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**[Vacancy: Vicar for St Michael, Plas Newton, Chester](#)**

Are you a person of faith, a leader and a pastor, ready to serve in a church that longs to see people from their community come to faith? Then perhaps the Lord is calling you to this suburban parish in the evangelical tradition, with a church family of 200+ adults and 70 children and young people.



**[Vacancy: Part time Community Development Worker in Crewe](#)**

To develop relationships and creative links, via a community development approach, with schools, community groups and residents and to promote Christian faith-based activities.



**[Vacancy: Community Missioner, St James Westhead](#)**

Are you passionate about sharing the Gospel? Have you experience of working with children and families? Has God been preparing you for a new challenge? Then St. James Westhead might be the place for you to build a new worshipping community.



**[Putting your theology to work for other people](#)**

Do you have a theology qualification? Would you like to help other people gain theirs? Could you be a voluntary tutor? Come to our open learning evening on Tuesday, 1 May to find out what the possibilities are. To book email [jane.hood@chester.anglican.org](mailto:jane.hood@chester.anglican.org)



**[Ministers and Schools Learning Together](#)**

There's an exciting opportunity for licensed ministers to work alongside teachers / headteachers to improve their professional practice in schools particularly with regard to leadership and governance, the teaching of RE, corporate worship and pastoral support. This is envisaged as a one year pilot project involving up to 15 days research and mentoring made possible by funding from the Farmington Trust.



**[Inspiring Music in Worship – New Resource](#)**

The RSCM in partnership with Praxis have developed an excellent new resource to help churches to enhance their musical worship through a series of five Guided Conversations. It allows everyone who helps to lead worship from clergy to musicians to come together and explore and inspire worship, reflecting on its place in mission and discipleship.



**[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.



**[Setting God's People Free](#)**

Setting God's People Free is a national initiative by the Church of England to encourage whole-life discipleship, so that members of our congregations are better equipped to live out their Christian calling Monday to Saturday as well as Sunday. It is about helping people to live intentionally as Christians in the workplace, the home and the neighbourhood. Over the next few months, the team which is co-ordinating Setting God's People Free in the Diocese is looking to work with around ten pilot parishes, of different sizes, contexts and church traditions. The aim of the pilot will be to assess how well congregations feel they are currently equipped in this area, and how confident they feel about it, and to trial different approaches and resources with them. The learning from the pilot exercise will then feed into a major launch of Setting God's People free in the diocese early in 2019. If your parish wishes to express interest in being one of the ten pilot parishes, please e-mail Michael Gilbertson, the Archdeacon of Chester, by Friday 27 April.

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**[Diocesan Link with Melanesia](#)**

This year marks the thirtieth anniversary of the beginning of our link with the Anglican Church of Melanesia, in the southwest Pacific. We are celebrating this milestone with a day of celebration at Foxhill, on Saturday 16 June, from 10am until 3pm. Some visitors from Melanesia will be joining us, and there will be opportunities to discover more about the link, and how you could get involved in this rich and fruitful partnership with Christian sisters and brothers on the other side of the world. There will be children's activities included. Lunch is provided: for catering purposes, please contact John Freeman ([jjcfreeman37@gmail.com](mailto:jjcfreeman37@gmail.com)) to indicate whether you are planning to come.



**[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.

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



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

Join the Lay Community of Saint Benedict for a day on Benedictine Spirituality at Chester Cathedral.



### **[Let's talk about Green Spaces - 19 April 2018](#)**

This session to be held at Foxhill is open to all who have an interest in using their churches outdoor space. It is a change to gain ideas from others already utilising their outdoor space or share what you are already doing and learn from experiences of 'Church Outdoors'.



### **[Leaders of Younger Generations Day - 27 April 2018](#)**

The Diocesan Mission team would like to invite all Leaders of younger generations (those who work with people aged 0 - 30) to a reflection day. There will be time of worship, story sharing and we will be joined by Jimmy Dale the National Youth Evangelism Officer. Location: Foxhill, Frodsham.



### **[Explorers programme, Church Halls - 28 April 2018](#)**

A morning training opportunity to hear the experiences of St Peter's Church, Elworth.



### **[Parish Environment Day - 30 April 2018](#)**

Find out how we can all celebrate and enjoy our wildlife, be part of an international picture, save energy and introduce green conversations into parish life and eco ideas into worship. The day will feature national speakers, ambitious approaches from other diocese and local examples of best practice. Location: Foxhill, Frodsham with a free lunch.



### **[The Max Planck Lecture Series on Science and Faith - 1 May 2018](#)**

A five event series at Chester Cathedral encompassing many different aspects of Science and Faith.



### **['Enabling Church' Course - 3 May 2018](#)**

This 8 week course for 2 hours a week (with a break in the middle) will focus on inclusive church. The course will cover a theological approach to disability, church life and different needs. This is an interactive course that will include speakers, group discussions, and video presentations.



### **[Estates' Ministry Conversation - 15 May 2018](#)**

Are you interested in joining a series of conversations for those committed to estates' ministry? There is an initial conversation planned for Tuesday 15 May, 10.30 till 12.30 at Church House, Daresbury. Please contact [david.herbert@chester.anglican.org](mailto:david.herbert@chester.anglican.org) for more details or [jane.hood@chester.anglican.org](mailto:jane.hood@chester.anglican.org) to book a place.



### **[The Journey, Youth Residential - 18 to 20 May 2018](#)**

A new 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.



### **[Thy Kingdom Come Beacon event - 20 May 2018](#)**

You and your family and friends are invited to the Diocese of Chester Beacon Celebration as our whole Diocese and region comes together to pray 'Thy Kingdom Come' in Chester Cathedral. This will be an ecumenical service filled with joy, celebration, worship and prayer as we especially pray for and with young generations in an all-age service, asking God for more and more young people to come to know the love of Jesus. 'You're here to be light, bringing out the God-colours in the world' Matthew 5: 14-16 (MSG).



### **[Social Responsibility Reaching out session - 21 May 2018](#)**

The Social Responsibility team along with other Church House departments will be at St Mary's Upton (Wirral) to share and celebrate the work parishes do to engage and support their local communities. We would love to hear what people are doing in their parishes from foodbanks to churchyards; come and share what you are doing with neighbouring parishes or come along for inspiration and meet your neighbours.



### **[Opening Doors - 22 May 2018](#)**

A one day workshop exploring the practicalities and opportunities of creating a better welcome and interpreting your church heritage for visitors.



### **[Baptism Matters! - 23 June 2018](#)**

Involved in baptism or passionate about mission and growth? Then join us for a day exploring baptism. We are delighted to be joined by Revd. Dr Sandra Millar, Head of Projects and Development for the Archbishops' Council, who heads up the national agenda around baptism, funerals and weddings.



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