



HEREFORDSHIRE NEWS

Some joyous working together across Herefordshire this month. Sometimes events change or get cancelled at the last minute. Check the diary at www.ctih.org for any changes.

Deadline for copy for this newsletter – 25th.

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Churches Together in Ross – Light Up A Life Service

Churches Together in Ross will be holding their annual Light Up a Life Service at Ross Baptist Church, Broad Street, Ross HR9 7EA on Sunday 3rd December at 6.30pm. The service gives families and friends the opportunity to come together and remember the lives of those close to them who have died and to give thanks for all the good in our lives. All welcome.



Churches Together in Ewyas Harold – Advent Service

Churches in Ewyas Harold are coming together for their popular

annual Advent Service on Sunday 3rd December at 6pm in St Michael's Church, Ewyas Harold.

Churches Together in Hereford – Carol Singing



If you are in Hereford on Wednesday 13th December, doing your Christmas shopping in the town centre, why not join Churches Together in Hereford (city) who will be leading a time of readings and singing Carols, accompanied by the St John's Methodist Band for late night shoppers, from 6.30pm. After this, wander over to the Old Market where there will be a further church presence, to remind shoppers of the real story behind all our preparations for the festive season.

Christians Together in Orleton – Ready, Steady, Christmas!

Christians in Orleton will be running another 'Ready, Steady, Christmas!' event on Sunday 10th December 2pm – 3.30pm in Orleton Village Hall.



This is a very informal, free, family event with fun games; Christmas crafts and activities and seasonal refreshments served with a Christmas message.

Churches Together in Weobley – Carol singing



Churches Together in Weobley will be singing carols on the Rose Garden, Weobley on Saturday December 23rd from 10.45am to 11.30am.

Churches Together in Weobley will also be holding their annual Christmas Lunch at the village hall on Sunday December 10th.

Christians Together in Colwall – Farmyard Nativity

Christians in Colwall are inviting all to Coddington Vineyard, Coddington, HR8 1JJ on Sunday December 10th for a Farmyard Nativity, complete with animals, mince pies and mulled cider – a real family occasion. There will be a simple telling of the Christmas story in a child-friendly style. Come at 3.30pm to meet the animals. The service starts at 4pm and lasts 30-40 minutes.

Churches Together in Kington – Open Air Carol Service

Christians will be singing Carols with the shoppers of Kington on Saturday 16th December from 10am to 11.30am at the Place de Marines in the town.

Annual Epiphany Service

Churches Together in Kington will be holding their Annual Epiphany Service at Kington Baptist Church on Sunday 31st December at 3pm, followed by refreshments.

Christmas Leaflets; Christmas Crib

Churches Together in Kington have again produced a Christmas leaflet, detailing services in all churches in the town this Christmas. They will be distributed through parish news, churches and at the Open Air Carol Singing. They will also be creating a crib scene in the Tourist Information Office.

Herefordshire Interfaith Group – Light Up a Life Service



People of all faiths are invited to join this interfaith Light Up a Life service on Thursday 7th

December at 2pm, kindly hosted by the Quakers of Hereford at the Friends Meeting House, King Street, Hereford. For more information about all the Light Up a Life Services: <http://www.st-michaels-hospice.org.uk/event-type/light-up-a-life/>

Vennture – job vacancy

This ecumenical organisation, with its work involving volunteers from many different churches across Herefordshire, has vacancies for Link Workers – Home Presence. The post is full time, initially for 12 months to mentor struggling parents, young people and individuals – often living in challenging and unimaginable circumstances.



To request an application pack, please email

julia.over@vennture.org.uk

Closing date for applications Friday 18th December.

Hereford Anglican Diocese – Marches Christian Environmental Network



The Anglican Diocese of

Hereford has launched the Marches Christian Environmental Network (M-CENT). The group draws together Christians of all denominations concerned about the impact of climate change and the need to protect the environment. Its aims include putting care and responsibility for the environment at the heart of Christian theology and life, encouraging sustainable lifestyles and responding to the ethical injustices of the impact of climate change. The network will hold events and meetings along with sending out regular email of news, information and prayers. To join the monthly e-network,

sign up here: marches.CENT@gmail.com

Premier - Christmas Alone



Premier, the multi-media organisation, believes that no-one should have to spend Christmas alone if they don't want to, and for the 5th year running they are aiming to help people across the UK to go to places so that they can spend their Christmas with others. They are inviting others to share their vision by hosting a Christmas day event for their community. They have produced a special Christmas pack, which includes all the key information and answers questions to help plan an event effortlessly. If you are aware of any Christmas Day event, please make sure you register it with Premier. For more info:

<https://www.premier.org.uk/Projects/Christmas-Alone>

HOPE – Christmas Giveaway

'Christmas Hope' is a free glossy magazine produced by HOPE for churches to give



away this Christmas. It features comedian Miranda Hart, Sky Sports and former Blue Peter presenter Simon Thomas. As well as competitions and giveaways, there's a feature on churches and Christmas hampers. Preview the magazine here:

<http://hopetogether.org.uk/christmas>