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[Statistics for Mission 2017](#)

The Church of England's Research and Statistics Department have requested that parishes submit their 'Statistics for Mission' data for 2017 using the Church of England's online Parish Return System by the 31 January 2018.



[Survey of Planned Giving in 2017](#)

Now is the time for parishes to complete the annual Survey of regular planned giving.



Parish websites

The recently updated '[A Church Near You](#)' is easy to use and is free for Church of England churches. If you haven't already registered, please take a little time to fill in your parish details.

[Church Edit](#), the company who build church websites are offering 12 months free subscription to Church Edit and / or iKnow Church.



[Corporate membership of Brio Leisure](#)

A pilot corporate membership of Brio leisure centres has been set up for staff and clergy within the Diocese of Chester. If you are interested in joining, just visit a Brio leisure centre, show your payslip and say that the company is registered as the '**Church of England**'. If you already have Brio membership you can amend it by visiting a centre and completing a Membership Update form to be moved onto the WorkFit membership scheme and have your payment schedule reduced.

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



[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.



[Passionate Presence - 25 January 2018](#)

What could 'mission at the margins' look like in a time of austerity, Brexit and church growth strategies? Al Barrett is Rector of Hodge Hill Church, in east Birmingham, and lives and works mainly on Firs & Bromford, a 1960s 'council estate' which has seen rapid demographic change and an increasing diversity of ethnicities, nationalities and faiths.



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

An opportunity to find out more about how you might serve God and the church. Lunch is provided at this free event but booking is essential. Location: Foxhill, Frodsham.



[Our Colour Reflection - 1 February to 1 March 2018](#)

Cathedral Chester Cathedral and Chester Visual Arts present 'Our Colour Reflection' by international artist, Liz West. The installation creates a conversation between the viewer and the setting using hundreds of mirrors made of coloured acrylic.



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

Hear the experiences of St James', New Brighton of managing a major repair project and HLF grant.



[Writing a Successful Funding Application - 15 February 2018](#)

A one day workshop for churches wishing to apply to grant-making trusts for capital redevelopment or repair projects for church buildings and/or church halls.



[Heritage Lottery Fund grants - 23 February 2018](#)

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



[Heritage Lottery Fund grants - 24 February 2018](#)

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

[Baptism Matters - 3 March 2018](#)

The Diocesan Mission Team invite anyone passionate about mission and growth to come and join us for a



day exploring baptism. During the day, delegates will be provided with both the teaching and the space to discover: What really matters to families, why godparents are central, the importance of welcome, and practical ideas. Location: Wharton.



[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.



[A day on Benedictine Spirituality](#) - 14 April 2018

To be held at Chester Cathedral Cloister room 10am - Registration and coffee 10.30 - 12.15pm.



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

Rachel Mann who is a priest, poet and writer based in south Manchester. This study day will look at how 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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