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[New Dean of Chester Cathedral announced](#)

The new Dean of Chester is to be the Venerable Dr Tim Stratford a highly experienced and respected priest, who is a published author and has strong connections to the North West. Tim is currently the Archdeacon of Leicester. He grew up in Liverpool and started his working life as a qualified electronic engineer for Lucas CAV in its Research and Development section. He studied theology at Oxford and was ordained in 1986.



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[Clergy Moves and Notices](#)

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



[Ministers and Schools Learning Together](#)

There's an exciting opportunity for licensed ministers to work alongside teachers/head teachers 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 12 days research and mentoring, made possible by funding from the Farmington Trust.



[Foundations for Ministry](#)

This is ideal 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.



[Dementia Friendly Churches](#)

Our newly formed Older People's Forum wish to identify and promote all the great work our Parishes are doing to support those with dementia. We would like to hear from you if you are doing anything related to dementia such as dementia friendly church or offering a dementia friends training session? If you are already engaged in dementia training can you tell us about it and what further steps have you taken since your training. Would members of your church like training? If you have anything to share please let Hannah know by email hannah.jones@chester.anglican.org by Thursday 7th June.

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



[Salt Sunday - 13 May 2018](#)

Families can enjoy an imaginative, free, fun-filled afternoon when Cheshire's award-winning Lion Salt Works Museum, based in Northwich, joins forces with the Salt of the Earth network for another exciting Salt Sunday. A celebration of Cheshire's huge natural reserves of salt, this event will explore salt's rich heritage with interactive drama and ingenious science experiments.



[Arts & Faith Pub Night - 14 May 2018](#)

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



[Estates' Ministry - 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 for more details or jane.hood@chester.anglican.org to book a place.



Thy Kingdom Come Beacon Event - 20 May 2018

We are delighted to invite you and your family and friends 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).



Creating a Culture of Invitation - 22 May 2018

Imagine a church where church members are not afraid to invite people to the services, where they are confident that the experience will be good and that encounters with the living God will happen. According to the research 'Church Going in the UK' by Tearfund, almost 3 million people are open to being invited to church. Michael Harvey international speaker, author of *Back to Church Sunday* and the *Weekend of Invitation*, will bring his training workshop to St Mary Magdalene, Ashton Upon Mersey.



Thy Kingdom Come Pilgrimage - 20 May 2018

The Mission team, in partnership with Foxhill House and Woodlands, are delighted to invite you to take part in the Thy Kingdom Come Pilgrimage, meeting at Foxhill House and Woodlands at 9am before carrying the prayers gathered across the Diocese ten miles to Chester Cathedral for the Thy Kingdom Come Beacon Event. Book your place now!



Social Responsibility Reaching Out Session - 21 May 2018

This event is 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. The format of the event will be mainly informal with a "speed dating" approach to encourage networking and sharing of ideas and inspiration. There will be space for two people from your parish to come to this event and an opportunity for you to demonstrate your work. Location Upton, Wirral.



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.



Pause for Hope - 3 June 2018

Pause for Hope returns to Chester Cathedral on Sunday 3 June at 3.30pm. Bishop Forster will be celebrating together with RC Bishop Mark Davies and Revd. John Kingsley, URC chaplain to the Countess of Chester Hospital.



Let's talk about talking to new neighbours - 4 June 2018

Have you had experience of working with refugees and asylum seekers? Have you worked with people of other faiths or welcomes people from new communities into your church? Do you want to raise awareness of modern slavery and people isolated and vulnerable because of their culture and language? Then this new neighbours session could be for you. Come and join us at Foxhill.



Leaders of Young Generations Prayer and Vision Day - 12 June 2018

The Mission Team would like to invite you to join us for a day of prayer for the vision and direction of Young Generations in the Diocese of Chester at Foxhill House and Woodlands. We will be spending the morning in prayer and using the afternoon to develop vision. Lunch will be provided by Foxhill.



An Evening with Five Talents - 12 June 2018

Enjoy an evening hosted by Five Talents to celebrate the link between Chester Diocese and the diocese of Aru and Boga in the Democratic Republic of Congo. There will be speakers from Democratic Republic of Congo as well as presentations on the work of Five Talents and refreshments. All are welcome, entry free.



Digital Giving Evening - 26 June 2018

The Mission Team would like to invite you to an evening event for Parish Giving Officers and all who have an interest in developing digital giving in the parish. Led by Eleanor Stead and Esther Stewart from the Church of England's National Stewardship Team, the evening will be spent exploring the world of digital giving.



Disability Awareness day - 15 July 2018

We are encouraging all Parishes to become more inclusive of disabled people and pray you will use disability awareness day as an ideal opportunity to become more inclusive. There will be some useful service resources on the website in due course. In the meantime, please do look at the 'Through the roof' website to learn more about what you can do to support disabled people.



Training for new Churchwardens - 30 June 2018

We are arranging a morning of training specifically for new Churchwardens. If you are starting out as a warden this year, you are encouraged to attend. The training session will include input from both archdeacons, experienced churchwardens and staff from Church House. A buffet lunch will be provided. If you are a new warden do try and make this a priority.



Urban Clergy Retreat - 23 to 24 July 2018

A retreat is currently being planned for Urban Clergy across the diocese. It will take place at Foxhill. The retreat will run from 12pm on the 23rd to 4pm on the 24th. Watch this space from more information. If you are in an Urban parish and are interested in coming along please contact

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