

26th Jul 2010

This is the last edition of 'Start the Week'
until after the summer holiday break.
'Start the Week' will resume on 6th Sept 2010

ANSLEY'S 46TH FLOWER FESTIVAL

St. Laurence Church, Church End Ansley will be holding its 46th Annual Flower Festival with the theme of "Dreams" from Fri 27th to Bank holiday Monday 30th August. The Church will be open from 6pm Fri 27th, 10am Sat, Sun and Mon. On Fri at 7pm there is a service of dedication. Sun Service 10.30am and Holy Communion; 6.30pm Festival Evensong. Mon 6.30pm Service of Thanksgiving, followed by a celebration party in the annexe - everyone is invited. Refreshments and produce served throughout the Festival. The Church is at the junction of the B4112 and B4114. For more info contact Revd Peter Allan on 024 7639 9070 or Margaret Antill on 01676 541105. Mobile 077889 17822.

THE FOODBANK NETWORK - EXPANDING INTO THE WEST MIDLANDS The aim of the Foodbank Network is to combat hidden hunger across the UK. 12.4 million people in the UK live below the poverty line, including 3 million children. The Trussell Trust's foodbank project is operating as a social franchise to feed people in crisis. What is a foodbank? A foodbank gives three days of nutritionally balanced food and support to people experiencing emotional or financial crisis. For further info contact Anne Danks, WM Development Officer, email: anne.danks@zionnetwork.org or ring 0121 501 3542. Alternatively visit: www.trusselltrust.org

GREEN AS A LEAF - RENEWING A THEOLOGY OF CREATION 16-19 SEPT 2010 'Green as a Leaf' is an event designed to challenge us on living in an environmentally way. The increasing gravity of environmental issues has brought urgency to our thinking but our primary aim is to focus on a response to climate change that is proactive rather than reactive. We want to explore some of the deeper human and moral issues that lie behind ecological concerns. The programme is a mixture of lectures, seminars, workshops and worship. For more information and to obtain a copy of the booking form click [here](#)

HARVEST FESTIVAL

I would like to make you aware of some harvest resources which are available from the Arthur Rank Centre, click [here](#) to obtain a copy. Further resources can be downloaded directly from www.arthurrankcentre.org.uk or from Farm Crisis Network at <http://www.farmcrisisnetwork.org.uk/> Contact Barbara Clutton, Diocesan Rural Affairs Advisor at : barbaraclutton@gilberthouse.co.uk or tel: 01788 810372 if you would like further help, information, suggestions, or a speaker for your Harvest Celebrations.

PRAYER EVENT 10/10/10

As many of you will know Coventry City Mission are putting together an event on the 10th Oct 2010 which looks to encourage Christians to walk the streets of their area praying for people of the area and the wider city. Initially this event was set up to be a morning only event but has now been extended to be anytime during the day. A number of churches have already joined the project. For more info or to join the project contact Darren Burgess at darren@covcitymission.org.uk or visit: <http://www.covcitymission.org.uk>

CHRISTIAN AID HARVEST MATERIALS

Christian Aid's focus project for Harvest 2010 is RAADA in Afghanistan, the poorest country in the world outside of Africa. We work with remote agricultural communities in the western area of the country to bring sustainable development. This has included providing people with animals and teaching them how to care properly for them. Christian Aid has produced lots of great resources for use in Harvest services or other events. Among the resources are; sermon notes, all age activities, prayers, a short film, and a parish magazine article, click [here](#) to download your copy.

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