

START THE WEEK 16th Nov 2011

Please find below the interim edition of START THE WEEK.

For the time being, any articles or correspondence to do with START THE WEEK should continue to be sent to Liz Ford at Liz.Ford@CovCofE.org

ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY TO VISIT COVENTRY

Bishop Christopher made the following announcement at Diocesan Synod on Saturday 6 November:

“I am delighted to announce to Synod that the Archbishop of Canterbury has accepted the Dean’s invitation to preach at the Golden Jubilee service on 25th May to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the consecration of the new Cathedral. Moreover, the Archbishop will be incorporating that great celebration into a Diocesan visit, and so will be with us over the whole of the Pentecost Weekend from Friday 25th to Sunday 27th May. It will be an historic time for the Diocese of Coventry. We are at the earliest stages of discussion with Lambeth Palace about the programme for the Archbishop’s visit and I look forward to being able to tell Synod more at our March meeting.”

CHURCHES CHALLENGED TO SEE IN THE NEW YEAR WITH PRAYER

A call has gone out for churches to welcome in 2012 with prayer. With the 2012 Games, the Olympic Torch Relay, the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, and the Euro 2012 Football, next year offers many opportunities for churches to reach out to their communities.

The initiative, called 'Shine for the New Year', is being coordinated by More Than Gold, an agency set up by all the main denominations to help churches make the most of the Olympics and Paralympics.

For more information visit www.morethangold.org.uk/shine-for-the-new-year or e-mail at info@morethangold.org.uk or telephone 0845 475 2012.

NEW WARDEN OF READERS

Bishop John is delighted that Mrs Heidi Cartledge is to be the next Warden of Readers. She will be licensed formally at a service at 7.30pm on Monday 28th November at St Michael's Church, Church Hill, Budbrooke CV35 8QL. It would be very good if as many as possible, including clergy and Readers, could come and support Heidi as she takes on this rôle.

CHORAL EVENSONG - ST PETER'S CHURCH, BARFORD

At St Peter's Church Barford on Sunday 20th November at 6.00 pm, in celebration of the end of the 400th anniversary year of the publication of the King James Bible, there will a service of Choral Evensong according to the Book of Common Prayer in use at that time. Music will be by William Byrd and Thomas Tallis. All are welcome.

EXHIBITION AND GIFT WEEKEND - ST CHAD'S, BISHOP'S TACHBROOK

St Chad's Church, Bishop's Tachbrook is holding an Exhibition and Gift Weekend on Nov 19th and 20th. There will be original art work by North East artist and Church of England Reader, Maria Makepeace, tracing the life of St Chad. There will also be work on display from the children of Bishop's Tachbrook School. The church will be open between 10am and 4pm each day. All are welcome.

ADVENT CAROL SERVICE - ST EDITH'S CHURCH, MONKS KIRBY

An Advent Carol Service to Celebrate 10 years of the Addington Fund (a farming charity) is to be held at St. Edith's Church, Monks Kirby, CV23 0QX on Thursday 1st. December. Light Refreshments will be available from 7pm. Service starts at 7.30pm. The Preacher will be the Rt. Revd. John Stroyan, Bishop of Warwick. All are very welcome. Please contact Revd. Canon Barbara Clutton for further details.
barbaraclutton@gilberthouse.co.uk.

THE BISHOP OF WARWICK AND "THE BOOK THAT CHANGED THE WORLD"

The Bridges Group of Parishes (Southam Deanery) warmly invite you to join them for the final evening of an amazing series of talks held to celebrate 'The Year of the Bible', when Bishop John will be speaking on the most important aspect of our relationship with the Word of God: "HOW TO GET INTO THE BIBLE AND HOW TO GET THE BIBLE INTO YOU" - allowing it to shape and change our lives!

When: Sunday 20th November at 6.00pm

Where: St Lawrence church at Napton

This series of talks has been part of our regular monthly service known locally simply as 'The Informal' which serves both the Bridges Group and Southam Deanery - everyone is welcome and refreshments are served before and after the service!

CHRISTMAS CONCERT - ST MARGARET'S CHURCH, WOLSTON

The City of Coventry Male Voice Choir will be performing a Christmas Concert at St Margaret's Church Wolston on Saturday 10th December at 7.30pm. Tickets are £6 each and are available from Mrs Hocking on 024 7654 3572 or contact the Church Office on 024 7654 2722. Proceeds go to the church.

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