who will be giving an update on Leominster Foodbank. If you are interested in joining them, please contact Lorraine Shorten Lorraine.Shorten@moravian.org.uk

Ledbury LEAF – Christians Against Poverty

 Ledbury LEAF – the social action charity run by all the churches in Ledbury is continuing to grow its activities. They are opening a CAP Debt Relief Centre in Ledbury, offering free debt counselling in association with Christians Against Poverty (Malvern). They will also be running the CAP Money Course – a free short course to help people manage money better and learn to budget, save and spend well. For more information, call 01531 598007

LEAF activities, events and information about their many projects can now be found on their new website – <https://www.leafledbury.com/>

Churches Together in Hereford - meeting

Churches Together in Hereford city held a very successful and Spirit-filled meeting in July, considering the way forward for the group. They considered prayerfully questions such as “Why do we come together?” and “How do we grow in love between churches?” as well as considering the hurdles to be overcome. The process is

ongoing – if you have an interest and desire to see Christians and churches work together more closely in the city, contact Elliot Swatridge for more info curate@spsj.org.uk

Herefordshire Interfaith Group – events



On Sunday 5th September the Herefordshire Interfaith Group will be leading a **Pilgrimage Walk** from Weobley Village Hall car park at 10.45am. All are welcome to this free event for a gentle restorative walk of about 3 miles, pausing to reflect and to share readings on the theme of Inspirations from Illuminated Souls. No need to book but to find out more, contact Brian Holley brigb39@gmail.com You are also invited to join the Group on Sunday 19th September for the **International Day of Peace Celebration**, from 3pm at Madley Church HR2 7DJ. Join them for an inspiring and joyful celebration with a multicultural programme, followed by refreshments. Please book your free ticket in advance at: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/international-day-of-peace-celebration-herfordshire-tickets-165868267453>

For regular news from the Group, visit <https://herefordshireinterfaith.org.uk/>

M-Cent – Eco Church online Conference



Marches Christian Environmental Network (M-CENT) draws together

Christians of all denominations across the Marches who are concerned about the impact of climate change and protecting our environment. Their next Eco Church online conference will be on the topic of ‘Church Buildings; moving towards net zero’. It will be held on Tuesday 19th October at 7.30pm with Catherine Ross, Sustainable Churches Officer for the Church of England as keynote speaker.

To receive regular news from this group, email: Marches.CENT@gmail.com

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 Hereford. The South Wye CMA Centre is already offering a free debt advice and support service, underpinned by Christian values. They are still looking for a Coordinator (20 hours per week) – and volunteers (who will be offered an excellent training programme to equip them to give the right guidance and advice to seek debt solutions). This team will 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