



THE CHURCH  
OF ENGLAND

Diocese of Hereford

January 2012

**SOUTH SHROPSHIRE INTER FAITH  
EVENING EVENT TO BE HELD 7PM-8PM THURS 26<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2012  
At the Pilgrim Centre, Craven Arms  
Marking Holocaust Memorial Day (27<sup>th</sup> Jan)**

This memorial is a continuing way for all of us in this country to remind ourselves of the Jewish Holocaust, but also all the genocides and atrocities committed against populations, particularly in our recent history. Rwanda, Bosnia, Syria come to mind too readily. This year we shall be taking the *National Holocaust Memorial day* theme: **'Speak up, Speak out'**.

The evening will be one of stories, poetry, prose, silence, use of a variety of media.

Poster giving directions and further information can be found at:  
<http://www.hereford.anglican.org/content/Noticeboard/1498Holocaust%20Memorial%20Day.doc>

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**HEREFORD CATHEDRAL**

**Sunday 8 January 3.30 pm**

***Epiphany Carol Service*** Join us for this special service, sung by Hereford Cathedral Voluntary Choir, celebrating the veneration of the Christ-Child by the Magi

**Saturday 28 January 7 pm**

***Bach's Christmas Oratorio*** sung by the cathedral choir and with Marches Baroque and international soloists. Tickets available from the Perpetual Trust Office (01432 374261) and Cathedral Shop.

Supported by the Alan Cadbury Charitable Trust.

**Diocesan News Service for Magazine Editors.**

Copy in writing for **February** issue by **1 January 12** to:

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## A-Z of Churchyard Conservation

### W is for Walls

Because of our mild, damp climate we have some of the finest wall vegetation in Europe.



Top Tips for getting the balance right with plants and stonewalls:

- Survey the wall plants growing on your churchyard boundary wall and church walls.
- Decide on the management objectives for the walls and write a plan – plants take a long time to develop so mistakes can set them back for many years.
- Only remove those species, which are likely to cause damage i.e. woody-stemmed plants such as shrub and tree saplings and ivy.
- Remove woody-stemmed plants except for those with high conservation or amenity value. Flowering ivy for example is a valuable plant for many species, especially insects filling up on nectar before hibernating and birds feeding on ivy berries in the winter. Consider this when deciding how much ivy to remove - control rather than removal may be a better option in some places - especially when the ivy is holding the wall together!
- Keep attractive, semi woody species (e.g. red valerian which has a slight ability to damage walls) in places, which are very visible and easily accessible for re-pointing.

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### W is for Woodpecker - Green Woodpecker

The largest of our three species of woodpecker (the others being the Great Spotted and Lesser Spotted) and one of our most colorful birds, easily recognized by its laughing “yaffle” call as it flies. They have a great love of yellow meadow ants, and will return day after day to a favorite anthill to feed. Another important reason to look after our old meadow grassland in churchyards.



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