



Welcome to the first combined Ministry & Training Times! This is the first in what's planned to be a termly update from all staff working under the Board for Ministry and Training (BMT).

Our aim here is to alert you to some upcoming events and resources, and to give you a flavour of what's been happening over recent months. Having been here 18 months now I'm very struck by the richness and variety of learning opportunities for Anglicans in Hereford diocese. It's great to be able to give these a slightly higher profile by means of the M&T Times.

Of course this isn't just a shop window for BMT staff. Watch out too for our guest contributors... Come, feast on the limpid prose of the likes of Mel from the Resources Centre, and Colin from the reaches of Bridgnorth deanery... Don't let me keep you...

John Daniels

## New MAP resources for the New Year



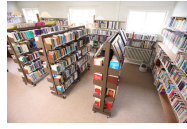
We're unusual as a diocese for having so many small churches in multi-parish groupings and benefices while Mission Action Plan resources and expertise nationally often tend to be more focused on bigger churches. But we've been learning from each other as some of our smaller churches have been dipping their toes into "MAPping" in 2011.

In the New Year visit our new Mission and Ministry Development pages listed under Churchwork on the diocesan website to find new

Mission Action Planning resources, ideas, support and training suitable for small as well as larger churches.

Act Justly  
Love Tenderly  
Walk Humbly

## Meet our Librarian



Did you know that Hereford Diocese has its own Library and Resources Centre based at the Bishop Mascall Centre in Ludlow? Mel Wilson-Claridge has been the librarian since 1996 and thoroughly enjoys running a theological library and resource centre. "Finding suitable material for people to use in schools, youth groups, ministry and members of the public who drop in with a query is the most satisfying part of the job" said Mel. "The worst is never having enough funds to purchase all the interesting and informative books available". Although Mel only works part time, 9am-1pm Monday to Friday, the library is open all day and things are easy to find, so go and have a look round. You can contact Mel on 01584 879 307 or [admin@bmcresources.org.uk](mailto:admin@bmcresources.org.uk).

## 'Keeping Your head Above Water'

CMD Conference led by John Truscott

Review by The Revd Colin Resch

When it comes to time well spent, this CMD conference, *Keeping Your Head Above Water* was time extremely well spent. John is a self-confessed administration junkie. John Truscott is passionate about administration and paperwork. His thinking was well presented both practically and theologically. During the day he presented us with some very useful tips about maintaining a clear working space; how to avoid those piles of papers that mount up on the desk; managing emails; and ways of ensuring that even the smallest jobs don't get forgotten. I can't say that I'm a reformed character yet and I certainly don't share John's passion for admin but perhaps I'm working towards it.

## Pride of Herefordshire Awards 2011



Now in its fifth year and sponsored by businesses and organisations in Herefordshire we are pleased to report that Tony Hodder, First Year Curate in the South Wye Team Ministry in Hereford, has received an award for his work with Close House, Hereford.

**Congratulations Tony!**

## Spotlight On...



## Education & Christian Discipleship Course



With the back drop of Worcester Cathedral, 3 graduates of the "E & CD" Course celebrated with family and friends as they received certificates from the University of Worcester.

Helen Byard from Vowchurch, Stuart Vince and Sam Morgan from Madley (part of the Wye Dore Benefice) received Certificates in Higher Education on 1st November cheered on by Paddy Benson, Archdeacon of Hereford, Simon Lockett, Vicar of the Madley Benefice and Miss Fiona Brooke, the Course Administrator of the Diocesan Ministry Development Staff Team.

Now heading into its fifth year the course runs on a part-time basis over two years and is designed to help people to reflect on what it is to be a disciple of Jesus and how to encourage and support others in their Christian journeys. The emphasis of is on practically becoming a more effective disciple and an ambassador in the Kingdom of God; mission, including witnessing beyond the church; helping others in their walk with God; Christian Spirituality; and core modules such as Working with the New Testament, Working with the Old Testament and developing and strengthening Study Skills.

For more information please contact Fiona at [MDT@hereford.anglican.org](mailto:MDT@hereford.anglican.org) or visit the Mission, Ministry and Development web pages.



# Training Opportunities In and Out of the Diocese

Resources for Mission, Ministry, Discipleship and Parish Development

[http://www.hereford.anglican.org/churchwork/mission\\_ministry\\_and\\_development/index.aspx](http://www.hereford.anglican.org/churchwork/mission_ministry_and_development/index.aspx)

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## Soul Spark Leader Roadshow

If you are planning to or just thinking of running Soul Spark through Lent, come to one of these sessions which give you an opportunity to experience something of the course and look at leading it.

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|--------------|---------------|---------------------------------------|--------------|---------------|--------------------------------|
| 16 January   | 10.00-12.30am | St Peter's, Bromyard                  | 23rd January | 7.00-9.30pm   | Diocesan Office Ludlow         |
| 16th January | 2.00-4.30pm   | The Forbury, Leominster               | 26th January | 10.00-12.30am | Parish Room Ross-on-Wye        |
| 17th January | 2.00-4.30pm   | Parish Room, Much Wenlock             | 26th January | 2.00-4.30pm   | St Katherine's Hall, Ledbury   |
| 17th January | 7.00-9.30pm   | Village Hall Meeting Room, Dorrington | 30th January | 7.00-9.30pm   | St Peter's Centre, Peterchurch |
| 23rd January | 10.00-12.30am | The Palace, Hereford                  |              |               |                                |

**Places are limited so please book in advance**  
To Book Contact MDT Office

## CMD Conferences 2011-12

**15th January**  
2.00pm-6.15pm  
John Daniels  
**Resilient Community - Resilient Church?**

**21st-22nd February**  
10.00am-4.30pm / 9.45am-3.30pm  
Paula Gooder  
**Heaven**

**Full Booked**

**13th March**  
10.00am-3.30pm  
Anne Tomlinson  
**Collaborative Ministry**

All Conferences are held at the Bishop Mascall Centre, Lower Galdeford, Ludlow SY8 1RZ

Bookings:  
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## Marking 2012

The Queen's Diamond Jubilee and the Olympics present great opportunities for churches to be at the centre of community celebrations, helping to build community, and reaching out with God's love. There are great nationally produced resources and stories of plans by churches and communities across the UK to inspire and help you. A range of these ideas, resources and links are shown on the Parish Development section of the Diocesan website—go to Churchwork followed by Mission and Ministry Development and look for "seasonal/topical".

Caroline Pascoe



## National Local Ministry Conference 20-22 January 2012

Elements permitting, January will see the usual contingent from Hereford diocese embark on the annual pilgrimage to this get-together with colleagues from around the country. It's always a splendid occasion, but this year is special as we've been asked to give a presentation on Local Ministry Hereford-style.

Watch this space to hear what happened!



Find our MDT webpages under Churchwork on the diocesan website.

## Local Ministry Clergy Get-Together 9 February 2012

Did you know that clergy from Local Ministry Development Groups assemble three times a year to think great thoughts together? Recent topics have included: Mission Action Planning; an introduction to the new support provision for LMDGs; and 'Team Player - Moi?' Our next meeting will focus more on the specific situations and issues which those present will bring with them. And with a BMC lunch to round the morning off, how better to get ready for Lent?

## Diocesan Conference 2012 11th-13th July

Harper Adams University College, Shropshire

Booking Info:

Revd Penny Littlewood  
(01432) 760 835 or at

[www.hereford.anglican.org/churchwork/mission\\_ministry\\_and\\_development/deepening\\_discipleship/seasonal\\_and\\_topical/diocesan\\_conference\\_2012/index.aspx](http://www.hereford.anglican.org/churchwork/mission_ministry_and_development/deepening_discipleship/seasonal_and_topical/diocesan_conference_2012/index.aspx)

## Association for Promoting Retreats



Today the APR works alongside other similar groups from different Church traditions to promote the value of retreats: for individuals, for the Church, and for society as a whole.

APR Website:

<http://www.promotingretreats.org/>

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