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#### **To all Diocesan Clergy**

I want to invite you to join me at Foxhill for a Clergy Quiet Day. Last year +Peter led 3 such days, and we have decided that every year a Bishop will offer this ministry to resource and support our clergy. I am delighted that I am able to do that this year.



#### **URGENT Statistics for Mission 2016 - online system closing soon**

Many parishes have still to submit their 'Statistics for Mission' data for 2016 using the Church of England's online Parish Return System. The online data entry system for 2016 Statistics for Mission returns will close on 17 April. If your parish has not submitted its data please will you ensure that it does so before this date. This only affects the Statistics for Mission returns - the system will remain open for entering 2016 Finance returns.



#### **Fees Forms 2017**

Recently we have had a number of problems with the fees returns forms that we have received, in that they are becoming corrupt. In order that we hopefully won't have to keep asking you to resubmit copies of the forms, we have changed these on the website to a later version of excel (.xlsx). Please can you download the forms again from our website using this latest version of the forms for remitting future returns.



#### **Pastoral Worker training application packs are now available**

Incumbents putting forward candidates for Pastoral Worker selection should contact [ministry@chester.anglican.org](mailto:ministry@chester.anglican.org) Closing date for applications is 30 April.



#### **Churchwarden's Yearbook 2018 now available**

The Churchwarden's Yearbook is now regularly used by over 5500 churchwardens in England and Wales. It includes a diary specially designed for churchwardens, together with reference material to help with the wardens' many tasks. Contact details available on their website home page.



#### **Reader Training application packs are now available.**

Incumbents putting forward candidates for Reader selection should contact the Acting Warden of Readers, Ven Dr Michael Gilbertson [michael.gilbertson@chester.anglican.org](mailto:michael.gilbertson@chester.anglican.org) Closing date for applications is 30 April.



#### **Opportunity to comment on Heritage Lottery Fund**

The government are undertaking a Review of the HLF and there is an opportunity to comment by 6th April 2017.

**Featured events below - For all events, see the [Diocese of Chester 'Events' page](#)**



#### **Daffodil Tea at Foxhill - 29 March 2017**

As we are starting to enjoy the daffodils and spring flowers, we are inviting you to join us for tea and cake, and to hear an update on what is happening at Foxhill House.



#### **Church Buildings Maintenance meeting - 29 March 2017**

A morning meeting to hear about two maintenance schemes and discuss whether there's interest to establish in the Diocese.



#### **Learning about Love - 30 March 2017**

Introducing a course for clergy to use with staff at church schools to improve their understanding of Christianity. It has been successfully piloted in three parishes in the diocese.

**[Contemplative Photography- 21 April 2017](#)**

On this retreat, we will use photography as a contemplative practice, mirroring prayer - taking time to refocus; to receive in the present moment; letting go of our preconceptions and becoming more open to seeing the world, ourselves, each other and God in new ways.

**[Rural Fresh Expressions - 18 May 2017](#)**

A morning with Revd David Cundill, Deputy Director of Mission for Diocese of Lichfield Are you interested in starting a Fresh Expression in a rural setting? Are you running a Fresh Expression in a rural setting?

**[Mission Impossible - 19 May 2017](#)**

We have a few places available for the 2017 diocesan lay conference.

To book, email [jane.hood@chester.anglican.org](mailto:jane.hood@chester.anglican.org)

**[Heritage Lottery Fund Training: Grants for Places of Worship - 7 June 2017](#)**

This half-day training event is for churches considering applying to the HLF for a GPOW grant for urgent structural repairs.

**[Church Building Projects - 8 July 2017](#)**

A one day training event on how to start a building project in your church building or hall, particularly focusing on purpose, planning and procurement.

**[Women's Voices 3 - 9 September 2017](#)**

Building on the success of Women's Voices 2 - this year we look at Missing Women.

**[PCC Tonight - 4 October 2017](#)**

CPAS is running an event to clarify the purpose and place of PCCs, to explore 12 common dysfunctions, and to introduce material you can use to shape its life. Intended for all PCC members.

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