

Telford Christians Together

TOGETHER for the Kingdom

INFORMATION & RESOURCES

May 2018

Thy Kingdom Come 2018



May 10th to May 20th

As part of the international prayer initiative *Thy Kingdom*

Come (May 10th-20th) Chris Densham has put together a series of prayer walks that will connect all the churches that are part of Telford Christians Together. In general terms these fit with the existing Ecumenical partnerships/area and will allow us to pray blessing on one another and the areas we serve. The purpose of the exercise is simply to wander between the different churches praying God's blessing on the things we see. Many of the routes take us past Schools, Hospitals and Community Spaces for which we can pray.

On Friday 11th May there is a prayer walk up the Wrekin. Meet at car park at 6.30pm.



Telford churches are running a number of activities during Thy Kingdom Come which include holding Messy Church events and churches being open for prayer. Hadley Methodist are having 24 hours of prayer from 12 noon Friday 18th May to 12 noon Saturday 19th May. Wombridge Church is running a pop-in Messy Church on Saturday 19th May from 10am to 12pm where the activities include making Prayer Doves, Doves cakes, Fig Roll Bibles and following the Prayer Treasure Hunt. From 12pm to 2pm the Church is open for a time of personal prayer, where prayer candles can be lit.

Branches in the Park



Branches in the Park is a Mental Health Awareness Festival with activities and events for all the family. It is being held on **May 6th** from 11am to 6pm in **Telford Town Park**. Headlining the main stage is Savannah with supporting acts including Steel Monkey and Ska Burst.

What do Branches offer?

Branches offer a range of services to promote better mental health.

Services include:

- 24/7 helpline for telephone support
- Listening service for one to one support
- Drop in
- Groups and activities for recovery
- Training and development to build skills for life
- A safe place to provide support in a mental health crisis

Who will support me?

The services will be delivered by Telford After Care Team (TACT) in partnership with Telford Mind, CHEC, Wavelength and the CVS. Paid staff and volunteers with lived experience will be trained to provide high quality support.

Where is Branches?

Strickland House, The Lawns, Wellington and CHEC, 31 High Street, Madeley

How can I access the services?

You can [drop in, telephone or email](#).

You can refer someone in this way – or they can refer themselves.

<https://telford.mylifeportal.co.uk/branches>

Messy Church

At Telford's **Spring into the Park** event Cerys Hughes, Messy Church Enabler for Shropshire, provided a range of craft activities which were enjoyed by children of all ages. Parents were able to discover what Messy Church is all about and a number enquired about Messy Church in their local area. You can find your nearest Messy Church by going to the following link and putting in your postcode:

<https://www.messychurch.org.uk/messy-churches>



Messy Church is for those outside of other forms of church and therefore aims to introduce Jesus and give everyone opportunities to encounter Him and grow closer to Him. It is church in its own right and should therefore not be seen as a stepping stone into other forms of church, although this may well happen.



There are over one hundred Messy Churches in the Lichfield Diocese. Cerys is part of a Messy Church in Telford, she has knowledge and experience of Messy Church in a range of contexts and can offer training, advice and support to Messy Church teams across the Diocese.

Messy Meet Ups are fun, informal meetings for anyone involved in leading a Messy Church and offer time to share news, stories, and ideas, to try new activities, to pray together and be equipped and energised for Messy ministry.

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FoodCycle

OUR VISION: A society where no one is hungry or lonely

OUR MISSION: To unite and nourish communities using surplus food

OUR AIMS:

- strengthen communities by bringing people together around a healthy meal
- encourage friendships by creating spaces for people from all backgrounds and walks of life to have fun together
- improve nutrition and reduce hunger by cooking healthy meals for those in need
- change attitudes to food by cooking with surplus ingredients and spreading our passion for food and the environment

Practical Peter from FoodCycle Finsbury Park loves a good hack. Whether it is making delicious food with very few ingredients, using simple methods to clean difficult stains or thinking up non-traditional cooking methods, Peter is your man. In this monthly blog, he will be sharing all his favourite FoodCycle knowledge with you, so you can get a bit of the Peter magic each month. Check out his easy green, white and red soup, which only require a few simple ingredients.

<https://www.foodcycle.org.uk/who-we-are/why-foodcycle/>

Climb Caer Caradoc

Churches Together in Shropshire have organised a prayer walk up Caer Caradoc for Wednesday, June 20th at 6.45pm for 7pm with a service in St. Milburga's at 7pm for those who felt unable to do the climb. Parking will be available at St Milburga's, Church Stretton SY6 7

