

## **Rural Dean's diary**

### **A Church Near You**

This well-established Church of England site enables people to get in touch with their parish church, or indeed any Church of England parish, and find out what's going on there. It's a great resource both for churches and for enquirers and it's just about to be re-launched. Some excellent new features are being added, such as being able to search for your nearest C of E school and for churches to be able to add more information about special services and events, including those happening beyond the church building. Why not visit ACNY in the coming weeks to keep an eye open for the revamped site and see what people are able to discover about your church: [www.achurchnearyou.com](http://www.achurchnearyou.com)

### **God Talk reading group**

This group meets once a term, usually in February, June and October, so this is a great time to be thinking about joining in during 2018. Everyone reads the advertised book in advance and then gathers to talk about it and reflect on its impact on their understanding of God and the world. It's informal and relaxed, an opportunity to stimulate thinking, share ideas and questions, and to meet people from other churches in the deanery. No one is looking for 'right' answers or any specialist knowledge! Books, dates and venues for the next round of meetings are being finalised, so if you would like to receive further details please drop me a line.

### **Deanery days at Holland House**

These annual days, offering time to step aside for some peace and quiet, nurture and reflection, will be continuing during 2018, which is excellent news. They will be led by a variety of experienced quiet day leaders, with the usual opportunity to enjoy the lovely hospitality of Holland House, our diocesan retreat centre. Look out for more details and for the date of the Droitwich Deanery day in the new year.

### **'PCC Tonight' training evening**

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February, 7.45-9.45pm, St Peter's Baptist Church, Worcester, WR5 3TZ**

Suitable for all PCC members, this fun, informative evening will help you to clarify the purpose and place of your PCC and explore some common problems. You will also be introduced to material you can use to help shape the life of your own PCC. Cost: £12 for the first booking, £3 for each additional member of your PCC. For the discount, you need to make a group booking. More info [www.cpas.org.uk/pcc](http://www.cpas.org.uk/pcc)

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