



Happy Eastertide! See below for news of Churches Together groups and others working together towards God's Kingdom.

Deadline for the June newsletter - 25th May – 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
HEREFORD

This month, you are more than welcome to join groups and individuals across the county at the Churches Together in Herefordshire Spring Open Meeting and AGM. It will be held online via Zoom 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.

Christians Together in Orleton – news



Before Easter, the Christians Together in Orleton 'After School Eco Group' completed an Easter Garden which became part of the school Easter service at St George's.

On Good Friday, the March of Witness included offering hot cross buns to those they met (and to some confined to their homes for whatever reason), engaging in conversation about the Easter message.



After a joyful celebration together on Easter Sunday, they ran Easter Egg Hunts for around 40 children in the gardens of both of Orleton's pubs. As well as an Easter Egg, they each took away a leaflet with the message of Easter.

Churches Together in Leominster – meeting

Churches in Leominster are holding their next Churches Together meeting on Wednesday 25th May at 7pm at Green Lane Methodist Church.

Churches Together in Ewyas Harold - news

Churches Together in Ewyas Harold & District are holding a service to launch **Christian Aid Week**. During the week, envelopes will be delivered round the village with collection points in local shops and churches.

Churches Together planning meeting and AGM will be held on Monday 23rd May at 7.30pm at the Baptist Hall.

Welcoming **Ukrainian Refugees** to Herefordshire's Golden Valley – a group of people from local churches (Roman Catholic, Anglican and Baptist) in Hereford, Abbeydore and Ewyas Harold have been meeting to consider whether their communities are being called to offer hospitality to refugees, and how they can support hosts. The next meeting will be on Saturday 21st May 10am – 12.30pm – contact [Sue Young](#) for further information or if you can offer help or support.

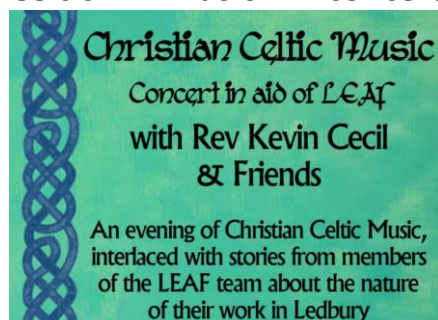
Ukrainian Refugees response – Hereford city

The parish of St Peter's and St James', Hereford are working with other churches in the city to support the growing number of volunteer hosts of Ukrainian refugees, and their visitors. They are holding a meeting on Monday

May 9th at 7.30pm at St Peter's Church, HR1 2DL, for individuals, churches or organisations who want to join them. There is the potential of offering mental health first aid, safeguarding and trauma training and they are keen to collaborate with other churches and organisations and co-ordinate the response more effectively. Contact Tom Milton Tel 07984 321 969 tom.milton@spsj.org.uk for more information.

For further information about hosting or being part of a support network elsewhere in the county, please contact Liz Mackay Tel 07484 679671

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.rekvvc.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/>

Vennture – 'Fresh Start' team vacancies



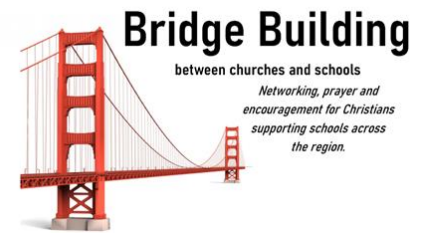
Vennture (the ecumenically run charity responsible for Family Pastors, supporting homeless people and Street Pastors) has a number of vacancies for Link Workers to work in their 'Fresh Start' team. These posts work with individuals who are struggling – coming alongside them, developing a mentoring relationship and travelling with them to a better place. Find out more about the vacancies [here](https://www.vennture.org.uk) or phone 0330 20 20 730. Email enquiries@vennture.org.uk

Churches Together Around Ludlow – Psalm competition 2022



Churches Together Around Ludlow are looking for talented performers, singers, musicians and poets who may wish to enter 'Totally Psalmic' – a Psalms competition with a £500 prize. The aim of the competition is to develop ways of presenting the Bible's psalms to a modern audience, who may not have intimate knowledge of the Bible text, culminating in an event on the evening of Saturday 16th July at Ludlow Methodist Church. For entry details and an entry form, contact Colin Sheward Tel 01584 875946 colinsheward@yahoo.co.uk

Bridge Building between churches & schools - meetings



This network of individuals who serve their local schools, from a variety of churches, is really starting to flourish with lots of ideas and opportunities to work with each other. All are welcome to join their next Zoom meeting – for which you can register in advance [here](https://www.hereford.anglican.org/education) – on Thursday 19th May 1-2pm. After registering you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. Contact Mark Harrington, Anglican Diocesan Education Development Officer for more information about the network. <http://www.hereford.anglican.org/education>

St Peter's Saltley Trust – grants



This Trust funds and supports creative projects in 3 main areas: school religious education; faith and the FE sector; Christian learning, discipleship and theological education – but explicitly within the West Midlands region. To find out more, see the website: <https://www.saltleytrust.org.uk/what-we-support/>