



As we approach the season of Advent, plans are being made for Carols and joint services for next year's Week of Prayer for Christian Unity – don't forget to let me know if your Churches Together group has such plans.

Deadline for the December newsletter - 25th November. Thank you.

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Churches Together in Herefordshire – Open Meeting

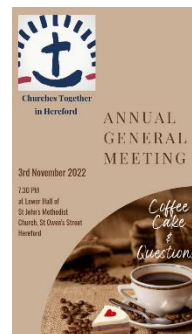


All are welcome at the next Churches Together in Herefordshire Open Meeting which will be on Wednesday 2nd November at 10am at the Bishop's Palace, Hereford. Our Guest Speaker will be Rob Thomas MBE, Chief Executive of Vennture in Herefordshire. He will be giving an update on the ecumenical charity's work and projects, and describing ways in which churches can help.

For more information, and to receive the papers for the short business meeting that will follow Rob's talk, contact herefordshireceo@gmail.com

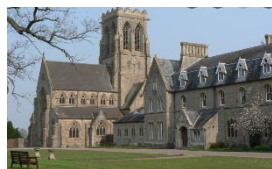
Churches Together in Hereford city – Annual General Meeting

Churches Together in Hereford city are holding their Annual General Meeting on Thursday 3rd November at



7.30pm at St John's Methodist Church Hall, St Owen Street. There will be coffee and cake, and Anna Nugent, County Ecumenical Officer, is the Guest Speaker, speaking about "Unity with Difference – where God is working in Herefordshire" – followed by discussion. All are welcome.

Christians Together in Ewyas Harold – Advent Carol Service



The Christians in Ewyas Harold are working differently post-Covid, doing things together where they can. They have been invited to join the Belmont Abbey Advent Carol Service on Saturday 26th November at 7.30pm – all are welcome to join them.

Churches Together in Ross – Remembrance Sunday

As an important part of Ross town life, the Churches Together in Ross Group will be taking part in the ecumenical Civic Service to mark Remembrance Sunday on 13th November in the town, laying their own wreath at 10.30am, followed by the service at St Mary's Church.

Churches Together in Leominster – Christmas Lights Service



Traditionally, the churches coming together in Leominster before Christmas is marked by a celebratory service in Leominster Priory – and this year is no exception. The 'Christmas Lights' Service will be on Saturday 26th November at 4pm, and will be followed by the switching on of the Town Lights in Corn Square, Leominster. All are welcome to join in the celebrations.

Hereford City Praise – Hereford Cathedral



There have been a number of very successful and well-attended City Praise celebrations

since Pentecost this year, at Hereford Cathedral, led ecumenically and attended by people from multiple churches in the city and beyond. The next one will be held on Sunday 30th October at 7pm; then on Sunday 20th November at 7pm, when the Speaker will be Rev Dr Russ Parker, Director of 2Restore, which offers resources to help churches resolve and heal their legacies of unhealed stories.

All are welcome to these services of worship and prayer.

Venventure – Thanksgiving & Dedication evening



Venventure, with its multiple volunteers from a variety of Herefordshire churches, has had a miraculous journey over the last 10 years, with many inspiring answers to prayer, bringing practical meaning to the power of Jesus' love. They want to share an evening together giving Glory to God, reflecting, giving thanks and dedicating their new building and vehicles. You are warmly invited to join them on Tuesday 8th November between 7pm and 9pm at 26 Vicarage Road.

In order to plan the evening and refreshments, please RSVP to Carol Williams on 0330 20 20 730 or carol.williams@venventure.org.uk by Thursday 3rd November.

Herefordshire Interfaith Group – Interfaith Celebration



The Herefordshire Interfaith Group will be celebrating Inter Faith Week with a Celebration in Hereford Cathedral on Thursday 17th November at 7pm. All welcome. For more information, email the [Group](#)

Talk Community – Church funding sources



Funding Update

Herefordshire Council's Talk Community website, amongst a wealth of useful information, has an updated page of sources of funding for a variety of church projects. Check to see if your project is potentially eligible for a grant application [here](#). There is also information about children and young people funding, individual, bursary and hardship grants as well as other criteria for funding.

Millichap Peace Fund Lecture – Action against Modern Slavery

The next Millichap Peace Fund Lecture will be held on Wednesday 16th November at 7.30pm via Zoom. Entitled "Action against Modern Slavery: the response of the UK", it will be given by Professor Gary Craig, a world leader in the study of modern slavery. Register in

advance for the meeting [here](#).

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2023 - Resources



Materials for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2023 (traditionally observed from 18th-25th January) have been prepared by the churches of Minneapolis and they seek to explore how the work of Christian unity can contribute to the promotion of racial justice across all levels of society. The resources are available both as downloads and printed resources – available [here](#).

Arthur Rank Centre – Advent Resources



The Arthur Rank Centre has published resources to support rural churches in preparations for the coming Advent season. Called '[Beyond Consumerism](#)' the resource is flexible, including 24 Day Advent Candle readings and reflections; liturgy for use with an Advent wreath and an Advent Carol Service outline.