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### **Episcopal Visits 2019**

Over the next few weeks Rural Deans will consult with clergy concerning plans for Episcopal Visits in 2019. Any clergy seeking to arrange a visit should ensure requests are given to their Rural Dean before Monday 26th March 2018, giving details of possible dates and time, type of service and preferred Bishop.



### **Clergy Moves**

A List of appointments, resignations and retirements that have been announced since January 2018:



### **Guidance for parishes on implementing the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)**

All PCCs should consider and implement the guidance well in advance of 25th May 2018.



### **Pastoral Worker training application packs are now available.**

Incumbents putting forward candidates for Pastoral Worker selection should contact [ministry@chester.anglican.org](mailto:ministry@chester.anglican.org) Closing date for applications is 30 April.



### **Leaders of Younger Generations Survey**

We are trying to find out about people who minister with children and young people in the Diocese of Chester. If you minister with children and young people, in a voluntary or paid capacity, please take two minutes to fill in this questionnaire.



### **Reader Training application packs are now available.**

Incumbents putting forward candidates for Reader selection should contact [ministry@chester.anglican.org](mailto:ministry@chester.anglican.org) Closing date for applications is 30 April.



### **Consultation on the new HLF future direction and strategy is open**

All are welcome to take part in the public consultation on the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF), closing on 22 March 2018.



### **Places of Welcome**

Transforming Lives Together are pleased to report a growing number of churches in our Diocese which are now a 'Place of Welcome'. Check out the map on their website to see where they are and read how your church can join this national movement. Let's help to reduce loneliness and isolation.



### **The Beginner's Guide to Leading Public Worship**

Pastoral Workers who are being asked to lead worship in their own churches, or who would like to lead worship, should attend this course if they have not done so previously. This course is also open to others who may be asked to lead worship (eg churchwardens). Places are limited to book contact Jane Hood for an application form [jane.hood@chester.anglican.org](mailto:jane.hood@chester.anglican.org) 01928 718834 ext 257



### **Parish Nurses**

Are you interested in Parish Nursing Ministries? Are you a registered nurse? Parish nursing is a Christian charity which helps local churches to appoint nurses, who in turn support people and communities towards whole person healthcare. This is care for the person's overall well-being, incorporating body, mind and spirit. Parish Nursing Sunday is 13th May. Contact Madelaine Watts at [maddywatts9@hotmail.com](mailto:maddywatts9@hotmail.com)



### **Vacancy; Assistant Café Manager**

The hours are 8.5 hours a week at Cafe at the Cross, part of the outreach of St Peter's Church, Chester. Ideally, we are looking for someone with experience of food service and of working with volunteers. However, our priority is to find someone who loves Jesus, shines the fruit of the spirit and has a passion to share Jesus through hospitality and community development.



### **Churchwarden's Yearbook**

The 2019 Churchwarden's Yearbook is now available for order. If you wish to order please contact the publishers directly.

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



### **Slavery in Supply Chains - 8 March 2018**

Work in business? Is there slavery in your supply chain? Come and learn from local business leaders about how they have tackled modern slavery in their industry.



### **Reaching Out Sessions - 15 March 2018**

These events are aimed at parishes to share and celebrate the work they do to engage and support their local communities and highlight issues they are passionate about in the wider world. We would really like to

encourage attendance of those who are already engaged positively in activities and partnerships that make a real difference to communities and can demonstrate a practical response to sharing God's love. There are other sessions throughout the year.



**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. £165 including en-suite accommodation, meals and refreshments.



**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.



**J S Bach's St John Passion - 30 March 2018**

Chester Cathedral Choir will perform the St John Passion by J S Bach on Good Friday, 30 March 2018 at 8pm. Originally written for Good Friday in 1724, the passion is a masterpiece of technical precision and musical beauty which recounts the events leading to the crucifixion of Christ.



**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.



**Prayer Ministry Training - 12 April 2018**

Exercising a Credible and Compassionate Prayer Ministry - Led by Howard Fleming. Whether you are new to Prayer Ministry or are part of an established team, this refreshing day offers the chance to gain a deeper understanding of personal and ministry boundaries, whilst devoting time to working in small groups and assessing ministry scenarios.



**Creating and managing a new Church Hall - 28 April 2018**

A morning training opportunity to hear the experiences of St Peter's Church, Elworth. This is part of the 'Explorers of Church Building Projects' Programme by the Diocese of Chester:



**Environment Day - 30 April 2018**

A day looking at how Parishes engage with the environmental agenda. Key speakers A ROSHA, Green journey and the Diocese of Leeds. More details to follow. Location: Foxhill 10am -3.30pm. Find more about Green Journey here <http://greenjourney.org/>



**The Journey, our new weekend residential - 18 to 20 May**

A weekend residential, specifically designed for young people in school years 7-11, organised and delivered by a dedicated team of experienced DBS checked youth leaders from across the Diocese of Chester. It's a time for young people to gather with others who share similar beliefs and outlook on life, and to engage with Christianity in a way which may be new to them. Book your places now.



**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



**Safeguarding Training - 23 May 2018**

A repeat of our half day face to face training course aimed at equipping clergy and licensed readers / pastoral workers to follow healthy safeguarding practice in their role'.



**Power and Weakness, Authority and Service - 14 June 2018**

Theology and Practice in the New Testament. A CMD day led by Robert Evans, Senior Lecturer in New Testament Theology at the University of Chester exploring a focus on the theology of the cross and being subject to one another with a focus on Jesus, Mark and Paul.



**Retirement Preparation Conference for Clergy and their Partners - 9 to 11 October 2018**

The Scargill community will be leading a conference for clergy and their partners which will focus on providing information about the transition to retirement and what vocation means in the context of retirement. Please contact Jane Hood if you would like to book a place or if you want further details.

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