



HEREFORDSHIRE NEWS

*This newsletter is for anyone interested in churches and Christians working together. Let me know of any ecumenical events happening near you that I can publicise next month. Deadline for copy – 25<sup>th</sup>.*

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**Churches Together in Herefordshire – Open Meeting**



A date for your diary - Churches Together in Herefordshire will be holding their second Open Meeting of the year, to which all are invited. It will be held on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October at 10am, in the Conference Room at the Bishop's Palace, Hereford. There will be a short time of worship, led by Pastor Brigitte Malik (seconded to the Diocese from the Lutheran Church in Nuremburg as part of a clergy exchange). This will be followed by the Guest Speaker – Rev Chris Densham, Mission Enabler for Telford Christians Together and Churches Together in Shropshire. He will be talking about the ways Christians in Shropshire prayed,

worshipped and walked together as part of this year's 'Thy Kingdom Come' initiative.

If you would like to find out more, or would like an agenda for the brief business meeting to follow Chris's talk, please contact

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**Churches Together in Leominster AGM**

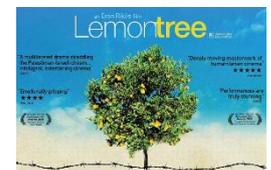


Members of all the churches of Leominster are invited to come together on Wednesday September 13<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm for their Annual General Meeting. The Guest Speaker will be Sally Reith, representing 'Shared Interest' – a fair trade financial co-operative that aims to provide cheap repayable loans to third world producers.

There will be refreshments available and a retiring collection for the Shared Interest Foundation. All are welcome to the evening, which will be held in the Moravian Church Hall, Leominster.

<https://www.shared-interest.com/en>

**Churches Together in Hereford – Meeting and Film Night**



Churches Together in Hereford city will be holding their next meeting on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September, at 7pm, at the Friends Meeting House, King Street, Hereford. They will be showing 'The Lemon Tree' – a film telling the story of a Palestinian widow who must defend her lemon tree field when a new Israeli Defence Minister moves next to her and threatens to have her lemon grove torn down.

All are welcome to join in this interesting evening.

**Churches Together in Weobley – Harvest Service**

Christians in Weobley will be coming together for their joint Harvest Festival celebration on Sunday 1st October at the Church of St Peter & St Paul, Weobley, followed by lunch, provided by the churches. Tickets available from each of the churches. All are welcome, with harvest gifts for the Food Bank.

## Churches Together in Ewyas Harold – Taizé Service

Christians in Ewyas Harold will be holding one of their regular Taizé Services this month, on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September at Ewyas Harold Methodist Chapel, at 8pm. A quiet hour of prayer, candlelight, reflection and song. All are welcome.-

## Welcome Service – new Methodist Superintendent



Rev Phil Warrey will be welcomed to Herefordshire by Methodists and other Christians hoping to work with him across the south and east of the county. The Welcome Service to celebrate his appointment will be held on Saturday September 2<sup>nd</sup> at 3pm at Ledbury Methodist Church. He will be the Minister of Ledbury and Bromyard Methodist Churches and Christ Church, Ross (a Methodist / United Reformed Church Local Ecumenical Partnership), as well as Superintendent to the Circuit.

## Full Gospel Businessmen - dinner and talk



The next dinner and talk held by this non-denominational organisation will be on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm at The Bunch of Carrots, Hampton Bishop when the speaker will be Jonathan Rendall. After a remarkable career in education and work in Africa, he will share his journey, including experiences of the miraculous.

Everyone is welcome – meal £20. Bookings to Peter Pember 01432 840254 by 25<sup>th</sup> September.

## Hereford Food Bank – appeal



The Food Bank in Hereford City is always grateful for cash donations to support its work. Unlike many other food banks, Hereford purchases bread, cheese, milk and other perishable items to enable them to offer a more balanced diet to supplement the stock of tinned food and other food given generously by many churches, individuals and organisations. If you would like to contribute, maybe on a regular basis, please contact [herefordfoodbank@rocketmail.com](mailto:herefordfoodbank@rocketmail.com) or Tel 01432 353347

Please note, there is a current need for tinned items of soup, fish and meat, but pasta and beans are in plentiful supply.

## Herefordshire Vennture – information event



Vennture – the voluntary organisation made up of volunteers from over 20 different churches – is holding an information event. There will be updates on existing projects (Street Pastors, Family Pastors, Lean-on-Me, Vennture Daytime Ambassadors), news about opportunities for new projects as well as practical examples and stories of recent work. If you want to find out more, or have been thinking about

volunteering, you are very welcome to come on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September 7-9pm at St Paul's Church, Tupsley, Hereford.

For more information, contact [enquiries@vennture.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@vennture.org.uk) Tel 0330 202 0730

## Royal British Legion - volunteers needed



The Royal British Legion are looking for volunteers who could offer help for an hour in a supermarket collecting or helping with distributing poppies and wreaths. This is a vital part of Remembrance and ensures the work of the Legion can continue. Please contact Sarah Jones if you think you can help: [skjones@britishlegion.org.uk](mailto:skjones@britishlegion.org.uk) 07919 881131

## Christians Against Poverty – appeal



Challenge Community Church have hosted the CAP Debt Centre in Hereford which has been run as an ecumenical ministry to those in debt. They are grateful for the financial and prayer support of many churches, but the project is currently running at a deficit. They are looking for churches, individuals or groups who could support this invaluable resource for those who want to be released from a life sentence of poverty, debt, unemployment and addiction. If you think you might be able to help, contact Steve Sully [steve\\_sully2010@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:steve_sully2010@yahoo.co.uk)