



*With thanks for your prayers – we have a new County Ecumenical Officer! Please welcome Emma Wright who starts this month and after a few weeks overlap, I will be retiring.*

*It has been the best job, working with lovely outward-facing Christians, full of the Holy Spirit, and I'll be sad to be leaving (but have a granddaughter in the USA I can visit more regularly now). Thank you for all your support over the last 10 years.*

*With best wishes*

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## Churches Together in Herefordshire – new County Ecumenical Officer



This month we welcome Emma Wright as the new County Ecumenical Officer, employed by Churches Together in Herefordshire.

*She writes: "I am really excited to see what God has got in store for this new year and see what is on his heart for this county.*

*Throughout my Christian journey, God has completely surprised me with the blessings that he has given me. "*

We look forward to seeing where God leads Emma and Churches Together in Herefordshire as 2023 progresses.

Emma can be reached at the same email address:  
[herefordshireceo@gmail.com](mailto:herefordshireceo@gmail.com)

## Churches Together in Weobley – Epiphany Service

The Churches in Weobley are coming together to celebrate



the Epiphany. There will be a Churches Together in Weobley Epiphany Service at the Methodist Chapel in Weobley at 9.30am on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> January – all are welcome to join them.

## Week of Prayer for Christian Unity - worship and prayer around the county



Materials for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2023 (18<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> January) have been prepared by the churches of Minneapolis with the theme "Be-Longing: Praying for Unity amidst Injustice". Churches Together

Groups may be running events not listed – check your group locally. The following groups are holding prayer sessions to which all are welcome:

**Churches Together in Ross -**  
 Wed 18<sup>th</sup>, 12pm: Quakers  
 Thurs 19<sup>th</sup>, 12pm: St Mary's  
 Fri 20<sup>th</sup>, 12pm: St Frances RC  
 Sun 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1pm: Ecumenical service at the Venue starting with a Bring and Share meal.  
 Mon 23<sup>rd</sup>, 12pm: St Frances RC  
 Tues 24<sup>th</sup>, 12pm: Ross Baptists  
 Wed 25<sup>th</sup>, 12pm: St Mary's.

**Churches Together in Leominster**  
 Wed 18<sup>th</sup>: Prayer Walk - contact Clare 07932 269579 for more info  
 Thurs 19<sup>th</sup>, 9.30am: Prioory  
 Fri 20<sup>th</sup>, 12 noon: Methodists  
 Mon 23<sup>rd</sup>, 6pm: Christian Life Centre, Forbury Chapel  
 Tues 24<sup>th</sup>, 9am: St Ethelbert's  
 Wed 25<sup>th</sup>, 12 noon: Moravian Church (followed by the next CT Leominster meeting and lunch).

**Christians Together in Ewyas Harold** – online Night Prayers from 8.30 – 9.30pm on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>, Friday 20<sup>th</sup>, and Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>, Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup>. For the link, please contact Sue Young [sue@youngs.co.uk](mailto:sue@youngs.co.uk)

**Churches Together in Hereford** – Quakers would welcome visitors to a Meeting for Worship, followed by a soup lunch, Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January, 12.30pm.

## Christians Together in Ewyas Harold – Taizé



Christians in Ewyas Harold and District will be wrapping up warm and joining together at Dore Abbey on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> January, at 6.30pm for a Taize Service. They advise that there's no need to feel embarrassed about bringing blankets or hot water bottles! Join them in an opportunity for quiet praise and reflection.

## Churches Together in Hereford city – Carol Singing



Churches Together in Hereford city caused quite a stir amongst Christmas shoppers last month as their annual Carol Singing celebration in High Town included a group of Keralan Christians who live in the city and who shared traditional Malayalam songs. As always, Christians from many churches across the city joined together to sing to shoppers, many of whom stopped to listen to the mix of traditional and less familiar songs from Kerala, India.

## Hereford Anglican Diocese – Year of Prayer 2023



The Bishop of Hereford has called for 2023 to be a Year of Prayer and is looking to brothers and sisters from other churches across the county to join in – starting with the launch event on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> January at 4.30pm. This will be a Festival of Light Service, held at Hereford Cathedral followed by a short procession through the City Centre, sharing our lights (lanterns) and praying silently for the City, county and Year of Prayer.

If you have any queries regarding the Year of Prayer or the Festival of Light, contact David Morris 01432 373313 [David.Morris@hereford.anglican.org](mailto:David.Morris@hereford.anglican.org)

## Journeying – holidays, walks, pilgrimages



Journeying is a non-profit seeking Christian organisation welcoming those of all faiths or no faith on small group holidays to beautiful and often remote parts of the British Isles.

If you would like to know more about upcoming journeys which include this year short holidays in Dartmoor, Pembrokeshire and Anglesey, check the [website](#).

## Through the Roof – Deaf awareness training video



Through the Roof is a registered charity that exists to transform lives through Jesus with disabled people. They have produced an essential resource for churches and Christian ministries that offers advice, encouragement and practical suggestions to enable them to welcome people who are deaf or hard of hearing. The free video is available [here](#). More information about Through the Roof [here](#).

## Churches Together in England – Storytelling Workshops online



Churches Together in England and the Council of Lutheran churches are running a series of three webinars in February exploring the art of storytelling in the contemporary church. They will be held on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> February 12.30-2pm on Zoom. 'The art of storytelling'; 'The art of spoken word' and 'The art of media engagement' are the topics of the webinars. For more details, see <https://cte.org.uk/storytelling/>