



Churches Together groups and Christians around the county are looking forward to the glorious hopeful season of Easter together.

Deadline for the May newsletter - 25th April – send me anything you know of going on ecumenically local to you. Thank you!

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Churches Together in Herefordshire – Open Meeting and AGM



St Michael's Hospice
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Next month sees one of two Open Meetings that Churches Together in Herefordshire hold every year. The next meeting will be online, enabling participation from groups and individuals across the county – from the comfort of their own homes! It will be held on Wednesday 11th May at 7pm.

Our guest speaker this time is Rev Peter Spence, the new Spiritual Care Lead at St Michael's Hospice who will tell us how he and his team work ecumenically and how churches in the county can help with their work.

Please contact Anna - herefordshireceo@gmail.com for the link to this meeting, and papers for the AGM.

Churches Together Groups – Good Friday Walks of Witness

Christians will be coming together this Good Friday to witness to their communities – Friday 15th April.

Churches Together in Kington – Starting at St Mary's Church at 10am. There will also be a service on Holy Tuesday, 7pm at St Mary's Church.

Churches Together in Hereford – Beginning with hot cross buns at St Peter's Church at 10.30am, followed by the walk at 11am.

Churches Together in Weobley – Meeting at St Thomas' Church Kington Road at 11am, stopping at various locations around the village.

Churches Together in Leominster Meet at Baptist Church, Etnam St, at 11.15am with 5 stations around the town at which the Good Friday story is read, arriving at Leominster Priory around 12.30pm in time for a Lent Lunch, with Messy Church. Good Friday service 2pm.

Christians Together in Orleton - Starting at St George's Church, 2pm with a short period of devotion, then processing through the village handing out hot cross buns, ending at the Methodist Chapel around 3pm.

They also have plans for a Maundy Thursday Fellowship Meal.

Christians Together in Orleton – news

Christians in Orleton recently held a special collection for Ukraine, yielding £600 which has been sent to [Medair](#).



Working together to think about the environment, Orleton Methodist Chapel has just been granted the [A Rocha](#) Bronze Eco Church Award, joining St George's, who achieved this status a short while ago. They are now working towards the Silver award.

Churches Together in Ewyas Harold - news

Churches Together in Ewyas Harold & District are exploring opportunities for sponsoring **Ukrainian refugees** and collecting contact details of those willing to offer support to those who may be considering taking in refugees. The group includes the Roman Catholics at Belmont Abbey who have contacts with local Ukrainians and already have sponsorship plans. It is hoped that accommodation is more likely to be made available if

anyone offering knows that they have a support network of locals.

Churches Together in Ewyas Harold are offering the gift of seeds to friends, neighbours and the local community for Easter. 'Celebrating Easter with new growth!' will be the label on the 200 wildflower seed mats they will be distributing throughout their community.

Vennture – 'Donkey' drivers wanted



Vennture (the ecumenically run charity responsible for Family Pastors, supporting homeless people and Street Pastors) has a new 'Donkey'. On a Saturday night the Street pastors have a vehicle for transporting someone in need of help. As in the Good Samaritan parable, a donkey was used to help the person in need. Would you be interested in driving the new Donkey? Could you work with a team to help people have a good time and come home safe? Training will be provided, not only in driving the vehicle, but also with how to look after your passengers, reflecting something of the heart of God for those in need. Find out more about Street pastors [here](#) or phone 0330 20 20 730. Email enquiries@vennture.org.uk

Ledbury LEAF – Christian Celtic Music concert

LEAF (Locally Encourage All to Flourish) in Ledbury, the charity

supported and organised by the churches together in Ledbury, are holding a concert in St Michael's



Church in aid of the projects they run on Saturday May 14th at 7pm. Performing will be Rev Kevin Cecil and friends <https://www.revkvc.com/> - Kevin commented "I was so inspired by the work of LEAF that I wanted to celebrate it in some way". Donations for LEAF can be made on the night or by donating on the LEAF website: <https://www.leafledbury.com/>

Hereford Cathedral – vacancies on Chapter



Hereford Cathedral is seeking 3 experienced and enthusiastic candidates to join the managing board of the cathedral. The positions are as Lay Members of Chapter and the board are looking to broaden the membership – candidates are required to be Anglican or a member of another Church in communion with the Church of England. Could you be that person, offering a new perspective, supporting clergy and staff in the mission of the cathedral?

More information can be found [here](#).

BBC Make a Difference Awards

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Worcester have launched these awards in 8 categories to recognise people doing incredible things for each other and their communities. Whether it's caring for someone in need, being a brilliant neighbour or inspiring children in the classroom, if you know someone who is really making a difference to our lives then you can nominate them. The categories are: volunteer; Community Group; Fundraiser; Carer; Great Neighbour; Key Worker; Environment; Together award. Find out more and nominate someone [here](#).

Churches Together in England – United in Prayer for Ukraine



Churches Together in Britain & Ireland and Churches Together in England are inviting churches to join together in an act of witness to pray and light candles for Ukraine, for an end to the conflict and for all those affected by the terrible impact of war. They ask that churches share a prayer on 3rd April during worship for that Sunday, and if possible in a more public event with other churches and wider community. More details [here](#).