

## 2021 Training Events (mainly the first term)

Please find below a selection of training opportunities to help equip and resource us, our ministry, and the people we serve. As you know, as a diocese we are paying attention to the theme of growing in health and sustainability. Our intention is that these events will help us further to receive God’s healing and sustenance, and to share the healing and sustaining life of Christ, within, through and beyond our churches. Please note:

- All training through to at least Easter will be delivered online
- Please reserve the Bishop’s teaching morning (Feb 25, 9.45 to 12.30), with the Revd Dr Sharon Prentis; an invitation with more details will follow
- *Each* of the events deserves highlighting – do make the most of them!
- And I *will* highlight the ‘visit’ of the Rev Dr Sam Wells on March 11 & 17
- There are 3 days on Resilience, sequenced 3, 1 & 2 – which deserves comment. Days 1 and 2 are repeats of events offered last year. Day 3 will make even more sense if you’ve already done day 1 – and can function as a stand-alone session. I can’t guarantee that it will be repeated in the future.
- A number of the events are open and relevant not just to clergy, so please do think about who else to invite (and then encourage them to engage).
- For any administrative queries, please contact Katie Hewitt-Brake at [training@cofe-worcester.org.uk](mailto:training@cofe-worcester.org.uk)
- Here’s a chronological summary, followed by the details of each below

### Summary

Click to read more about each event.

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And now for the details...



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**Tue Mar 2, 9, 16, & 23      7.45 -9.15pm      Spirituality of the Child (4 session course)**

Tickets: <https://bit.ly/36TVGff>

This course is for anyone who is in contact with children, e.g. children's work volunteers, parents and clergy. Every child is born spiritual. If we will let them, they can teach us a lot through the way they see our spiritual world. Together, we can share in awe and wonder.

Over the four weeks of the course we will look at themes such as:

- Looking at spirituality through the eyes of a child.
- Working on our understanding of children and their spirituality (including spiritual 'Styles')
- Considering how we nurture the spirit of a child to help the child grow.
- How school, church and home can work together in this area – drawing on a recent research report.
- Sharing ideas and practicalities from our own experiences with each other.

The course will be led by Emma Pettifer (Children's Officer). Book via the link above. If you have any queries, please contact Emma: [epettifer@cofe-worcester.org.uk](mailto:epettifer@cofe-worcester.org.uk) or telephone 01905 732823.

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**Thu Mar 4      9.45am – 4pm      Developing Resilience Day 3 – Clarity with James Lawrence**

Tickets: <https://bit.ly/3qCCeeS>

This event is designed as the third in a series on resilience, of which the first two days were in 2020. Whilst it will work best with those who have engaged with one or both of the previous days (which are repeated on Mar 23 and May 18 respectively), it will still be very helpful for any participant. It may or may not be possible to offer this day's input again in the future – but a high level of interest will make that more likely.

This third day in our series on developing resilience reintroduces us to the spring and weights (a metaphor/framework for resilient ministry from Day 1) and focuses on the role of clarity in resilience. The less clear we are about how to spend our time (our priorities) or the less able we are to order ourselves around those priorities, the more we will feel stretched. The topics covered include:

Clarifying call

- Reconnecting with our primary vocation
- Revitalising our particular calling
- The importance of playing to our strengths and how to identify them.

Balance versus blend

- Why a balanced life isn't a good thing
- Re-blending, a healthy life practice.

Living by priorities, healthy practices for an ordered life

- How to say no
  - The importance of space
  - Creating systems that work for you
  - Handling hyperconnectivity.
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**Thu March 11 & 17 2– 4.30pm Generosity: teaching giving in testing times – with Rev'd Dr Sam Wells**

Tickets: <https://bit.ly/3a1HMKI>

This is a study day for clergy of the dioceses of Hereford and Worcester.

In order to combat zoom fatigue, it is split over two half days. Rev'd Dr Sam Wells will offer the keynote address in the first session and join us live for a Q&A in the second one. (Sam is a gifted preacher, pastor, writer, broadcaster, theologian and inspirational founder of the HeartEdge movement. Since 2012, he has been the vicar of St Martin-in-the-Fields, London.) We will also be joined by the new National Generous Giving Training Manager, Rev'd Martha Weatherill.

Many of us find it challenging, for understandable reasons, to teach our congregations about generosity. This year, more than ever, it has taken on a new complexity. These two half days offer a chance to:

- Benefit from speakers to help us reflect on good theology to underpin good practice, and
- Explore together what might help to overcome the difficulties experienced, leading to
- Practical ways to include this area regularly in the rhythms of our churches.

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**Tue Mar 23 9.45 – 4pm Building our Resilience in Times of Change – A two-part training course led by James Lawrence, CPAS**

**Part 1** – 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2021 - online – Framework & Practical Insights - Tickets: <https://bit.ly/33Rmij2>

**Part 2** - 18th May 2021 – mode/venue to be confirmed – Handling Expectations - Tickets: <https://bit.ly/39TPplQ>

**Who is it for?**

This event is initially offered to clergy hosting CYD Mission Enablers (Cohorts 3&4) – who are encouraged to book early to secure their place. There will also be space for other clergy.

As we know from experience, ministry is challenging. That's especially true when change is in the air. How we experience that challenge is influenced by several factors – not least the current state of our personal resilience. James Lawrence, over this two-day course, will help us to understand some of the key factors at play, and to find good ways forward for further strengthening and developing our personal resilience.

**Day 1 (23 March)** explores a framework for thinking about well-being and offers a variety of practical insights into how to build resilience.

**Day 2 (18 May)** will explore how to handle expectations well, both other's expectations of us and our own expectations of ourselves, and what appropriate boundaries might look like for those in ordained ministry.

The ideal is for participants to engage with both days, but they can also be booked separately.

James is Leadership Principal at CPAS, and brings substantial experience of working with many clergy on the real challenges of ministerial life, as well as a great gift of training and communicating.

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**Wed Mar 24 7.15pm-9pm Leading and Working with Millennials**

Tickets: <https://bit.ly/3ozxS6l>

Growing up in the 90s and the 00s, the millennial generation were immersed in the digital revolution. Often, it's commented that the church isn't a place where this generation is visible. While they may not occupy the pews on a Sunday, their presence can be felt on the fringes of Church, attending things like messy church with their children and also attending Church online. But as this generation yearns for spiritual nourishment and exploration it's important for churches to understand how they think and behave, how to lead them and also be led by them. Anyone interested is welcome to join this online session, which will include input from millennials leaders, leaders working with millennials and those being led by millennials, hosted by Diocese of Worcester Mission Enabler Adam Legge.

**Please book by the end of Wed Feb 10**, after which date any spaces will be offered beyond the diocese.

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**Tue May 18 9.45am – 4pm Developing Resilience 2 – Handling Expectations**

Tickets: <https://bit.ly/39TPplQ>

**Day 2** of a two-part training course led by James Lawrence, CPAS – see 23<sup>rd</sup> March for overview

**Mode/venue to be confirmed**

**Who is it for?**

This event is initially offered to clergy hosting CYD Mission Enablers (Cohorts 3&4) – who are encouraged to book early to secure their place. There will also be space for other clergy.

Expectations are everywhere, often undisclosed, and have the potential to scupper us in our role. This second day on developing resilience will explore how to handle expectations well, both other's expectations of us and our own expectations of ourselves, and what appropriate boundaries might look like for those in ordained ministry. The ideal is for participants to engage with both days, but they can also be booked separately.

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**Wed May 19 9.30am - 1pm Digital Issues Facing Christians Today**

Tickets: <https://bit.ly/2K2pl7l>

**Who's it for?**

For lay and ordained, old and young – anyone who wants to think about how digital and discipleship go together.

**What's it about?**

For some people, technology is all good, and for others all bad. Most of us fall somewhere between these extremes. Bishops blog and the Pope tweets (@pontifex). The Diocese of Worcester puts lots of prayer requests and news on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/cofeworchester>). The church has adopted social media as another means of sharing news and faith. But Christians rarely or never have the opportunity to think about how the digital world is changing our lives, perhaps changing some of the ways we live out our faith, perhaps even shaping our beliefs.

This workshop, led by Maggi Savin-Baden, who has spent time researching and thinking about these questions, will help today's church think about what discipleship might look like in a digital world. As well as looking at some of the more general questions around technology, participants will explore how we live wisely with social media and email,

how we keep our online and offline identity integrated and protected, and how the growing popularity of digital wills is changing the way some people think about the afterlife.

### **Who's the speaker?**

Maggi Savin-Baden is Professor of Education at University of Worcester. She has spent over 20 years researching how people learn, and she has published widely in specialist journals as well as writing 17 books, including work on digital fluency and the things that help people learn. She is a Licensed Lay Minister in the Church of England in the Diocese of Coventry, and a member of the Church of England Networked Learning Committee. She is a consultant to the Coventry Diocese on the development of a new Digital learning portal. In her spare time she bakes, runs, rock climbs and attempts triathlons.

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**Date / Time TBA**

**Sports Mission and the Local Church**

Tickets: <https://bit.ly/2VU5Oi4>

We are headed into a busy few years of global sporting events, 2021 has the Olympics and Rugby League World Cup and 2022 sees the Commonwealth Games coming to Birmingham. Such events can provide a springboard for the local church to engage in mission... Join Adam Legge and others, on a date to be arranged, for a conversation around what resources will be available, and how regular ministry might develop in this area.

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