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To: Diocesan Secretaries, Finance Directors, Stewardship Network

Guidance for parishes on implementing the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) is now available at www.parishresources.org.uk/gdpr/. All PCCs should consider and implement the guidance well in advance of 25th May 2018.



Data Development Accounts Package

Are you a treasurer who would like to know more about the Data Development Accounting Package? Are you considering using it? Do you currently use it and have some questions around implementing it? Would you be interested in attending an event? Contact sharon.taylor-booth@chester.anglican.org



Collection of PCC Accounts and Trustee Annual Reports 2016

When your 2016 Annual Accounts and Trustee Report having been agreed by your PCC please send them to the Finance Department at Church House. email to sharon.taylor-booth@chester.anglican.org



Discounts on LED lighting

The Parish Buying Service have a new lighting supplier 'LED Hut'. They are giving discounts on bulbs to Parish Buying members. We encourage all churches to replace their old-style halogen bulbs with LED's because they use up to 90% less energy than traditional lighting sources and they have an average life of nearly fifty times more than a traditional incandescent light bulb. To use the discounted pricing, register for free with the Parish Buying Service.



Might God be calling you to the ministry?

We are planning a course in Spiritual Accompaniment, for clergy and lay people, to commence in September 2018 and continue to the summer of 2019. Training days will be approximately once a month, days to be decided. Contact the Diocesan Prayer and Christian Spirituality Officer, Reverend Graham Green graham.green@chester.anglican.org or tel: 01928 722151



Called to Serve

A great opportunity to come and find out more about how you might serve God and the church. Showcasing our four licensed ministries (Church Army, Ordained, Pastoral Worker, Reader) the event is an opportunity to find out the distinctions between these ministries and to listen to what you think God might be asking you to do. The event is free and held at Foxhill, Frodsham. To book, contact Peter Bacon (peter.bacon@chester.anglican.org or 01928 718834 ext 237).



Maintenance Grant to open in early November

At this time of year when it's good to get your church building/hall gutters cleared, the National Churches Trust will soon launch a new round of the Maintenance Grant. This is for small, urgent maintenance issues or repairs which reduce the need for, and long term costs of, building repairs.



Advent candles Health and Safety

Last year a Church in the Diocese made some Christmas decorations of candles stuck into green foam usually used for flower arrangements (which happens to be flammable). Following one of these being taken home a small fire occurred. If you are using candles that people will take away please consider carefully people's safety. In addition you might want to add an appropriate warning sticker (there are various examples available for purchase). Please also take the greatest care over Christingle services and ensure a proper risk assessment has been done.

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



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



Chester Cathedral 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!

[Health & Safety for Churches - 28 November 2017](#)



Ecclesiastical Insurance will be hosting an evening event on Health and Safety and Risk Assessment for churchwardens and/or other parish officers. The event will enable parishes to assess their health and safety needs and by the end of the evening the aim is that all participants will be able to create and maintain risk assessments for all aspects of church life.



[Stop, Look and Listen Day - 11 December 2017](#)

"..For you have found favour with God" - Led by the Revd Jonathon Green. Jonathon is the Director of Foxhill, and says "we will reflect on the Angel Gabriel's message to Mary, using the themes of encounter, discovery and transformation". The day starts with coffee at 9.30am and ends with tea at 3.30pm. £21 per person- includes lunch and refreshments.



[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? Michael Sadgrove, Dean of Durham Cathedral from 2012 to 2015 will lead this event which is designed to help us understand our needs as travellers through the landscape of licensed ministry, and suggest how we might sustain ourselves.



[Big Church Day Out - 1 to 2 June 2018](#)

Tickets are on sale now! The Big Church Day out is back 1st and 2nd June 2018 at Capesthorpe Hall, Cheshire. We have again secured a BIG discount from the Big Church Day Out team for this fabulous event. Join the Diocese of Chester group to secure your discount.



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