



Hello all, if you have any news or events that you would like mentioned in the next issue of the newsletter, please let me know by **midday on 31st May**. Thank you!

News from Churches/Christians Together Groups Events/ News

Christians Together in Bromyard will be holding a combined service on Pentecost Sunday, May 19th. The service will be at 3pm on the Town Green if the weather is good or in the Public Hall if not. There will be tea, coffee, cake etc to follow.

Could St Peter's Saltley Trust help support your bright idea?

We're dedicating a third of our annual grants budget to fund **grass-roots** projects being developed by individual local churches, schools or colleges (or small local partnerships of these).



Grants are available for **new** work which is creative, innovative, experimental and exploratory in nature, and focused upon either:

- Religion (particularly Christianity) in school education
- Religious literacy, church-college partnerships and spiritual development in Further Education and Sixth Form Colleges
- Christian learning and discipleship within church and community settings

We particularly want to support the development and trialling of new initiatives which could become the model or inspiration for work elsewhere.

For more detail on funding priorities and eligibility criteria, see: www.saltleytrust.org.uk/what-we-support/

You can also contact: director@saltleytrust.org.uk



Talk Discipleship and Funding Opportunities over Coffee!

St Peter's Saltley Trust offers funding and support for creative projects in Christian learning/discipleship and religious education. Come and hear about our new grass-roots grant opportunities, and help shape our new programme of discipleship projects by telling us what you think helps people go deeper in their everyday walk with God. Meet us at the following times/places, and we'll buy you a

coffee (or similar)! Open to any - not just church leaders/clergy.

- Wednesday 8 May 10.30-12.30, Wesley's Cafe, Broad Street, Ludlow SY8 1NH

No need to book, but dropping us an email would help us know who to expect. Look out for the Saltley Trust logo when you arrive. Contact Ian Jones (director@saltleytrust.org.uk)

Further Education Sunday – Saltley Trust

Sunday 12 May 2024 is Further Education Sunday! It's a great opportunity for you to pray for your local Further Education or Sixth Form College and consider how your church or church project could partner with your local college to bless and support young people and the staff who work with them.

You can find videos, prayer and Bible resources for FE Sunday on the website www.fe-sunday.uk, where you can also get in touch to find out more about partnering with a local college. Share your prayers and actions on social media using the hashtag #FESunday24.



12th May 2024

#fesunday23
www.fe-sunday.uk

Open MEETING

The Impact of the Police
Chaplaincy Service in
Herefordshire
Speaker: Mike Wilkinson



8th May, 7pm at Challenge
Community Church

There will also be worship
and refreshments.

MUSICAL CONCERT

Hampton
Park URC

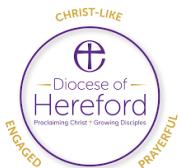
Hampton Dene Road HR1 1UJ

**Sat May 11th
7:00**

**Entry by donation
Proceeds
raised in aid
of Christian
Aid**

Hampton Park United Reformed Church, Hampton Dene Road HR1 1UJ will be hosting a Musical Miscellany Concert on Saturday May 11th from 7:00 in aid of Christian Aid. There will be a wide variety of musical items. Two choirs will be performing – an adult mixed choir and Ukrainian Children's Choir as well as soloists singing and playing a wide variety of musical instruments from piano and organ to flute and saxophone. The ages of the performers will range from young to old and the music will include modern and classical – a great variety of entertainment. Refreshments will be served in the interval. Entry is by donation and all proceeds raised will go to Christian Aid –Please put this date in your diary. We hope you will be able to join us and have an

evening of entertainment and raise money for charity at the same time.



Growing confidence in our Christian faith

Date and Time:

11th May 2024 - 9:30am - 1:00pm

Join us for an exciting in-person teaching event at St Mary's Ross-on-Wye. This event is all about strengthening our Christian faith and building confidence.

Whether you're new to the faith or have been a believer for years, this event is for you!

Bishop Richard will lead the teaching sessions, sharing valuable insights and practical tips to help us grow in our Christian faith. You'll be able to engage in meaningful discussions, ask questions, and connect with fellow Christians.

At this event, we'll explore various aspects of our Christian faith, including understanding the Bible, deepening our prayer life, and overcoming doubts.

Together, we'll learn how to live out our faith and share it with others confidently.

Don't miss out on this incredible opportunity to strengthen your Christian journey. Mark your calendars and join us in Ross for an uplifting and enriching experience. See you there!



Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray for more people to come to know Jesus. This year it starts on Thursday 9 May and runs until Sunday 19 May 2024, Ascension to Pentecost.

As part of celebrations for 2024 in our diocese, everyone is invited to join a very special 24*7 prayer room at The Palace.

Bishop Richard and Deborah are once again opening the Bishop's private chapel, located at the Palace in Hereford to anyone from across our diocese (and beyond) to join in prayer throughout this 10-day period. There will be the option to join virtually and take part if you're unable to attend in person, via an interactive webcam live view of the prayer room.

For more information on the 24*7 Prayer Room at the Palace, visit our website or [click here](#) to sign up for a prayer slot either in person or virtually.

There is also a huge free resources giveaway for local churches that will spiritually nourish and encourage all. See our website for details and links.

Christian Leader in the Public or Private Sectors?

Forward Partnership and St Peter's Saltley Trust would love to hear from Christians leadership roles (emerging, middle or senior) in the public, private or voluntary sectors (but NOT local church leaders), who see their role as contributing to the renewal and transformation of society. We want to understand more about how your sense of calling relates to your work role, and how the local church might better support you in your vocation. You can do this by...

Taking part in a short (3 minute) online survey [here](#):
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf3texnY-Kl8nmULa8du_jH2ontvMKxI_ZXr5iUE-mnxCgk1g/viewform

and/or

Joining a one-off, 90 minute focus group with other Christians in leadership, at a mutually convenient time, to share your perspectives. To sign up, please contact Ian Jones (director@saltleytrust.org.uk).

For more information about the project, click [here](#).



Free Webinar: How to become a Single Friendly Church

Single Friendly Church Network are running free webinars to help churches welcome and value single people in practical ways. They are open to anyone interested in making a difference in their church.

Wednesday 12th June, 11am. [Sign up here](#)

Details of their website can be found here:
singlefriendlychurch.com/events

Free Guided Audit for churches

A reminder that we offer a Guided Audit tool for churches wanting to explore how to welcome and value single people. It's free and easy to use - [sign up online](#).

Hope for the Countryside - A movement of hope in rural Britain

Wednesday 29 May

7:30 pm – 9:00 pm

Hope Countryside (hopeforthecountryside.uk)

Sharing stories of mission; encouraging and praying for one another.

<https://web.zoom.us/join>

[\(hopeforthecountryside.uk\)](http://hopeforthecountryside.uk)

Zoom meeting ID: 821 1671 9194

Passcode: 905289

[For their most recent edition of "Seeds of Prayer" click here](#)



Project Bright Path

Wonderful collaboration as Vennture has just finished our Mental Health Rough Sleeper Project Bright Path training - with trainer Paul Vicary from X-Calibre.

Project Bright Path is mental health training, part of a training programme for those staff caring for rough sleepers across Herefordshire and Worcestershire.

Paul Vicary and his team from <https://x-calibremh.co.uk/> have delivered bespoke training with Mental Health care practitioners from the local NHS and CRISIS teams, upskilling those staff in this sector with appropriate training; being able to deal with their job roles effectively. It has given them the education, confidence and also a Level 3 Qualification in Mental Health.



Great feedback, knowledge sharing and a great time in the training, however this training is more than just a training course. This is about forging greater links between our mental health professionals and our rough sleeper teams. Also to allow our homeless community, much-needed mental health support. With the right help at the right time, we want a world where no one falls through the gaps, engaging people who really are struggling to access the right help.

Hereford Council Rough Sleepers Team, Worcestershire County-Council, nhs.uk, St Paul's Hostel Worcester, Turning Point, Herefordshire Vennture. Maggs, Herefordshire Homeless Hub at Union coffee all involved.



Become a Twilight Ambassador
Breathe life into our city.



Day time Ambassador teams have seen success in helping keep Hereford and its people safe, supporting the vulnerable and providing first aid when needed.

However recent reports have shown there are now two peaks of arrival when it comes to our city's night time activity; the first being much earlier. A new brand of Ambassadors—Twilight Ambassadors will now operate from 7:30pm—11pm helping our city transition from the busy working day to the active lively night.

Vennture are also looking for someone who can take on the role of Company Secretary and Clerk to the Trustees of Vennture, the charity and our trading company Vennture Enterprises Ltd. It is anticipated that the hours would equate to 10 hours per month.

The advert is attached but is also available on our website: <https://www.vennture.org.uk/job-vacancies/>

Summer in the Valley

Saturday 8th June

A Day Walk in the spirit of pilgrimage, through the lovely Wye Valley on the Welsh-English border.

From historic Tintern Abbey we set out in the *spirit of pilgrimage* on a circular walk of some six miles. Along the Way we'll see part of Offa's Dyke, discover Brockweir village with its whitewashed Moravian Chapel on the banks of the river, admire some wonderful views and listen to readings and reflections for summer.

All day walks from Journeying are free and dogs are welcome.

For details and to book your place, please follow the link to the Day Walks page of the Journeying website:

<https://www.journeying.co.uk/day-walks-and-events?id=931231> or email: info@journeying.co.uk

Journeying is an ecumenical, Christian organisation founded in 1988.

