

Rural Dean's diary

Deanery day at Holland House

Monday 16th July, 10am – 4pm

In early July there may still be time to book for the deanery 'quiet' day at Holland House, to be led by the Revd Nigel Taylor, so please get in touch. These days are a wonderful opportunity to step aside for some peace and quiet in the beautiful surroundings of Holland House, with good food, input to help people with their Christian lives, plus space for thought, all in supportive company with others. The theme this time is around 'Desire and Choice', drawing on stories from the gospels. There will be a Eucharist and times of guided and personal reflection. Don't be put off by the idea the day might be too 'quiet' or that it is only for the super-holy! There is time for conversation, reading or pottering, and you can take part in as much or as little of what's on offer as you wish. The cost is £15, to include coffee, lunch and tea.

Celebration of Ministry Service

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

This year's service moves to the end of the summer and all are invited to come and celebrate ministry and renew their commitment, whatever that ministry is and with a formal title or not. It's also a great opportunity to support one another in ministry across the deanery. The preacher will be Canon Nick Wright, Worcester Archdeaconry Warden of Readers. Nick has wide experience in encouraging lay ministry of all kinds, as well as in supporting collaborative working between lay and ordained people. This will be my last 'official' occasion in the deanery before my retirement 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

This is an excellent time to think about signing up for the next 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

Farewell, good wishes and congratulations

Our good wishes to Gary Crellin, licensed as Vicar of the Benefice of Powick & Guarlford & Madresfield with Newland at the end of May. We thank Gary warmly for his ministry among us in the deanery and wish him well in his new role. And congratulations to Paula Honniball from Droitwich being ordained priest on 1st July. Paula is part-time non-stipendiary Assistant Curate at St John the Baptist, Claines, & St George, Worcester and we send our good wishes for this next step in her ministry.

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