

START THE WEEK 28th Apr 2008

LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER

Register now for BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY - [CLICK HERE](#).

Churches need to register before the end of this week 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_Order_form08.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.

For further information or to see a sample invite, contact Roger Morris on 024 7652 1326 or email him at roger.morris@covcofe.org

MEN ONLY

Nobby Clarke writes:

At St James, Fletchamstead we have started a Men's night once a month, which has been an excuse to just go for a drink without the ladies. Please publish our invitation to all men in Coventry to join us on Friday 9th May at the Sovereign Pub. This is an opportunity to show support and have a drink....or two. It's also an ideal and non threatening atmosphere for our non Christian friends. Finally, it may not be PC these days, but no women are allowed, it's a men's night where we talk about you, not to you!!!

For more information, contact Nobby at nobbyclarkejr@btinternet.com

LEAMINGTON PEACE FESTIVAL

Helpers are needed for some imaginative outreach at the Leamington Peace Festival on Sunday 15th June.

Revd. Christopher Wilson writes:

A celebration of the Christian mystical tradition planned as an outreach to people attracted to the Leamington Peace Festival. It will be called 'Peace of the Mystics Celebration' and will take place in All Saints Church. Participants already include Simon Small (contemplative prayer), Elizabeth Vooght (Desert Mothers & Fathers), Adrian Smith (meditations) and Chris McKenna (Marylebone healing centre). Other components will include a labyrinth, ministry of healing, creative activities, etc. We will set up immediately after the normal 8.00am Communion service, open at the same time as the Festival, and close with a slightly unusual Eucharist at 4.30pm.

We need open-minded, welcoming and mature Christian people to assist on the day: running the labyrinth; running creative workshops (creative writing, clay, etc); and assisting more generally. Yes, it's a Sunday, but that happens to be the outreach opportunity. Also, on both Saturday and Sunday, we need leafletters to advertise the event around the Pump Room gardens, which may involve engaging people in conversation.

For further information or to offer help (or even sponsorship!) please contact Christopher Wilson at

holy.trinity@btopenworld.com or on 01926 424016. Thank you very much.

IS EVANGELISM A SIN? ETHICAL EVANGELISM IN A PLURALIST SOCIETY

On 10 June, the Faith to Faith Forum of Global Connections presents a challenging day, held at CPAS in Warwick, looking at issues concerning ethical evangelism amongst Muslims, Hindus and New Age believers as well as a session on ethical evangelism amongst children and young people.

For full details and booking information go to the Global Connections website:

www.globalconnections.co.uk/faithtofaith08 or contact Ann Bower on 01926 487755 or at faithtofaith@globalconnections.co.uk

SUBVERTING THE EMPIRE: ROMANS DISARMED

Blah . . is a series of conversations on mission, worship, church and Christianity in today's rapidly changing culture. CMS have planned a 2008 'blah tour', and have invited Brian Walsh and Sylvia Keesmaat over from Canada to present it. "Romans Disarmed" will take place in Birmingham on Tuesday 17 June, 10am until 4pm at Birmingham Cathedral.

For more information, or to book online, go to www.blahonline.net

SPIRITUALITY FOR MISSION

Spirituality for Mission is a 48 hour conference for those involved in the mission of the Church at Whirlow Grange Sheffield on Monday 7th - Wednesday 9th July 2008. This gathering is sponsored by Fresh Expressions and Whirlow Grange Spirituality Centre, facilitated by Revd Nick Helm and Capt Colin Brown. Nick is the Bishop of Sheffield's advisor in Spirituality and Director of Whirlow Grange Spirituality Centre, involved in enabling people to listen discerningly to God, themselves and others. He has learned through experience the importance of spirituality as a resource for action. He is the author of Soul Spark - see www.soulspark.org.uk

Colin is a Church Army evangelist and works as part of the Fresh Expressions core team with particular responsibility for spirituality and prayer. He is also an artist exploring spirituality and art amongst other artists in Sheffield - see www.colinsart.org.uk

HOPE WHERE YOU LIVE

A new HOPE film will be available on 2nd May for use in your Bank Holiday, Pentecost & other HOPE events. The next Hope 'high point' starting around the May Bank Holiday weekend, "Hope Where You Live", is a great reminder to us to let our activities break out of our church buildings and to get onto the streets where we live.

To mark this, a new short film has been made for www.Hopeinfo.co.uk which is a snapshot of life on the streets, against the backdrop of the question: When? (as in Matthew 25...)

It will be available to download from the 2nd May, possibly earlier! Why not show it at whatever events you are planning? Why not buy or print materials or t-shirts with the web address on and point people to the film, one of seven? CPO have a wide range. Remember the www.Hopeinfo.co.uk site is a gateway for contact with the Christian Enquiry Agency that provides a range of free literature and services for those who want to know more about what we Christians believe - and what that means for our lives.

DESPERATE HOUSEWIVES

See this clip of Lynette going to church from series 4 (episode 11) - <http://uk.youtube.com/watch?v=uc39V74uA14> (It is a preacher's nightmare...)

VOTE NOW

Vote for your favourite worst Christian LP cover of all time – lovingly rescued from second-hand retailers worldwide.

They once blessed Dansette record players worldwide with harmonies homemade in heaven. Indeed, the world has been a poorer place since we no longer heard from The Ministers' Quartet and Mike Crain, the Karatist Preacher. But now Mike, the Christian Crusaders (not forgetting Al Davis), and The King's Three (paradoxically a quartet) are among a clutch of once-headlining artists on the comeback trail, gaining a new and well-deserved reputation as purveyors of the most toe-curlingly embarrassing LP covers of all time... and who knows, e'en eternity. Lovingly rescued from a thousand musty charity shops, SHIP OF FOOLS proudly present 10 of the very best.

See http://ship-of-fools.com/features/2008/worst_album_vote.html

Have a great week!

With best wishes

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