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[New Diocese of Chester Website](#)

The Diocesan website has been re-designed to make it more user friendly and easier to use. The menus have been simplified and the new site is designed to work well on mobile phones and other devices. For the first time ever there is a Google map page which lists all churches and shows them on an interactive map. Over the coming weeks more links and content will be added to the site. In the meantime feel free to send comments to stephen.freeman@chester.anglican.org



[Finance Data 2016 - online system closing soon](#)

The online entry system for 2016 Finance Data will close on the 31st of May 2017. If your parish has not submitted its data please ensure that it does so before this date. If you require new login details or need your password resetting please contact sharon.taylor-booth@chester.anglican.org on 01928 718834 ext 262



[Has your parish taken up the YBible Challenge?](#)

Email ministry@chester.anglican.org and let us know what you are doing to promote engagement with the Bible.



[The Royal Cheshire Show](#)

This year we are going to focus upon the great contribution and resource church land provides to the local community under the heading "Reflection, Connection and Peace". We would like to showcase all the different ways people can connect with their local Church through churchyards and open spaces that surround our buildings. Can you think of any exciting spaces in your deanery? Please can you contact Debbie Dalby Debbie.dalby@chester.anglican.org or Anne Cody anne.cody@chester.anglican.org



[Foundations for Ministry](#)

This is for lay people who want to serve God in the church and in the world. People go on Foundations for Ministry to support many different kinds of Christian ministry. The course designed to help people find and grow their ministry.



[New Treasurer Training - 17 June 2017](#)

A half day workshop aimed at providing new Treasurers with an understanding of the role and requirements of a PCC Treasurer.

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



[Arts & Faith Pub Night - 8 May 2017](#)

An informal meeting for all interested in the link between art and faith



[Organ Recital in the Nave - 11 May 2017](#)

Chester Cathedral's weekly (Thursday) organ recitals have been a feature since 1972. Featuring current and former Cathedral organists from Chester, and national and international recitalists, these recitals are consistently performed to a high standard. Tickets £5.45 (concessions £4.50)



[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? Do you have experience to share or would you like to learn from the experience of others? If so, this morning is for you.



[Facing Depression Together - 20 May 2017](#)

Organised by 'PeerTalk', this event is an opportunity to learn about depression from a clinical, personal and pastoral perspective, and how we, as the local community, can be a good neighbour to those living with depression and their families. Location: Warrington.



[Chester Music Society Choir presents The French Connection - 20 May 2017](#)

An evening of atmospheric late 19th century French music: four ever-popular and well-known pieces by

Gabriel Fauré and César Franck, together with the lyrical beauty of Gounod's St Cecilia Mass. We will be joined by up and coming soloists from the prestigious Royal Northern College of Music, accompanied by Graham Eccles on the magnificent Chester Cathedral organ. Tickets £14 (restricted view £7)



Training- How to write a Statement of Significance - 23 May 2017

This one day training event is for churches seeking to write or improve their Statement of Significance. This is needed for faculty applications; it can also be useful as a basis for heritage interpretation and some grant applications.



The Big Church Day Out - 2 to 3 June 2017

Join us in June at this exciting event which is coming to our Diocese for the first time! The Big Church Day Out draws together tens of thousands of Christians from all over the UK and Europe to worship and celebrate all that is good. It's a one-of-a-kind expression of church unity that's as vibrant and varied as its wonderful guests. Whatever your age, denomination or musical taste, you are welcome to join us for two days of discovery and enjoyment you'll never forget.



The Diocese has a group booking system and has secured a discounted price if booked through our group.



One Man's Version of the Gospel of Matthew - 4 June 2017

Come and hear Matthew's Gospel presented in a unique, engaging and totally inspiring way.



Thy Kingdom Come - 4 June 2017

You are invited to the Cathedral Celebration as our whole Diocese comes together to pray, 'Thy Kingdom Come' A service of praise, celebration, joy and Intercession featuring Stuart Townend, Bishop Peter and Steve Legg.



Writing along the Way with Julia McGuinness - 14 to 16 July 2017

Explore a range of expressive and creative approaches to use the written word to deepen our relationship with the Living Word. There will be the opportunity to share some of our personal writing but no expectation that you do so. Julia is a writer, Myers-Briggs practitioner and counsellor. Her books include: 'Creative Praying in Groups'; 'Making the Most of Midlife;' 'Writing our Faith;' and a poetry collection 'Chester City Walls.'



Write the Bible: Scripture as Poetry- 17 June 2017

You are invited to a fun, informal workshop to learn how to turn your favourite Bible verses into simple poems. It's completely free and no experience is necessary. The workshop will be led by poet Linda Cosgriff, who will guide you through the simple steps. Location: Stockport



Age on Your Agenda? With Ann Morisy - 17 to 21 July 2017

This is an opportunity to reflect on how to make the most of our exceptional longevity in the light of Christian vocation and spirituality. Ann Morisy is the author of numerous Christian books and articles and has been invited to lecture and facilitate events in Australia, USA and across Europe.



Churchwarden Training - 22 July 2017

A training seminar will be held for new Churchwardens on Saturday 22nd July 2017 9.30am – 1pm at Church House Daresbury. Please book your place. If you have any questions please contact Pat Pugh PA to the Archdeacons 01928 718834 ext 258 or pat.pugh@chester.anglican.org



Women's Voices 3 - 9 September 2017

Building on the success of the second Women's Voices Conference in September 2016, this year we look at "Missing Women". Where are the women in the Bible? Why does the Bible seem not to speak to women? How can we re-read the Bible to find a woman's narrative?



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