

MISSION AND MINISTRY MAILING

Spring/Summer 2024

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

For everyone

2024 Diocesan Year of Faith

As part of living out our values in every corner of our diocese, Bishop Richard calls us in 2024 to grow together in our faith. Below is a list of events, teaching and study days which all are invited to participate in.

Bishop's study days:

- **Thursday 24th October – venue St Peter's Church, Hereford**

Bishop's teaching days:

1. *Growing in confidence in the word of God:*

A Saturday morning where Bishop Richard shares his confidence in the bible followed by seminar choices: 9:30am-1pm

- **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 - St Mary's Church, Ross on Wye**
- **Saturday 13th July - St Michael and All Angels Church, Ledbury**
- **Saturday 5th October - Bridgnorth Deanery venue TBC**

Spiritual Question Times (7-9pm):

- **Thursday 25th April - St Katherine's Hall, Ledbury**
- **Tuesday 14th May - Kingsland Church**
- **Tuesday 11th June - St Peter's Church, Hereford**

For more information on all of the above events and to book click [here](#)

or contact mark.melluish@hereford.anglican.org

GROWING TOGETHER
Year of Faith 2024



INFUSE

Worship and prayer events for young people across our Diocese

Dates:

- * Friday 29th March - **Good Friday Creative Prayer space**—Infuse event online. Contact Lizzy: e.hackney@hereford.anglican.org for the zoom link and permission forms
- * 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

Intergenerational Mission Learning Community

Date: 15th April 2024

Times: 11am-1pm



For anyone involved in Intergeneration 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 and for future Learning Community dates please contact Lizzie Hackney on e.hackney@hereford.anglican.org

Open The Book 'Air and Share'

Dates: Tuesday 14th May

Times: 11:30am-1.00pm

Venue: Orleton Village Hall, Millbrook Way, Orleton, SY8 4HW



Open The book will turn 25 years old this year and we will be joined by Ruth Holden, the Open The Book Regional Training and Development Officer to celebrate (and eat cake!) as well as share ideas, be inspired and pray with other storytellers. All Open The Book Storytellers are welcome as well as anyone who would like to find out more about Open The Book.

To book a place or for more information contact Kathy.Bland@hereford.anglican.org

Open The Book is interactive Bible storytelling in Primary Schools and is a great way of helping your church build connections with your local school.

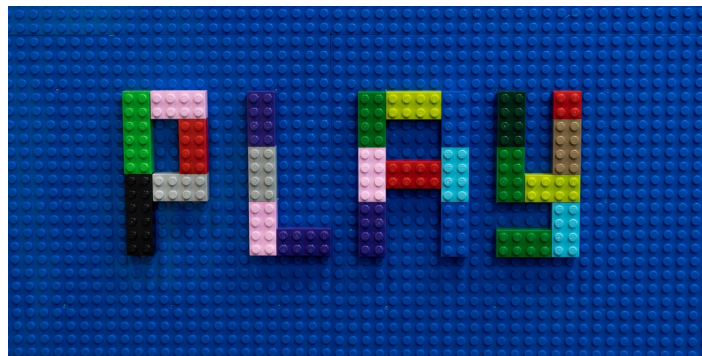
Advance Warning-Vocations Evening

Date: 22nd May 2024

Times: TBC

We will be holding our annual event for those feeling a call from God to a particular sort of ministry, whether lay, ordained, intergenerational, or still working it out on the evening of Wednesday 22nd May. This will be at the Ludlow Mascall Centre in conjunction with Cuddesdon: Gloucester & Hereford (formerly WEMTC) and we shall be sending out a specific invitation nearer the time. Do consider people you might encourage to attend.

For further information contact Neil Patterson : DDVO@hereford.anglican.org



Essentials and the Art of Out of the Box Course

Dates: A two day course on Thursday 30th and Friday 31st May 2024

Venue: Whitehouse Community Hub in Tupsley, Whittern Way, Hereford, HR1 1PG

Cost: Members of churches in the Diocese of Hereford will be given a grant of £210 towards the fee so will only pay £110 (cost includes meals but not accommodation)

[OutoftheBox](#) uses story and play for personal and community wellbeing. OutoftheBox stories are in use in a range of [settings](#) including schools, care homes, workplaces, community groups, families, therapeutic settings, chaplaincy, spiritual accompaniment and faith communities.

We will be playfully, creatively relaxing into stories together. The learning model is action-reflection with time to experience the approach, to reflect on the experiences and to practise the art of OutoftheBox.

The OutoftheBox approach will also be modelled in the training process with the facilitators drawing out the wisdom of the group and enabling peer learning. The training will have the feel of a retreat, as we share stories together and have time for shared meals and coffee breaks.

There are a maximum of 12 people on the training. To book, complete this Google Form by clicking [here](#)

For more information contact Lizzie Hackney: e.hackney@hereford.anglican.org

Diocesan Environment Day Conferences

Save the dates:

- **Saturday 22nd June (Hereford Cathedral)**
- **Saturday 28th September (Church Stretton, St Laurence Church)**

Times: TBC



Open to all. A day to include a variety of workshops, case studies, show casing of environmental groups and outdoor worship. More information to follow.

Bring your own lunch. Refreshments will be provided.

For further information contact: stephen.hollinghurst@hereford.anglican.org

Healthwatch Herefordshire - Wellbeing Engagement Project

A reminder if you haven't already done so to respond to this initiative:



Have your say

Rural Communities in Herefordshire

We need to hear from you

Every day in the UK, someone is diagnosed with a disease or a condition. The treatment and support they will receive will, at some point, have been informed by **health & social care research**

Have your say about which studies & research gets done, how it's carried out & how it will benefit you and your community

Share your views, opinions, experiences & ideas

Help us to improve the health of rural communities in Herefordshire



Want to find out more?
Call or text Kerry on 07726 937276
kerryhealthwatchherefordshire@gmail.com
www.healthwatchherefordshire.co.uk

Get in touch or scan the QR code to complete our questionnaire online

Talk to us...

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

There is a questionnaire (which is anonymised) that can be completed: "[have your say questionnaire](#)"

Street Pastors and Ambassadors

We are working closely with the charity "[Vennture](#)" to support them in the vital work they do across Herefordshire to "Bring practical meaning to the Power of Jesus' Love" across the county. They are continuing to seek support for both the work of Street Pastors and Ambassadors.

If you feel this is an area where you maybe called to serve, and you meet the necessary criteria then do please get in touch with Joe Simons: joe.simons@hereford.anglican.org who will pass your details across to the relevant person within Vennture.

To learn more about the work of Vennture and how to volunteer click [here](#)

The work that they do is truly transformational supporting in practical ways those who need it at a time when they are most vulnerable.



For clergy

Parenting as a Church Leader day

Date: Tuesday 11th June 9:30-14:30

Online via zoom

Parenting as a church leader requires unique skills and choices, and it can feel like a lonely journey. Join other church leaders for an online day designed especially for you – as a parent. Hear the results of research, share your experience with others, talk honestly about your journey and hear from those who've walked this path before.



The day is held over Zoom between school hours for ease of accessibility and is being provided by [BRF Ministries](#). It features video teaching from Rachel Turner, pioneer of Parenting for Faith, and discussion in small groups. BRF Ministry have run this day for several years, receiving very positive feedback.

For the first time this year discounts are available if booking as a group of 5 or 10 participants.

For further information and to book click [here](#)

Oversight Ministry Conversation

Date: Wednesday 3rd July 10am-12noon

Venue: The Kemp Room at the Ludlow Mascall Centre

We will be continuing the conversation about Oversight Ministry with incumbents, Rural Deans and Archdeacon Fiona.

If you would like to come along and join the conversation please contact elizabeth.wild@hereford.anglican.org

For Readers

Reader Quiet evening

Date: Monday 3rd June

Time: 6:15pm for 6:30pm

Venue: St Michael's Church Breinton, Hereford, HR4 7PG

Readers from outside the Deanery are warmly invited to come. Please inform Malcolm Robertson (01432 351134) so enough seating can be arranged. Since the first Quiet Evening in 2018 we have been blessed with wonderful weather and the event has been outside in splendid sunshine, so come prepared.

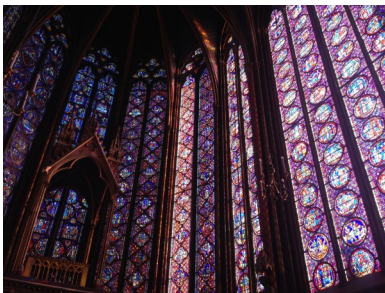


Hereford Diocesan Readers Association AGM and Service of Renewal Commitment

Date: Saturday 14th September

Time: 3pm AGM, 5:30pm Renewal of Commitment during Evensong

Venue: Hereford Cathedral



The AGM will be followed by refreshments and then Evensong including the 'Renewal of Commitment'.

For more information about the above events contact: elizabeth.wild@hereford.anglican.org

Events from other providers

National Church Environment webinars for senior leaders

- **Doughnut Economics: Tuesday 19th March 4-5pm**
With Kate Raworth, an economist [Register via zoom](#)
- **The science of climate change: Tuesday 7th May 4-5pm**
With Dr Beatrix Schlarb-Ridley, Director of Innovations & Impact, British Antarctic Survey [Register via zoom](#)

Mental Health First Aid Trainings (free)

[Qube](#) (a charity based in Oswestry) and Shropshire Council are offering these free workshops for staff and volunteers working in their communities. These aim to help raise awareness and understanding of mental health issues and equip participants with more confidence and skills.

- **Suicide First Aid: Understanding Suicide Intervention : 14th May (7 hours); Oswestry**
- **5 ways to Wellbeing: Practical tips for living well: 18th June (2 hours) online**
- **Mental Health First Aid Aware Adult: 11th July (3.5 hours); Church Stretton**

For more information contact :Adam Fejfer, Mental Health Support Officer at [Qube](#) to book a place.
Email: a.fejfer@qube-oca.org.uk or phone: 07515 713141

Rural Mission & Ministry Course

Are you pondering the future of your local rural church? Struggling to lead through a season of great change?

When and Where: 1-2nd May at Yarnfield, Staffs or 2-3rd October at King's Park, Northampton



Come and gather with other ecumenical rural leaders (lay and ordained) to explore what community, mission, evangelism and leadership can look like in rural contexts.

For further information and to book: <https://arthurrankcentre.org.uk/ruralministrycourse/>

College of Preacher Workshops online

Ticket prices: general £12; ministry student £10

- **Brevity, Soul, Wit: preaching for schools, chapels and small groups**
Date: Thursday 13th June 10:30-13:00
Workshop Leader: Alycia Timmis
- **Using Personal stories in preaching**
Date: Saturday 13th July 10:30-13:00
Workshop leader: Matt Allen
- **Preaching with Confidence**
Date: Tuesday 23d July 10:30-13:00
Workshop Leader: Jennifer Brown
This workshop is particularly designed for those who are new or relatively new to preaching.



Please let mary.oxley@hereford.anglican.org know if you are interested in attending the Preaching with Confidence workshop to obtain a discount code.

For more information on all of the above workshops and to book

<https://www.collegeofpreachers.co.uk/events>

A Simple Guide to Planning and Leading Worship

A training course for Lay Worship Leaders



This new 'do it yourself' course from *Transforming Worship* (formally known as Praxis) is ideal for lay people who are embarking on planning and leading worship for the first time and want to do it well, particularly for those situated in small rural churches. The course is easy to use for individual study and includes three short videos with accompanying handouts (all of which can be downloaded free of charge).

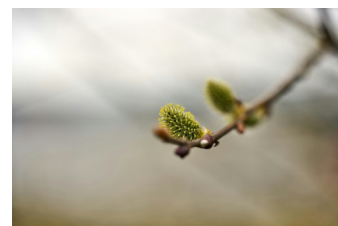
The videos are narrated by Revd Helen Bent, a respected author and trainer of worship leaders and explores why we worship, how we craft inspiring worship, and how we lead well with confidence and sensitivity.

More information can be found on the Transforming Worship website:

<https://transformingworship.news/> then look under Resources

And follow this link to access the training videos:

<https://www.youtube.com/@TransformingWorship/featured>



Useful resources

Diocesan Resources

Don't forget that you can borrow a selection of outdoor games for spring and summer events from our Diocesan Resources Unit in Leominster. These include Giant Jenga, Connect Four, Dominoes, Chess, Noughts and Crosses.

Additionally, we have Godly Play Story boxes and resource for creating Prayer Spaces.

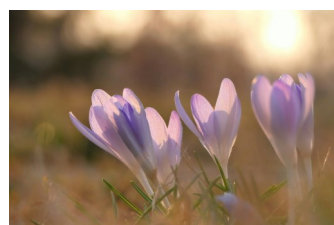
Contact kathy.bland@hereford.anglican.org to book.

National Church Vision & Strategy webinars:

Getting started with children and young people's ministry

The latest webinars from the National Church include:

- [Key insights for church growth with children and youth ministry](#)
- [Resources for successful children and youth ministry](#)
- [Prioritising and adapting for growing a children and youth ministry](#)
- [Getting started with children and young people's ministry](#)



Recordings of previous webinars are also available: [Vision & Strategy Webinars](#)

[Mission and Ministry](#)