

Rural Dean's diary

Stewardship – Deanery Synod Open Forum

The speaker is the Revd Alison Maddocks, diocesan Stewardship Officer. Alison's role is to work with churches to promote greater understanding of the principles of Christian giving, to inspire, equip and resource people in financial stewardship, and to help with stewardship programmes, 'Fairer Shares' and the creation of mission-focused budgets. This work supports our diocesan vision that we should be to be 'devoted to growing deeply as disciples, offering our time, talents and money to God'. You are invited to come and meet Alison at Synod on **Wednesday 4th October at 7.30pm at Stoke Prior church** to hear more about her work and how she can help churches with all aspects of stewardship.

Sharing faith as a grandparent?

Thursday 21st September, 10am-2pm, The Old Palace, Worcester WR1 2JE

A gathering to think about sharing faith down the generations, either as a grandparent yourself or as a grandparent figure to children in your family or at church. Grandparents will talk about their experiences, there will be opportunity to reflect on what the bible says about passing on faith, and fun and cake are also promised. Book your place at cydproject@cofe-worcester.org.uk

Linking church and school communities

Wednesday 8th November: a day at Stanbrook Abbey (near Malvern) to explore how we can strengthen and deepen the relationship between local churches and schools. There will be input about the Church of England's vision for education, its impact on our diocese, and workshops to look at creative resources and practical ideas for engaging with our schools. To book email training@cofe-worcester.org.uk or call 01905 732812.

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