

# MISSION AND MINISTRY MAILING

Autumn/Winter 2024-25

Welcome to the fourth edition of the 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 teaching day:

*Growing in confidence in our Christian faith:*

- **Saturday 5th October – 9:30-13:00**
- **St Peter's Church on Worfield, Near Bridgnorth**



Bishop Richard will lead the teaching sessions, sharing valuable insights and practical tips to help us grow in our Christian faith. We'll explore various aspects of our faith, including understanding the bible, deepening our prayer life and overcoming doubts. For more information and to register for the event click [here](#)

### Bishop's study day:

- **Thursday 24th October – 10:00-14:00**
- **Venue St Peter's Church, Hereford**

Explore the significance of faith in our lives and discover new perspectives that will enrich your spiritual journey. Speakers include Revd Prebendary Dr Isabelle Hamley Secretary for Theology and Theological Adviser to the House of Bishops. For more information and to reserve a free place click [here](#)

### Spiritual Question Time:

- **Tuesday 12th November – 19:00-21:00**
- **Venue: Stokesay Inn, Craven Arms**

Join us for an evening of deep conversations and soul-searching with Bishop Richard and Dean Sarah to answer your questions. To register for this free event click [here](#).

or contact [mark.melluish@hereford.anglican.org](mailto:mark.melluish@hereford.anglican.org)

### City Praise - with Russ Parker:

- **Sunday 20th October – 19:00**
- **Venue: Hereford Cathedral**

For further information email : [info@citypraise.net](mailto:info@citypraise.net)

GROWING TOGETHER  
Year of Faith 2024



# Intergenerational Mission Learning Community

- **Monday 23rd September: 11:30-12:30 online via zoom**
- **Tuesday 15th October: 11:00-13:00 St Michael & All Angels Church, Kingsland**
- **Thursday 14th November: 11:00-13:00 St John's Church, Bishop Castle**
- **Wednesday 11th December: 11:00-13:00 St Martins Church, South Wye**



For anyone involved with Intergenerational 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](mailto:e.hackney@hereford.anglican.org)

## INFUSE YOUTH EVENTS

Worship and prayer events for young people across our Diocese

- **Thursday 26th September: 19:00-20:30 online via zoom**
- **Saturday 26th October: 14:00-16:00 Infuse event at Hereford Cathedral**
- **Thursday 14th November: 19:00-20:30 online via zoom**

To book or for more details contact the Intergenerational Team: [e.hackney@hereford.anglican.org](mailto:e.hackney@hereford.anglican.org)



## Diocesan Environment Day Conference

**Saturday 28th September (Church Stretton, St Laurence Church) 10:30-16:15**

Open to all. This day of learning and discussion about environmental issues will include a range of interactive workshops with inspiring testimonies and practical ideas. Workshops include:

- Eco Church and Beyond led by Margot Hodson
- Creation Spirituality led by Fr Jonathan Mitchell, RC Diocese of Shrewsbury
- Caring for God's Acre led by Harriet Carty.

The day will close with an outdoor "Worship with Creation" led by Lizzie Hackney and [Stephen Hollinghurst](#).

For more information on the speakers, an agenda and to book click [here](#). Or email [Stephen Hollinghurst](#).

## First Aid Trainings

We have **12 places** available on each of the following accredited day trainings, 9:30-16:00.

To book a place **ASAP** contact Lizzie Hackney on [e.hackney@hereford.anglican.org](mailto:e.hackney@hereford.anglican.org)

- **Monday 14th October: First Aid at The Pilgrim Centre, Craven Arms. Cost £5**
- **Tuesday 12th November: Mental Health First Aid at The Forbury, Leominster. Cost £10**
- **Wednesday 27th November: Mental Health First Aid for those working with Young People At St Johns Church, Bishops Castle. Cost £5**



## Vocations Gathering

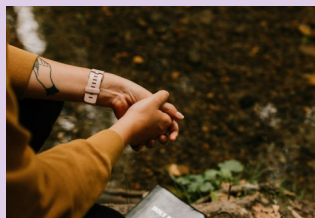
**Date: Saturday 26th October**

**Time: 11:00-13:00**

**Venue: Ludlow Mascall Centre, Ludlow, Clun Room**

All those who are exploring a calling to lay or ordained ministry are welcome to join us for refreshments at 11am, followed by time to explore some of the Qualities for Ministry: Love for God, Love for Others and Call to Ministry, ending with worship. Information on Local Ministry roles, Reader Ministry and Ordained Ministry will be available.

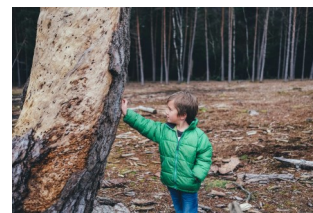
For more information contact [elizabeth.wild@hereford.anglican.org](mailto:elizabeth.wild@hereford.anglican.org)



## Muddy Forest Meet up

**Saturday 9th November: 10:30-12:30**

**Venue: the Shropshire Hills Discovery Centre, Craven Arms**



An opportunity to experience Forest Church and Muddy Church in the midst of the Shropshire Hills this Autumn. If you have ever wondered what Forest or Muddy Churches are like, come along to experience Autumnal outdoor worship around the camp fire. If you are part of an existing Forest or Muddy Church, why not come along to share your experiences and hear how others approach outdoor worship?

To book a place and so that we can send you more information about the event please contact Lizzie: [e.hackney@hereford.anglican.org](mailto:e.hackney@hereford.anglican.org)

## Healthwatch Herefordshire

### 'Chatty Van' and 10,000 stories'

We are currently working with Healthwatch Herefordshire to look at how expenditure on health and social care could be better allocated. The plan is to work more closely with the 3rd sector to create tailored solutions geared to the individual and their carers.

As part of their campaign, Healthwatch have launched the 'Chatty Van' and '10,000 stories' to help identify where current issues might exist and to obtain evidence based on real life situations.

The Chatty Van is a vehicle which allows people to share their stories, express their concerns and visions while enjoying a cuppa or an ice-cream. More information on the Chatty Vans can be found [here](#).

The ambition is to obtain 10,000 stories across Herefordshire and so Healthwatch Herefordshire have teamed up with [Citizens UK](#) to form the first Citizen Herefordshire Alliance, bringing together everyday people and local organisations to build a better, fairer society. The aim is to make use of the stories to drive social change and action in the county. You can share your own stories by using the following link "[have you shared your story yet](#)".

If you can suggest any locations close to your churches where the 'Chatty Van' could be sited please contact Joe Simons who will then speak with the relevant contact so that they can assess the practicality of the location.

Email [Joe.simons@hereford.anglican.org](mailto:Joe.simons@hereford.anglican.org)

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Herefordshire

## National Prayer for Children and Young People

**Every Tuesday 13:00-13:20**

Join a weekly twenty-minute online prayer gathering for DOUBLING the number of children and young active disciples in the Church of England by 2030.

- The prayer gathering will be reasonably fast –paced, start and end on time. Some time may be spent in break-out rooms, but throughout, prayers can be offered verbally, in the chat or silently.
- We aim to use a variety of styles of prayer.
- This would be a great use of just twenty minutes of your time each week if you have a longing to see new young disciples of Jesus.

Everyone is welcome, so spread the word. When joining you can add Hereford Diocese to your 'Participant Name' to see who is praying locally. For more information and to sign up click [here](#)



## Diocesan Prayer for Children and Young People

**Every Tuesday at 13:30pm**

An opportunity to pray for children, young people and their families who we minister to through our Diocese. Meeting for 30 minutes following the national Zoom Prayer (information above) every Tuesday at 13:30.

To access the zoom meeting click [here](#)

The Meeting ID is: 871 1448 2667

The Passcode is: 690062

For further information contact Lizzie: [e.hackney@hereford.anglican.org](mailto:e.hackney@hereford.anglican.org)

For clergy

## Oversight Ministry Conversation

**Date: Wednesday 6th November 14:00-16:00**

**Venue: The Kemp Room at the Ludlow Mascall Centre**

We will be continuing the conversation about Oversight Ministry, a meeting that is open to all incumbents and Rural Deans. During the meeting we will also be discussing the recommended book "How to Lead When You Don't Know Where You are Going: Leading in a Liminal Season" by Susan Beaumont.

If you would like to come along and join the conversation please contact [elizabeth.wild@hereford.anglican.org](mailto:elizabeth.wild@hereford.anglican.org)

## Handling Conflict Constructively—Save the dates

### A training event led by either Liz Griffiths or Sue Haslehurst from Bridge Builders

These three training events are open to all parochial clergy including curates. Please note that there is a maximum of **16 places** for each event.

#### Hereford Archdeaconry

Venue: The conference Room, Diocesan Office, Hereford

- Tuesday 18th March 2025
- Tuesday 30th September 2025

#### Ludlow Archdeaconry

Venue: Severn Wye Room, Ludlow Mascall Centre

- Wednesday 11th June 2025 (date to be confirmed)

Initial timings suggested are for a 10am start and 4:30pm finish, with half an hour for lunch.

To book a place or for more information contact Cheryl: [c.combstock@hereford.anglican.org](mailto:c.combstock@hereford.anglican.org)



## Events from other providers

### 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, address stigma and equip participants with more confidence and skills.

#### **Suicide First Aid: Understanding Suicide Intervention-13th November 2024 (09:30-16:30)**

Venue: The Lantern, Meadow Farm Drive, Shrewsbury, SY1 4NG

#### **Neurodiversity-4th December 2024 (09:30-14:00)**

Venue: Shropshire Mental Health Support, Holywell Street, Shrewsbury, SY2 6BL

#### **Mental Health First Aider (2day)-23rd and 30th January 2025 (09:30-16:30)**

Venue: Hands Together Ludlow, Ludlow, SY8 1RU

#### **Burnout prevention-6th February 2025 (10:00-13:00)**

Online

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

Or contact

[joe.simons@hereford.anglican.org](mailto:joe.simons@hereford.anglican.org)



## College of Preacher Workshops online

- **Exploring the Big Question in Our Preaching**  
**Date: Thursday 19th September, 10:30-13:00**  
Workshop Leader: Martin Little
- **Preaching from Luke's Gospel**  
**Date: Tuesday 15th October, 10:30-13:00**  
Workshop leader: Neil Richardson
- **Preaching for Advent & Christmas**  
**Date: Saturday 2nd November, 10:30-13:00**  
Workshop Leader: John Woods



Further details for all workshops, including ticket prices and details of how to book are available on the College of Preachers' website: <http://www.collegeofpreachers.co.uk/events>

## Beyond Calling?

### Addressing the Demands of Modern Ministry

This event organised by the Royal Holloway, Birkbeck and Southampton Universities explores research into the demands of ordained ministry. It will be of interest to clergy from Curates to Area Deans who are, or have recently been, practising parish priests or priests-in-training.

**Date:** Thursday 24th October 2024

**Venue:** St Barnabas Church, Jericho, Oxford, OX2 6BG

**Time:** 10:30-16:30

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

## Useful resources

### A Christian Aid resource- 'Break Bread with your newly elected MP'

[Christian Aid](#) have recently launched a guide 'Breaking Bread with your newly elected MP' for us to use in support of their work addressing issues around poverty and social justice. The aim of the guide is to help individuals and churches put faith into action by starting (or renewing) relationships with their MPs by meeting with them, to find out what their views are and to urge them to act on poverty.

You can sign up for a free copy of the guide via this [link](#)



## Worship Resources for Lay Leaders

The following resources have been developed by the Diocesan Liturgical Group to support parishes in vacancy:

- Christingle with accompanying risk assessment template
- Lent: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday reflective services with a hymn list
- Ascension and Pentecost
- Harvest
- Animal Celebration or Pet Blessing service

These templates are mostly designed to be lay-led, so may also be of interest for incumbents of large-multi parish Benefices who have supporting Readers or Local Worship Leaders.

All the above resources can be found on the Diocesan website : <https://www.hereford.anglican.org/ministry/local-ministry/>

Please feel free to use or adapt.

## Transforming Worship

### 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.

The resources for this course can be assessed by clicking [here](#)



# Introducing the new members of our team



**Douglas Reed**  
**Programme Manager**

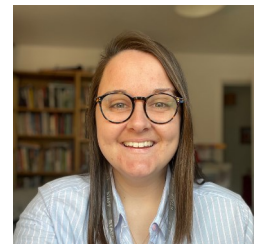
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I joined the *Mission and Ministry Team* in July as the new Programme Manager. As such, I will be supporting strategic projects within the diocese, in terms of planning, monitoring and reporting, evaluation and learning. Initially, I am very much focussed on the *Youth Hubs* pilot projects, working closely with Lizzie and Heather. I will take on support for other projects in the coming months.

My professional background is with an international charity which worked with children and young people, their families and communities to address the issue of child-family separation. Based in Africa for 25 years and in the UK for the last 7 years, I worked in various roles, from 'on the ground' in projects, to coordination and advisory roles internationally. I am passionate about ensuring that projects/programmes are driving towards a clear mission and are informed by available evidence.

**Heather Martin**  
**Youth Hub Coordinator**

[heather.martin@hereford.anglican.org](mailto:heather.martin@hereford.anglican.org)



I have just started as the new Youth Hub Coordinator for the new Youth Hubs. While I am still getting to grips with what my role will actually look like, it will mainly be overseeing what is going on and the team 'on the ground' as well as building relationships with the local community and identifying possible new partnerships and opportunities to engage with young people in those areas. Part of my role will also be delivering training and equipping churches to reimagine church for the next generation.

I have lived in Hereford for 3 years now having previously worked as the Children, Youth and Digital Lead at SPSJ. Prior to moving to Hereford, I worked as a Children and Youth Worker at a Baptist Church in Bishops Stortford and a Learning Support Assistant in a Boy's secondary school while training at Ridley Hall in Cambridge. I have a big passion for sport, particularly football having played for a number of years and now coaching a number of football teams locally as well as Hereford FC Women, with a previous background of PE Teaching.



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