



Happy new year to you! Despite the continuing challenges of Covid, it's encouraging to see so much ecumenical activity around the County. Let me know if you know of Christians or churches working together near you. Deadline for the February newsletter - 25th January.

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Churches Together in Herefordshire – Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Zoom Service



Churches Together in Herefordshire held a well-attended Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Service last year via Zoom and will be making a similar brief Service available to all interested in unity again this year. The Service will be held on Thursday 20th January at 7pm. The short homily will be given by Rev Guy Wilkinson, Rural Dean of Kington & Weobley Anglican Deanery.

We would love you to join us – please contact Anna for the Zoom link.

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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 5th January at 11.00am

This 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.

Please contact Anna - herefordshireceo@gmail.com for the link to the call.

Churches Together in Hereford – Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

On Tuesday 18th Jan at 12 noon St John's Methodist Church, Hereford will be hosting a gathering to mark the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. There will also be a Taize Service for the Week held on Friday 21st Jan at 12 noon in All Saints Church, Hereford. On Monday 24th Jan at 12 noon there will be a short

service of prayer at St Francis Xavier RC Church. All welcome.

Churches Together in Ewyas Harold – Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Churches Together in Ewyas Harold are meeting together for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity online for Night Prayer for 30 minutes each evening at 8pm, in conjunction with the Abbeydore Deanery. Zoom link from abbeydoredmc@gmail.com

Churches Together in Ross – Week of Prayer for Christian Unity



Churches Together in Ross will be holding a 30 minute online prayer session to mark the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity on Saturday 22nd January at 12pm. Zoom link for the prayers from newlifechurchross@gmail.com

Christians Together in Orleton Ecumenical Services



Services in Orleton, for a trial period, are alternating between the Chapel and St George's Church, in conjunction with Christians

Together in Orleton. The service on Sunday 23rd January will recognise the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in January and the people of Orleton will be encouraged to pray accordingly in their private devotions.

Hereford City – Winter Night Shelter

Please pray for the success of the night shelter in keeping homeless people safe this winter in Hereford and by supporting them towards appropriate longer term accommodation, with the hope of a healthy, purposeful and fulfilling lifestyle. The Night Shelter will be on Whitecross Road in Hereford and is managed by Herefordshire Council.

What can you do to help? Because of lack of facilities at the Shelter, the wardens are unable to provide food but will be providing food vouchers to purchase meals in local commercial outlets. 'Hereford Open Door', the well-established independent charity will be co-ordinating and managing the cost of evening drinks and snacks plus the food vouchers at an estimated cost of up to £15 000. There is a donation button on their website [here](#) if you can help this project financially. For ways to help as a volunteer, please contact

sidfreeman@herefordbaptist.org.uk

Other local charities helping the homeless and those rough sleeping this winter include the [Salvation Army](#), [The Living Room](#), and [Vennture](#).

Vennture – Link Workers wanted



The Vennture Team continues to grow as they settle into their new building in Vicarage Road, Hereford. There are vacancies for a Link worker to join the Family Mentoring Team and as they continue to build the team supporting Individuals, they are looking for more Community Link Workers – both projects bringing practical meaning to the power of Jesus' love.

Is there someone in your church you think might be suited to this type of work? Full details of the vacancies and how to apply can be found [here](#)

Ledbury LEAF – can you help?



Ledbury LEAF – the organisation run by all the churches in Ledbury is supporting the community in a variety of different ways. They are looking for help in a number of their projects: **Debt Counselling** – Denise, who is a Christians Against Poverty Debt Counsellor is now funded to work in Ledbury one day a week, working with a number of clients in the area with the help of CAP Befrienders. Is this something you could commit to?

LEAF are also looking for volunteers who feel that God is calling them to help with the administrative side of the charity: marketing and the work of the website; or maybe someone with knowledge of funding streams? If you or someone you know would like to help in any way, please contact

Tony Hodder - tony.hodder@gmail.com For more information about the work of LEAF, see the website: <https://www.leafledbury.com/>

There will be a joint service to mark the **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** on Sunday 23rd January at 10am at St Michael's, Ledbury.

Climate Sunday – what next?



COP26 may be over, but

it will be vital for churches to build on the progress made over the Climate Sunday campaign. In order for churches to continue to deepen their understanding of creation care and climate justice there will be a webinar on Thursday 20th January, 7-8.30pm, featuring panellists from the Climate Sunday steering group plus guests from greening schemes talking about their campaigns and actions. Find out more, and register [here](#).

Holocaust Memorial Day – resources for churches



Holocaust Memorial Day is on January 22nd, a day for everyone to remember the 6,000,000 Jews murdered in the Holocaust, and other genocides. Free resources for churches available via the Council of Christians and Jews website [here](#).

