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[Vacancy: Chief Operating Officer](#)

The Chester Diocesan Academies Trust (CDAT) is seeking an inspirational and innovative leader who will take full advantage of this chance to be part of a growing Trust.



[Statistics for Mission October Count Figures](#)

The Archbishops' Council Research and Statistics department have advised that the Church of England's online Parish Return System will open on Monday 2 October for parishes to record their Statistics for Mission October count figures.



[Clergy CMD Grants \(Continuing Ministerial Development In-Service Training Grants\)](#)

The budget for these grants is now fully allocated and further applications cannot be considered for the time being (see condition 15 on the grant form). The scheme will re-open in January 2018. Training events provided by the Committee for Ministry remain free to participants. Any enquiries to Christopher Burkett, Director of Ministry..

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



[Stop, Look and 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.



[Missionary 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](#)

Bookings close end of day on 9th October for this one day training event. Booking is essential.



[Reader Licensing Service and AGM - 21 October 2017](#)

All are welcome to the service at the cathedral. The Reader AGM takes place at 10am at the Churchill Building, Queen's Park Campus, University of Chester. The AGM papers are available to download.



[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.



[Tackling Illegal Money Lending in Stockport - 6 November 2017](#)

The England Illegal Money Lending Team and Stockport Credit Union invite you to this event aimed at everyone who may be coming across loan sharks in their community (in Stockport or beyond). A practical event, including development of an Action Plan.



[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.



[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.



[Passionate Presence - 25 January 2018](#)

What does 'working at the margins' look like in a time of austerity, Brexit and church growth strategies? What vital aspects of God's call do we miss when we concentrate on 'church growth'? Beginning with some stories from one outer-urban estate in east Birmingham, we will explore together some of these questions, and see if we can develop some theological and practical resources for a different way of thinking and doing mission, as 'passionate presence'.



Called to Serve - 27 January 2018

Called to Serve is a great opportunity to come and find out more about how you might serve God and the church. People at all different ages and stages offer themselves for ministry in God's church



Joyful Apologetics - 28 June 2018

Led by Revd Dr Joe Kennedy, this 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 to it 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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