



Last month's Week of Prayer for Christian Unity was busier than we expected – nevertheless we were pleased to welcome folk from different churches to an online CTiH service – if you missed it, see an edited version [here](#).

Let me know if you know of Lent or Easter events where Christians or churches working together near you. Deadline for the March newsletter - 25th January. Thank you!

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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 2nd February at 11.00am.

Next month (Wednesday 2nd March) Katie Eastaugh, of the mental health support charity 'The Cart Shed' will be telling us about their work (including their links to the Borderlands Chaplaincy) and how churches can help.

Please contact Anna - herefordshireceo@gmail.com for the link to either month's call.

Churches Together Groups – Lent Courses

Christians will be coming together weekly through Lent for shared Lent Courses – many still in the planning stage.

Churches Together in Leominster - please email Paul Scott for more details

phandjscott@talktalk.net

Churches Together in Kington – please email Pat Roberts for more details

patroberts123@btinternet.com

Christians Together in Orleton - Wednesday nights at 7.30pm (venue to be announced) beginning on March 9th. Contact Paul Arnold for more details paul.arnold@methodist.org.uk

They also have plans for a Maundy Thursday Fellowship Meal and a Good Friday procession of witness, distributing hot cross buns.

World Day of Prayer – Friday 4th March



The World Day of Prayer this year has resources prepared by Christian women from England, Wales and Northern Ireland, with the theme: "I know the plans I have for you". Services to mark the day will be held across the county, often organised by

Churches Together groups and usually by groups of Christians from different churches. The following Services are confirmed:

Ewyas Harold – St Michael & All Angels' Church, 11am

Ledbury – Ledbury Methodist Church, 2pm

Leominster - St Ethelbert's RC Church, 2pm

Ross-on-Wye – St Mary's Church (time tbc)

Kingsland – Kingsland Methodist Chapel (time tbc)

Vennture – Family Pastors expanding



Did your new year's resolutions include volunteering in some way? Could you offer an hour a week to show a family in need a little of Jesus' love? The Vennture Family Pastors Project might be just what you are looking for. They are expanding to try to support the numerous families in difficulties in Herefordshire. With the back up of excellent training and a professional team, you could support families to take small steps towards improving family life.

The next set of training dates are on 4 Wednesday mornings from 2nd March, at the new Vennture

building at 26 Vicarage Road, Hereford, HR1 2QN. Find out more [here](#) or phone 0330 20 20 730. Email for an application pack: enquiries@venture.org.uk - applications to be in by 16th February.

Village Hope – Annual Conference

Locally run, Village Hope, a member of the Evangelical Alliance, will be holding their Annual Conference from 8-10th April, at the Elim Conference Centre, Malvern WR14 4DF. Their charitable object is “to proclaim and live out the gospel of Jesus Christ in the villages of Britain” and this conference will be addressing environmental issues as well as sharing worship and prayer. To find out more, email villagehope@villagehop.uk



Home Safe from Hospital – Hereford

Hereford Diocese are leading on a new project they hope will involve volunteers from multiple churches. They are looking for individuals to support people coming home from hospital with basic things like keeping them company, planning meals or organising shopping, enabling them to stay in their own home. This would involve support for around 6 weeks. If you would be interested in learning more, contact Liz Mackay, Church & Society Link Officer liz.mackay@hereford.anglican.org



Or ring her on 07484 679671

Bridge Building Network – Churches & Schools Zoom



Mark Harrington from the Education Team at the Diocese of Hereford is holding another open meeting via Zoom for any churches supporting schools. This is an opportunity to meet together, to pray, reflect and share ideas and resources to support your church in ministering to your local school. The next meeting is on Wednesday 9th February 2-3pm, when the guest speaker will be Jake Drake from the [iSingPop team](#), who will be sharing about the music projects, collective worship and new ‘Pop Box’ resources to help churches run children’s and family events that follow on from schools ministry. Email Mark for the link to this meeting mark.harrington@hereford.anglican.org

Racial Justice Sunday – ‘What’s it got to do with me?’



Churches Together in Britain & Ireland has produced a resource for Racial Justice Sunday 2022, on 13th February. It is an opportunity for all churches to focus on the three ‘R’s’ of Remembering, Reflecting and Responding, with an act of worship, as well as information, ideas and activities that enable

them to continue the conversations that may emanate from Racial Justice Sunday. Resources downloadable free [here](#).

Joint Public Issues Team – Nationality & Borders Bill

The Joint Public Issues Team (national churches working together for peace and justice) are currently highlighting the Nationality & Borders Bill which is now in the House of Lords. There are still opportunities to influence the Bill and everyone can get involved - by writing to your MP or signing the faith leaders’ letter. Details [here](#)



If you want to know more about the work of the JPIT, or receive their regular newsletter with information about resources and events, email info@jointpublicissues-news.org.uk

Greenbelt – could you volunteer?



Greenbelt, the Christian Festival that runs this year 26-29 August at Boughton House, near Kettering with the theme ‘Wake Up’, relies on around 1000 volunteers to run successfully. Applications to be a Greenbelt volunteer are now open – some teams volunteer over the weekend, or during the build week before the festival opens. To find out more, click [here](#)