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Episcopal Visits 2018

Over the next few weeks Rural Deans will consult with clergy concerning plans for Episcopal Visits in 2018. Any clergy seeking to arrange a visit should ensure requests are given to their Rural Dean before 27th March 2017, giving details of possible dates and time, type of service and preferred Bishop.



Vacancy: Director of Education

An exciting opportunity has arisen for the appointment of a Director of Education who will have responsibility for the strategic leadership, development, management and delivery of the activities of the Diocesan Board of Education.



Archdeacon Visitation Services 2017

It is a legal requirement that ALL Churchwardens every year must be sworn into post. This takes place during the Archdeacons Visitation services in May. If you are unable to attend the service for your deanery the Archdeacons request that you attend at an alternative venue. This can be arranged by contacting Pat Pugh (PA to the Archdeacons) pat.pugh@chester.anglican.org or Tel: 01928 718834 ext 258.



Diocesan Youth, Children and Families Missioner

Jonathan Masters has been appointed as the new Diocesan Youth, Children and Families Missioner from February 2017. Jonathan worked for seven years at Christ Church Alsager as their youth leader, and he remains an enthusiastic member of the church.



Pastoral Worker training application packs are now available.

Incumbents putting forward candidates for Pastoral Worker selection should contact ministry@chester.anglican.org Closing date for applications is 30 April.



Local Missioner Network

The Local Missioner Network has begun. It is an informal gathering of ordinary people who would love to see our local churches flourish and grow as we discern the extraordinary movement of God. It is a new partnership between the Diocese of Chester and The Light Project.



Visitor Comments Book

If you would like to see the results of the top comments from a small selection of church Visitor Books, please contact emily.allen@chester.anglican.org



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 Closing date for applications is 30 April.

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



Being There: Marriage Matters - 14 March 2017

This course explores marriage in the context of society and the many ways in which the church is called to work with people who are married, about to be married, or experiencing problems in marriage.



Esther Ministry Day Course - 18 March 2017

We would like to invite all clergy spouses to an exciting day run by Rowena Cross from *Esther Ministry* with the aim of equipping, empowering and releasing clergy spouses in their own ministries.

**[Communicating Well](#) - 29 March 2017**

One of the many leadership responsibilities is to facilitate great communication: this is multi-layered and increasingly complex in a social-media networked age.

**[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.

**[Safeguarding Training for Parish Volunteers](#) - 20 May 2017**

A re-run of our popular half day foundation course at Church House aimed at equipping you to follow healthy safeguarding practice in your role.

**[Training- Heritage Lottery Fund: 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.

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