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[Annual Church Meetings and Elections in 2017](#)

Letters and paperwork regarding the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) which should take place in each parish before the end of April have been posted to PCC Secretaries (or in parishes without a PCC Secretary, to another individual). If you haven't received your letter please contact joanne.ridley@chester.anglican.org



[Showcase your heritage displays](#)

We are gathering information on church heritage displays and interpretation panels (temporary or permanent). Further information on how to take part is available on the website.



[DBF Fees Forms 2017](#)

The 2017 DBF fees forms and notes can be downloaded from the parochial fees page. Please only use the current forms for remitting 2017 fees, do not use old versions of the forms as the fees rates will be incorrect. Please read the notes carefully. When completing these forms, upon selection of your parish name from the dropdown box it will automatically complete the parish number or fees account reference that the DBF use. Fees and forms should be remitted to the DBF on a monthly basis via the PCC. 'Nil' returns should be sent if there are no fees received during the month. If you have any queries, please contact Maxine Southwick on 01928 718834 ext. 239.



[Lent Challenges 2017](#)

During Lent, CSR are encouraging congregations to undertake a practical challenge to focus on the plight of people affected by food poverty.



[Vacancy: Children & Family Worker](#)

Christ Church Barnston and St Michael's Pensby on Wirral are looking to appoint a full time children, young people and family worker, to support our volunteers and help us be more effective in discipling and reaching children, young people and families in our community.



[Local Missioner Network](#)

The Local Missioner Network 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. The first session is 15th February.



[Appointments and Notices](#)

The latest update includes a list of the latest appointments, resignations and deaths that have been announced since January 2017.



[Job Vacancy - Part Time Chef](#)

Foxhill House is seeking to recruit a part-time Chef on the retirement of the current post-holder. We regard hospitality and sharing meals together as a core part of our Christian ministry; we need an Assistant Chef who has a real understanding of this aspect of our Christian life.



[FAO: Incumbents and Priests-in Charge – Statistics for Mission 2016](#)

Now is the time for your parish to submit its 'Statistics for Mission' data for 2016 using the Church of England's online Parish Return System.

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

[Pre- Lent Retreat with Bishop Chris Edmondson - 13 February 2017](#)



During this Pre-Lent Retreat we will have the opportunity for a spiritual check-up! We will have space to slow down and allow God, as it were, to carry out a scan on us, so that we can be led into greater spiritual health, and the life in all its fullness that is God's desire for every human being.'



[Training- Writing a Successful Grant Application - 15 February 2017](#)

This is the last chance to book one day workshop which provides top tips in writing a clear, concise and compelling grant application for a church building/hall project. Bookings close end of day 8th February.



[Art journaling and reflection on the theme of creative prayer - 4 March 2017](#)

The theme is Creative Prayer. Location: Kelsall



[Compass - 25 March 2017](#)

This will be an opportunity to hear from two local training centres – St Mellitus Northwest based at Liverpool Cathedral which offers mixed mode training (part study and part working in a parish or other context) and All Saints Centre for Mission and Ministry (which provides stimulating and flexible part-time training) for those wishing to study in this way.



[School holiday fun, food and activity - 25 April 2017](#)

We are holding an event at Church House on Tuesday 25th April from 10-12 for any churches offering food and activities during school holidays – or churches who would like to offer a similar provision in the future.



[Rethinking Apologetics - 29 June 2017](#)

Try asking a room full of Christian leaders what they think about apologetics. How would they respond? Some would speak of dusty arguments, too clever by half. Others would surely describe bad-tempered wrangles and intellectual squabbles. How much better, many people would feel, to avoid all of this and get back to the simple Gospel message!



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