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Gafcon Statement

The Bishop of Chester and the Bishop of Stockport have offered their prayers for the Bishop of Birkenhead as he prepares to attend the Gafcon conference in Jerusalem.



Clergy Moves and Notices

A list of the latest appointments, resignations, retirements and deaths since May 2018.



Vacancy for - Children and Family Worker

20 hours per week including Sunday Salary £12,000 per annum. To build on foundations in sharing the gospel with children (0 – 12 years primarily) and families who come into contact with St Thomas and All Saints Church, Ellesmere Port and St Lawrence.



Part time Children and Family Worker

St John's Sandiway is looking for a part time Children and Family (CAF) Worker to help grow its work with families. St John's is an active church, that already has a strong offering for young people: a Junior Church, Messy Church, a Junior Choir, an improvised music group called JIMS, and a Youth Group.



Vacancy for - Youth Worker

All Saints' Marple is a large, vibrant church and we are looking to appoint a full-time youth worker who will lead our youth work both inside church and out into the community.



Vacancy for - Hospice Spiritual Lead

Halton Haven Hospice is seeking to recruit a Hospice Spiritual Lead to lead the Spiritual support of our patients and families.



Chester and Melanesia Celebrate 30 Year Partnership

There was a joyful celebration at Foxhill on 16 June to mark thirty years of the link between the Diocese of Chester and the Anglican Church of Melanesia. Supporters from within the diocese were joined by some special guests from Melanesia.



Be aware of modern slavery, Church-backed Clewer Initiative urges

A new project that seeks to get churchgoers to look out for signs of modern slavery in their communities has been launched this week, as new statistics revealed the number of victims of slavery has increased by at least 300 per cent in the past five years.



There But Not There - the 2018 Armistice project for the charity 'Remembered'

'There But Not There' aims to place a representative figure for as many as possible of the names on local war memorials, around the country, into their place of worship, their school, their workplace or wherever their absence was keenly felt.



Vacancy for PA to the Dean

Chester Cathedral Chapter are looking to appoint an experienced PA to support the Dean in his ministry. The

work will be demanding and varied, including tasks that are sensitive and confidential, alongside some routine duties. The Chapter seeks a person with excellent professional, interpersonal and organisational skills who is tactful and discreet, self-motivated and flexible.

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



[The Royal Cheshire Show - 19 and 20 June 2018](#)

This year we will again be present in the Church Tent at The Royal Cheshire show in Knutsford. If you are coming along do call in and see us. There will be communion each day at 8am in the church tent and a service at 2pm each day. Each service will be signed.



[Cheshire Show Messy Church Tent - 19 to 20 June 2018](#)

Are you going to the Cheshire Show? The Mission team and Messy Church team invite you to come and join us in the Messy Church tent to find out how you are 'wonderfully made' There will be lots of free activities for you to take part in. All ages are welcome.



[Take Refuge Under My Shade / Chester Refugee Week- 19 to 25 June 2018](#)

Cheshire-based dancer, choreographer and Cathedral theologian Claire Henderson Davis and dance artist Bettina Carpi are creating 'Take Refuge Under My Shade', a dance theatre piece that will provide the central focus for Chester Refugee Week events commencing Monday 18 June.



[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 will 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 - 26 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. We expect this evening will be well attended so please book early to avoid disappointment.



[Encountering God - 9 July 2018](#)

Revd John Kirkland will be looking at several encounters with God in scripture, noting that they occurred at God's initiative. John will also look at Isaiah who encountered the holiness of God; Elijah who encountered God in discouragement and Job who encountered God in suffering. The day starts with coffee at 9.30am and ends with tea at 3.30pm. £22 per person- includes lunch and refreshments. Booking forms available from: Foxhill@chester.anglican.org Or call 01928 733777



[Reaching Out Session- Bowdon - 10 July 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 on a stand or table top presentation.



[Let's Talk About- Little Church Big community - 12 July 2018](#)

This session is open to clergy who have an optimistic view of the impact even the smallest church can have in shaping local community. It may also be helpful for those who want to find out how limited resources do not have to be a barrier to creating that vibrant spiritual heart.



[Disability Awareness day Warrington - 15 July 2018](#)

Disability Awareness Day (DAD) being held at Walton Gardens in Warrington. The DAD event attracts well over 25000 people and this year the Chester Diocese Engagement and Inclusion Officer Vanessa Layfield along with members of the Disability Forum will have a presence there. Therefore on Sunday the 15th July could we please encourage you to use the theme or title of "Celebration of different abilities" in your churches?



[Urban Clergy Retreat; Waters of Rest; Sabbath - 23 and 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.



[Goal of Unity with Dom. Henry Wansbrough and Bishop Peter Forster - 25 July 2018](#)

A dialogue between the Anglican Church and the Roman Catholic Church. For this special event we welcome talks from Dom. Henry Wansbrough and Bishop Peter Forster, followed by a chaired discussion and question session to explore how the church can work towards the Goal of Unity. The day starts with coffee at 9.30am and ends with tea at 3.30pm. £27.50 per person- includes lunch and refreshments. A donation of £5.00 will be given to the Anglican Centre in Rome. Booking forms available from: Foxhill@chester.anglican.org Or call 01928 733777



[Ministry at Work - 22 September 2018](#)

As Autumn sets in and we begin to think about winter we will use Rowan Williams book 'Being Disciples' to review and refresh our faith together. This day will be a mix of studying core truths as set out by Rowan,

walking and listening to God in nature and taking away a faith uplift to help "be" the Christian presence at work. It will be useful for delegates to bring the Rowan Williams book Being Disciples, the essentials of the Christian life. Booking forms are available from: foxhill@chester.anglican.org



Foundations for Ministry (FfM) is twenty-years old. - 23 September 2018

Some 1,100 people have followed this unique programme with its focus on gaining a clearer understanding of an individual's God-given vocation. People in a huge range of walks of life have used the insights FfM has given them. And hundreds of ministers, lay and ordained, have used it as a stepping-stone in their ministerial development. Come and celebrate FfM at a service in the cathedral on 23 September at 3.30pm. All past and present FfM students and staff are warmly invited.

If you have a story to tell of how you've used your FfM experience, email ministry@chester.anglican.org



Dynamic fundraising - 1 October 2018

A day to explore different ways to raise funds for church building projects and how fundraising can be missional, hearing from examples in our Diocese.



Being There in Bereavement - 4 October 2018

Resource your parish's ministry with bereaved people in four sessions at Church House this Autumn. This well-established training module is available to anyone who is interested in reflecting on practical, pastoral and theological responses to loss and grief, and care for dying and bereaved people in a parish context. The module is open to members of church pastoral care and bereavement teams, as well as to licensed ministers wanting to reflect on their practice.



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.



Big Church Day Out - 31 May to 1 June 2019

As some of you may have seen, we are very excited about our first LINE UP ANNOUNCEMENT for [#BCDO](https://twitter.com/BCDO) 2019 and we think many of you will be pleased about this one! Rend Collective are back! If that wasn't enough, the Diocese has again secured a massive discount for next year's tickets and you can book them now! Book your place now!



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