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Merry Christmas This is the last eBulletin for 2017. We wish you a happy and blessed Christmas. Church House will be closed from midday on Friday 22 December and will re-open on Tuesday 2 January 2018.

Emergency repairs during the holiday - Please see our [list of contacts](#)



[Hope 2018 – A Year of Churches Working Together in Mission](#)

Some of you may remember the Hope 2008 event. It brought churches together in towns, cities and villages to show our commitment to our communities in acts of kindness and action. HOPE's dream is a growing church, showing Jesus' love and telling the Jesus story, at the heart of every community. We hope that you and your church will join us in making the 2018 vision a reality.



[Changes to Heritage Lottery Fund \(HLF\) in 2018](#)

If you are planning to apply to the HLF, please note their recent announcement of changes to the grant programmes for next year, as they move towards a new Strategic Funding Framework in early 2019.

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



[Epiphany Carol Service to celebrate the ministry of the Friends of Foxhill](#) - 7 January 2018

The Friends will be recommissioned, with Andrew Rudd taking the roll of Chair. Whether a long-time friend or a potential new member, you are invited to join us as we enter the next stage of the vital ministry of the Friends of Foxhill. Light refreshments will follow the service, please R.S.V.P by Wednesday 3rd January.



[Imagine Church Training Day](#) - 20 January 2018

The Diocesan Mission Team are working in partnership with the London Institute of Contemporary Christianity (LICC) and we would love you to join us as we enhance our learning and share ideas about how to create a whole-life disciple making church. Imagine Church Training Days are held across the country for clergy and lay church leaders and leadership teams.



[Being There: Pastoral Visiting](#) - 23 January 2018

Places are available on this Pastoral Worker module, for lay or ordained people wanting to reflect on definitions of health, sickness and disability, and to develop skills in pastoral visiting in home, hospital and hospice.



[Called to Serve](#) - 27 January 2018

A great opportunity to come and find out more about how you might serve God and the church at Foxhill House and Woodland, Frodsham. Lunch is provided at this free event but booking is essential.



[24 Hours with a Theologian](#) - 31 January 2018

David Brown (Professor Emeritus of Theology, Aesthetics and Culture, St Andrew's University) will be exploring how Christian belief and doctrine can be illuminated by taking seriously their treatment in the arts. A number of non-residential places are available.



[Explorers of Church Building Projects - training opportunity](#) - 6 February 2018

Learn from the church's experience of undertaking a major repair project funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund. Booking essential. Location: St James', New Brighton.



[Stop, Look and Listen Day](#) - 12 February 2018

Foxhill House will be continuing the series of Stop, Look and Listen days in 2018. The first of these days will be led by the Revd. Canon Taffy Davies. Cost £22 to include a simple lunch and refreshments.



[HLF Briefing](#) - 23 February 2018

A morning exploring recent changes to HLF grants and top tips when applying. Booking essential.



[HLF Briefing](#) - 24 February 2018

A morning exploring recent changes to HLF grants and top tips when applying. Booking essential.



[Baptism Matters!](#) - 3 March 2018

The Diocesan Mission Team would love clergy and lay leaders, readers, local missionaries, baptism visitors,

welcome teams, family ministers/advisors and anyone passionate about mission and growth to come and join us for a day exploring baptism. Delegates will be provided with both the teaching and the space to discover: What really matters to families, why godparents are central and the importance of welcome.



[Being There: Working safely with Volunteers and Teams](#) - 6 March 2018

Looking at the principles of working with volunteers and teams, and safe and ethical working with volunteers and teams.



[Step Forward](#) - 17 March 2018

A day for anyone aged 18—30 wondering whether God might be calling them to ordained ministry in the Church of England.



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

The Big Church Day out is back 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. Tickets are on sale now!



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