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[Clergy Well-being Videos](#)

There are two more contributions to our series of Clergy Well-being videos. The Venerable Ian Bishop talks about various aspects of self control and Jacky Wise talks about the importance of physical exercise.



[Clergy Moves and Notices](#)

A list of appointments, retirements and deaths that have been announced since March 2018.



[Discretionary Grants for Clergy](#)

The first tranche of discretionary grants is available and can be used to give extra support to individuals in addition to normal CMD in-service training grants.



[Foundations for Ministry](#)

For lay people who want to serve God in the church and in the world. People go on Foundations for Ministry to support many different kinds of Christian ministry. The course is designed to help people find and grow their ministry.



[The Journey: our new Weekend Youth Residential!](#)

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.



[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) to indicate whether you are planning to come.

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



[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 at Foxhill. There will be time of worship, story sharing and we will be joined by Jimmy Dale the National Youth Evangelism Officer.



[Creating and managing a new Church Hall - 28 April 2018](#)

Bookings close end of day Weds 18th April 2018. A morning training opportunity to hear the experiences of St Peter's Church, Elworth.

[Environment day - 30 April 2018](#)



Organised by the Social Responsibility Department, Environment day will focus upon environment concerns and will be a lively and useful day for people in parishes who care for their little patch or want to connect with the wider environment. Several organisations will be on hand with advice on what they can offer parishes and there will be an opportunity to share current and future environment plans for your parish.



How does God answer prayer in a scientific world? - 1 May 2018

Many people see the work of God in the regularity and beauty of the scientific laws. Yet the success of science has left a theological legacy - does God have to break those laws in responding to intercessory prayer? Or might the world of quantum theory and chaos open up a new kind of thinking about how God works? Led by The Revd Professor David Wilkinson (St John's College, University of Durham).



Enabling churches course - 3 May 2018

This course, produced collaboratively by the national Christian disability-focused organisations will focus on inclusive church. It will include a theological approach to disability as well as action churches can take. The course will run for 2 hours a week for 8 weeks.



Ascension Quiet Day with Trevor Dennis - 10 May 2018

Let's celebrate God to the skies this Ascension Day... But what kind of God will we celebrate? So much of the language we use of God is drawn from the world of men of power - but after Jesus of Nazareth, how appropriate is it? The Bible has some surprises up its sleeve, and has other ways of talking to suggest, other ways of experiencing and praying.



Re-imagining Remembrance and Armistice in a Warring World - 17 May 2018

Rachel Mann, 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.



The Inaugural WATCH Annual Lecture - 17 May 2018

Religious Freedom in UK Education – Conversations about being Human led by Helen Hall.



Thy Kingdom Come Beacon event - 20 May 2018

Come together for 'Thy Kingdom Come' in Chester Cathedral. This ecumenical service will be filled with joy, celebration, worship and prayer as we pray together, especially 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).*



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.



Make changes to your church building without it costing you a penny - 14 June 2018

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.



Authority & Service: Theology & Practice in the New Testament - 14 June 2018

An exploration in the New Testament of some key theological teaching and its ethical implications; with a focus on Jesus, Mark and Paul (and some films). Led by Revd Dr Robert Evans, teacher of New Testament Theology at the University of Chester.



Safeguarding Training - 19 June 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 your role.



Baptism Matters! - 23 June 2018

The Diocesan Mission Team invite anyone involved in baptism and anyone passionate about mission and growth to come and join us for a day exploring baptism. We are 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.



Celtic Treasures - Light from the past to inspire and illumine our lives - 21 to 23 September 2018

Led by the Revd Roy Searle – A leader of the Northumbria Community Celtic Christian spirituality was forged on the anvil of a changing world. Roy will explore treasures from the stories and traditions of the past that can bring hope, inspiration and light to our life and faith journeys in our changing contemporary church and world.



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