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New DAC Secretary

Caroline Hilton has been appointed as the new Diocesan Advisory Committee Secretary for the Diocese of Chester. Prior to her appointment, Caroline was the Assistant to the DAC Secretary, a role which she held for 8 years. To fill the gap left by Caroline's promotion, we are pleased to announce that Katy Purvis has been appointed to the role of Assistant to the DAC Secretary. Together, Caroline and Katy make a great team and they look forward to helping parishes across the Diocese.



[New Art Guidance Note](#)

The Church of England's Church Buildings Council has published new guidance on 'Commissioning New Art', to help guide parishes through their consideration of why they want to introduce new art and to have a rigorous commissioning process.



[Vacancy: Part time Church Youth Worker](#)

St Boniface, Bunbury, has an exciting position for a Church Youth Worker to develop and support our vision of a vibrant Christian youth community in the local community.

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



The 2017 Pastoral Worker Licensing Service - 23 September 2017

This takes place in Chester Cathedral on Saturday, at 6.30pm. All are welcome to come and support those being admitted and licensed by Bishop Libby.



[World Mental Health Day - 9 October 2017](#)

You are invited to a service 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.



[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.



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

The Diocese of Chester Mission Team is excited to invite clergy with their Messy Church leaders and teams from across the Diocese, as well as churches thinking about starting a Messy Church, to share in the fun at our Messy Church Celebration and Learning Day. We are delighted to welcome the wonderful Lucy Moore, the founder and national ambassador of Messy Church to share her breadth of experience with us.



[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.



[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.



[Explorers of Church Building Projects - 10 November 2017](#)

Hear about a major re-ordering project in a large urban church, and see the finished project. Held at St Mary Magdalene's Church, Ashton upon Mersey (Sale). The training is open to all church denominations. Booking is essential.



[The Bloggers and Micro-bloggers meeting - 20 November 2017](#)

An opportunity for bloggers and micro-bloggers in the diocese (as well as those who are thinking about blogging) to meet up and share the whys and wherefores of their blogging,



[The Long Haul: developing resilience in ministry and life - 7 March 2018](#)

Most of us will serve in public ministry for decades, not just years. How do we flourish and grow on this long journey, rather than merely survive? This event is designed to help us understand our needs as travellers through the landscape of licensed ministry, and suggest how we might sustain ourselves.



[Re-imagining Remembrance and Armistice in a Warring World - 17 May 2018](#)

One hundred years on from the 'War to end Wars', the world remains riven by conflict and society continues to reach for rituals to remember old and recent wars, as well as acts of terror. The changing shape of Church and British society raises questions about how best to remember the dead of the past one hundred years.



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