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[Director of Communications Vacancy](#)

An exciting opportunity has arisen for the appointment of a Director of Communications who will have responsibility to enable the whole Diocese of Chester to communicate the Gospel effectively.



[DBF Fees Forms 2018](#)

The 2018 DBF fees forms and notes can be downloaded from the parochial fees page. Please only use the current forms for remitting 2018 fees. Do not use old versions of the forms as the fees rates will be incorrect. Please read the notes carefully. When completing these forms, upon selection of your parish name from the dropdown box it will automatically complete the parish number or fees account reference that the DBF use. Fees and forms should be remitted to the DBF on a monthly basis via the PCC. 'Nil' returns should be sent if there are no fees received during the month. If you have any queries, please contact Maxine Southwick on 01928 718834 ext. 239.



[Wellbeing Videos](#)

A small group has been formed in the Diocese to provide information and resources relating to clergy wellbeing. The following resources are available with the hope that they may be used as discussion starters, perhaps at clergy chapter meetings and / or Deanery Synod meetings. Please feel free to use the resources as they best suit your purpose.



[Youth Leader \(Part Time\) Vacancy](#)

St Mary's is a thriving church set in the heart of Nantwich. They are looking for a person who is experienced in working with young people to join the ministry team to work alongside their existing Children and Families Worker.



Might God be calling you to the ministry of Spiritual Accompaniment / Spiritual Director?

We are planning to run a course in Spiritual Accompaniment, for both clergy and lay people, which will commence in September 2018 and continue to the summer of 2019. For further details, please contact the diocesan Prayer and Christian Spirituality Officer, Revd Graham Green. graham.green@chester.anglican.org tel: 01928 722151



Pastoral Worker training application packs are now available.

Incumbents putting forward candidates for Pastoral Worker selection should contact ministry@chester.anglican.org Closing date for applications is 30 April.



Reader Training application packs are now available.

Incumbents putting forward candidates for Reader selection should contact ministry@chester.anglican.org Closing date for applications is 30 April.



Continuing Ministerial Development

CMD Adviser, [David Herbert](#) is wanting to organise continuing ministerial development around the passions, interests and questions of licensed ministers. He would like to hear proposals for conversations from anyone who would like to focus with others for the purposes of their CMD.



[Let's Talk about...](#)

Let's Talk events are organised by the Committee for Social Responsibility, and are open all those who wish to come and share their experiences and concerns with regard to everyday parish life. Each month a different topic will be discussed. Some are open to all and others are for clergy. The next one will be held on the 6th March at 1.30pm at Foxhill. We will be discussing Rural Issues and the meeting is open to all. Please see the link for more information.



Estates Ministry

There is a growing interest in ministry in estates, for example in the work [@HodgeHillVicar](#), the involvement of Bishop Phillip North and the energy of the National Estate Churches Network. Would you be interested in joining a local conversation about estates ministry? If so, please contact [Debbie Dalby](#) or [David Herbert](#) before 16 February. They will then liaise about possible dates.



[Maintenance Grants from the National Churches Trust \(NCT\)](#)

For 2018, this grant programme for small scale church building repairs is now open to unlisted churches, and the funding range has been extended to £500 - £3,000, with minimum 50% match funding required. Several deadlines per year.

[Government Sustainability review published](#)

The government has published its review into the Sustainability of Church of England Churches and

 Cathedrals.

 **[Become a bellringer in 2018](#)**
In memory of 1400 bell ringers who died in the First World War, The Central Council of Church Bellringers are launching a new campaign to recruit 1400 new bell ringers.

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

 **[Eucharist - 14 February 2018](#)**
At Chester Cathedral there will be a Processional Ash Wednesday Eucharist at 7.30pm with ashing, penance and prayer

 **[Chester Cathedral Refectory refurbishment - 17 February 2018](#)**
The Refectory Café at Chester Cathedral is getting a new look! They will be upgrading the furniture and refreshing the menu. The Refectory will close at 5.30pm on 17 February, and re-open on 26 February.

 **[Ministry at Work - 24 February 2018](#)**
How do we keep our faith fresh during the working week? What can we learn from the example of Jesus who says "Walk with me - watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace".
Led by Mo Trudel, This day will offer a time to reflect, refresh and share our stories of our Christian faith and how it supports us and our colleagues in the midst of busy working lives.

 **[Christian Mindfulness in Lent - 1 to 3 March 2018](#)**
Led by the Revd Shaun Lambert, Mindfulness of God is a biblical and historical spirituality within Christianity. As we focus our attention on God we begin to be transformed along with our relationships. In this retreat Shaun will explore this transformation in depth in an interactive and dialogic way with simple practices to follow.

 **[Baptism Matters! Saturday - 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. 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, Practical ideas and understanding. Location Christ Church 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.

 **[Leaders of Younger Generations Day - 27 March 2018](#)**
The Diocese Mission team invites all Leaders of Younger Generations to the next Leaders of Younger Generations Day. We appreciate all your hard work and thank you for everything you do.

 **[Outdoor Adventure Day - 7 April 2018](#)**
The Diocesan Mission team would like to invite children, young people and families to take part in a fun filled outdoor activity adventure day with the Oakhanger Project which will include; canoeing, kayaking, orienteering and outdoor games at the lovely Brereton Heath Nature Reserve. Location: Brereton Heath Local Nature Reserve.

 **[Creating and managing a new Church Hall - 28 April 2018](#)**
A morning training opportunity to hear the experiences of St Peter's Church, Elworth.

 **[Open Doors - opening your church building for visitors - 22 May 2018](#)**
A one day workshop exploring the practicalities and opportunities of creating a better welcome and interpreting your church heritage for visitors

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