



HEREFORDSHIRE NEWS

Please contact me if you would like to publicise any church or church group event in Herefordshire - or anything you think might be useful to Christians in Herefordshire.

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Call to Prayer for our County and Nation: Sunrise to Sunset

7th Day of Prayer

4 Herefordshire

"At sunrise I offer my prayer and wait for your answer."

Psalm 5v3 GNB

Friday 19th July 2013

7.00am to 7.00pm at

Lugwardine Chapel HR1 4AG

Hope 4 Herefordshire Monthly

Prayer and Praise

On this occasion also at

Lugwardine Chapel **7.30pm**

Worship led by Hope Church and

prayer led by Pete Greenow

Arranged in association

with Hope4Herefordshire

For further information contact
Brian I Hodges on 07800559642
*"Pray on every occasion, as the
Spirit leads." Eph. 6v18 GNB*

Four Modern Martyrs

A look at modern day martyrs
with Kirsty Clarke:

9 July – The Saint of Auschwitz:
St. Maximilian Kolbe (1894-1941)

16 July – Bearing the Cost of
Discipleship: Dietrich Bonhoeffer
(1906-1945)

23 July – Seeing the Promised
Land: Martin Luther King Jr.
(1929-1968)

30 July – Champion of the Poor
& Oppressed: Oscar Romero
(1917-1980)

All Saints Church, Hereford

at 7pm on the above dates

Kirsty Clarke is a member of the
congregation at All Saints Church
and is currently undertaking her
ministerial training at the
Queen's Foundation,
Birmingham

All Saints Church, 01432 370414

Alpha Course

Next Alpha course in Hereford
starts on 4th September,
including Senior Alpha at 1pm.
Further details as I get them.

Extending hospitality to strangers

In his letter to the Christians in
Rome St Paul urges them (ch 12
vs 13) to "extend hospitality to
strangers".

Receiving hospitality, sharing
meals, is a very special
experience if you are a stranger
in a foreign country. The
Leominster Friendship Centre is
arranging for groups of 3 or
4 Bulgarian workers (one of
whom would be able to
translate from Bulgarian into
English) to be given a simple
early supper provided by hosts in
the Leominster area giving an
opportunity for them to improve
their English. Volunteer hosts
interested in following St Paul's
appeal should contact Canon
John Crowe on 01568 611081 or
through email –

john.crowe90@virgin.net



Hereford Gideons

The local Hereford Branch of The Gideons International have their annual Friends Meeting (open to all) Saturday 6th July, at the Salvation Army Citadel off Edgar Street. The event starts at 4.30pm and a presentation on recent Columbian Scripture Blitz is being highlighted. Tea & Buffet Refreshments follow with the whole event finishing around 7 to 7.30. This annual event has been running for around 40 years or so.

Worldwide, hundreds of thousands of Gideons, operating in 195 countries, share their faith and distribute 85m plus scriptures annually. As a part of this each year we present around 2,000 scriptures locally, including youth testaments to year 7 intake in our secondary schools. This is our annual update for supporters and any others interested to see what God is doing through this ministry. Drawn from local churches our branch members would be happy to update individual Churches, fellowships, interested groups on what is happening and sharing testimonies of how lives are being transformed as people encounter God. Contact details are below if you should need further information.

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£500 Challenge

Rev David Vonberg has visited at least two Churches Together groups in the county to my knowledge, challenging churches to raise at least £500 per church for the current major redevelopment at the Hospice. They were inspiring talks and I know Eignbrook URC have raised over £450 at a coffee morning and 'lovely morning of fellowship'. Rev David Meachem has a ridiculously long sponsored cycle ride planned for the appeal over the summer.

Please share any fundraising successes by your church or group of churches with me and I will put them in the next newsletter. If you would like to hear more about the appeal, please do not hesitate to contact Rev David Vonberg.

dvonberg@st-michaels-hospice.org.uk

Hereford Night of the Churches

The churches of Hereford are opening for a variety of activities, worship, music, art and refreshments between 7pm and 11pm on Friday 13th September. Watch this space for a detailed programme of an exciting evening in the city.

BEYOND HEREFORDSHIRE



Churches at the heart of the WW1 centenary plans

'[Greater Love](#)' is the theme of HOPE's resources to help churches and communities to mark the centenary of the start of World War 1. They are working with Lifewords, youth and schools ministries and denominational ministry teams to provide a commemorative give-away, which will help start conversations about Jesus' love and sacrifice, plus other resources and ideas to help churches point communities to Jesus when they gather in remembrance.

Spread the word

Thanks to everyone who is following Hope on [Twitter](#) @HOPEtogether and who 'likes' the HOPEtogether [Facebook](#) page. Keep helping us to spread the word about HOPE 2014 on social media.

From Roy Crowne - Hope's Executive Director:

In this last month we've confirmed two key events which will begin the countdown to 2014.

- On 18 October we will join the 40,000 gathering for the RCGG churches' *Festival of Life* at London's Excel Stadium to launch 12 weeks of prayer in

preparation for HOPE 2014.

- On 24 October, Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby will host the HOPE church leaders' forum at Lambeth Palace.

HOPE - the heartbeat of mission

I have a copy of this invaluable resource if anyone would like to borrow it - 'inspiration, ideas and resources so you and your church can spread hope in villages, towns and cities'. Some really good ideas - please contact me if you want a look or buy it yourself here [HOPE – The Heartbeat of Mission](#).

Lay Preachers

I had the following offer of preaching from Chris and Reza - lay preachers from London. Reza asks:

"Would it be possible to forward our details and website address - www.wakeup.org.uk - to all the Churches within your "Churches Together" area. If the churches in turn are also able to forward our details to the Elders and leaders, and even their congregation, that would be fantastic.

Chris and I (Reza) are both lay preachers, Elders and Trustees at London Street United Reformed Church, we both have a heart for the Lord Jesus and love sharing His word to everyone who welcomes us. Our style is Bible based, dynamic and practical with real life testimonies. We work together and are available to share our testimonies and sermons. Please take a look at our website as you be able to

see exactly our style and our messages. We do not charge, nor do we come selling products.

We are available for any speaking opportunity including Sunday services.

It would be so good to hear from you!"

Strictly Monastic

Aged 18-25? Fancy a completely different experience?

Want to explore spirituality and worship in different ways? Methodist Children and Youth and Mucknell Abbey are offering 18-25 year olds a unique opportunity to spend a weekend living with a monastic community – an opportunity to experience their way of life – to worship, reflect, work, relax and talk together. *Cost:* There is a suggested donation of £40 to cover accommodation and food.

Availability: Places are very limited and will be allocated on a 'first come, first served' basis.

To book: Please contact bookings@mucknellabbey.org.uk Mucknell Abbey is home to a Church of England Benedictine contemplative monastic community of nuns and monks which includes a Methodist member.

www.mucknellabbey.org.uk