

MISSION AND MINISTRY MAILING

Winter 2024-25

Welcome to the Mission and Ministry mailing no.5 with news of training and development opportunities in the Diocese of Hereford

For everyone

2025 Diocesan Year of Engagement

During this year the Five Marks of Mission will be explored in a series of events:

- To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom
- To teach, baptise and nurture new believers
- To respond to human need by loving service
- To seek to transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and to pursue peace and reconciliation
- To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth.

2025 Dates for your diary (venues to be advised unless stated)

Launch of the Year of Engagement

- **Saturday, 4th January at 3:30pm**
- **Hereford Cathedral**

Involving people from around the diocese sent out with shoes to let the story of faith travel throughout the diocese. And an epiphany journey for those present and a 'Posada' Holy family who will travel for the year around the diocese.

Bishop's Teaching Days

On the following Saturdays 9:30-13:00:

- **31st May, 19th July, 13th September, 8th November.**

These will be in both Archdeaconries and include teaching on mission and evangelism by Bishop Richard. There will also be seminars exploring the Five Marks of Mission featuring stories of engagement from around the diocese. We hope to inspire you with ways you can engage with your communities and would love to hear your stories of how you already do so.

Please contact stephen.hollinghurst@hereford.anglican.org if you have a story of engagement from your church or community to share.

Bishop's Study Days

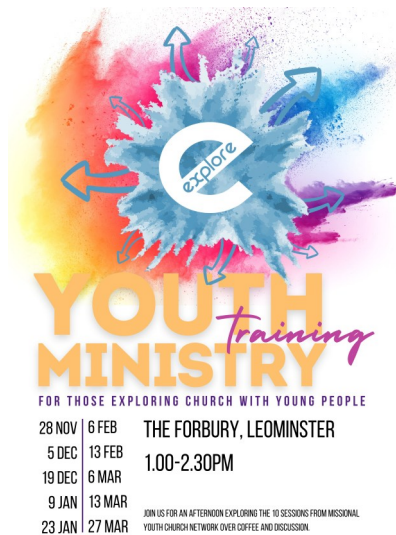
- **Tuesday 24th June 10:00-15:00 at the Community Centre in Craven Arms**

With input from Steve Hollinghurst, Mission Enabler Environment and Mthr Charlotte Gibson, Anglo-Catholic Missioner from Birmingham Diocese. Exploring the theology and practice of evangelism across the breadth of the church's traditions. Lunch will be provided.

- **Wednesday 22nd October 10:00-15:00 in or near Hereford, Venue TBC**

Input will be from Dr Krish Kandiah (www.krishk.com) Founder of the Sanctuary Foundation. Lunch will be provided.

Visit www.hereford.anglican.org/year-of-engagement for more information and to book onto events.



Explore Training

Our Youth Hub Coordinator, Heather Martin, is running some explore training across the Leominster, Kington and Weobley Deaneries. These trainings are open to anyone who might be interested in engaging with young people and faith. It is free to attend and ideal for individuals who can get to all of the 10 sessions to complete the training.

The trainings will be held at [The Forbury Chapel](#) in Leominster 1:00-2:30pm on the following dates:

Nov 28th; Dec 5th & 19th; Jan 9th & 23rd Jan; Feb 6th & 13th; Mar 6th, 13th & 27th.

For more information contact heather.martin@hereford.anglican.org

Missional Youth Church Network Explore virtual resource sessions

Our diocese has been partnering with Missional Youth Church Network. Explore is a multi-session, video-based resource designed to equip you and your team to connect with local teens, listen to their voices, build church and enable them to begin a journey towards faith. Join with us on zoom with your team or on your own:

- **Tuesday 10th December 19:30-21:00** "Safeguarding! Practical ways to do safeguarding really well with unchurched teens"
- **Monday 13th January 19:30-21:00** "Hear it! How can we listen really well to young people in our context and adapt our approach to sharing faith and doing church creatively?"

Click [here](#) to reserve your place.

contact Lizzie Hackney on e.hackney@hereford.anglican.org

Intergenerational Mission Learning Community-further dates:



- **Wednesday 11th December, 11:00-13:00-South Wye**
- **Tuesday 28th January, 11:30-13:00 via zoom**
- **Monday 24th February, 11:00-13:00 venue TBC**
- **Tuesday 25th March, 14:00-15:00 via zoom**
- **Monday 28th April, 11:00-13:00, venue TBC**
- **Wednesday 28th May, 18:00-19:30 via zoom**

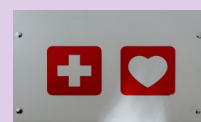
For more information contact Lizzie Hackney on e.hackney@hereford.anglican.org

FREE virtual Mental Health First Aid Training for those Working with Young People

We will be running an accredited course in Mental Health First Aid for those working with Young People over two sessions 18:00-21:00 via zoom:

- Thursday 23rd January
- Friday 24th January

To book a place **ASAP** contact Lizzie Hackney on e.hackney@hereford.anglican.org



INFUSE YOUTH EVENTS

Worship and prayer events for young people across our Diocese

- **Saturday 1st February, 14:00-16:00 venue TBC**
- **Thursday 27th February via zoom 19:00-20:00**
- **Saturday 29th March, 14:00-16:00 venue TBC**



To book or for more details contact the Intergenerational Team: e.hackney@hereford.anglican.org

Mission with Young People

Saturday 1st February, 9:00-12:30, in Leominster (venue TBC)

Saturday 22nd March, 9:00-12:30, in Bishops Castle (venue TBC)

As part of the development of our Youth Hubs, [Ugly Duckling Charity](#) will be facilitating sessions for teams from local churches to reflect on their mission with children, young people and families, and to creatively explore how to connect with people in our communities and fulfil the Great Commission.

Contact Heather Martin for more details and to book: heather.martin@hereford.anglican.org

The next Muddy Forest meet up

Saturday 8th February 13:00-15:00

Venue: the Shropshire Hills Discovery Centre, Craven Arms

To book a place and for more information about the event please contact: e.hackney@hereford.anglican.org

Vocations Gathering

Date: Saturday 22nd February

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: Wisdom, Fruitfulness and Potential, 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



Save the date: the next Vocations Gathering which will be on **Saturday 24th May, 11:00-13:00** at the Ludlow Mascall Centre.

Life-long Learning

Continuing Ministerial Development (CMD)

"Will you be diligent in prayer, in reading Holy Scripture, and in all studies that will deepen your faith and fit you to bear witness to the truth of the Gospel?"

This question is asked of all Readers (LLMs) in the Service of Admission, and of all deacons, priests and bishops in the Ordinal. It places life-long learning, support and development at the heart of the lives of all in ministry. Developmental learning is a central aspect of discipleship and hallmark of good practice.

In the Diocese of Hereford, CMD includes training courses and conferences, coaching, mentoring, pastoral supervision, study leave and work-consultancy through the process of Ministerial Development Review (Clergy) and Annual Review (Readers/LLM).

Grants are available for clergy and licensed lay ministers in the Church of England who are serving in the Diocese of Hereford. Support can also be sought from other local and national sources—please contact mary.oxley@hereford.anglican.org for details. Further information can be found on the diocesan website:

www.hereford.anglican.org/ministry/clergy-ministry/cmd/

Handling Conflict Constructively—Save the dates

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

www.bbministries.org.uk

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)

10am start and 4:30pm finish, with half an hour for lunch.

To book a place or for more information contact Mary Oxley: mary.oxley@hereford.anglican.org



Oversight Ministry Conversation

Date: Wednesday 19th March 14:00-16:00

Venue: The Kemp Room at the Ludlow Mascall Centre

Join the conversation for incumbents and rural deans about how we serve and lead in multiple communities and congregations. Bring a resource to share that nourishes and inspires you.

If you would like to know more please contact mark.godson@hereford.anglican.org

Education training

The Diocesan Education Team provides a comprehensive training programme for governors, headteachers and school leaders, clerks, teaching staff and clergy. Most of these courses include unlimited places to schools with a [2024-25 Partnership Agreement](#). Course fees for non-partnership schools and courses not included in the partnership are indicated on the booking forms.

Details of the training programme can be found using the link below:

www.hereford.anglican.org/schools/supporting-our-schools/education-events/

Or contact toni.enfer@hereford.anglican.org

Events from other providers

Nurturing our Growth as Ministers

Date: 27th-31st January

Venue: St George's House, Windsor Castle



ST GEORGE'S HOUSE

The Consultation, designed for people with at least five year's experience in Ministry, will look at human development and leadership, focusing on knowing with head, heart and gut. The final product will be the creation of an individual persona; development programme, something recent participants found extremely valuable.

The cost is **£225** and includes attendance at the five-day Consultation, full board and accommodation at St George's House. The 2025 CMD grant will cover the full cost.

If you are interested, please contact Mark Godson: mark.godson@hereford.anglican.org as soon as possible as places will be snapped up quickly.

FREE online Suicide Prevention Training

Wednesday 22nd January 17:00 and Saturday 8th March 14:00

The 3 hour interactive training via teams is aimed at anyone who wants to understand more about suicide and what we can all do to offer practical support.

Places are limited to 25 per training session and are allocated on a 'first come, first served' basis.

To book a place and for more information click [here](#)

Truth Be Told



Save the dates: Thursday 27th and Friday 28th March

[Truth Be Told](#) brings generations together to explore faith and increase community relationships and wellbeing. It is storytelling for Life, bringing joy and hope to people of all ages, backgrounds and cultures making it really easy for everyone to belong together. Just as God intended.

We have arranged a Truth Be Told Roadshow, where you can encounter Truth Be Told for yourself and explore what this type of ministry could look like in your context - stopping off in Worcester, Malvern, Hereford, Shropshire and Powys. For now, please save the dates - Thursday 27th - Friday 28th March and we will update you with more information soon.

Please register your interest with Lizzie if you know you will want to be there and/or find out more!

e.hackney@hereford.anglican.org or for more information visit www.truthbetold.org.uk

A reminder of the National Prayer and Diocesan prayer for Children and Young People

Every Tuesday 13:00-13:20 for the National prayer sign up [here](#)

Followed by the diocesan prayer 13:30-14:00 To access this zoom meeting click [here](#)

Meeting ID: 871 1448 2667; passcode: 690062

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

Spiritual Direction-virtual Thursday 6th February 18:00-19:30

How can we bring the gold of spiritual direction to a younger audience? An online event with Sarah Lear (a member of the Hereford Diocese Oversight group). This is part of "Creative and Courageous Conversations" from the Spiritual Direction Forum UK. More here: www.sdforum.uk/events/

Useful resources

New website of the Central Readers' Council (CRC)

www.layministry.org.uk is now live.

The site provides support to Readers/LLMs and all kinds of lay ministry within the Church of England and Church in Wales. You will find stories, resources and book reviews, as well as useful information for lay ministers and those exploring Licensed Lay ministry.

Diocesan Resources

Don't forget that you can borrow a selection of big games and prayer space resources listed [here](#)

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

Messy Church BRF have some funding to support Messy Churches to grow engagement with young people aged 11 and over. Kathy Bland would like to hear from Messy Churches who already have some 11 and overs and also any churches interested in starting a Messy Church. kathy.bland@hereford.anglican.org



Come and explore the Pioneer Centre



Saturday 25th January 10:00-15:30

This wonderful centre on our doorstep located by the Wyre Forest is a perfect location for church away days/weekends, school and youth adventures, training, conferences and Christian events. The centre offers en-suite accommodation under one roof for groups of 12 to 300 and we would love to see this fabulous place in our diocese used more. We have therefore booked a day where church and school leaders and volunteers can explore the centre for yourselves-you could bring a group with you, enjoy lunch together, look around the site and even try out archery, abseiling and other activities.

The cost of £25 per person for the day which includes lunch and up to two activities.

For more information on the centre: www.activity-centres.naycauk.co.uk/pioneer-centre/

To book a place contact Lizzie Hackney on e.hackney@hereford.anglican.org

Introducing the newest members to the team



Mark Godson

Diocesan Ministry Development Officer and Warden of Readers/LLM

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Mark is responsible for continuing formation and learning for all in ministry. Mark was previously Priest-in-Charge and Rural Pioneer Priest in Abbeydore Deanery (Diocese of Hereford).

Mark has also worked as Director of the London Centre of Spirituality and has a background in psychotherapy and spiritual direction.



Nick Gurney

Youth Pioneer (Bishop's Castle Hub)

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Nick has been appointed to initiate and lead youth-focussed worshipping communities in the Clun Forest Deanery and surrounding area. Nick joins us from Derby Diocese where he was a Priest-in-Charge and Pioneer Missioner for Glossop, Glossopdale and High Peaks (Diocese of Derby).

Nick has also worked on the outskirts of Derby city, in parish-based chaplaincy, and has a background in presenting and producing radio programmes.