

Events and training

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Explore God's call

Saturday 7 March, 10am to 4pm at 4 College Green, Gloucester

Explore the call which God has for your life. That call is seen to be within the context of a relationship with God in all aspects of life—home, work, church and community. For some the exploration will strengthen their confidence to serve in the places where God has already placed them, others may feel God calling them to step into new areas of ministry. Free with lunch provided. Book at <https://bit.ly/2SfdOsX>

Pause for Hope, a Cathedral service for those affected by cancer

Thursday 19 March, 7.30pm in Gloucester Cathedral

An Ecumenical service to pray that the day will quickly come when all cancers can be prevented or cured, bring together in prayer those affected by all forms of cancer and their loved ones and carers and to remember dear ones lost to cancer. More information at www.gloucestercathedral.org.uk

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Successfully heating church buildings

Tuesday 24 March, 9.30am to 1pm at St Andrew's, Chedworth

This workshop will outline the DAC's new environmental policy, what it will mean for churches and demonstrate successful strategies to heat churches while making a positive step towards being net zero carbon. The Diocese of Gloucester's DAC's Sustainability Advisor, Matt Fulford, will present on effective, environmental approaches which all churches can adopt to make their buildings more sustainable. To book, contact Catherine McGirr, 01452 835593 cmcgir@glosdioc.org.uk

Breathe: a day of reflection for young people

Saturday 28 March, 10am to 4pm at Viney Hill Christian Adventure Centre

For young people in years 6 to 13. Set in the beautiful Forest of Dean at the Viney Hill Adventure Centre, this day of low octane experiences will help young people of all backgrounds engage with God in a new and refreshing way. Refreshments provided on arrival and during the break, but all participants will need to bring a packed lunch. Free.

Book with Barrie@illuminatestroud.org.uk

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engagement Being advocates for flourishing, through initiatives which combat injustice, environmental destruction, exclusion and isolation



Local churches strengthen emissions target after climate emergency declared

On 1 February, the Church of England in and around Gloucestershire called on all parts of the diocese to work towards an 80 per cent reduction in emissions of CO2 and other greenhouse gases no later than 2030.

They also supported an ambition for the diocese to be carbon neutral by the same date. The agreement brought forward the date from 2050 to 2030, meaning that a fast and extensive shift in our current practices will be needed. Read more at <https://bit.ly/37kl89W>



Mirror, mirror answer me, what is it I need to be...

Four young, talented, spoken-word artists have written and performed pieces, especially produced for the Diocese of Gloucester's Liedentity campaign, to help change the message that *who you are, is all about how you look*. The liedentity campaign is

raising the discussion around the impact of social media on young people's lives, especially about how they feel about their bodies. Read more at <https://bit.ly/38g3FSm>

Free online suicide prevention training

This free 20 minute suicide prevention training package, put together by the Zero Suicide Alliance, is available online. The training shows you some of the signs to look out for if someone is struggling, how to talk to them about this, and how to keep them safe. You can access the training here - www.bit.ly/zsa-training. Free drink and snack for those who complete - <https://bit.ly/37dCTZm> This offer ends on 31 March.

Pilgrimage for conservation along the ancient trails



What is the best way to help raise money for a church dedicated to a patron saint of pilgrims? A sponsored walk to the ancient pilgrim destination of Santiago de Compostela.

DAC Secretary Adam Klups is fundraising for conservation work to the unique wall paintings at the church of St James the Great in Stoke Orchard. Starting in the Spanish city of Ferrol, along the Camino Ingles, ('The English Way'), the walk will take six days, finishing on Easter Sunday.

He said, "It will be an amazing adventure to add my footsteps to those of the pilgrims who have made the journey over the centuries before me." Sponsor Adam and help his cause www.gf.me/u/xjm4wj and follow him on Instagram at [@adam_and_liz_walking_to_santiago](https://www.instagram.com/adam_and_liz_walking_to_santiago)

The Inaugural Gloucester Pilgrimage, Saturday 25 April

If you can't stretch to Spain, how about joining the new pilgrimage route from Tewkesbury Abbey to Gloucester Cathedral. This route has been devised by the Gloucester Cathedral Ramblers on behalf of the Dean and Chapter of Gloucester Cathedral. 2020 has been designated 'Year of the Pilgrimage' by the Church of England English Cathedrals group.

In addition to the 15 mile route from Tewkesbury to Gloucester, there will be options to join the walk at various intermediate points, providing an opportunity for people to walk a distance that they feel is comfortably within their capabilities.

All intermediate joining points, as well as the start in Tewkesbury, will be accessible by public transport. For more information please contact GloucesterPilgrim@Outlook.com.



Youth Conference—from Thorpe Park to Lambeth Palace

For the first time ever the Diocese of Gloucester is organising a youth forum with young people from across the world visiting our diocese over

10 days. This forum ties in with the Lambeth Conference and is an opportunity for young people to come together, learn about different cultures, and have fun.

It takes place from 18 to 29 July and will include small teams of young people from our partner dioceses. We are looking for young people from across our diocese to be part of this incredible opportunity. More details from garygrady@btinternet.com



Cheltenham Science and Literature Festivals

Did you know that a team from the Diocese of Gloucester runs family activities at the Cheltenham Festivals each year? We're aiming to give people a good experience of the Church

of England, even if they would not normally step into a church building. It's a great chance to connect with new people from across the county and beyond.

We would love to recruit some more volunteers to our fun and friendly team - if you can chat confidently with children and their parents and teachers and would like to be involved, get in touch with Kerry Pateman kpateman@glosdioc.org.uk for details.