



As churches get used to a new normal and make plans for a post-Covid world, it's good to see them working together in new ways.

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

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## Churches Together in Kington – Cheese & Wine and AGM

Christians in Kington have worked successfully together for many years and would welcome others to join them. To this end, they are holding a Cheese & Wine evening on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> July at St Mary's Church, Kington at 7pm, followed by the AGM.

## Christians Together in Orleton – Review

Last month, the Christians Together in Orleton Group completed a self-evaluation review. They looked at their activities under the 5 marks of mission (tell, teach, tend, transform and treasure) compared with 5 years ago. They were encouraged by the progress in their regular joint worship, their work together with the local school and the Eco after-school



Club, as well as working together towards A Rocha Sliver EcoChurch awards and many other activities with and for their community. Their next Messy Church session will be on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July at 4pm in the Village Hall.

The County Ecumenical Officer is happy to help any Churches Together group complete a similar self-evaluation review.

## City Praise – Hereford City



Churches in Hereford city celebrated Pentecost together last month in Hereford Cathedral, at the invitation of Dean Sarah Brown. This is going to be followed up by another City Praise event on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July at 7pm, when the speaker will be [Marc Dupont](#), a seasoned prophet from San Diego, California, founder of Mantle of Praise Ministries, a ministry concerned with revival and restoring a prophetic edge to the whole body of Christ. All welcome.



## Praying for Revival - Zoom

During lockdowns, a prayer group was set up on Zoom,



attracting Christians from many different churches from across the county and beyond. It has recently had a relaunch for a new season of prayer for revival and continues every Tuesday evening starting at 7.15pm for 40 minutes.

Email [herefordshireceo@gmail.com](mailto:herefordshireceo@gmail.com) for the Zoom link.

## Vennture – Building Better Opportunities Link Worker



Vennture (the ecumenically run charity responsible for Family Pastors, supporting homeless people and Street Pastors) has a vacancy for a Link Worker in their Fresh Start team. This is an opportunity for someone who is able to come alongside individuals who are finding things tough and need emotional and practical support to build confidence and begin the journey of sustainable change through employment. If you know someone suited to this role, please approach them prayerfully and encourage them to apply. For more information, click [here](#)

or phone 0330 20 20 730. Email [enquiries@venture.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@venture.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). They are holding an Open Afternoon on 10<sup>th</sup> August, 2-5pm – exhibition and cream tea. Free entrance, no booking needed.

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).

## Revd Iain Skinner – Memorial Service

The late Revd Iain Skinner, Methodist Minister, will be



remembered as an outward looking Christian minister, readily working and praying with other churches and Christians. Iain died in April and there will be a Memorial Service for him on 14<sup>th</sup> July at St Peter's Church, Lugwardine at 1.30pm, followed by a buffet at the Crown & Anchor.

## Bridgebuilder Network – Zoom Meeting



The final Bridgebuilder Network meeting of this school yeartakes place on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July, online from 1-2pm. This group aims to support Christians from a variety of churches as they work with their local schools. At this meeting, they will be joined by Louis Hacker from the Children's Society who is going to introduce their [CLIMB](#) project which works with schools to combat County Lines networks. Contact Mark Harrington, Education Development Officer with the Diocese of Hereford for the link to book your place at this meeting

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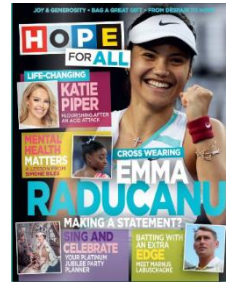
## Greenbelt Festival - Lineup



After two years of cancelled festivals, the Greenbelt Festival is back this year, 26-29<sup>th</sup> August in the beautiful grounds of Boughton House, near Kettering and are promising a warm welcome to all, whether you are a regular or have never been before. Music, ideas and literature, theatre and comedy, mixed with spirituality, there's something for everyone. Explore the 2022 Festival lineup [here](#).

## Hope for All – Summer magazine

Hope Together publishes magazines that churches around the country (including in Herefordshire) have distributed free to their communities. The Summer magazine, available now, contains articles about Christians Katie Piper and Emma Raducanu. It features people who have struggled against extreme odds – be encouraged as you read how they have found hope. Find out more [here](#).



## Churches Together in England – new appointment



Following news of the retirement of Jenny Bond later this year, Churches Together in England has announced that the appointment of Doral Hayes in the role of Principal Officer for Ecumenical Development and Relations, in September. Doral's focus will be to inspire and encourage ecumenical work at a local, intermediate (county or city) and national level. She is currently Ecumenical Facilitator for Churches Together in Hertfordshire, and Executive Development Officer for the Association of Interchurch Families.