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[Diocesan Synod Elections 2018](#)

We are looking for dedicated and enthusiastic people, clergy and laity, to be members of Diocesan Synod for the next three year term which begins on 1 August 2018. Nomination papers have already been sent out to all Deanery Synod members so if you are not on Deanery Synod but would still like to stand, act quickly to contact your Rural Dean: the closing date for nominations may vary slightly from Deanery to Deanery as each is responsible for its own election management but the suggested closing date is 8 June 2018 so there are only a few weeks in which to act.



[2017 Annual Reports and Accounts](#)

Most treasurers will by now have completed the annual accounting process for 2017 and PCCs will have received presentation of the accounts at the APCM. To comply with Charity Law any PCCs with income over £100,000 are required to file accounts and reports with the Charity Commission. It is also important to remember that in order to comply with Church Representation Rules ALL PCCs regardless of their income must submit annual accounts to the Board of Finance, so please forward a copy of your accounts and reports as soon as they are complete. We will be pleased to receive accounts either by post or by e-mail to sharon.taylor-booth@chester.anglican.org or gill.ellis@chester.anglican.org



[Vacancy: School Building & Finance Officer](#)

An exciting opportunity to support the work of Church of England schools in the Diocese of Chester.



[Vacancy: Director](#)

The Cre8 Youth & Community Programme is looking for someone with a passion for the fun, excitement and challenge of community life and with proven management skills.



[Vacancy: Family Missioner](#)

St Philip and St James, Alderley Edge and Alderley Edge Methodist Church.



[Filling the Gap](#)

Does your church offer activities and free food for children in the school holidays? Transforming Lives Together have been sharing an initiative to inspire churches to give this a go. It is especially important in areas where families struggle to make ends meet during school holidays because provision of free school meals is an essential part of them managing in the holidays. If your church has such a ministry please will you let us know as we are trying to map all such provision around the Diocese and next month we wish to celebrate the 'Heroes of Filling the Gap'; those volunteers who make this possible.



[Congo Appeal - from Bishop Peter, Bishop Libby and Bishop Keith](#)

We are writing to inform you of the current turmoil in Aru and Boga, the Diocese of Chester link dioceses in northeast DR Congo. There has been some coverage of this crisis on national news which you may have seen. We have received requests for support from our link dioceses in this time of need.

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



[Let's talk about talking to new neighbours](#) - 4 June 2018

This is a simple chat and share session to enable parish volunteers and clergy to learn from each other and explore different ideas and approaches. This session is open to all those who have built relationships (or hope to) with people of other faiths, refugees, migrants and asylum seekers or welcomed people of fresh cultures into their church community.



[Leaders of Young Generations Prayer and Vision Day](#) - 12 June 2018

A day of prayer for the vision and direction of Young Generations in the Diocese of Chester on Tuesday 12th June at Foxhill House and Woodlands. We will be spending the morning in prayer and using the afternoon to develop vision for Young Generations in the Diocese of Chester together. Lunch will be provided by Foxhill.



[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.



[Baptism Matters](#) - 23 June 2018

The Mission Team would love to invite anyone involved in baptism and anyone passionate about mission and growth to come and 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.



Digital Giving Evening - 26th June 2018

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.



Finding New Ways into the Familiar - 7 July 2018

A preaching workshop for trainee Readers and Readers. The Gospel should always be Good News, yet escaping from familiar ways of reading and interpreting texts is sometimes difficult. This is a practical workshop and training day, focussing on finding new ways into familiar texts. It will be of interest to all who preach, and of particular value to trainee Readers with preaching assignments to prepare. As places are limited, booking is essential. To book email jane.hood@chester.anglican.org



Urban clergy retreat, Waters of Rest: Sabbath on a Monday - 23 July to 24 July 2018

Come and pause with other urban clergy. Come for spiritual pampering.

The time will be led by Andrew and Wendy Rudd. In short introductions, Andrew will bring words and music to lead us into periods of silence. Wendy will offer creative spaces for reflection. If you are Urban clergy and would like to come along to the retreat please book your place. Location: Foxhill



Dynamic fundraising - 1 October 2018

An interactive day exploring different ways and experiences of raising funds for church building projects and how the activity of raising funds can be a great tool for mission. This is an opportunity to both hear from others and share your own experiences. The event is open to all churches in the geographical area of the Diocese of Chester.



Young People and Mental Health - 5 October 2018

For the fourth consecutive year we are linking with World Mental Health Day (10 October) by organising a day for picking up conversations on mental health. The day will offer information and practical ways to help within our parishes on how to listen to and engage with young people who may be experiencing mental health issues.



24 Hours with a Theologian led by Miranda Threlfall-Holmes - 5 November 2018

The event is themed around 'Difference', 'Diversity' and 'Deviance'. There is a declension of difference. I am different; you bring welcome diversity; he is deviant. From the burning of heretics to 'mutual flourishing', one thing the history of Christianity demonstrates is that we have always struggled with how to deal with difference.



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