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Plans are well under way for 'Believe in Birkenhead', a mission weekend which runs from 7th to 10th September 2017. The Archbishop of York, Dr John Sentamu is joining the weekend and making visits to schools, shipyards and family fun activities.

Local churches are organising a wide variety of events as part of this mission weekend which are open to all. The Bishop of Birkenhead, Keith Sinclair, the Bishop of Stockport, Libby Lane the Bishop of Burnley, Philip North, Revd Roger Simpson, and ex-Gladiator Warren 'Ace' Furman will also be sharing their faith with all who they meet in Birkenhead as part of the mission weekend. [Read more...](#)



#### **The committee for ministry is looking for markers**

If you think you might be able to contribute towards other people's learning in an HE environment, please get in touch via [ministry@chester.anglican.org](mailto:ministry@chester.anglican.org). This might be especially useful for those who have a thought towards developing their own theological understanding.



#### **Warning for Churches**

It has come to our attention that two companies, DATA and CIS are contacting churches asking for payment for books on drug awareness, sexual health and cancer awareness that have purportedly been ordered by schools. Please be aware that this is a scam and the invoices should not be paid.

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



#### **[Believe in Birkenhead: Music for a Summers Evening - 8 September 2017](#)**

An evening of classical music featuring a Royal Liverpool Philharmonic violinist and an audience with the Archbishop of York at St Stephens Church, Prenton. Doors open for drinks and nibbles from 7.45pm. Tickets not needed, just turn up on the night.



#### **[Believe in Birkenhead: Saturday Night Live! - 9 September 2017](#)**

An audience with the Archbishop of York. Woodchurch High School, Carr Bridge Road CH49 7NG. There will be singing from local primary schools, entertainment, refreshments, talks and a Q&A session with Bishop Philip and the Archbishop. Tickets not needed, just turn up on the night. Starts at 7pm.



#### **[Believe in Birkenhead: Celebration Service - 10 September 2017](#)**

Everyone is invited to attend the Celebration Service at St Saviour's, Oxtan CH43 2JZ at 4pm which marks the final event of this mission weekend.



#### **[Explorers of Church Building Projects - 18 September 2017](#)**

Come and see the recent work at St Mark's, Antrobus and hear their experience of installing new facilities in the church building. This is the first event in the Explorers programme. Bookings close end of day Mon 11th Sept. Open 10am-12pm.

**Stop, Look & Listen Day - 9 October 2017**



Hosted by Molly Dow. These mini retreats are a chance to step back from your busyness and listen to what God is saying to you. Each day starts with coffee at 9.30am and ends with tea at 3.30pm. £21 per person - includes lunch and refreshments. Contact Tel: 01928 733777 Email: [foxhill@chester.anglican.org](mailto:foxhill@chester.anglican.org)



**World Mental Health Day - 9 October 2017**

You are invited to a service on Monday 9th October, 7pm, to be held at St Peter's Church, Minshull Vernon to commemorate World Mental Health Day (10th October). The theme of the service is Loneliness. All are welcome and the service will be of particular interest to those with an interest in health and well-being. It brings Jesus' compassionate love to bear on an aspect of our lives which is critical to well-being in so many ways. There will be refreshments after the service.



**Missional Messy Church - 14 October 2017**

A day with Lucy Moore to reflect on how to make Messy Church missional. 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 Diocese of Chester is invited!



**Myers-Briggs Workshop - 18 October 2017**

Identify your personality type, improve your ability to understand and communicate with other personality types, find new directions for personal growth and explore how personality types relate to prayer and corporate worship.



**Residential Retreat: Thriving Through Change - 1 to 3 November 2017**

Hosted by Bishop Chris Edmondson. Many people find dealing with change difficult, whether at work, in personal circumstances, health or attitude - especially when it's forced on us. Using a variety of means including Biblical reflection, discussion, prayer ministry and personal space, Bishop Chris will show how we cannot just survive change, but thrive and grow in and through the process. The retreat begins with lunch on Wednesday, and finishes after lunch on Friday. The cost of £145 includes all meals and refreshments. Contact Foxhill; Telephone: 01928 733777 Email: [foxhill@chester.anglican.org](mailto:foxhill@chester.anglican.org)



**Encountering God – in Science and Creation - 4 November 2017**

Churches in and around the Diocese of Chester are warmly invited to an ecumenical day conference on science and faith to be held at the Hartford Church Centre (CW8 1NP). This event is being organized by Scientists in Congregations project members, at St John's Lindow, in collaboration with Bishop Peter, who will give the opening address.



**Refreshing Preaching - 5 December 2017**

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



**New Approaches to Bible - 26 April 2018**

Reading led by Sue Richardson (Theological Education Adviser for Christian Aid).



**Joyful Apologetics - 28 June 2018**

Led by Revd Dr Joe Kennedy. Apologetics is a one-day course which argues that, if we are to respond effectively to this contemporary wave of thought and emotion, we need to begin by listening and taking it seriously. In other words, before we speak, we need to learn why it is that so many people feel that Christianity offers a joyless and futile life – constricted, inauthentic, immoral, dangerous, hostile to human flourishing.



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