

# START THE WEEK 10th Mar 2008

On September 28th 2008 thousands of people will be inviting someone special back to church with them. (Make a note of the date now).

If you would be planning to register your church for Back to Church Sunday then [CLICK HERE](#). Churches need to register before the beginning of May so that they can order resource packs (you will only be able to order resources through Roger Morris and not directly from the website).

See <http://backtochurch.co.uk/> for more details.

Download a copy of the resources order form at [www.coventrydiocese.org/upload/file/BTCS\\_orderform08.doc](http://www.coventrydiocese.org/upload/file/BTCS_orderform08.doc). Please note that completed order forms need to be sent to Ruth Wagstaffe at Coventry Cathedral and Diocesan Offices, 1 Hill Top, Coventry, CV1 5AB or by email at [ruth.wagstaffe@covcofe.org](mailto:ruth.wagstaffe@covcofe.org).

## NEVILLE CARPMAIL

Neville Carpmail, Chief Executive of Coventry City Mission died peacefully on Sunday 9th March. Neville's involvement with Coventry City Mission goes back twenty years during which he has played a key role in establishing the ethos and spirit of CCM.

Neville was diagnosed with a malignant brain tumour in September 2006. Sadly, from the end of November, Neville's health began to deteriorate. Early in the New Year he was admitted to hospital, where on two occasions he was thought to be leaving for "home", including being in a coma for some hours. He subsequently regained full consciousness, and remained comfortable and free from pain. Neville was due to retire as Chief Executive of CCM on March 31st 2008.

Please pray for Rosalie his wife and the rest of the family. Please also pray for CCM and for their future leadership and development.

## NEW BISHOP OF COVENTRY

Bishop John writes:

"Thank you so much for your support for Christopher Cocksworth on Monday. He was very moved and encouraged by the day, and by the people he met. Christopher appreciated his visit enormously.

It is very important that none of us puts pressure on Christopher, or his PA, before he joins us later in the year. As you will understand, he has an extremely busy job as Principal of Ridley, and we must now allow him to devote time and energy to that job as he makes preparations to leave.

Meanwhile, any enquiries regarding Christopher need to be addressed through Christine Camfield at Bishop's House, although I should add that we are not yet in a position to agree any firm bookings for his diary and probably won't be able to do so until the autumn."

To read again the press release on Christopher's appointment, go to

<http://www.coventrydiocese.org/home/bishopswelcome/>

## NEW CITY OF COVENTRY

Coventry City Council and developers are negotiating enormous regeneration of the city centre approximating £8.4 billion. They inviting feedback from city people and organisations, giving churches a great opportunity to help shape the plans. Find our more at [www.coventry.gov.uk/citycentre](http://www.coventry.gov.uk/citycentre) or fill in the form at <http://forms.coventry.gov.uk/af3/an/default.aspx/RenderForm/?F.Name=fBHfHpNcTtC>

#### **HOLY WEEK DROP-IN DAY**

Offa House are hosting a day for clergy and those in full or part time ministry on Tuesday 18th March 2008, 9.00 am - 5.00 pm for Holy Week prayer and meditation – a place away from the parish in which to prepare. There is no set programme, but there will be times of prayer in the chapel for those who wish to share in them.

Advance notice (for all or part of the day) is appreciated, but not essential unless you require lunch or a room for private use in which case please contact Offa House on 01926 423309 or at [offahouse@btconnect.com](mailto:offahouse@btconnect.com).

The only charge will be the cost of lunch if required - £6.50

Details of other quiet days for individuals available at <http://www.offahouseretreat.co.uk/>

#### **WORSHIP MATERIAL**

Times and Seasons material has been published in pdf format in advance of it being produced in HTML. Material for Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Passiontide, the Easter Liturgy and the Easter season (up to the Feast of Pentecost) can all be found on the Church of England website. Passiontide material is at <http://www.cofe.anglican.org/worship/downloads/pdf/tspashw.pdf>, Easter material is at <http://www.cofe.anglican.org/worship/downloads/pdf/tseasterlit.pdf>.

Also worth visiting is the updated and enhanced 'Transforming Worship' site at <http://www.transformingworship.org.uk/TransformingWorship/>

#### **TRAINING FROM THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND**

Ever wished that more people knew about your church or organisation and the good things that it does? Modern media means your message can go straight to where people are — 24 hours a day. But how can you harness this for maximum impact?

That's where the CofE can help. They design their training so it is tailor made to your requirements. Whether it's radio or TV interviews, giving your public speaking an audit, or getting to grips with the web, they have the insights that will help.

View the 2008 training calendar at <http://www.commstraining.cofe.anglican.org/2008/cc.php>

#### **COVENTRY PRAISE**

An evening to catch up with what churches have been doing about 'Hope 08' in Coventry and Warwickshire. Last September nearly 1200 people attended our launch event with Steve Chalke. This time around the focus is on local stories. The event runs from 7.30-9ish at Coventry Cathedral on Saturday 6th April. For more details please contact: 024 76 521200

#### **LAST SEVEN WORDS**

The Last Seven Words - a service of music led by the Sherbourne Singers and readings telling the story of the Crucifixion will be held on Good Friday, 21st March at 7:30pm at All Saints Church, Church Road, Sherbourne, Warwick CV35 8AP. For more information contact Gail Frost 07714 073321.

#### **FRIENDLY BRITAIN**

On the 2nd of April 2008 shun unfriendly behaviour, become an activist of change and (1) smile at everyone you make eye contact with (if they smile back, say 'Hi' or if they are a long way from you give them a wave) and (2) ask 'how do you do?' to people you walk past or sit next to. If they reply, go mad and ask them how their day is going.

Let's go crazy and show an interest in our fellow Britons!

See <http://www.friendlybritain.org.uk/> for more details.

#### **BETTER THAN BABY EINSTEIN**

As a parent you want your child to grow up and to be healthy, smart, and happy and you seek every advantage to give your child a leg up in this direction. Though while these are goods in themselves you also realize that your most important job as a parent is to help your child get to Heaven. Sin makes you stupid and holiness makes you smart and joyful even in difficult situations.

Though you wonder how best can you help your child to grow in the Lord and in the Path of holiness? It seems there are so many tools and activities for kids for a range of topics that offer everything except what is most important and the pearl of great price.

That is where our new company Baby Augustine steps in and "Where Holiness Begins." Baby Augustine offers a plethora of holiness developmentally appropriate products for babies and toddlers.

See <http://www.splendoroftruth.com/curtjester/archives/008731.php>

Have a great (Passiontide) week!

With best wishes

Roger Morris

PS: After last night's football, I concur with St Peter (Acts 10:34)

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