

End the Week with the DTP

- November 4, 2011

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Welcome to End the Week with the DTP! I'm afraid there's no reflection on the readings again this week. This time the reason is that my computer was stolen from the car on Thursday night, including the notes I'd made in preparation for today's reflection. But rather ironically the passage I was due to comment on was 1 Thess. 5.1-11 (v.2: 'the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night'). Police are looking for a criminal with a strong affection for the Revised Common Lectionary... (Thanks to Paul Wignall for tipping me off about this.)

Normal service will be resumed next week.

This weekly email is sent automatically to clergy and Readers in the diocese (if you don't want to receive it, please send an email to CovEW-unsubscribe@lists.covlec.org) but anyone is welcome to subscribe to the list, and we are especially keen to pass it on to any interested lay people, especially those who may have responsibility for preaching. To subscribe they simply need to email CovEW-subscribe@lists.covlec.org.

Bishop's Study Day for Clergy

Luke Bretherton, the speaker at this event on Monday, has written an interesting reflection on the St Paul's protest, which can be found at <http://t.co/aon23ZvA>.

Rowan Williams' article in the Financial Times on Wednesday is available at <http://www.archbishopofcanterbury.org/articles.php/2236/time-for-us-to-challenge-the-idols-of-high-finance>.

Events coming soon

Reminder On the Far Side of Revenge: Hope for Peace in a Divided World

Wednesday 9 November 2011

7.30pm in the Chapter House, Coventry Cathedral (entrance at the Visitor Centre)

As part of the Peace Festival, Coventry Cathedral's Canon for Reconciliation, David Porter, will explore how working to heal the past and learning to live with our differences are critical to peace in many of our world's conflicts. The talk will finish by 8:30pm.

For further details please email smh@coventrycathedral.org.uk.

Reminder The Supernatural and the Natural of God

Wednesday 9 November 2011, 9.30am-1pm
at St John the Baptist, Westwood Heath Road, Coventry CV4 8GN
with the Rt Revd Dr David Carr (Senior Pastor at Renewal Christian Centre & The Order of St Leonard)

This is a New Wine South Midlands Network Leaders' Event, designed for all in positions of leadership within a church and will include, worship, teaching and ministry.

Refreshments will be available from 9am. There is no charge but an offering will be taken to cover the costs and for the ministry of New Wine in this area.

If you are planning to attend, please contact Martin Saxby (New Wine Area Network Leader) on 01788 330447 or at martinpa@m2o.org.uk.

Reminder Handling Conflict and Mediation: Managing Differences without a Fight

Wednesday 23 & Thursday 24 November 2011
at St Michael's House, 11 Priory Row, Coventry CV1 5EX

On this short introductory course, participants will develop an understanding of their personal approach to conflict and learn practical ways of managing conflict within communities. It will explore the constructive role of conflict in human relationships and how difference can be the basis for strong communities in church and wider society. A major focus will be on the concept of reconciliation as a framework for a Christian approach to conflict.

Fees: costs will be covered by participating dioceses, but will be in the region of £120 per person. Overnight accommodation will be available at around £40 per night.

You can download further details and a booking form from <http://www.coventry.anglican.org/ministry/learning/resources/opt/-/item/707>.

Reminder In Service Study Weeks at St John's, Nottingham

In Service Study Weeks (ISSWs) offer you the opportunity for in-depth study of a topic of academic interest relevant to the mission and ministry of the church today. They are designed primarily for serving clergy and others in full-time Christian work. Each study week runs from 12noon on Monday to lunchtime on Friday.

ISSWs coming up are:

- Islam and Christianity in Dialogue (5-9 December 2011)
- The Gospels as a Resource for Practical Theology (9-13 January 2012)
- Understanding Church (6-10 February 2012)
- Engaging Culture (30 April-4 May 2012)

Each ISSW costs £295 (tuition and full-board) or £215 (Tuition only). For full details, go to www.stjohns-nottm.ac.uk/study-weeks or email academic@stjohns-nottm.ac.uk.

Reminder Local Ministry Network National Conference - Living out Collaborative Ministry

20-22 January 2012 at High Leigh Conference Centre, Hoddesden, Hertfordshire

The Conference will focus on putting Collaborative Ministry into practice through three themes:

- **Preparation** - what are colleges and ministry courses doing in their training?
- **Strategy** - what are/should dioceses be working out as policy for more collaborative ministry?
- **Practice** - sharing good practice with "grassroots" Parish input.

Clergy and lay people involved in Group / Team Ministries are particularly invited to attend.

The cost will be £160. Programme details and booking forms can be found at www.localministry.net.

Reminder Caution? Older People! Overcoming stereotypes and celebrating a gift to the church

**Multi-parish benefice day conference on Saturday 28 January 2012
at the King's Centre, Osney Mead, Oxford OX2 0ES, 10am - 4pm**

Congregations in rural communities can be made up predominantly of older people, often, but not primarily, because that reflects the changing make up of the local population. This day conference will look at how we value older people as the local body of Christ and how we celebrate and use the giftedness of older people. What is their role as holders of stories? How can we utilise the wisdom of age?

This topic contains both celebration and challenge and we invite you to join us to meet with others, learn and share experiences.

There will also be a number of exhibitors from organisations which something to offer in this area.

You can download a flyer and booking form for this event at <http://www.coventry.anglican.org/ministry/learning/resources/opt/-/item/706>.

Reminder Going for Growth

Wednesdays 29 February, 7, 14, 21, 28 March 2012, 2pm to 5pm at St John's College Nottingham with the Venerable Bob Jackson

This course about how churches grow today is for all clergy and other lay leaders who wish to see their churches flourish and grow numerically and spiritually. Each session will focus on a different aspect of the general road to church growth, but will also give time for your own particular concerns and situation.

Price: £85 + lunch or supper as required

Booking deadline: Friday 21 January 2012. Places MUST be booked and paid for in advance.

To book contact Helen Taylor on 0115 968 3221 or 0115 925 1114 or email h.taylor@stjohns-nottm.ac.uk

Download a leaflet / booking form at

You can find details of all the events coming up, which have been advertised in recent editions of End the Week, [here](#).

Resources Available

Reminder 'Fire in Coventry' Study Guide

A 50th Anniversary Edition of Stephen Verney's spiritual classic, Fire in Coventry, was published last year in the lead-up to Coventry Cathedral's 2012 Golden Jubilee. The Revd Dr David Stone, Canon Precentor at Coventry Cathedral, has produced an excellent study guide for the book which is ideal for group use. It is Bishop Christopher's hope that, as the Cathedral's Jubilee approaches, small groups across the Diocese will make use of the study guide alongside Verney's book.

The study guide is available to download for free from the Coventry Cathedral website at: www.tinyurl.com/fire-in-coventry A free printed copy of the study guide is also available to all clergy and readers – those who are interested may contact Ben Kirby at Bishop's House at ben.kirby@covcofe.org, or by telephone at 024 7667 2244.

Copies of the Anniversary Edition of Fire in Coventry are available at Coventry's CLC Bookshop in the City Arcade.

Reminder Anvil Online Resource

The new Anvil website is live at www.anviljournal.org. Anvil is an Anglican Evangelical journal for theology and mission.

After 25 years as a print journal, Anvil has been re-launched primarily as an online journal. This enables the Anvil Management Team to publish articles, book reviews and other material more quickly, and to include items where there wouldn't be space in a printed journal. It also means all new material is available for free. In time they hope to make the whole Anvil archive available online, with full search facilities. Three times a year they will produce an issue in the familiar print format, which can either be downloaded as a PDF or ordered as a printed journal.

Reminder St John's Advent Book 2011 now available!

These Words of Mine... Readings & Prayers through Advent

These Words of Mine... contains a series of readings covering the Advent period. The meditations and prayers have been written by staff and students at St John's College. As you are well aware, the season of Advent is a busy time in the life of the church. Clergy and Readers often find themselves right at the centre of this whirlwind of activity. Our prayer is that the Advent book we produce will bless those who read it by providing a framework for them to stop, think & pray.

The cost is £4.99 per copy and all profit from the sale of the books will be used for the student bursary fund and the College development fund.

To order online, go to <http://www.stjohns-nottm.ac.uk/advent-book-201/>.

And Finally...

"Doctor, I'd like you to evaluate my 13 year-old son."

"OK: He's suffering from a transient psychosis with an intermittent rage disorder, punctuated by episodic radical mood swings, but his prognosis is good for full recovery."

"How can you say all that without even meeting him?"

"I thought you said he's 13?"

(With thanks to www.grovebooks.co.uk.)

That's all, folks!

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