



HEREFORDSHIRE NEWS

Jesus was so emphatic about his disciples being united – "I pray that they will be one, just as you and I are one – as you are in me, Father and I am in you. And may they be in us so that the world will believe". Christians are working together in Herefordshire – let me know if you have events I can publicise. Deadline 25th of the month.

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Churches Together in Leominster - AGM

Churches Together in Leominster will be holding their Annual General Meeting to which all are invited. They have invited David Bland to speak on how he and others from a number of different churches across Herefordshire have responded to the Refugee Crisis in very practical ways. The meeting takes place at Leominster Priory on Tuesday 13th September at 7.30pm. Donations from the meeting will be collected for Refugee Aid.

Churches Together in Ewyas Harold – AGM

Christians in Ewyas Harold will be coming together for their Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 4th October at the Methodist Chapel, Ewyas Harold, at 7.30pm. All are welcome.

Syrian Refugee Crisis – Church, Voluntary Organisation and Herefordshire Council response

The Government has now told Herefordshire Council that they are to expect the first family groups of vulnerable Syrian refugees to be arriving in November 2016 in Herefordshire, with further families expected in April 2017. It is anticipated that the first families will be housed within the Hereford city area where there has been some suitable privately rented accommodation identified.

Herefordshire Council have set up a web page on their site with more detailed information about some of the needs they are anticipating and who to contact with offers of help – including language skills, equipment etc. There is also information about

unaccompanied asylum seeking children who will be coming over the next year and an emphasis on the need for more foster carers and assisted board and lodgings placements to accommodate them.

There are downloadable posters to display in your church, seeking help for this vulnerable group as they move to Herefordshire.

www.herefordshire.gov.uk/refugees

St Michael's Hospice – Chapel dedication

With the rebuild of the second phase of St Michael's Hospice now complete, church leaders and representatives of Herefordshire Interfaith Forum gathered last month to watch the Bishop of Hereford dedicate the new spiritual space. The Hospice choir sang and the sun shone and visitors and supporters admired the beautifully etched windows overlooking the valley, and the

new Hereford wood round altar table.

St Michael's Hospice – Training Day



St Michael's Hospice

On 19th September, the Hospice chaplaincy team is organising their annual regional training day. The theme is the exploration of Acceptance and Commitment therapy which is a development of Mindfulness. The day will be led by Dr Ray Owen and will be held at Pool Barn, Staplow HR8 1NQ. The cost of the day is £15 including a light lunch. Further details from Davina Tully – Tel 01432 852621 dtully@st-michaels-hospice.org.uk

An Evening with C.S. Lewis



Hereford Baptist Church are hosting, in association with Tearfund, 'An Evening with C.S. Lewis' - the great Christian writer and lay theologian. Author of *The Screwtape Letters*, *The Chronicles of Narnia* and many more, will be played by great British actor David Payne, performing an inspirational one man show. He will re-tell stories of the people and events that inspired C.S. Lewis' thoughts and that shaped his life. The event takes place on 30th September at 7.45pm (doors open 7pm).

Tickets can be bought online at <http://www.bigchurchlive.com/events> or from the Hereford Baptist Church Office Tel 01432 352209

at a cost of £10 (or £7 for students).

Open the Book – training opportunities



The Diocesan Young People's Team are joining with 'Open the Book' to offer free training for churches and individuals who want to deliver these sessions, bringing the Bible to life for primary school children. The scheme is already being run successfully by churches and Churches Together Groups around the county – could you be involved? Herefordshire training date: Thursday 15th September at St Martin's Church Hereford 10-3pm. For more information about Open the Book, click [here](#). To find out about the training, contact the YP team: Kathy Bland 01568 610785 yposassitant@hereford.anglican.org

Faith in Politics



Hereford Diocese, in partnership with Christian Aid and The Children's Society are holding a morning event which will explore issues of faith and political action - do they mix? When and how should we act and speak? With invited speakers, case studies and workshops led by Christian Aid and The Children's Society, you will get the chance to look at practical steps that can be taken

to speak up against injustice and bring about change.

The event will be held on Saturday October 15th 9am to 12.30pm, cost £5, at the Ludlow Mascall Centre. For more information or to book please contact Joanne Gibbon j.gibbon@hereford.anglican.org or Tel 01584 871089

Herefordshire Mind – Concert



A concert is to be given by a professional string quartet at St John's Methodist Church on September 16th at 7.30pm featuring music by Haydn, Boyce, Humperdinck and Borodin. The concert is in aid of Herefordshire Mind to help launch a newly completed facility in Hereford to enable final stage clients with problems to reintegrate back into a more stable way of life. Tickets are £10; £7 for concessions.

Herefordshire Interfaith Peace Service



Herefordshire Interfaith Group will be holding an International Peace Day Celebration on Sunday 25th September, at 5.30pm in Hereford Cathedral. There will be a multicultural programme including music, drama and readings from different faiths and cultures. All welcome.