



Advent and Christmas present lots of opportunities for churches to work and worship together – please find below things happening in Herefordshire and beyond.

Please let me know about any plans you or your Churches Together Group might have for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity next month.

Deadline for the January newsletter - 17th December.

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## Churches Together in Herefordshire – Open Meeting with the Dean



Churches Together in Herefordshire held the second of the two annual Open Meetings last month, at which we were happy to welcome the newly installed Dean of Hereford Cathedral, the Very Reverend Sarah Brown to speak about Cathedrals as ‘Ecumenical Spaces’. A recording of the meeting can be viewed [here](#), with the Dean’s talk at 13.48 minutes. She talked about the ‘beauty of holiness’ in the Cathedral, in its widest sense and suggested all the churches need to work together and keep asking questions of each other. Minutes of the meeting available from

[herefordshireceo@gmail.com](mailto:herefordshireceo@gmail.com)

## Churches Together in Herefordshire – Church Lifeline Update



Churches Together in Herefordshire is continuing to hold a monthly Zoom call where churches’ representatives can check in and pick up information about resources and social action projects, as well as hearing about Vennture activities in the county. The next one is on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December at 11.00am and is just a brief update session.



Next month, Alicia Lawrence, CEO of Herefordshire Mind will be telling us about all Mind are doing in the county and how we can work together (5.1.22).

Please contact Anna - [herefordshireceo@gmail.com](mailto:herefordshireceo@gmail.com) for the link to either call.

## Churches Together in Kington – Christmas Services

The people of Kington will be able to work out which Christmas services they want to attend from Churches Together in Kington posters around the town, and leaflets available from each of the

churches. As well as this, they will be setting up the usual nativity scene in the Tourist Information Centre window in Church Street.

## Churches Together in Ewyas Harold – Night Prayer for Advent



Churches Together in Ewyas Harold are meeting together this Advent online for weekly Celtic Night Prayer on Monday 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> December at 8.30pm. Zoom link from [bbeydoredmc@gmail.com](mailto:bbeydoredmc@gmail.com)

## Churches Together in Ross – Christmas Poster



The churches in Ross are publicising their Christmas message with posters around the

town again this year, thanks to Churches Together in Ross.

## Churches Together in Hereford city – Advent Calendar



Hereford Prayer Advent Calendar

After the success of last year, Herefordshire Houses of Prayer and Churches Together in Hereford are publishing an Advent Calendar online. Released each day, Christians from different churches and denominations have chosen a scripture verse, added a thought and prayer for the day. You can find the Calendar on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/herefordprayer) or on the website <https://hhop.org.uk/>

## Vennture – Street Pastors and Ambassadors wanted

Vennture are encouraged by the new Street Pastors coming forward, especially younger ones and female volunteers. They would welcome more as they look to help people have a good time and come home safe in the Night Time Economy – training provided.



Thanks to the Safer Streets programme, Vennture is looking to increase their presence of trained Ambassadors in 3 areas outside the city centre using a combination of walking, Beryl

Bikes and one of the Vennture's team vehicles. If you are interested in any of the street projects, please contact Ian Purcell

[ian.purcell@vennture.org.uk](mailto:ian.purcell@vennture.org.uk)

## Ledbury LEAF – Family Advent Party

LEAF in Ledbury (the organisation run by all the churches to meet the needs of the community of Ledbury) is



holding a Family Advent Party on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2.30pm to 5pm, free of charge for children accompanied by an adult. It will be held at St Michael's Church in Ledbury. For more information, contact Jill Jupp 01531 635129 or email [makeyes25@hotmail.com](mailto:makeyes25@hotmail.com)

## Nativity Festival



Ledbury LEAF are holding a Nativity Festival on 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>

December at Ledbury Methodist Church, Bye Street when they will be displaying nativity sets from around the world. Entry will be free; refreshments available. For more information contact [caroline.warrey@gmail.com](mailto:caroline.warrey@gmail.com)

## CTBI – Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Resources



Churches Together in Britain and Ireland have published the resources for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2022. The Week, traditionally observed from 18<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> January (or at Pentecost in some places), has been prepared by the churches of the Middle East, entitled "We Saw His Star in the East..." Resources for physical services can be downloaded from [here](#).

## Churches Together in England – new General Secretary



Bishop Mike Royal has been called as the next General Secretary of Churches Together in England from March 2022, when Rev Dr Paul Goodliff retires. Bishop Mike is CEO of [The Cinnamon Network](#) and was consecrated Bishop within the [Apostolic Pastoral Congress](#) in 2016.