Welcome to the second termly Mission and Ministry mailing, giving news of training and development opportunities in the Diocese of Hereford

For everyone

2024 Diocesan Year of Faith

The Theme for the 2024 Diocesan Year follows on from our Year of Prayer and will be on Faith; living a Christ like life. Throughout the year, we will be thinking about how we can grow in confidence in our faith in Christ and in the bible and how we can seek to live a Christ like life to show others the hope and love that Jesus offers.

The important dates to put into your diaries are:

Bishop’s teaching days

1. **Growing in confidence in the word of God:**
   A Saturday morning where Bishop Richard can share his confidence in the bible followed by seminar choices: 9:30am-1pm
   - Saturday 13th January - Pontesbury (venue TBC)
   - Saturday 10th February - Ludlow (venue TBC)
   - Saturday 23rd March - St Paul’s, Tupsley, Hereford

2. **Growing in confidence in our Christian faith:**
   A Saturday morning with Bishop Richard talking about having confidence in our faith followed by seminar choices: 9:30am-1pm
   - Saturday 11th May - venue TBC
   - Saturday 13th July - Ledbury - Venue TBC
   - Saturday 5th October - venue TBC

Bishop’s study days

- **Thursday 14th March** – Craven Arms
  *We welcome Paul Williams CEO of the Bible Society and Revd Andrew, Presenter of The Bible Course.*
- **Thursday 24th October** – venue TBC
  *We welcome Revd Prebendary Dr Isabelle Hamley, Secretary for Theology and Theological Adviser to the House of Bishops.*

Passion Play

- **8/9th March** – Hereford cathedral *(for more information and to book via the Hereford Cathedral website)*

For more information about all of the above contact mark.melluish@hereford.anglican.org
Intergenerational Mission Learning Community
Dates: 16th January, 21st February, 21st March, 15th April 2024
Times: 11am-1pm

For anyone involved in Intergenerational mission or who work with children, young people and/or families.
An opportunity to gather over food, share good news stories, pray and learn together.

To be added to the mailing list to receive more details please contact Lizzie Hackney on e.hackney@hereford.anglican.org

INFUSE
Worship and prayer events for young people across our Diocese

Dates:
- Saturday 9th December 2023 at the Palace 5:00-7:30pm-An event led by YWAM (dinner will be provided)
- Thursday 8th February via zoom: 7:00-8:30pm
- Friday 29th March - Good Friday-Infuse event
- Thursday 11th April via zoom: 7:00-8:30pm
- Saturday 11th May-Youth Pilgrimage-Pennant Melangell
- Thursday 6th June via zoom: 7:00pm-8:30pm
- Saturday 20th July-Infuse event
- TBC Sat 27th-Mon 5th August 2024 Taize Youth Pilgrimage
- Thursday 26th September via zoom: 7:00-8:30pm
- Saturday 12th October-Infuse event
- Thursday 14th November via zoom: 7:00-8:30pm

To book or for more details contact the Intergenerational Team: e.hackney@hereford.anglican.org

Open The Book
To book a training session for any new teams or teams needing a refresher training contact Kathy Bland on ypoassistant@hereford.anglican.org

For more information click here: Open the Book—Bible Society
MISSIONAL RESOURCES

Following the closure of the Diocesan Resources Library at the Ludlow Mascall Centre, there are now lots of missional resources available to borrow from Leominster’s resources unit which is located at The Old Priory, Leominster, HR6 8EQ (behind Leominster Priory Church). Resources include: Godly Play story boxes; Giant Jenga and other garden games, Table Talk, Messy Church resources, Prayer Space resources and more.

To visit or borrow resources contact Kathy Bland on ypoassistant@hereford.anglican.org

First Aid Trainings

18th January 2024: Mental Health First Aid training - A full day in person training at Yockleton Church, Pontesbury Deanery.

23rd January 2024: First Aid training - A full day in person training at The Forbury, Leominster.

There are 12 funded places available on both trainings.

To book a place on either training contact Lizzie Hackney on e.hackney@hereford.anglican.org

Vocations

The whole people of God are called to share in God’s work in their everyday lives. For some their particular ministry involves a formally recognised role as part of the church community. Most of these roles are voluntary and they may be lay or ordained roles.

If you feel that God may be calling you to a form of recognised ministry in the church—either as a lay or ordained person—please contact Neil Patterson on: DDVO@hereford.anglican.org or elizabeth.wild@hereford.anglican.org

https://www.hereford.anglican.org/ministry/
Healthwatch Herefordshire - Wellbeing Engagement Project

As part of his role as Mission Enabler (Church & Society), Revd Joe Simons has been exploring how the Diocese could support the work of the Healthwatch Herefordshire team. They are currently working on a project to get rural Herefordshire communities more engaged with health and social care. To inform their research, they would like to capture the lived experiences, opinions, and ideas from all voices, particularly those who live rurally, in farming communities, who struggle to engage with regular healthcare services, Gypsy Roma Travellers, migrant farm workers, refugees, unpaid carers etc.

Churches, as trusted and respected advocates within communities are seen as being well placed to encourage participation in this project. The team are happy to meet either in person, ring or meet remotely via Zoom/Teams to record the views and opinions of individuals. Alternatively, a discussion session can be arranged if a small group would like to work together. There is also a questionnaire (which is anonymised) which people can complete: “have your say questionnaire”

If you feel you are able to offer such help or would like to know more about the project then please contact: joe.simons@hereford.anglican.org

For clergy

Oversight Ministry Conversation

Date: Wednesday 6th March 10am-12noon
Venue: The Clun Room at the Ludlow Mascall Centre

We will be continuing the conversation about Oversight Ministry with incumbents and Rural Deans.
If you would like to come along and join the conversation please contact elizabeth.wild@hereford.anglican.org

FOR ALL LICENSED CLERGY

CMD GRANTS

All Licensed clergy are entitled to a grant of up to £280/pa to support ongoing study or personal development, and we are keen for more clergy to take up this under-used opportunity.
There is more information at https://www.hereford.anglican.org/ministry/clergy-ministry/cmd/

Please note that responsibility for administering the grants has been transferred from Archdeacon Derek to Neil Patterson in the M&M Team, so do contact Neil on DDVO@hereford.anglican.org with application forms and any queries.
Nurturing our Growth as Ministers

St George's House, Windsor, offer a series of Clergy Consultations, and are seeking applications for one on “Nurturing our Growth as Ministers” early in 2024.

For more details click on the following link: stgeorgeshouse.org

This could be an ideal use of your CMD grant.

Focal Ministry Network Conference

Date: 17-18 April 2024
Venue: Ripon College Cuddesdon

If anyone would be interested in attending this Focal Ministry conference “New Era–New Leaders–New Life” please contact elizabeth.wild@hereford.anglican.org for further information.

For Readers

The Royal Three Counties Show
June 14th-16th 2024

Readers are invited to be chaplains for this event. In return for offers of ministry, Chaplains will get free entry to the show. They will be posted at various key locations in the showground, including in the Church Tent.

If you are interested and have availability either for 1, 2 or 3 days then contact Revd Bob Bates by phone: 01432 487485 or by email frbobbates@gmail.com

Volunteers are always needed for the café and for providing activities for schools and families in the Church Tent. If you would like to volunteer for a day or the whole weekend please contact Kathy Bland: ypoassistant@hereford.anglican.org

FOR READERS

The Central Readers Council has the following resources: CRC Modules - Transforming ministry

Also, the C of E Portal Learning Site