

Surge of the See 3rd Oct 2007

Into The Bible Scripture Union have produced a new recourse; 'Into the Bible:101 routes to explore' with the aim that

children will read and enjoy the Bible. Scripture Union need churches and schools to get on board. There are classroom packs which include books with 101 key Bible extracts. There is also a teachers'CD ROM with 24 lesson outlines and resource material targeted at Key Stage 2(7-11 year olds).

For more details visit www.scriptureunion.org.uk/intothebible

The Marriage Course

The Marriage Course which was advertised in last months Surge Newsletter was incorrect. The Marriage Course is a marriage enrichment course for those who are already married not a preparation course for engaged couples. The covering information should have read as follows:

The Marriage Course - Enriching an already good marriage!

Following a very successful Marriage Preparation Course held earlier this year, Coventry Cathedral is pleased to announce that the hugely popular 'Marriage Course' - a marriage enrichment course - is now planned for the Autumn. The course is based on excellent material produced by Holy Trinity Brompton - the home of the Alpha Course - and will likewise be run by Bob and Seringa Dudley and team.

'The Marriage Course' is for any married couple who want to build a strong and lasting relationship, whether it be to make their already good marriage even better, or to address new issues and challenges being faced. Relaxed and unthreatening it is suitable for those with or without a Christian faith and is renowned for being very welcoming. Covering 7 evenings each intimate and rewarding evening comprises a meal, a talk and the opportunity to privately discuss the topic together as a couple.

Starting 2nd October at Holy Trinity Church, this is an opportunity not to be missed. Do take a look at the information/registration form on the Diocesan or Cathedral websites, or contact Bob or Seringa Dudley on 01926 858257.

The World Mental Health Day Project

World Mental Health Day is on 10th October and since 1994 has had a theme. The theme of this year's day is 2007; Mental Health in a Changing World. The impact of culture and Diversity'. Further information on the day can be found at www.wfmh.org On this day please remember in your prayers those affected by mental health issues and pray especially those locally, which seek to meet their needs.

The Chaplains who work in mental Health care will always be pleased to speak about the work that they do and can be contacted as follows:-

Revd Simon Moulton 024 7637 8218

Revd Julie Cartwright 01926 406776

Revd Simon Betteridge 024 7696 7515

Calling all Women

Do you long to live more simply? Would you welcome the chance to learn to sit, relax and be more alert than ever before?

'Towards being Still' is a series of Lunchtime Meditations that allow women permission to pause and experience peace by learning simple exercises that still the mind and open the heart.

The workshops are bi-monthly, the next one being on Tuesday 2nd October followed by the last one for 2007 on Wednesday 5th December 2007 from 1.00pm –2.00pm in Coventry Cathedral Undercroft (in the lecture hall).

Coffee and tea provided. Bring your own lunch and enjoy eating together from 12.45pm Admission free but donations towards expenses are gratefully received.

For more information contact Coventry Cathedral on 024 7652 1223.

Palestinian Christian and Other International Crafts

'Merian Derwent' run by John Logan, former Christian Aid Area Co-ordinator in the NW, imports a range of Palestinian crafts from the West Bank. They include olivewood carving particularly from the Christian community around Bethlehem, needlework, ceramics, and Hebron glass. A number of parishes order gifts for confirmation candidates. He also has crafts from two Christian Aid supported groups in South Africa and Jamaica, which are particularly appropriate for World Aids Day (1st December). He also runs both a mail order system and does Sale or Return Boxes for events. A website should be open very soon.

If you would like further details, leaflets etc please email merianderwent@surefish.co.uk or phone 01942 214656 and John will send on receipt of your name and postal address.

All I Want For Christmas Is....

Harvest Help, a charity working with poor rural communities in rural Africa, has launched its Christmas Gifts of Self Reliance catalogue, offering communities the chance of changed lives for Christmas.

The catalogue, which can be ordered by calling 01952 260699 or download at www.harvesthelp.org offers a range of alternative gifts, where the gift itself goes to a family in Africa and the recipient here receives a personalised card and explanation of how the present will be used to transform communities.

Gifts, chosen by the communities that will benefit, include chickens, trees and stoves and Harvest Help promises to use the money for the gift specified, rather than putting it into a general pot.

In addition the catalogue contains a range of exclusive textiles, cards and Christmas cards. Churches looking

for multiple copies of the catalogue to distribute to members should call Rachel Wilbrey on 01952 260699

Budbrooke Fair Trade Community Café and Shop

St Michael's Church Budbrooke are looking for a person with energy, vision, and a heart for developing links with the Community to manage their newly refurbished Fair Trade Community Café and Shop, 'Open the Door' at 3 Slade Hill, Hampton Magna. The hours are flexible up to 35 hours at £8.00 per hour. Further details telephone 01926 407020 or email churchcentre@stmichaels-budbrooke.org.uk Closing date 5th October 2007

Share the Light this Advent

This Advent CMS are inviting people in churches to 'Share the Light'. This can be achieved in three easy yet powerful steps: You give a candle to a friend, you promise to pray for them for a year, and finally you invite them to a special Advent Service.

For further details of the FREE Advent resource, contact Phil Evans, Tel: 01865 787515 or email phil.evans@cms.uk.org or visit the website www.cms.uk.org/advent

Godly Play

Anyone interested who would like to the Godly Play, a three day teacher accredited course. There are still some spaces on this residential course at Offa House to be held from 11th to 13th December 2007 run by Revd

Peter Privett and Lizzie McWhirter. For further details email Peter on pet.ros@btopenworld.com

Afternoon Talks/Seminars

On Saturday 13th October 2007 there is an afternoon talks/seminars to be held at Lime Tree Park Methodist Church, Elm Tree Avenue, Coventry starting at 2.30pm and finishing at 5.30pm with Bring and Share Tea followed by worship. Each talk will last for forty-five minutes.

Family Fun Day

The Coventry Diocese Mothers' Union are running a Fun Day with the theme 'At Home and Overseas. It will be held on Saturday 6th October at Kenilworth Upper School, Leyes Lane, Kenilworth from 11.00am until 3.30pm. Admission is £1.00, accompanied children free! Download more information and posters on <http://www.mothersunion-cov.org>.

There will be activities for all ages, including stalls, games, craft workshops and Fair Trade and Ethically produced goods from around the world. There is also a Miniature garden competition for children up to 11years. MU may be able to offer financial help towards group transport. Contact the MU office 024 7652 1350 or email mu.cov@covcofe.org

Remembrance for Today

Every year we remember those who have have died as a result of war. But the way we remember often fails to engage with the need to work for peace, reconciliation and alternatives to war and we need to re-think of how we observe Remembrance Sunday. Christine Titmus has some new resource for Remembrance. To order your copy send a cheque for £3.00 (plus 50p postage and packing) payable to the Movement for rthe Abolition of War to Publications Office, 1 Thesiger Road, Abingdon, Oxford OX14 2DY

Coventry City Mission

Infocus, CCM's news and prayer letter for September and October. There is also an Annual Celebration on Thursday 11th October 2007 at 7.30pm at Queens Road Baptist Church. The speaker will be Wes Erpen Chief Executive Birmingham City Mission.

Register Of Services

An as-new a SPCK blue-bound Service register is available for £10.00 from Lawrence Mortimer on 01564 792659 or email L.Mortimer@btinternet.com

Stretton On Fosse

St Peter's church, Stretton on Fosse are finding that their collection bags are finally falling apart. If anyone has any purple, green or white/gold collection bags for which they have no use, we would be very grateful.

Ilmington Church

The Junior Choir at St Mary's Church Ilmington has a Junior Choir and was wondering if any parishes have any redundant choir robes in Mary Blue, suitable for children between 8 and 12.

Contact Jill Tucker on 01295 680663 or email jill.tucker@dial.pipex.com

Electronic Organ

An organ is available free of charge from a home in Cosby, Leicestershire from where it would need to be collected. It is an electronic wooden model Solina F217 made in Holland, with several levels of keys and approximately the same size as a piano, but lighter, being 46" wide 27" depth and 42" height. If anyone is interested contact St Thomas' Keresley Parish Office 024 7633 2717

Get Your Notice Noticed

Parish Information Officers and ANYONE interested in Notice boards and Posters is invited to attend a meeting at St Nicholas Church Warwick (parking available behind the Church in St Nicholas park) on TUESDAY 16th OCTOBER at 7.30pm until 9.00pm There will be a presentation from Mr Donald Belham an award winning designer of 'Wayside Pulpits'. Our meeting will include an opportunity for discussions so if you have examples of good practice, please share them with us.

The Children's Society Christingle Appeal

The Children's Society, working closely with its colleagues in the Church has developed a range of free allage

worship resources including Service materials. Interactive ideas and activities, and Christingle making and fund raising materials.

For further information visit www.christingle.org You can also order The Children's Society's Create-a-Christingle information pack plus other fund raising materials on line or phone 0845 600 8585.

York Courses

York Course produces an annual ecumenical Lent Course comprising courses booklet, cd/audio tape and transcript. The course for 2008 is called 'The Lord's Prayer – praying it, meaning it'. Further details can be obtained from York Courses, PO Box 343, York YO19 5YB Tel: 01904 466516 or email lent2008@yorkcourses.co.uk

Art and Christianity

Do you have an interest in the visual arts? Are you looking for a bit of advice or help with commissioning artists? The Art and Christianity Enquiry would be pleased to hear from you and your church community. We offer specialised advice and consultation on exhibitions and permanent works of art for churches; as well as educational events and a membership scheme that includes four copies of our quarterly journal plus discounts on books and ticketed events for just £20.00 a year. We value your contribution to the encounter between religion and the visual arts.

For further information and an introductory copy of 'Art and Christianity' please send your postal address to Art and Christianity Enquiry, All Hallows on the Wall, 83 London Wall, LONDON EC2M 5ND Tel: 020 7374 0600 or email projects@acetrust.org.

A Silent Retreat

A silent retreat on Holy Island of Lindisfarne with Meditations on the Psalms given by The Revd Canon

Kate Tristram 12th to 18th November 2007. Full board accommodation is available in Cambridge House, the retreat house on the Island. Further details from the Revd Denise Hiscox 024 7641 8157 or email denise@dhiscox.co.uk