

Inspiring people, churches and schools across our diocese.



## From one generation to another

Huntington parish in the Kington group of churches, a hamlet on the western edge of Hereford Diocese, now has more visitors than ever before. St Thomas à Becket church, dating back to the thirteenth century, today serves a parish with a population of just 68, but its reach is world-wide.

William Shone, who lives next door to the church and is parish treasurer, explains:

*"While Huntington Church may seem off the beaten track it attracts many visitors and the PCC recognises that the church is many things to many people. People come to visit their loved ones, to remember and reminisce, on pilgrimage, to have a picnic with the kids, for help with intractable problems. We have a small but growing congregation and a PCC that wants to encourage the connections we have through a patchwork of initiatives."*

*"Even If each of these initiatives is of no great significance - coffee after a service, a bench in the church yard, a memento, changing the Evensong service time so it closely coincides with the village pub opening - the interplay between them can have real impact."*

Fiona Shone continues:

*Many people come to visit the church and the churchyard because it's so picturesque. To reach families and a wider range of people we've hidden a Geocache in the church yard.*

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## Bishop Richard Faithfulness and imagination. . .

*This edition of Inspire is filled with stories of faithfulness and imagination in passing on the faith among people of all ages across our diocese today -*

*"Inspiring each Generation to Follow Jesus Christ."*

*I am continually inspired and encouraged too by the stories I see and hear around our diocese; and I want to encourage you to share them with others by contributing to future editions of Inspire! so we can all learn and grow together.*

*I also invite you to share in praying for continuing faithfulness and imagination across our diocese using our new diocesan prayer card — available through the Archdeacons' visitations and from each diocesan office.*

*Finally I am very much looking forward to Archbishop Justin's autumn visit as he shares with us in God's mission, inspiring each generation to follow Jesus Christ.*

## From one generation to another

Geocaching is a worldwide phenomena in which participants use a mobile phone or GPS receiver to hide and seek containers (Geocaches), at locations marked by coordinates all over the world. It's a modern treasure hunt."

"Ours contains a key ring with contact details on it to take away and an invitation to come in and explore the church. Many who wouldn't otherwise go to a church come in and explore and can have a quiet moment. We invite visitors to go on our mailing list to stay in touch."

Peter Kelly, Church Warden, set up a Friends' charity, one way of supporting the church building financially, educating, and connecting with more people.

Will says:

"Through the Friends' website we were contacted out of the blue by Caroline Swash, the granddaughter of the maker of our beautiful stained-glass windows. Caroline is a world expert on stained glass and as a result is giving a talk in the church. This will not only raise money, it will leave us original research on features of the church which have barely been documented. The Friends has also made practical and cultural projects possible, from building a loo to publishing a book on Thomas à Becket - available on Amazon."

Will remarks:

*"It doesn't always work like this, but initiatives create possibilities and in these possibilities we're finding new life."*

Fiona concludes:

"Many people are in touch, including younger people, through the Friends website and social media. Perhaps one of our most important assets is our email mailing list. It takes time and effort to build, but the value of being able to keep in touch instantly, cheaply and globally is incalculable."

"Every event we hold is open to all and we try to offer a range that will appeal to different people. We have also joined the Small Places of Pilgrimage and are looking to offer hospitality for pilgrims."

Vicar, Ben Griffiths added:

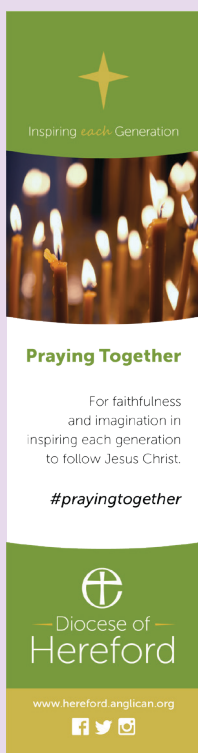
"In our benefice Mission Action Plan it's our ambition that there should be 'no one of whatever age or background in this group of parishes who has not heard the gospel preached'. We are reaching locals through our work with schools, community events, births, deaths and marriages, and our small rural churches like Huntington bring even more to the mix, faithfully speaking of the gospel in new and imaginative ways to this generation."



## How to. . .

Geocaching is a great tool for mission. We'd love to hear from you if your church has hidden a geocache in your grounds – or if you are a Geocacher, share your story with us at: [story@hereford.anglican.org](mailto:story@hereford.anglican.org)

Free inspiring faith resources for your church to give away  
Visit Lifewords at [www.lifewords.global](http://www.lifewords.global)  
Small Pilgrim Places Network [www.smallpilgrimplaces.org](http://www.smallpilgrimplaces.org)



*Michael*





# Thy Kingdom Come 2019

Join the global wave of prayer this Ascension to Pentecost (May 30 – June 9)

Pray with Christians of all ages and denominations for more people to come to faith in Jesus Christ



## Light up the World in Prayer

### Pray for Five. . .

TKC asks you to choose up to five names of people you know that you would like to pray for to join you on the adventure of life with God.

What to do next:

- Stretch out your hand and look at your fingers and thumb, each representing one of your five people.
- Picture your five people in your mind as you point to each of your fingers to remind you that you can pray for them wherever you are and whatever you are doing, every time you look at your hand.
- Life is an adventure to be lived—keep praying for the people you know to join in the adventure.
- Get others to do the same.

### Family prayer adventure map



Encourage children / families to explore the daily themes of Thy Kingdom Come in a fun, interactive way! Aimed at key stage 2 (ages 7-11).

Prayer adventure map packs are going out to many of our church schools.

Find resources & news at:  
[www.thykingdomcome.global](http://www.thykingdomcome.global)

### Share the TKC story

Inspire your local congregations and groups to get involved and get praying for five, with this new animation:

<https://vimeo.com/332431069>

Make your own short publicity video in just 5 minutes. Quick, easy, free!

[www.thykingdomcome.gochattercustomvideos.com/](http://www.thykingdomcome.gochattercustomvideos.com/)

### Pentecost Sunday Trafalgar Square Beacon Event

Join Christians in London - or online - at the all age Thy Kingdom Come fun afternoon (12noon onwards) and worship event (4-6pm).

## Archbishop's visit to Hereford Diocese

14th - 16th October 2019

*Inspiring each generation to follow Jesus Christ*

Meet, worship with, inspire, and be inspired by Archbishop Justin when he visits Hereford Diocese for three days this autumn as he shares with us in mission across our diocese.

See page 12 and the diocesan website for dates and more information.





**FOR THE DAY. AND ALL THE DAYS TO COME. JUST ASK.**



**A CHILD ARRIVES**



**A MARRIAGE BEGINS**



**A LIFE ENDS**

#sharedstories • [achurchnearyou.com](http://achurchnearyou.com)



## Life Events - Just Ask!

The national church is trialling a new campaign called Just Ask! to address the decrease in requests for Life Events across the Church of England. Some parishes in Hereford Diocese have been invited to participate. Look out for the banners!

### Keep in touch!

Alberbury 200! The Ford Group of churches has kept in touch with the families of the 200 people vicar Val Tait has baptised! They held an afternoon of activities, tea, and worship, including Open the Book, encouraging families to go on exploring or growing in faith.

Share your stories of how you are keeping in touch at:

[story@hereford.anglican.org](mailto:story@hereford.anglican.org)

### Celebrate!

Ross 1000! Couples in Ross will celebrate a combined 1000 years of marriage in 2019 including two Diamond, seven Golden, one Ruby and two Silver anniversaries.

Canon Freda Davies said:

*"All wedding anniversaries are special no matter how long people have been married, so we are inviting people to join us at St Mary's for a Service of Celebration of Marriage on July 7th at 4pm."*

### Talk about it!

GraveTalk cards are a great way to help people of all ages talk about death, dying and funerals.

The cards help you get a group together at a church hall, a home or a café, with 52 specially written open questions which get people talking about death, dying, funerals and loss.

For ideas and resources for Christenings, Weddings and Funerals, visit:

[www.churchsupporthub.org](http://www.churchsupporthub.org)

### Keep in touch using the new look Life Events Diary just launched!

The new Life Events Diary is custom-built online software which can radically streamline administration for baptisms, weddings, banns and funerals. The Life Events Diary can help you build and develop lasting relationships with new contacts through life events: [www.lifeeventsdiary.org](http://www.lifeeventsdiary.org)

Life Events Diary Workshops for Life Events worship leaders, parish administrators and leaders in mission.

Tuesday 9 July 2019  
Arrive at 10.30am for 11am  
start to finish at 3pm

Old Luctonians, Mortimer  
Park, Hereford Rd, Kingsland,  
Leominster HR6 9SB

More information and bookings through Mission Support at:

[MissionSupport@hereford.anglican.org](mailto:MissionSupport@hereford.anglican.org)

### Life Events Resources for parishes small and large

Buy the attractive Life Events publicity materials and resources to use before, during and after Life Events from:

[www.churchprinthub.org](http://www.churchprinthub.org)

Small parishes can buy smaller quantities of some of these resources through Mission Support:

[MissionSupport@hereford.anglican.org](mailto:MissionSupport@hereford.anglican.org)





# Living Faith Life-long...

3 great ways to inspire and grow faith that's lived everyday, life-long.

## Inspiring Faith at Home

Living our Christian faith every day at home as a family or household is as important and inspiring as living our faith every day in our communities, at work, or in school.

The Kitchen Table project is a new free resource to help families and households nurture a living faith at home. It includes '10 Easy Things To Do At Home,' Available as a leaflet and online for families. Also Top Tips for Parents and What Churches can Do.

"Inspire" is a conversation starter resource to help parents meet and think together in a fun and informal way about building faith in their children.

[www.kitchentable.org.uk](http://www.kitchentable.org.uk)



**RURAL MISSION SUNDAY 2019**

Live The Life  
Sunday 14 July

Rural Mission Sunday is an annual opportunity to celebrate the life of the rural church and the real difference rural Christians make in lives and communities across our country.

This year the focus is on living our faith in everyday life - resourcing our diocesan focus on #everydayfaith this year.

All age resources, worship materials, posters, and more from:  
[www.germinate.net/mission/rural-mission-sunday](http://www.germinate.net/mission/rural-mission-sunday)

## Messy Vintage

Messy Vintage takes all the creativity of Messy Church into residential homes where older people can reawaken the delight of their Christian faith or discover it for the first time, alongside people of different ages. Sylvia Taylor, Reader in Ridgeway Benefice, shares their story:

It started with our Mission Action Planning. I had just read about Messy Vintage and was excited, so we included it. As with all good things, God had a hand in it.

Forced to postpone December's Messy Church, we combined it with our usual Christingle service and 'did' Messy Christingle!

Residents from a local care home and their manager came. A conversation then followed inviting us to bring "Messy Vintage" to the elderly residents, some of whom have dementia.

The experience was overwhelming, from the joy of a lady jumping up and down trying to get ping pong balls out of a tissue box tied to her back to the peace of a gentleman so carefully handling our wooden Messy Church cross.

*"The change I see before my eyes to residents that are unable to leave the building is amazing."*  
- Holly Baker, Manager.

Since then we have celebrated Messy Easter with them, joined by children of the care staff. Such joy listening to two ladies discussing the colours of the beads needed for their bracelets and painting Peruvian crosses and seeing the concentration of a gentleman colouring a Holy Week calendar, watched intently by another. Sylvia concludes:

*"Blessed by friendships blossoming over paint, glue and beads, we went in the strength that we had, and God is blessing all of us abundantly. It's exciting to follow where he is leading us."*

Website: [www.thegiftofyears.org.uk](http://www.thegiftofyears.org.uk)



# Inspiring Schools in Pontesbury Deanery

Pontesbury Deanery has been reimagining ministry over the last year as part of its Mission Action Planning. Rural Dean Giles Tulk says:

*"By thinking about the deanery as a whole we can be much more imaginative and bolder".*



25 metre prayer chain still growing!  
A prayer chain started at school was added to at church over Easter and is still growing!

Pontesbury Deanery has recently appointed two new clergy as part of a vision for sharing in mission across the deanery. The deanery is also staffed one day a week by a Children and Families Missioner, Mark Hackney, who also works for Pontesbury parish.

*"Our vision for mission is growing as a deanery including working with schools in new ways across parish and benefice boundaries. Together we can inspire more and more children, young people and families to explore and grow in faith".*

## Prayer Spaces in School

For a week before Easter all Key Stage 2 children at Pontesbury School explored the Easter story through interactive, multi sensory prayer stations, to give them open ended opportunities for reflection.



*"It's given me a lovely thoughtful day."*

Lucy, Year 4

*"I liked the time to be quiet and think about Easter."*

George, Year 5

Find out more about Prayer Spaces in Schools at:  
[www.prayerspacesinschools.com](http://www.prayerspacesinschools.com)

Including how to get started, a bank of prayer space ideas, and much more.

## Pray, Bake, Read

Pray, Bake, Read is a simple way your church can support the work of local schools through volunteering as reading partners, baking cakes for the staff (always gratefully received!) and regularly praying for each school.

*"It feels like we have lots of people who care about us."*

Guy, Year 5

Find out more about Pray Bake Read in the Mission Resource pages on the diocesan website or from Mark Hackney through:

[missionsupport@hereford.anglican.org](mailto:missionsupport@hereford.anglican.org)







# Inspiring Schools, Inspiring Churches

## Growing together

Beth Rowe, Deputy Head at Pontesbury School reflects on the power of church, and school working and growing together:

**'I came to bring you life, and life in all its fullness' (John, 10:10)**

*"This passage underpins our work in school and as a church.*

*The sense of church walking alongside school is so important. Staff know they are thought about and prayed for, children know that members of the church care enough to spend time with us throughout the year.*

*Church and school share in worship and different classes prepare worship which they lead in church - 'crossover worship!'*

*We feel a sense of shared community and purpose, working together to provide inclusive, invitational and inspirational opportunities for children to explore belief and learn empathy for others."*

*"We really are growing together."*

## Year 6 Day record

A record number of schools in Pontesbury deanery are taking part in the Year 6 Day this June run by the Diocesan Board of Education.

## Bringing schools, churches and communities together through music

Staff from iSingPOP led a taster week working with hundreds of children in a number of Pontesbury Deanery Primary schools before Easter.

*"The three-way partnership between home, school and church is such a powerful engine in ensuring we create new opportunities for our children to have a meaningful and vibrant encounter with God. ISingPOP really do this well, with a wonderful energy that children love."*

Andrew Teale, Diocesan Director of Education

Find out more:  
[www.isingpop.org](http://www.isingpop.org)



## Understanding Christianity

Pontesbury Deanery schools in England and in Wales are being inspired by Understanding Christianity, the new Church of England resource for teaching Christianity.

*"In the last two weeks of the Spring term I had the privilege, and pleasure of teaching RE to the children of Brynhafren School introducing the "Understanding Christianity" approach and materials. There was a real 'buzz' and thoughtful conversations - all were really engaged."*

Revd Maxine Neil

Read Maxine's full story at Inspire! Stories on the diocesan website. See also: [understandingchristianity.org.uk](http://understandingchristianity.org.uk)





## Become an Eco-Church

School children across the world are taking a lead in encouraging us and our governments to take urgent action to avert climate change tipping point.

This Spring Hereford Diocesan Synod unanimously supported the decision to become an Eco Diocese – encouraging churches to sign up to A Rocha's Eco Church scheme.

### ECO CHURCH Silver Award for St Leonard's, Yarpole

St Leonards church in Yarpole have been an Eco Church for a couple of years and are celebrating a Silver Award.

*"Eco Church is such an opportunity to engage with people in our community about matters they are concerned about and is part of our stewardship of God's planet. We have had such positive feedback from our community and pride that 'our' church is leading the way. Where else can we get the opportunity to show such leadership in the community?"*

Rose Jenkins, Yarpole Eco-Church lead

*"Our re-ordering of the church gave us the impetus to think about our environmental/carbon footprint. Eco Church has provided a framework to do that, pulled it all together, incidentally saving us some money on our bills."*

Barbara Nurse, Churchwarden



*"Eco Church is part of a 'tectonic shift' in Christian thinking through which environmental concern will be embedded more deeply in church culture."*

- Dr Rowan Williams

### How to take part:

Enthuse your PCC to join in, agree a champion to take a lead, and register your church on line at:

[www.ecochurch.arocha.org.uk/register](http://www.ecochurch.arocha.org.uk/register)

Next take the survey questions. It's an easy tool to use which encourages next steps and supports action in:

- Worship and teaching
- Management of church buildings
- Management of church land
- Community and global engagement
- Lifestyle

The scheme is free and the bronze, silver and gold awards reflect what churches are doing and the progress they are making towards achieving Eco Church status.

### Advice and support:

Chrissie Pepler on  
[c.pepler@hereford.anglican.org](mailto:c.pepler@hereford.anglican.org)

### Share your Eco Church Stories

Inspire others across Hereford Diocese by sharing your Eco Church story.

Send it to us by emailing:  
[story@hereford.anglican.org](mailto:story@hereford.anglican.org)

Eco Church also want to hear from you! Email them your story at:  
<https://ecochurch.arocha.org.uk/sharing-eco-church-story>





# Hereford Diocese Pioneers

This March Bishop Richard licensed Kathy and David Bland as the first two licensed lay pioneers in Hereford Diocese following training with CMS in Oxford. Revd Mark Inglis has been working as a ground breaking Pioneer Priest in the Tenbury Team and Revd Tony Hodder is currently pioneering in an ecumenical post in Ledbury. Abbeydore Deanery is re-imagining the roles of their stipendiary clergy as rural pioneer priests.



Our first intake of pioneer ordinands on our local ordination course, at the Cuddesdon Gloucester and Hereford (formerly WEMTC) Ludlow Centre, began training in September 2018.

## Pioneering is about doing new things and doing things differently.

There are two main types of pioneer:

**Fresh start Pioneers** - Classic pioneering types who start new things, love firsts, and enjoy working from a blank canvas. If ordained they are usually released from expectations of an Incumbency type parish role to pioneer in places where the church is not present or is needing to reconnect.

**Parish based Pioneers** - Pioneers working from a parish base to develop fresh expressions of church in a mixed economy way, expanding the growth and reach of the local church.

## Growing Pioneer Ministry

You can find out more about Pioneer Ministry at:

[www.churchofengland.org/growing-pioneer-ministry](http://www.churchofengland.org/growing-pioneer-ministry)

[freshexpressions.org.uk/get-started/pioneer-ministry](http://freshexpressions.org.uk/get-started/pioneer-ministry)

Talk to any of our pioneers or contact Neil Patterson on:

[ddvo@hereford.anglican.org](mailto:ddvo@hereford.anglican.org)

or Mission Support staff on:

[missionsupport@hereford.anglican.org](mailto:missionsupport@hereford.anglican.org)

## School for Ministry - Inspiration for sharing faith

School for Ministry courses are helping participants grow in confidence in understanding, living, and sharing their faith.

Choose from four six-session modules which can be run by a facilitator at a local venue:

1. My Story: An Introduction to spirituality
2. God's Story: An Introduction to the Bible
3. Living the Story: Christian living everyday
4. Sharing our Story: Putting words round faith

Recent participants say:

*"The course 'My Story' was very inspirational and fulfilling and gave me confidence."*

*"Very interesting, different and refreshing new take on a faith course. I loved having this experience to learn about myself and sharing others' journeys."*

*Very encouraging—reminded me that when God call us to do something he also equips us to do it"*

To find out more visit the School for Ministry pages on the diocesan website or contact John Daniels at [j.daniels@hereford.anglican.org](mailto:j.daniels@hereford.anglican.org) or Jacky Sewell at [j.sewell@hereford.anglican.org](mailto:j.sewell@hereford.anglican.org)

## Growing Messy Disciples

Hereford Diocese has been chosen as one of just three dioceses to be part of a national research project, trying out approaches to growing disciples in Messy Churches.

The national Messy Church team at BRF and the Church Army Research Unit (who published the recent Playfully Serious report on Messy Discipleship), will work closely with us as a Diocese, and a number of Messy Churches will have the fantastic opportunity to be at the forefront of developing new discipleship approaches.

Kathy Bland, our diocesan Intergenerational Church Enabler says:

*"It's going to help so many people walk more closely with Jesus and be great fun too!"*

Find out more at: [www.messychurch.org.uk/resource/messy-discipleship-pilot](http://www.messychurch.org.uk/resource/messy-discipleship-pilot)





Matthew Stafford, Rector of Much Wenlock shares their story.

18 months ago a small number of people from The Wenlock Team had a desire to establish a week of accompanied prayer, inspired by our monastic heritage here in Much Wenlock with the ancient Abbey of St Milburga. By Lent 2019 we had 27 pilgrims ready to embark on a week journey of prayer. As Team Rector I attended the week and God's timing was perfect as it was just what I needed and for me personally it felt like being on a mini retreat but in my own backyard.

### What happens on a week of accompanied prayer?

Participants commit to giving about 30 minutes of prayer daily through the week, and meeting with a Prayer Accompanier or Guide. Participants gather at the beginning and end of the week with one to one meetings each day in between.

The aim of the week is to enable people to listen to God in our lives, enabling participants to discover greater depth in prayer, to draw closer to God and find God drawing closer to them. The effect of prayer spills over into everyday life enriching relationships and faithful activity.

Much Wenlock pilgrims reflected through the week in Pilgrim Journals and shared some journal quotes:

*"It was a commitment to spend time every day in prayer and reflection and whilst very rewarding, was also challenging at times."*

*"The kind support, accompaniment and guidance I received was so helpful and important."*

*"The wise words and insight I was offered will stay with me and help me as I continue on my journey."*

To find out more or to run a week there is a team of trained Accompaniers in the Diocese who work with the local churches in providing the week.

Talk to Revd Sue Foster on 01584 891092  
[s.foster779@btinternet.com](mailto:s.foster779@btinternet.com)

Read the full story at Inspire! Stories

## Pentecost inspiration for Healing Ministry

Meet other members of the network of parish healing groups across our Diocese at the next cathedral

Healing Eucharist on Pentecost  
Sunday 9 June at 5.30pm.

Including laying of hands, anointing, and an address on an aspect of the healing ministry at Pentecost— an ideal day to renew trust in the Lord's ability to heal in body, mind and spirit.

Refreshments afterwards and an opportunity to share ideas/concerns in this area of ministry.

Michael Tavinor, Dean of Hereford Cathedral and Convenor of our Diocesan Healing Network says:

*"Do join us! Those who've attended find a resource for their own ministry – a means of 'drawing aside' and being ministered to themselves – so important when we are, so often, at the forefront of offering ministry to others"*



Diocesan groups are also encouraged to link with the wider healing network of the Guild of St Raphael at:

[www.gohealth.org.uk](http://www.gohealth.org.uk)

Find out how your church can become a place of health and healing for the whole community at a lecture by Guild Director Rachel Straine - Birmingham, 12th October.

## St Thomas Cantilupe - celebrating 700 years

Hereford Cathedral is organising a year of celebration to mark 700 years since St Thomas Cantilupe was canonised and became St Thomas of Hereford. The celebrations will last from October 2019 for a whole year.

See the Cathedral website for more details.





## Small MAP Grants

When Emma Lambert was looking for ways to explore the Bible with primary school children in Bridgnorth, she turned to Lego, and a Diocesan Small MAP Grant.

Emma explained: *"Attending a Youth Ministry Network day the speaker talked about a Lego club in school to get the young people to explore faith in a fun and child friendly way."*

Our Diocesan Small MAP Grant fund helped towards the cost of buying Lego, and publicising the new Lego Lunchtime Club.

Emma says: *"The young people really engaged—knowing some of the Bible stories already, they loved using the Lego to express themselves"*

The Diocesan Small MAP Grant scheme is offering funding of up to £150 per benefice towards a small project that links directly with Shared Priority 1 in your 2019 Mission Action Plan.

Grants are easy to apply for and you will normally get an answer and, if successful, funding, in just a fortnight.

For more details and application form visit:  
[www.hereford.anglican.org/DiocesanMissionFunding](http://www.hereford.anglican.org/DiocesanMissionFunding)

Contact Simon Whaley for advice and support in applying on 01584 233125,  
or email [s.whaley@hereford.anglican.org](mailto:s.whaley@hereford.anglican.org)

As Simon says: *"It's as easy a child's play!"*



## New national grant to inspire faith

The All Churches Trust has just launched a new grants programme, "Growing Lives" with grants of up to £25,000 to help churches and Christian organisations connect with children and young people in their area.

[www.allchurches.co.uk/growinglives](http://www.allchurches.co.uk/growinglives)

For more info, ideas and support from Mission Support Staff on  
[MissionSupport@Hereford.anglican.org](mailto:MissionSupport@Hereford.anglican.org)  
and Simon Whaley – contact as above.



## Diocesan Resource Centre - "the envy of other dioceses"

Our well stocked Diocesan Resource Library based at the Ludlow Mascal Centre is the envy of other dioceses. Mel, resource centre librarian says:

*"As a Parish resource it is second to none with so many useful resources on running groups, children's clubs, Messy Church, prayer, leading services and a wealth of material on growing Christian disciples for all ages and backgrounds."*

The centre stocks a wide range of mission and evangelism resources for use with all ages. Here Caroline Pascoe has just borrowed the centre's extensive set of Table Talk packs—conversation cards to get people of all ages and backgrounds talking about hot topics of life and faith.

It is also the theological library for students studying at our local ministerial education centre (formerly known as WEMTC—now CGH—"Cuddesdon Gloucester & Hereford".)

## Key Resource Centre Info at a glance

**Where:** Ludlow Mascal Centre, Lower Galdeford, Ludlow, Shropshire SY8 1RZ.  
Free parking when registered in reception.

**When:** Open all week 9am - 4.30pm. Browse at your leisure; self service borrowing and returns.

**Staffing:** Melody Wilson Claridge  
**Works:** Tue, Wed & Thu 9am – 1pm.  
**Contact:** [admin@bmresources.org.uk](mailto:admin@bmresources.org.uk)  
or ring 01584-879307

**Borrowing:** Up to 8 items for 8 weeks. Free.

**Collections/Returns:** Mel can often arrange to deliver items to either diocesan office for you to collect - and you can also return to the offices.



## News In Brief

### A Vicar's Life nominated for award

A Vicar's Life has been nominated for the Radio Times Readers' Award 2019, part of the annual Sandford St Martin Awards which celebrates the best TV and radio programmes touching on faith, belief and ethics. The winner will be announced at the Awards ceremony at Lambeth Palace in London on 13 June.



### Growing faith in schools

Andrew Teale, Diocesan Director of Education reports that the ambitious programme of development within education in the diocese is continuing apace including:

- Closer engagement with all our church schools and with non church schools
- A closer partnership between the education department and our multi-academy trust.
- Appointing a new Education Development Officer
- A new 'Partnership Agreement' between the diocesan education support team and schools with an expanded training and development offer. Over half of the Church of England schools have already signed up
- Forthcoming ground-breaking Education Conference with Sir David Carter, former National Schools Commissioner and Andy Wolfe, Deputy Chief Education Officer (Leadership Development) from the CE Foundation for Educational Leadership. The keynote address to school leaders and pupils will be by the Archbishop of Canterbury.

### Diocesan Christian Teachers Network

A new network has started meeting termly for Christian teachers. Founder Jo Beavan says: 'Meeting together is such a helpful reminder that our faith is fundamental to our daily lives'.

More details on the Diocesan Facebook page.  
[www.facebook.com/HerefordDiocese](http://www.facebook.com/HerefordDiocese)

## 2019 Dates for your Diary

### JUNE

**Thy Kingdom Come** - Take part in the global wave of prayer culminating at Pentecost. (30th May - 9th June)

**Messy Celebration** - Bishop Richard invites Messy Church Teams across the diocese, to thank, celebrate and bless them in their ministry - Sunday 23rd June

### Shortlisting for the next Bishop of Hereford

Please continue to pray for those involved in the discernment process. This month the shortlist of candidates will be drawn up.

### Diocesan ordinations at Hereford Cathedral

Ordination of priests - 4. 30pm Saturday 29th June  
Ordination of deacons - 10. 30am Sunday 30th June

### JULY

**Rural Mission Sunday** Inspiring us all to live as Christians every day, making a difference in lives and communities. 14th July.

**Interviews** in London for the next Bishop of Hereford - 15th/16th July

### SEPTEMBER

**Eco-Church launch** at St James' Church and School in Hereford including speakers and Workshops on Saturday 21st September

### OCTOBER

**St Thomas Cantilupe festival** - service of faith and reconciliation with Rowan Williams - 12th October  
**Order of St Ethelbert awards** - 13th October

**++Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury, to visit Hereford Diocese and diocesan autumn Follow! events.**

**Worship, visits, walk about** in the southern archdeaconry plus an evening with the Archbishop at the Courtyard, Hereford - 14th October  
**Follow! events and visits** held throughout the day in the northern Archdeaconry - 15th October  
**Diocesan Education Conference** with national speakers including the Archbishop. - 16th October

### NOVEMBER

### Farewell to Bishop Richard

Saturday 23rd Hereford Cathedral at 11am.  
All invited as we give thanks and celebrate Bishop Richard's ministry among us and pray for him and for Kay in the next phase of their lives.

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