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Stephen Regan Retires

Stephen Regan, the Diocesan Director of Communications, retired with effect from 31st August 2017. Stephen worked for the Diocese since May 2004 following a career in journalism. We wish Stephen well and thank him for his service. The post of Director of Communications will be advertised shortly and it is hoped a new full time Director will begin working in the New Year. David Marshall is continuing to provide cover during this period. David is on the following mobile: 07834 320120 Please use the email dco@chester.anglican.org for Chester Diocesan News, web stories or requests for advice. Stephen's old email address (stephen.regan@chester.anglican.org) will continue to function for the next few months.



[Through Advent and Christmas with the Saints book is now out.](#)

Diocesan Director of Ordinands, Magdalen Smith has a new book published... Unearthly Beauty: Through Advent and Christmas with the Saints. The book can be used as an individual prayer guide through Advent or could be used in study groups. It's available from SPCK and Amazon, priced at £8.99. On Saturday, 16 December (10am – 3pm) Magdalen is leading an Advent retreat based on the book at Chester Cathedral.



[Christmas 2017 - #GODWithUS](#)

Join us in celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ, who is God with us, during this wonderful season. Tens of thousands of Christmas services and events will be taking place in churches all over the country this December and we really want as many communities as possible to join the campaign and use the materials!



Christmas Carol Services and TLT

Do you like to use your Carol Service to connect to your wider community? Do you want them to understand both the Gospel and also how the church aims to transform the community? Transforming Lives Together has prepared a short video clip (about two and a half minutes) explaining how we, and our churches are involved in transforming lives and thinking of others. If you would like a copy to use at your Carol Service it will be available from week beginning 30th November. Please email; info@tltogether.org.uk



[How to help homeless people](#)

This guide gives information on helping people at different stages of homelessness: from those about to be evicted, to the long-term rough sleepers who call asking for money. It also gives advice on personal safety, and practical ways in which your church can help.



[Training needs survey](#)

The deadline for taking part in a survey of training needs on managing and developing church buildings has been extended to 31st October 2017.



[Latest fundraising news](#)

A 'latest funding news' section has been created to our website's Fundraising Guide, including grants from the Church of England's Church Buildings Council.



[Historic Remembrance - Tide Prayers](#)

Special prayers used just six days after the end of the First World War may be heard once again this year as parish churches commemorate the anniversary of the signing of the Armistice in 1918. Link to our web story.



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[The new A Church Near You](#)

Earlier this year the national Digital Communications team at Church House in London produced a report on how to get the most from the new A Church Near You. The designs are now complete and signed off, and the work of building the site is well underway for a launch in November.



[Vacancy: Team Vicar - Macclesfield](#)

Applications are invited for the post of Team Vicar, within this supportive and committed Team Ministry. We are: four parishes, each with its own distinctive ministry. We work as a team in one benefice, in mutual support, to meet the challenges of ministry in Macclesfield today in co-operation with the wider Christian Church in town.



[Vacancy: Chaplain](#)

The University of Chester is seeking to appoint an Anglican priest to join the Chaplaincy Staff team as a Chaplain who will work 16 hours per week in the stimulating world of higher education. The Chaplain will be

based at the University's Parkgate Road Campus, offering pastoral and liturgical ministry across the University's sites in Chester and taking part in the varied life of the institution.



[Vacancy: Organist and Director of Music](#)

The parishes of St.Mary, Alderley and St.Catherine, Birtles (Diocese of Chester) seek to appoint a self-employed joint Organist and Director of Music from January 2018 following the retirement of the present post holder.

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



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

All are welcome to the service at Chester Cathedral on Saturday, 21 October at 2.15pm. 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.



[Encountering God in Science & Creation - 4 November 2017](#)

An ecumenical day conference on science and faith. This event is being organized by Scientists in Congregations project members, at St John's Lindow (Wilmslow) in collaboration with the Bishop of Chester, Dr Peter Forster, who will give the opening address.



[Chester Cathedral Zumbathon the sequel - 10 November 2017](#)

The Diocese of Chester is raising money for BBC Children in Need with an exciting, exhilarating and fabulous Zumbathon in the iconic Chester Cathedral. It's sure to be a night to remember. Book your place now!



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

The next event to view a church building project will be held at St Mary's Church, Ashton upon Mersey, to hear their experience of a major re-ordering project in a large urban church. Booking is essential.



[Stop, Look & Listen Day - 13 November 2017](#)

Led by Revd. Rob Munro. 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.



[Arts & Faith Pub Night - 13 November 2017](#)

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



['In conversation' Exploring God as Lover and Beloved - 18 November 2017](#)

A discussion between Malcom Guite [Poet and Chaplain of Girton College, Cambridge] and Clair Henderson Davis. [Contemporary Performance Artist and Theologian in Residence at Chester Cathedral] 9.30am to 2.0pm to include refreshments and a light lunch.. £15.00 per person. This is the first of a series of conversations between Malcom and Claire as they create a new work together.



[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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