

**November 2018**

faith

**Living as adventurous followers of Jesus Christ**

**We will remember them**

This month marks the centenary of the end of WWI. Among the many physical reminders of the Great War are countless memorials inside and outside churches together with rolls of honour which record the names of men and women who gave their lives. Remembering the end of what was sometimes called 'the War to end all wars', the Church of England has launched new worship and prayer resources to mark the this date. On 11 November, bells will ring out in unison from churches and cathedrals in villages, towns and cities across the country. Find all the resources and information at [churchofengland.org/first-world-war-centenary](http://churchofengland.org/first-world-war-centenary)

**A prayer for the way of peace and reconciliation**

*Lord, strengthen our hearts, hands, and minds, to work together for peace; to see you in one another, and to seek your kingdom above all things; that your will may be done, and your Kingdom come, through Jesus Christ, the Lord of lords and King of kings. Amen.*



**Christingle: 50 years of helping children**

This year the Children's Society Christingle marks 50 years since the very first Christingle service in this country. Everyone is invited to join in the celebrations to make the 50th anniversary the

biggest for Christingle yet. The money raised helps support vulnerable young people living with a range of serious issues including violence, abuse, neglect and poverty.

You can get free resources including Christingle Messy Church, collection envelopes, candles and red tape from [christingle.org/shop](http://christingle.org/shop) or call 0300 300 7000 for more information.



**Online faculty system training sessions**

The Diocese of Gloucester is introducing the Faculty Online System to manage all applications for faculties, List

B works (Archdeacon's authorisation) and List A works (de minimis). Parishes will be able to submit everything via an online portal, and be able to check on progress, see who is responsible for taking next steps of action and respond to any queries raised during the course of an application. No need to book, just drop into one of the sessions. If you can't make either of these sessions, don't panic as there will be additional sessions outside of traditional working hours early in 2019.

- **Tuesday 6 November, 10am to 12.30pm at The Parish Room, St George's Church, Nailsworth**
- **Wednesday 7 November, 10am to 12.30pm at St Michael's Church Centre, Bishop's Cleeve**

**Worship Team Training**

This training is for worship leaders, worship teams and audio visual teams. It's for anyone who wants to grow in their understanding and practice of worship in the local church. There will be times to worship together as a community, to hear teaching on worship, share in practical seminars, and pray for each other all in a relaxed and informal setting. It will include audio and visuals for worship, resourcing and using songs. Sessions will begin in early 2019. Visit [gloucester.anglican.org/2018/worship-team-training/](http://gloucester.anglican.org/2018/worship-team-training/) for details and booking.



## Follow the star: the C of E's 2018 Christmas campaign

Thousands of Christmas services and events will be taking place in churches all over the country in the run up to Christmas. Make your church a 'star church' simply by displaying a star prominently. The bigger and more visible the better. Friday 21 December will be the 'night of the stars'.

Archbishops Justin and Sentamu said, "For many of us, Christmas brings up so many emotions, memories and expectations. We have one nativity story, but it can seem like we all have very different Christmases. For you it might be a time of joy and togetherness. Or perhaps it's all about planning and to-do lists. Many others can find it a sad and lonely time – nagged by the feeling that your Christmas is not like those 'perfect' ones we see in the media. But just like the unexpected assortment of people who were invited to meet the baby Jesus, *#FollowTheStar* doesn't ask you to be perfect. It says: come just as you are to take the life-changing Christmas journey." <https://bit.ly/2A4OY5P> for more information and visit [www.achurchnearyou.com](http://www.achurchnearyou.com) to find out how you can celebrate at church this Christmas.

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## Events and training

### It's your call: CPAS

Friday 2 to Sunday 4 November, BMS International Mission Centre, Birmingham, B29 6QX

18-30 and wondering what God wants you to do with your life? This weekend will help you to explore possibilities, connect with God, his call and others. £95 per person including course fees and accommodation. Students and unemployed £65. More information and booking at [cpas.org.uk/itsyourcall](http://cpas.org.uk/itsyourcall)

### Advent to Epiphany: Engaging with the heart of Christmas, with children, schools and families

Wednesday 7 November, 10.30am to 12.30pm, Lysons Hall, Hempsted, GL2 5LH

An informal time to share resources and experiences of Christingle, school services and collective worship, toddler talks, activities, scripts and ideas. Find out about new national initiatives and publications. Free, open to all, refreshments provided. Book at <https://goo.gl/vViDXM>

### Get your church noticed—training

Tuesday 20 November, 10am to 2pm, Oxstalls Sports Park, Plock Court, Gloucester, GL2 9DW

A day of training led by Neil Pugmire, author of '100 ways to get your church noticed'. A whistle-stop tour through the

tools you can use to put your church 'on the map' - branding, noticeboards, websites, magazines, social media, working with the media and more. Cost £5 on the day, Booking at <https://bit.ly/2pkysZv>

### Church of England: Social Media Training

Tuesday 13 November, 10am to 4pm

The Jerusalem Room, 4 College Green, Gloucester GL1 2LR

Join us as the CofE digital communications team delivers a virtual social and digital media training day for churches via live stream. Free event. Booking and find out more at <https://bit.ly/2QIsfSu>

### Mission shaped ministry taster morning

Saturday 24 November, 10am to 2pm at Gloucester Famers' Club

Are you and your church doing mission locally? It could be a Fresh Expression of church or a creative missional activity. If you're interested in getting ideas and inspiration, making connections and getting support, come along to this morning and find out more. There will be a full length course running through 2019. Find out more and book at <https://goo.gl/STB8dR>

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