

Surge of the See

15th Nov 2007

Diocesan Sunday Links On Sunday 25th November 2007 churches are encouraged to use their Sunday services to celebrate

our links with the Diocese of Kaduna in Nigeria and the Syrian Orthodox Church in Jerusalem. If you would like a copy of some prayers, liturgy and stories to help with this, please email Charlotte Gale at charlotte.gale@tiscali.co.uk

Polesworth Abbey Affirming Catholicism

On Saturday 10th November from 9.45am – 2.00pm a quiet morning is being held at Polesworth Abbey led by the Rt Rev David Urquhart on 'Covenant and Communion'. All are welcome. Light lunch is provided, but please let Rowena Pailing know if you would like to attend on 0121 356 7998 or email Rowena.pailing@queens.oxon.org

Coventry St Mary Magdalen

On Saturday 24th November from 10.00am to 1.00pm Coventry St Mary Magdalen Sir Thomas White's Road, are holding their Christmas Fair with Children's Choir and Music Group from Hearsall School. Coffee and biscuits will be served between 10.00am – 11.30am and Lunches from 11.30am

Awesome Conference

Set in the beautiful grounds of Willersley Castle (Derbyshire) this conference plans to be both an oasis of peace and a stirring of hearts. Arrive on Wednesday afternoon of the 25th June and leave on Friday 27th June after lunch.

The cost as follows

Early Bird: Single £125.00 Twin £110 payment in full by March 30th 2008

Full Price Single £135.00 Twin £120 payment in full by June 15th 2008

Cancellation Fee: payment will include a non-refundable deposit of £20.00 (after 15th June 2008 no fee is refundable).

Further details to Awesome, KT Tupling, The Vicarage, Church Bank, Hathersage, Hope Valley S32 1AJ

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Lent Meditation Book 2008

At the Foot of the Cross – 'Thy Kingdom Come Thy will be Done

Holy Trinity Church of England School in Crawley, West Sussex has produced the above titled book for Lent. It comprises a series of meditations written by 40 Archbishops/Bishops from around the Anglican Communion. The school invited them to write these meditations.

The cost per book is £3.30 plus 60p postage. To order please contact The Revd Paul Monash, 1 Windrush Road, Gossop Green, West Sussex RH11 8LS

Supporting New Ministers in the Local Church

A book entitled 'Supporting New Ministers in the Local Church, written by Canon David Tilley and Keith Lamdin is now available from St Andrew's Bookshop, Coventry Cathedral priced £15.00

Puppets 'n' Parables

Puppets 'n' Parables is an amazing new DVD resource. It has been made by Hand to Mouth Puppets to an extremely high standard in both production values and technical quality.

It covers, using puppets, 10 of the parables of Jesus. Each parable is about 6 minutes long and tells the story of the parable itself in its biblical setting and then supplements this with a story drawn from the parable but in a modern setting.

Revd Dr Mike Bossingham, General Manager of the Family Friendly Churches Trust, says 'I have used the DVD myself in worship and have found children, and for that matter, adults to be transfixed by it. Others have also reported the same effect'.

The DVD also is used effectively in children's groups and schools. It includes extra resources for use in school. Each parable is also available in a version with signing.

The DVD is being sold by the Family Friendly Churches Trust and can be purchased online at www.familyfriendlychurches.org.uk/PP.htm A short (low quality) clip of each parable can also be seen on the website. Contact Mike Bossingham on 01945 77246 or 07870 842991 or email mike@bossingham.com

Winter Wonderland Classical Concerts

Coventry Cathedral is delighted to welcome The Kings Chamber Orchestra, who will be performing two quality, inspirational, classical concerts on Saturday 24 November 2007.

The afternoon Teddy Concert from 2.30 - 3.30 pm and will inspire children through music. It promises to be an interactive fun experience for all the family. The programme covers music from Bach to the Beatles. Come along, and give your children and their teddies a treat to remember!

Tickets for the Teddy Concert cost £6 Adults; £2.50 Under 12s; £15 Family Ticket; £4 Senior Citizens.

The evening Winter Wonderland Concert from 7.30 - 9.30 pm promises to be an entertaining programme including works by Vivaldi and Mozart. Come and be inspired by a Christian Orchestra who will perform their Concerts in a very gently evangelistic style - in a truly inspirational setting! Tickets cost £10 Adults; £6 Senior Citizens, Teenagers & Students.

Tickets are available from Coventry Cathedral Bookshop (adjacent to the Cathedral entrance): 024 7626 7070, or email: www.standrewsbookshop.co.uk, or from the Tourist Information Centre at the Tower in the Cathedral ruins: 024 7622 7264. There is an open seating policy for the Concerts - so come early for a front row seat.

Rhema Theatre Company

“We were all transfixed!

“It surpassed all expectations!

We'd love to be a resource for your church!

Rhema Theatre Company's vision is to 'bring the bible alive and encourage the church community to understand that the Bible is so very relevant to life today. Our latest production 'Home' is ideal in place of a church service or house-group evening or simply as a powerful night at the theatre to bring those with and without a faith together.

We will be touring from 1st March 2008 until 11th May 2008. Bookings are now being taken.

For further details and to check available dates, please phone 0870 421 4565.

Don't say it with flowers, say it with trees

People in Britain spend over £2.4 billion on flowers and plant gifts for Mothering Sunday: a staggering amount.

Working in 78 countries around the world to support mothers and grandmothers caring for young families, Mothers' Union members see first-hand the inequality of a world in which so many mothers struggle to feed, clothe and educate their families. Against that suddenly, lovely though they are, floral tributes lose some of their glamour.

Determined to do their bit to redress the balance, Mothers' Union raised over £120,000 when they launched their Make a mother's day campaign in 2007. Through their catalogue eight gifts are available which allow purchasers to contribute towards vital programmes which benefit a mum caring for her family in tough circumstances – surely a tribute for any mother to treasure.

The 2008 catalogue is now available with gifts ranging in price from £6 - £150.

Items this year include ethical gifts to help families improve their standard of living, including tree saplings, goats or hens, literacy & health training, and business skills training. Other gifts include training for marriage support group facilitators, equipment for children's play centres for families facing separation or isolation and emergency relief kits for people around the world affected by natural disaster or conflict.

The catalogue has an order form and this year Mothers' Union can also receive orders via phone, or via their online website ordering service on www.themothersunion.org. On receiving your order Mothers' Union will send you a card giving details of your chosen gift and an envelope, ready for you to personalise and send. Alternatively you can purchase a gift in memory of a mum as a wonderful homage to a lifetime of caring, for which this year Make a mother's day has a dedicated in memory card.

In addition, this year Make a mother's day is resourcing churches, schools, groups and Sunday schools by providing a Mothering Sunday church resource pack. The pack will include specially written prayers and liturgy for Mothering Sunday services, as well as reflections and resource materials for speakers. With stories of Christians around the world living out their faith by serving their own communities, the pack aims to celebrate family and the nurturing love of God, seen in the practical, hands-on faith of Mothers' Union members, programmes and beneficiaries worldwide.

Children's materials around biblical themes of mothering and nurturing will also be available. Stickers, ribbon for flower posies, and other goodies will help you make Mothering Sunday really special!

To order copies of the catalogue contact the Mothers' Union Office at 1 Hill Top, CV1 5AB, tel: 024 7652 1350, Email mu.cov@CovCofE.org Mothering Sunday cards can also be purchased from the Office.

Orders must reach Mothers' Union by 18th February to ensure delivery before 2nd March.

Directory Amendments

The Revd Canon David Tilley has a new email address david.tilley1@homecall.co.uk

The Revd Canon Richard Williams of Alveston has a new email address rickthevic@googlemail.com

Alan Skipton, Churchwarden of Wood End has a new email address alan@askipton@orangehome.co.uk

Please delete Mrs Beverley Clamp PCC Secretary of Tredington and replace with Mrs Marilyn Payne, Lavender House, Stratford Road, Tredington, Shipston on Stour CV36 4NL Tel: 01608 666206 email payne.marilyn@btoneworld.com

The Revd Peter Brown of Chilvers Coton has a new email address revpetebrown@aol.com

The Revd Michael Watkins has a new email address revdocmw@waitrose.com

Becky Barton, a Youth Worker for Alveston, Shotton and Stratford has a new mobile which is 07843 376603. Please delete the number, which is in the directory.

The Revd Julie Cartwright has a new email address Julie.Cartwright@warkpct.nhs.uk Please delete the email address, which is in the directory.