



Prayers please for the first item on this newsletter – and for all involved in selecting our new County Ecumenical Officer.

Deadline for the October newsletter - 25th September – send me anything you know of going on ecumenically local to you. Thank you.

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Churches Together in Herefordshire – new County Ecumenical Officer



Do you have a passion for Christian unity? Could you or someone you know be the next County Ecumenical Officer? After nearly 10 years, Anna Nugent will retire from the role in January 2023, so Churches Together in Herefordshire are looking for someone to take on this rewarding part-time role.

For further information, job description and application form please contact the Chair of the CTiH Standing Committee, Steve Sully at steve.sully@ccchurch.org.uk or Anna Nugent at herefordshireceo@gmail.com

Churches Together in Leominster - AGM

After a busy year, Churches Together in Leominster will be holding their Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 21st September at the Forbury at 7pm. As usual, the business of the meeting will be kept to a minimum and they will be welcoming Jason Marrett, an elder of the Christian Life Church who will be giving a presentation about the church. Refreshments will be provided and all are welcome.



Churches Together in Hereford – Core Group Meeting

The Churches Together in Hereford Core Group are meeting later this month to make some plans for Churches Together in the City. They will be meeting on the evening of Tuesday 20th September (venue and exact time still to be confirmed). They would like to welcome anyone from any of the city churches who would like to join them. For more information please contact Rosi Taylor at rosi.taylor54@googlemail.com or 01432 266826 / 07821 197219 for details.

Christians Together in Orleton – welcome leaflet

Following the Christians Together in Orleton recent review of all their activities, they have created a new leaflet summarising these for newcomers to their community. They will be delivered to all the new homes in the village as a welcome from the churches.



Christians Together in Orleton have now hosted 4 monthly sessions of Messy Church in the village hall with over 20 children plus their parents. The next one will be on Thursday 8th September at 4pm.

Churches Together in Kington – Meeting

The Christians in Kington are continuing to meet, worship and work together. Their next meeting will be at St Mary's Church on Wednesday 21st September at 7.30pm.

Ledbury LEAF – support for well-being

LEAF, the charity run by the churches working together in Ledbury, is supporting numerous members of their



community through their activities and volunteers.

The LEAF chaplaincy service has become an integral part of the doctor's surgery in the town, with some of these referrals going on to receive counselling from one of the LEAF counsellors.

LEAF held two highly successful family events in the local park over the summer, with over 150 burgers served free to the many who attended. They also support children in the community through weekly mentoring of children in the Ledbury Primary School, which will be starting again this month.

If you want to know more about these and other projects run by LEAF in Ledbury, particularly if you are thinking about volunteering with them, please email: leafledbury@gmail.com

Use this email address too, if you want to be on their mailing list for regular newsletters.

Hereford Men's Mental Health group



September 10th is World Suicide Prevention day. As churches and Churches Together groups, we may be aware of men in our communities with depression or mental ill health who might be reluctant to approach support services. Hereford Men's Mental Health group is an informal, non-judgemental space where people can socialise with others who have faced depression, addiction, loneliness or other challenges.

If you know any men who may benefit, ask them to get in touch at HMMHgroup1@gmail.com or text the group co-ordinator on 07376 727280. Visit the [website](#) to find out more.

Herefordshire Interfaith Group – International Day of Peace Celebration



Herefordshire Interfaith Group invite you to join them on Sunday 25th September for a Celebration of the International Day of Peace at Madley Church HR2 9LS, by kind permission of Rev Simon Lockett, at 3pm. The theme will be – *What does it mean to become a channel of peace?* – with music and readings from different faiths and cultures. For more information, email hello@herefordshireinterfaith.org.uk

Through the Roof – Disability Awareness Sunday



Could your church do more to include disabled people and raise awareness? ['Through the Roof'](#) invites you to mark Disability Awareness Sunday on 18th September. They can send you a pack with service ideas, children/youth activities, sermon ideas, and supporting videos. Follow [this link](#) to request the service pack.

Season of Creation – resources for Harvest

The Joint Public Issues Team (The Baptist Union, Church in Scotland, the Methodist Church and the United Reformed Church, working together for peace and justice), have put together resources for Creationtide, Creation Time or the Season of Creation – the name given to the period from 1 September to 4 October. Churches are encouraged to have a focus on creation, with all the joys and responsibilities that being part of God's creation brings to us. To access the range of resources available, follow [this link](#).



Eternal Wall of Answered Prayer



MAKE HOPE VISIBLE

This national project working to produce a huge Christian landmark, with each brick representing answered prayer and linking to a database of hope stories, is going to be built in Coleshill, Birmingham. They are looking for stories of answered prayer from across Herefordshire to be part of the project. If you could help with your story of hope or just want to know more, visit the Eternal Wall [website](#).