



*This month we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit on the disciples – I pray for fresh inspiration of the Holy Spirit in all our lives as Christians come together to celebrate Pentecost.*

*Deadline for the July/August newsletter - 25<sup>th</sup> June – send me anything you know of going on ecumenically local to you. Thank you.*

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## Churches Together in Herefordshire – Open Meeting, AGM and Annual Report 2021-22



St Michael's Hospice  
HEREFORD

It was a real pleasure to welcome people online at our Open Meeting and AGM last month – and to hear our guest speaker, Rev Peter Spence, the new Spiritual Care Lead at St Michael's Hospice who talked about how churches in the county can help with their work.

The latest Churches Together in Herefordshire Annual Report 2021-22 was also presented at the meeting.

Please contact Anna - [herefordshireceo@gmail.com](mailto:herefordshireceo@gmail.com) for a copy of the minutes of the meeting or for a copy of the latest Annual Report. Recording of the meeting [here](#).

## Churches Together in Ewyas Harold - news

The Christians in Ewyas Harold are developing a new way of working together. At a recent Churches Together in Ewyas Harold & District meeting, they decided that all individual church activities will be considered as opportunities for partnership working.

A great example of how this is already working in practice is the Golden Valley Ukraine Welcome Group where actions are being co-ordinated to provide accommodation for Ukrainian refugees and to support hosts. Other ideas where it is hoped this approach will be developed include supporting Food for Families, Messy Church etc.

The group have also decided to be known as "Christians Together in Ewyas Harold" as they felt that this better reflects who they are, as well as being more inclusive.

## Christians Together in Orleton – Messy Church



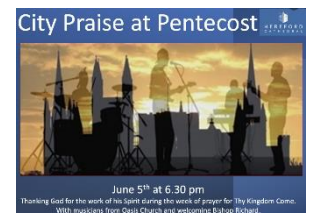
Last month, the Christians in Orleton welcomed 38 children and adults for a Messy Church session, with a theme of The Lost Sheep, ably led by the Methodist Minister, Rev Paul Arnold. After a



dramatized version of the parable and a range of sheep-related craft activities, participants shared a light tea together. They are looking forward to another successful session this month – 9<sup>th</sup> June at 4pm in the village hall.

## Pentecost Praise – Hereford City

Churches in Hereford city are coming



together to celebrate Pentecost in Hereford Cathedral on Sunday June 5<sup>th</sup> at 6.30pm, at the invitation of Dean Sarah Brown. Bishop Richard will be joining church leaders and congregations, thanking God for the work of His Spirit, with musicians from Oasis Church leading the praise. All are welcome to join them.

## Ukrainian Refugees response – worship

The Abbot of Belmont has invited the priest of the Ukrainian Catholic Church in Gloucester to preside over Ukrainian worship in the Abbey on Sunday June 5<sup>th</sup> at 3.30pm, and every first Sunday of

the month thereafter. All welcome.

In 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 meeting on Mondays at 7.30pm at St Peter's Church, HR1 2DL. 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](mailto: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](mailto:Liz Mackay) Tel 07484 679671

## Vennture – Family Mentoring team vacancies



Vennture (the ecumenically run charity responsible for Family Pastors, supporting homeless people and Street Pastors) has a vacancy for a Link Worker in their Family Mentoring team. This is an opportunity for someone who is passionate about coming alongside families who are finding things tough and need emotional support and practical parenting advice to build confidence and begin the journey of sustainable change. More about the vacancies [here](#) or phone 0330 20 20 730. Email [enquiries@vennture.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@vennture.org.uk)

## Almeley Wootton Quaker Meeting – 350<sup>th</sup> anniversary



Almeley Quaker Meeting is celebrating the 350<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their lovely black and white Friends Meeting House this year (Almeley Wootton HR3 6PY). You are invited to join them on June 23<sup>rd</sup> between 2-5pm to see an exhibition telling the story of how two local men were important in the founding of Pennsylvania USA (acknowledged by the current Governor with a proclamation), the history of the Meeting and its historic Burial Ground, and enjoy a cream tea. Free entrance.

The Almeley Quaker Meeting are joining with St Mary's Church Almeley to celebrate the anniversary with a concert of local talent on July 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm in the church – free entrance (charity donations welcome).

## Talk Community – Herefordshire



Many churches around the county are opening Talk Community Hubs – a place for support and to meet others as well as being a safe place to find information about other services. Find your nearest Hub [here](#).

If your church or Churches Together Group provides a 'community service' (toddler groups, lunch clubs etc) you can

register what you are doing on the comprehensive [Talk Community Directory](#), which lists a huge range of support, information and events for well-being. Register your service [here](#).

## JPIT Online Conference – 'From the Ground Up'



The Joint Public Issues Team are holding a Conference in London and online on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June 10am – 4pm entitled 'From the Ground Up: Unearthing Hope and Seeking Justice'. Speakers include Emma Revie, CEO of the Trussell Trust and Bishop Mike Royal, General Secretary of Churches Together in England. The conference will explore how we can listen to our communities, amplify local voices and connect these together to make local action for change part of the bigger picture of building God's kingdom. More information and tickets [here](#).

## Jubilee Celebrations – Hope Together resources



For last minute ideas to celebrate the Jubilee with your church, check out the Hope Together resources which can be found [here](#).