



Churches Together groups around the county are meeting for Lent study this month, preparing for Easter together – more details below.

Deadline for the April newsletter - 25th March. Let me know of any joint Good Friday or Easter activities going on near you. Thank you!

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Churches Together in Herefordshire – Church Lifeline Update



This month's Zoom call sees Katie

Eastaugh joining us to talk about the mental health support charity 'The Cart Shed' and their work (including their links to the Borderlands Chaplaincy) and how churches can help.

As usual, the church representatives joining us can also share and update each other on the various projects and social action issues – as well as hearing from Vennture.

Please contact Anna - herefordshireceo@gmail.com

for the link to this month's call, via Zoom on Wednesday 2nd March at 11am.

Churches Together Groups – Lent Courses / Lent Lunches

Christians will be coming together weekly through Lent for

shared Lent events – many still in the planning stage.

Churches Together in Leominster Lent course, running on Wednesdays from March 9th - please email Paul Scott for more details

phandjscott@talktalk.net

Lent lunches – Fridays at 12.30 with collection going to Christian Aid and CAFOD. 11th March – the Forbury; 18th March – St Ethelbert's; 25th March – Baptist Church; 1st April – Green Lane Methodist Church; 8th April – Moravian Church; 15th April – Priory (after Walk of Witness).

Churches Together in Kington – 3 Lent Groups, studying the York Course 'Superstar' starting: – Friday 4th March at 4pm at the Baptist Church; Tuesday 8th March at 1pm at 33 Cutterbach Lane with soup lunch; Thursday 10th March at 10.30am at Border Bean. Email Pat Roberts for more details

patroberts123@btinternet.com

Churches Together in Weobley – meeting at St Thomas' Presbytery for 5 weeks from Tuesday 8th March at 2.30pm. Contact Paul Arnold for more details paul.arnold@methodist.org.uk

Christians Together in Orleton - Wednesday nights at 7.30pm (venue to be announced) beginning on March 9th. Contact

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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:

Dilwyn – Parish Church, 10.30am

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

Almeley – St Mary's Church – 1.30pm

Ledbury – Ledbury Methodist Church, 2pm

Leominster - St Ethelbert's RC Church, 2pm

Kingsland – Kingsland Methodist Chapel (time tbc)

Services originally planned for both Hereford and Ross this year

have been unable to go ahead but hope to return again in 2024.

Churches Together in Ewyas Harold – meeting

Churches Together in Ewyas Harold will be holding their next meeting on Monday 7th March at 10.30pm in St Michael's Church Hall in Ewyas Harold, when they will be exploring new ways of working together. There will also be a Taizé Prayer evening on Sunday 6th March at 6pm, at Dore Abbey.

Vennture – 'Lean on Me' graduates



These 43 students from Hereford Sixth Form and the Cathedral School all graduated last month as Vennture Lean on Me volunteers, taking the pressure off Emergency Services in the night-time economy. They all completed intensive training providing them with vital life skills, regulated qualifications and the confidence to play a vital role in making Hereford one of the safest night-time economies in the UK, reflecting something of the heart of God for those in need. New supervisors and leaders welcome – all training provided. Find out more [here](#) or phone 0330 20 20 730. Email enquiries@vennture.org.uk

Ledbury LEAF – Healthcare chaplaincy



LEAF (Locally Encourage All to Flourish) in Ledbury, the charity supported and run by the churches together in Ledbury, have successfully started a new chaplaincy project at Ledbury Healthcare. More than 20 people have been referred from the GP practice, most of whom are in the process of being supported.

LEAF have also completed the first Kintsugi Hope course, with a further course to come. For more details of all the LEAF projects, see the website: <https://www.leafledbury.com/>

Home Safe from Hospital – Hereford



A new project is starting that will involve volunteers from multiple churches. Led by Liz Mackay, Church & Society Link Officer at the Anglican Diocese of Hereford, 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. Is this something you could do? If you want a volunteer information pack, contact Liz liz.mackay@hereford.anglican.org Or ring her on 07484 679671

Earth Hour



Earth Hour is a worldwide movement for the planet, organised by the World Wild Fund for Nature. The event, held every year, begins in Samoa and ends in Tahiti, including 162 countries and territories. It takes place on 26th March 8.30pm-9.30pm and everyone is encouraged to turn off non-essential electricity for ONE hour. The aim is to raise awareness of climate change and care for the planet. Around the world landmark buildings and monuments will lay in darkness for the hour. Will your home / church / business join them? <https://www.earthhour.org/>

There will be a candlelit vigil of prayer and meditation in the Old Chapel, just off the Cloisters, Hereford Cathedral, beginning at 8.30pm.

Ukraine – Prayers



Churches Together in Britain & Ireland have drawn together the Church's response to the Russian invasion of Ukraine, with a range of prayers and statements. They can be found [here](#).