A Selection of Upcoming Events and Training

YEAR OF FAITH **SPIRITUAL QUESTION TIME** Tuesday, 12th November Stokesay Inn, Craven Arms Book here: https://bit.ly/488xAvf

INFUSE YOUTH EVENTS Thursday, 14th November, 7-8.30pm Hereford Cathedral online via zoom To book or for more details contact the Intergenerational Team: e.hackney@hereford.anglican.org

DIOCESAN SYNOD Tuesday, 19th November, 7pm Cawley Hall

Further information: call the diocese main office on 01432 373300

INTERGENERATIONAL MISSION LEARNING COMMUNITY EVENTS Thursday, 14th November: 11am-1pm St John's Church, Bishop Castle Wednesday, 11th December: 11am-1pm St Martins Church, South Wye For anyone involved with Intergenerational mission or who works with children, young people and/or families info from

e.hackney@hereford.anglican.org

For more information about these and other diocesan events please visit our diocese Eventbrite page online at https://bit.ly/4ebcnCL

News from the Youth Hubs Project



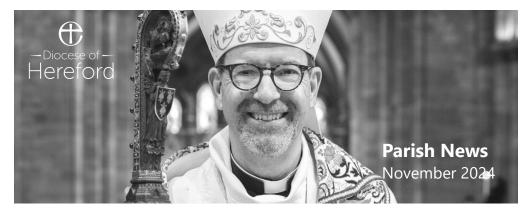


The Youth Hubs project in Leominster and Bishop's Castle has sprung into action with the appointment of new team members Heather Martin, Youth Hubs Coordinator and Rev'd Nick Gurney, Bishop's Castle Youth Pioneer. In her recent blog, Heather said, "When you think about your own journey of faith, my guess is that you probably had some individuals who invested time and

prayer in you, who responded to the call of the Psalmist in Psalm 78 and opened their mouths with a parable, uttered hidden things, things from of old, things they had heard and known, things their ancestors told them....He commanded their ancestors to teach their children, so the next generation would know them, even the children yet to be born, and they in turn would tell their children. If we want the church to grow and have a future, we need to take this call seriously. Therefore there is a need to reimagine ourselves as pioneers of something that might not even exist or have been thought about yet."

You can read Heather's full article on the blog pages of our website here: https://bit.ly/4dJrYsH





On Remembrance by The Rt Rev'd Richard Jackson, Bishop of Hereford

Dear Friends.

A Christian poet once wrote, "History repeats itself; it has to, no-one listens!" These are words we do well to remember in our current international climate. with wars in the Middle East and Ukraine. As we remember the great conflicts of the 20th century and the political context that led to those wars. there has been some progress, in the West at least. A lot of the warlike rhetoric and posturing, the appeal to patriotism, and the sense of our individual identities being tied up with national ones seems strange and dated. At the time, these attitudes, combined with the arrogance of empire, were a toxic combination that led to the horrific conflict with the loss of so many lives. However, elements of these attitudes remain. We always prefer our own tribe. There is an alienation that has opened people to the rise of the far right with its attempt to blame all our ills on immigration. A knowledge of history shows where these things can end up.

Christians are instructed to pray for our political leaders and to live in peace

where we can, but one of the things that got the early Christians into trouble was their political subversion. There will always be elements of our culture and politics we want to affirm, but there will be others we want to challenge. Early Christian worship declared that Caesar wasn't Lord; Jesus was. That sort of talk could (and did) get them killed. The personal security that sustained this courage was a conviction that they were first and foremost citizens of heaven. In Jesus they had experienced the power of the other country breaking into their experience. We will remember our national tragedies and sacrifice on Remembrance Day. But every Sunday we remember a tragedy and sacrifice that turned into a glorious victory. Christ's death. It points us to the ultimate powerlessness of violence to achieve real change. It subverts the doctrine that might is right. Sadly, it may take a lot of bloodshed for that to come home to Hamas, Hezbollah, the Israeli government and the Russian army.

With best wishes

+Richard

Year of Faith 2024





Environment resources for your church

This year the diocese held two environment conferences in support of key national church initiatives: NetZero Carbon 2030 and Biodiversity. If we are to obey God's call to love our neighbour, then that must include tackling climate change which is so devastating for our global neighbours.

Below is a list of resources we have shared recently:

New Blog from Diocesan Mission Enabler for the Environment: https:// bit.ly/4dJnF0v

Church of England Environment Newsletter sign-up: https:// bit.ly/3BSfXUs

NetZero Church CofE guidance pages: https://bit.ly/3DpwhYJ

COP29 Climate Change 11th to 22nd November—join a daily prayer https:// bit.ly/3BGaYpP

Hereford Diocese NetZero 2030 Small Grants for your Church or Church Hall — up to £10,000, first deadline 8th November: call Lorna Theophilus in the Property Team on 07514 494 683 or see https://bit.ly/3U8aQpr

We are hiring a Net Zero Carbon Project Manager for Schools (deadline for applications 11th November) https://bit.ly/4dI4TXw

Muddy Church and Forest Church Meet Up—9th November, Shropshire Hills Discovery Centre, Craven Arms an opportunity to find out more about these eco-focused worship styles; email e.hackney@hereford.anglican.org for

Other resources for your church

The Church of England has launched an introductory video on Youtube here online Church Support Hub to share https://bit.ly/4f0X68b. what's working to help grow congregations nationwide. The aim is to share For straightforward resources to help you learning from a range of churches for the run your parish day-to-day, don't forget benefit of the whole Church, based on about the super-informative A - Z what has been fruitful in nationally- Resources for Churches page on the nafunded projects. We recommend reading tional website, https://bit.ly/4eGX1GP the ABOUT page first here: https:// bit.ly/3U8Lckm to get the general gist And don't forget our diocesan resource

of how to use this resource. There's an pages here https://bit.ly/4dR6biO

Diocese News

2024 Order of St Ethelbert Awardees



On Sunday afternoon, 6th October, Hereford Cathedral was packed with wellwishers as the Bishop of Hereford, the Rt deacons, Dean and other Cathedral and Rev'd Richard Jackson, awarded the Or- diocesan senior clergy as well as local der of St Ethelbert to this year's recipi- dignitaries. ents at a special service of dedication. 28 were awarded the honour this year, with Each recipient receives a signed certificate from Bishop Richard, a St Ethelbert medal and ribbon and a copy of the For the full list of recipients and citations, book St Ethelbert, King and Martyr. The Cathedral was filled to the brim for the bit.ly/3TRAC14

occasion, with friends and family, Hereford Cathedral choir, the Bishop, Arch-

people from parishes around the diocese The Order of St Ethelbert is awarded to those in the Diocese of Hereford who almost all of them attending the service. have given long and distinguished service to the diocese.

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