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### [Supporting and Developing Missional Communities](#)

A Contribution to Discussion The Bishop of Chester is inviting comments on proposals, contained in a discussion paper, to set up a five year Development Fund, with a suggested allocation of £250,000 pa. He is also inviting reflections on the 20 year revolution in church finance. Please note the date for replies is 31 October and not 31 December as stated in some versions of the document.



### [Diocesan Synod Elections 2018](#)

A reminder that the 8 June 2018 is the suggested closing date so there are just a few days left to submit nominations.



### [Diocesan Link with Melanesia](#)

This year marks the thirtieth anniversary of the beginning of our link with the Anglican Church of Melanesia, in the southwest Pacific. We are celebrating this milestone with a day of celebration at Foxhill, on Saturday 16 June, from 10am until 3pm. Some visitors from Melanesia will be joining us, and there will be opportunities to discover more about the link, and how you could get involved in this rich and fruitful partnership with Christian sisters and brothers on the other side of the world. There will be children's activities included. Lunch is provided: for catering purposes, please contact John Freeman ([jjcfreeman37@gmail.com](mailto:jjcfreeman37@gmail.com)) to indicate whether you are planning to come.



### [Vacancy - School Building & Finance Officer](#)

An exciting opportunity to support the work of Church of England schools in the Diocese of Chester, managing the programme of building work alongside the financial and legal work within the small Education team.



### [Vacancy - Family Missioner](#)

St Philip and St James, Alderley Edge and Alderley Edge Methodist Church are two churches, who love working together and want to take our mission to young children (0 - 11 year olds) and their families to a new level.



### [Mission through Sport](#)

The mission team is delighted to share that Scripture Union has a range of free Mission through Sport resources for the upcoming football world cup. These are resources for non-sports specialists – so everyone can make the most of them! Please have a look, use them and, in the spirit of football, pass them on. These free resources are written for a church, school and community context and they are written and used by practitioners. By signing up to these resources it will enable Scripture Union to keep in touch with you around mission and sport to and with young people in the future.



### [MaintenanceBooker launched by National Churches Trust](#)

A new online maintenance service for churches is now available for our region. Why not give it a go for booking jobs such as clearing gutters (grants available), lightning protection system inspections, tree surveys and surgery and asbestos Management Services.



### [Heritage Lottery Fund - latest news](#)

Following consultation on the future direction of their grant funding, the HLF have published a brief initial summary of the responses on their website. Keep checking the HLF website for future information.



### [Foundations for Ministry](#)

Find out how you can serve God in the Church and the world on this course which is designed to help people find and grow their ministry.



### [The Beginner's Guide to Leading Public Worship](#)

Pastoral Workers who are being asked to lead worship in their own churches, or who would like to lead worship, should attend this course if they have not done so previously. This course is also open to others who may be asked to lead worship (e.g. churchwardens). Places are limited to book contact Jane Hood for an application form [jane.hood@chester.anglican.org](mailto:jane.hood@chester.anglican.org) 01928 718834 ext 257

**Featured events below - For all events, see the [Diocese of Chester 'Events' page](#)**



### [Risking Creative Failure - 11 June 2018](#)

Failure is something many of us fear and avoid as the wounds from past hurts steel us against taking risks. Yet, the path to creativity, to making new things, often travels through this wilderness. Through reflection,

words, music and image, we will explore these ideas together, listening to God's voice as we seek to answer his invitation to create and shape things for his glory. Led by the Revd Andy Stinson



**Make changes to your church building without costing you a penny - 14 June 2018**

Organised by Explorers of Church Building Projects, the last chance to book a place to hear the experiences of All Hallows, Cheadle, and discover how positive community links have enabled them to make building improvements through in-kind support. 10am-12pm.



**National Weekend of Invitation - 15 to 17 June 2018**

One weekend. Multitudes of personal invitations to those outside our churches. All with a simple request to please 'Be our guest'. Offering a welcome to those who may just have been waiting to be invited. Simple? Yes. And it is something every church can be part of. But not 'easy'. First we must face the fear that holds us back. And that's part of the plan.



**Baptism Matters - 23 June 2018**

The Mission Team would love to invite anyone involved in baptism and anyone passionate about mission and growth to come and join us for a day exploring baptism. We are delighted to be joined by Revd. Dr Sandra Millar, Head of Projects and Development for the Archbishops' Council, who heads up the national agenda around baptism, funerals and weddings.



**Digital Giving Evening - 26 June 2018**

The Mission Team would like to invite you to an evening event for Parish Giving Officers and all who have an interest in developing digital giving in the parish. Led by Eleanor Stead and Esther Stewart from the Church of England's National Stewardship Team, the evening will be spent exploring the world of digital giving. We expect this evening will be well attended so please book early to avoid disappointment.



**Joyful Apologetics led by Revd Dr Joe Kennedy - 28 June 2018**

Apologetics is a one-day course which argues that, if we are to respond effectively to this contemporary wave of thought and emotion, we need to begin by listening to it and taking it seriously. In other words, before we speak, we need to learn why it is that so many people feel that Christianity offers a joyless and futile life – constricted, inauthentic, immoral, dangerous, hostile to human flourishing.



**Goal of Unity - 25 July 2018**

A dialogue between the Anglican Church and the Roman Catholic Church. For this special event we welcome talks from Dom. Henry Wansbrough and Bishop Peter Forster, followed by a chaired discussion and question session to explore how the church can work towards the Goal of Unity. Each day starts with coffee at 9.30am and ends with tea at 3.30pm. £27.50 per person- includes lunch and refreshments. A donation of £5.00 will be given to the Anglican Centre in Rome. Booking forms available from:

[Foxhill@chester.anglican.org](mailto:Foxhill@chester.anglican.org) Or call 01928 733777



**Ven Tim Stratford to be installed as Dean of Chester - 8 September 2018**

Clergy and Parishes are being sent invitations from the Canon Precentor's Office via their Rural Deans. All are welcome to attend and are asked to respond to the Canon Precentor's Office at

[RSVP@chestercathedral.com](mailto:RSVP@chestercathedral.com) by 30 June, whereupon they will be sent a free e-ticket for the service.

Location: Chester Cathedral at 2.30pm



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