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[Honorary Degree for Bishop Libby](#)

Bishop Libby has received an Honorary Degree of Doctor of Laws from the University of Bath. Libby was presented her Degree by the University's President and Vice-Chancellor Professor Dame Glynis Breakwell at a degree ceremony alongside graduates from the Faculty of Science at Bath Abbey.

Dr Gordon Taylor, Reader in Medical Statistics from the University's Department for Health, gave her oration at the ceremony. He said: "Through her integrity, wisdom and faith, the Right Reverend Libby Lane provides an inspiring role, not only to our students graduating today but indeed to all of us."



[Vacancy: Priest-in-Charge - Gee Cross](#)

We are seeking to appoint a full-time priest-in-charge for the parish of Holy Trinity Gee Cross, south east in the Archdeaconry of Macclesfield. The post offers huge potential for growth and development with a committed congregation and good facilities.



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[Foundations for Ministry 2016-17](#)

We are delighted to report that 40 students have been awarded a Church Universities' Certificate in Ministry from the University of Chester. Places are still available for FfM 2017-18 starting in September.



[Take part in a training needs survey](#)

You are invited to take part in a short survey to identify training needs in caring for, managing and developing church buildings and halls. This will shape the programme for the next two years. Please complete by 30th September 2017.



[Free to a Good Church](#)

We have a number of 'Godly Play' resources available here at Church House. The resources are in a cupboard, which isn't where they should be. They should be in the hands of children. So if your church would like any of the items, please contact anne.cody@chester.anglican.org



A "Thank You" from Christian Aid

Thank you to the Archdeacon's and to all who gave so generously at the recent Visitation Services. The £5,499.73 collected at the services will make a lasting change for some of the world's poorest communities. In this 60th year of Christian Aid Week you are helping us to be there where need is greatest to work alongside communities to lift themselves out of poverty. For more information on how you can support Christian Aid please contact Becky Hurst at BHurst@christian-aid.org

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



[An evening to inspire - 19 July 2017](#)

Chester Bible Focus is hosting an evening to inspire, to equip and encourage all those who work in children's

and young people's ministry within the church with Mel Lacy. Mel is the Director of the Children's and Youth Ministry course at Oak Hill College and is a previous Youth Minister at St John's Knutsford.



[Writing a Successful Grant Application - 2 September 2017](#)

This one day workshop is designed to help you secure grant funding for church building or hall projects. The training is open to all church denominations in the area.



[Tweet, tweet: Getting Going with Twitter - 26 September 2017](#)

A half-day session for those who would like to tweet and for those who swim in the shallow end of Twitter but would like to go deeper.



[Missional Messy Church - 14 October 2017](#)

A day with Lucy Moore to reflect on how to make Messy Church missional. We will be thinking about Messy Church discipleship, sustaining your Messy Church and having meaningful conversations at Messy Church. This day is for anyone who runs, helps or is thinking of setting up a Messy Church. Every member of every Messy Church team in the Chester Diocese is invited!



[How to get the best from your Church Hall - 16 October 2017](#)

This one day training event includes good business management, buildings management and fundraising. The training is open to all church denominations in the area.



[Refreshing Preaching - 5 December 2017](#)

Stuck in a preaching rut? Lost for words? Feeling stale? This is your solution: a day designed to refresh, inspire and renew your preaching.



[24 Hours with a Theologian - 31 January 2018](#)

David Brown Five sessions will explore how Christian belief and doctrine can be illuminated by taking seriously their treatment in the arts.



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