

Rural Dean's diary

Celebration of Ministry Service

Tuesday 11th September at 7.30pm at Wychbold church (Church Lane WR9 0NZ)

Everyone is warmly invited to come and celebrate ministry and renew their own commitment, whatever that ministry is, at our annual deanery service. The preacher will be Canon Nick Wright, Worcester Archdeaconry Warden of Readers. Nick has wide experience of encouraging lay ministry of all kinds, as well as of supporting collaborative working between lay and ordained people. This will be my last 'official' occasion in the deanery so I should especially love to share the service with you. (Please remember that ALMs and Eucharistic Ministers no longer need to bring certificates to be signed.)

Bishop's Certificate course

There's still time to sign up for the Bishop's Certificate course running on Wednesday evenings in Droitwich starting 3rd October. It's open to anyone who wants to dig deeper into bible, faith and church and all you need is enthusiasm and a willingness to join in. People always end the course saying how much they have enjoyed it and what a life and faith-enhancing experience it has been. For more information contact Barbara Wheatley on 01527 892969 or barbarawheatley@btinternet.com or visit the diocesan website www.cofe-worcester.org.uk/mission-and-ministry/your-christian-calling/bishops-certificate

Administrative support and training

If you are involved in any aspect of admin for your church these evening sessions at the Old Palace, Worcester, may be of interest.

For details and to book go to www.cofeworcester.org.uk/events/calendar and click on the red spot on the relevant date.

8th October – Working with GDPR

22nd October – Administration for Occasional Offices (baptisms, weddings, funerals)

5th November – Record keeping, minute taking, agenda writing

12th November – Faculties and how to apply for them

19th November – Communications and media relations

Thank you

As this is my last Rural Dean's diary before my retirement, I'd like to say a big thank you for all the support and encouragement I've received over my time in the role. It's been a privilege to work with parishes during periods of vacancy, to accompany people in their explorations of vocation, to share in opportunities for training and learning, and to help us think together across the deanery about how we engage in ministry and mission in our changing times. Thank you for your companionship in all of this and my prayers and good wishes go with every parish for the future.

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