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[Election of Churchwardens 2018](#)

The necessary paperwork for APCM's to elect their Churchwardens is included in this item.



[Statistics for Mission 2017 - Reminder](#)

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. Although this date has now passed, the Parish Returns System will remain open until 31 March. If your parish has not already done so, please will you submit your Statistics for Mission data as soon as possible.



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

Throughout the year the CSR department are hosting 'Let's Talk' Sessions at Foxhill. They are open to those who wish to come and share their experiences and concerns with regard to everyday parish life and will focus on a different topic each month. Some are aimed at clergy while others are open to all.



[Planning Events](#)

If you are planning any community events this year, this webpage may help, including the First World War Commemorations, Heritage Open Days and Ride & Stride.

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



[How do we keep our faith fresh during the working week? - 24 February 2018](#)

A Ministry at Work day led by Mo Trudel. This day is designed to support people in the workplace to be effective for God and to encourage their spiritual development. Learning from the example of Jesus who says "Walk with me- watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace", the day will offer a time to reflect, refresh and share our stories of Christian Faith and how it supports us and our colleagues in the midst of busy working lives.



[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. 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.



[Let's Talk About Rural Issues - 6 March 2018](#)

This session is open to all those who work in a rural parish or worship in a rural setting – what is the distinct nature of their experience and is there scope for co-operative working and a new way to see living faith in a rural setting.



[Focus in Faith and Dementia Conference - 7 March 2018](#)

Transforming Lives Together are partnering with The Alzheimer's Society to run a conference for all faith groups in Tameside. This will be an all day event at St John's Church Centre, Dukinfield.



[Arts & Faith Pub Night - 12 March 2018](#)

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



['That's where the light gets in...' 48 hours for Holy Week - 26 to 28 March 2018](#)

Led by Andrew and Wendy Rudd. *'There is a crack in everything. That's where the light gets in...'* Leonard Cohen. Be still and reflect on the mystery of Holy Week in the beautiful Spring environment of Foxhill. In short introductions, Andrew will bring words and music to lead us into periods of silence. Wendy will offer creative spaces for quiet reflection.



[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. Location: Foxhill.



[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.



[Safeguarding Training - 25 April 2018](#)

A repeat of our half day face to face training course aimed at equipping parish safeguarding coordinators and volunteers to follow healthy safeguarding practice in their role.



[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 will lead this study day looking 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.



[Explorers of Church Building Projects - 14 June 2018](#)

Make changes to your church building without it costing you a penny. This is a morning training opportunity to hear the experiences of All Hallows, Cheadle, and discover how positive community links have enabled them to make building improvements through in-kind support.



[The National Weekend of Invitation - 15 to 17 June 2018](#)

Beyond our churches, nationally almost 3 million people are open to being invited to church or a suitable event. To equip church members to face their fear of inviting, a National Weekend of Invitation has been organized. Please read more about how your Parish can participate.



[Joyful Apologetics - 28 June 2018](#)

Led by Revd Dr Joe Kennedy, this is a one-day course which argues that, if we are to respond effectively to this contemporary wave of thought and emotion, we need to begin by listening to it and taking it seriously. In other words, before we speak, we need to learn why it is that so many people feel that Christianity offers a joyless and futile life – constricted, inauthentic, immoral, dangerous, hostile to human flourishing.



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