

Surge of the See 20th Feb 2008

Good News on the Anglican/Methodist Covenant

www.anglican-methodist.org.uk or telephone enquiries can be **01788 573696**

Diocesan Directory

The Diocesan Directory for 2008 is now available from Coventry Cathedral and Diocesan Offices.

The price is £5.50 but if posted the price is £7.00 for one copy. You can order by either phoning

Sue Hosiene on

024 7652 1200 or emailing sue.Hosiene@covcofe.org

The Village Church for Village Life Award

The link below will take you to a page which details this award, presented by Sir Roger Strong and supported by Country Life Magazine.

To qualify the church needs to have completed its adaptations since 2000 and need to demonstrate that the church is used by the wider community for the social benefit of the village as a whole. The adaptations should also have been carried out to a high standard, preserving the fabric and integrity of the church. The prize money totals £15,000, the winning church receiving £10,000. The entry form is downloadable from this link, and the closing date for entries is the 5th February 2008.

http://www.countrylife.co.uk/culture/article/166191/The_Village_Church_for_Village_Life.html

CCC Grants

Please note the following deadlines for application for the CCC Conservation Grants:-

Organs and Organ Cases

: 3rd March 2008

Paintings

(including painted surfaces and wall paintings): 14 March 2008

Bells and bell frames

: 21st April 2008

Clocks

: 19th May 2008

Sculpture and furnishings

structures, timberwork and textiles): 9

(including monuments, metal work, church plate, churchyardth June 2008

Books and manuscripts

Further information on the criteria and the application process, as well as the Initial Enquiry Form and contact details, can be found on Churchcare: <http://www.churchcare.co.uk/funding.php/IB2>

: open throughout the year

FAITH IN MAINTENANCE TRAINING DAY BERKSWELL (COVENTRY)

Faith in Maintenance

churches. We provide training to help you understand how your building works and how to solve common maintenance problems.

Run by the SPAB and supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund and English Heritage, the scheme

offers

Topics covered include how to recognise potential problems; tackling common maintenance tasks; dealing with the quinquennial inspection; and when to call in expert help.

As well as talks, the day includes a practical exercise in observing and recording elements of a church building and learning to identify defects, and offers opportunities for discussion and questions.

After the course help and advice is available from a dedicated telephone technical advice service and a website.

There is no charge to attend a Faith in Maintenance course on Saturday 5

10.00am to 5.00pm to be held at St John the Baptist, Berkswell (Near Coventry)

For more information or to book a place please contact: Kate Minnis, SPAB Faith in Maintenance, 37 Spital Square, London E1 6DY Tel

is a new initiative, which aims to help volunteers who look after historic **free one-day training courses including practical sessions and professional speakers.** **th April 2008 from: 020 7456 0913 email: katem@spab.org.uk**

For Women – A Time to Relax

Due to popular demand the

taking place monthly on the first Thursday of each month from 12.45-2.00pm in the Lecture Hall.

The next one is on 7th February. Do bring your friends (and your lunch!) and enjoy a cup of tea with others, then an hour of guided peace and relaxation with God. Free, friendly and informal, this is ideal for all women, whatever age or background. For more information contact Canon

Yvonne on

Ladies Lunchtime Meditations at Coventry Cathedral are now 024 7652 1223.

Marriage Preparation

After last year's successful

be running on behalf of Coventry Cathedral another Marriage Preparation Course again this spring.

Intended to serve all local churches this popular, relaxed and unthreatening course will be on 5

consecutive Thursday evenings starting

Centre. With a simple meal, short talks and the opportunity for private discussion as couples, it is

designed to help any engaged couple wanting to develop strong foundations for a lasting marriage.

The cost is £45 but bursaries are available to any who might find that a barrier to attending. For

more information or to book a place contact Seringa Dudley on

Marriage Preparation Course Bob and Seringa Dudley are pleased to Thursday 10th April at 7.30pm, Holy Trinity Church 01926 858257, email

seringa.dudley@ntlworld.com

Coventry Cathedral – Speed Dating by Candlelight Christian Connection

This event will be held on Friday 15

th February 2008. To reserve your ticket online at

www.eventsforchristians.co.uk

weekdays. Tickets are £19.50, which includes music and a glass of wine but must be purchased in

advance. Please arrive at 6.30pm to register.

or telephone **07706 505485** between **2.00pm** and **5.00pm** on

West Midlands Fire Service Multi-Faith Seminar for Places of Religious Worship: The Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005

Following the introduction of The Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005, you may be aware

that there has been a change in the law in relation to fire safety. The Order now applies to places of

worship and the responsibility for meeting fire safety law lies with the 'responsible person'

The West Midlands Fire Service will be holding a multi-faith seminar on

Monday 25

commencing at 5:30pm to discuss the following:

th February 2008 at Coventry Community Fire Station, Radford Road

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How the law applies to places of worship?

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That the law requires certain things to be done

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What help/advice is on offer from the West Midlands Fire Service &

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We also see the seminar as an ideal opportunity to make a difference within our community and to discuss other issues such as home fire safety checks & recruitment.

It is vital that you attend the seminar and I would be grateful if you would let us know if you are interest by: 1

Please send you completed return to Simon Abel, Coventry Fire Safety Centre, Radford Road Fire Station, Coventry CV1 4EL

Answers to your questionsst February 2008

Marie Curie

Marie Curie Cancer care has put together a simple pack to help support you in your communities with end-of-life issues. The pack has been developed in conjunction with the chaplain at the Marie Curie Hospice, Solihull, and includes

Worship resources – a selection of prayers, hymns, readings and group exercises relevant all year round.

Intercessions and readings to support prayers for the terminally ill and their families

on Passion Sunday, the 5

Information on the work of Marie Curie Cancer Care

Information on end of life

Contact details of other helpful organisations.

Marie Curie Nurses provide free nursing care to terminally ill patients in their own homes. By remembering Marie Curie Cancer Care in your prayers you can help raise awareness of their work and bring comfort and care to terminally ill people.

th Sunday of Lent (March 9th 2008)

Heartstone Festival

This Festival will be held from 29

Atherstone, Warwickshire CV9 1BW For further details please contact The Revd Pauline Warner

on

th February to 2nd March 2008 at Trinity Church, Coleshill Road, **024 7638 4303** or email paulinewarn@aol.com website www.soulclinics.org.uk

Barnardo's Big Toddle

This is an annual half ride sponsored walk for under 5's to raise money for Barnardo's walk with disadvantaged children. For further details visit

www.bittoddle.co.uk or phone **0845 270 9900**

Deanery Synod Meeting

An Open Deanery Synod hosted by Coventry South Deanery on Monday, 4th February 2008 at 7.30

p.m. at the University of Warwick Chaplaincy in order:

To meet and greet the new Archdeacon of Coventry, the Venerable Ian Watson; and Revd

Elizabeth Dyke, Diocesan Director of Reader Initial Training as she introduces the new Bishop's

Certificate in Discipleship. A modular course in discipleship for lay people in four blocks

(1) Getting to Grips with the Bible (2) Bringing Life and faith together

(3) Developing practical skills (4) How to share my faith

An open meeting for everyone with drinks and nibbles. Finishes at no later than 9.30 p.m.

Chaplaincy Lecture

The next Lecture will be held at Warwick University Chaplaincy, on Monday 25

5.30pm The title of the lecture will be 'If religion is so dangerous what do we do about religionists:

the Dawkins debate'. Mr John Cornwell is an English journalist and historian, known particularly

for his science writing books on the Papacy. He is Director of the Science and Human Dimension

Project at Jesus College Cambridge.

th February at

Pilgrimage to Iona 25-1st August 2009

Iona lies off the southwest tip of the island of Mull in Argyll. It has a long tradition of pilgrimage

dating back to the time when St Columba founded a monastery there.

Why not become part of that tradition and join us. We shall be staying in Bishop's House, the

retreat house for the Episcopal Church in the diocese of Argyll and the Isles. The cost for the week

is £325; this includes full board and lodging. Special diets are catered for. Travel is extra.

£50 deposit will secure a place. July 2009 may seem a long way off but Bishop's House has to be

booked 3 years in advance and requires a hefty deposit fifteen months before. In the past we have

been able to refund deposits up to six months before we travel.

Further details contact Revd Denise Hiscox on 024 7641 8157 or my email

denise@dhiscox.xo.uk

Church Music

Mr Simon Watkins has experience of directing music in churches. Having settled in Coventry recently he is keen to pick this up again after a break. Is there any Anglican church in the Coventry areas who is looking for someone to co-ordinate or facilitate their musical worship? For further information you may contact Simon by email on

sjw_2903@yahoo.co.uk

Redemptorist Publications

The launch of a new book by Sister Marie Therese is announced. If you would like more information on the Carmelite Vocation or the Community visit

Organ for Sale

This Hammond Organ – ‘Aurora Custom’ in full working order has had one owner since new in 1997. It is in walnut finish and is complete with Owner’s Guide, logic and control wiring diagram, and full-length stool containing various music for beginners to intermediate standard.

The owner is looking for a good home for the organ due to moving to smaller accommodation.

Suggested price is £220 o.n.o. or would be freely given to a Church with very limited funds. Buyer would need to collect. For further details contact Ian Francis on

01926 632950.

Now is the time to draw the line

Information below is about a series of public meetings to be held across the UK to raise awareness about the

Parliament. Lord David Alton and Ann Widdecombe will participate along and other local

politicians and Church leaders, CARE's Chief Executive, Nola Leach, will chair the events (apart from the one in Coventry). As there is a meeting near you, I thought you might be interested in attending the

We believe this is a hugely significant opportunity to raise public awareness about some deep seated concerns with the HFE Bill. For further information see:

queries about this e-mail, please contact

Human Fertilisation and Embryology Bill that is currently passing through Coventry event on Wednesday 13th February at 7:30pm. www.hfebill.org. If you have any supporter.relations@care.org.uk or call 0845 3100 244.

Introduction to Guidelines and Best Practice for the Provision of a Hosted Post Office® Service in Churches and Chapels.

There are currently over 14,000 post offices across the UK but many of these are no longer viable businesses. The increasing use of online services, email, phone and internet banking has meant that some 4 million fewer people are using their post office each week. However, the government has recognised that the post office network is an essential key service and has been supporting it via a subsidy for several years. An overall funding package of up to £1.7 billion to maintain a national network, and to help Post Office Ltd make necessary changes to transform the network and put it on a stable footing for the future, was recently agreed by the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) until 2011.

Post Office Ltd is currently implementing this Network Change Programme (NCP), which will result in major changes, including the likely closure of 2,500 post offices, with around 500 of these being replaced by 'hosted' post office services. The Cathedral and Church Buildings Division of the Church of England, the Methodist Church and the United Reformed Church have been working closely with Post Office Ltd. to seek to identify opportunities for church buildings to host such services in order to maintain their presence, particularly in isolated rural communities. This work

has produced

Churches and Chapels

Guidelines and Best Practice for the Provision of a Hosted Post Office® Service in which is available on the ChurchCare website at

<http://www.churchcare.co.uk/develop.php?FF>

and on The Arthur Rank Centre website at

http://arc.rase.org.uk/admin/rural_ministry_resources/downloadable_resources/datafile.asp?ID=53

&DocType=pdf

If you are considering whether, in principle, you would like to host an outreach post office if the opportunity was presented, then these guidelines will help this process and list the issues you will need to consider, including security and changes to the fabric of the church

Further support is available from the Commission for Rural Communities (CRC) which has developed

communities considering alternative models of delivering post office services. Access to the service is through their website (

Rural Service Support, an on-line service that provides information and advice to rural www.ruralcommunities.gov.uk) or direct to

<http://www.expertsonline.org.uk/rssupport>

The implementation of the NCP has already started in some areas with the publication of the first set of National Area Plans. The UK has been divided into approximately 50 areas. Each area will be included in an Area Plan detailing the changes Post Office Ltd are proposing for that area. Each Area Plan will undergo 6 weeks of local public consultation before a final decision is made by Post Office Ltd. Prior to the commencement of local public consultation, each Area Plan will be subject to a twelve week intensive pre-consultation process, which should include a substantial amount of local stakeholder engagement, including with the churches where appropriate. The whole of the NCP is due to be implemented by October 2008. This timetable and other information can be found by going to

You will also find details of how to respond to the proposals. Your local media will also cover the publication of the relevant National Area Plan. Once it is public, this is the time to make your firm intentions known to Post Office Ltd.

Do not contact the Post Office or the Cathedrals and Church Buildings Division for details of your Area Plan. When details of the plans are published, they will be widely publicised. Advance details will not be released to any parties, including the Churches. It is unlikely that the plans will result in any brand new post offices - either full-time or outreach - being opened in areas where there was formerly no provision.

We would warmly encourage every church to consider if this offers an appropriate opportunity for mission and service in its context.

If you have any further questions, please contact Becky Payne, Policy Officer at the Cathedral and Church Buildings Division on

where you need to click on the Post Office 'tag'. www.postoffice.co.uk and clicking on the item marked **Network change update.020 7898 1886** or rebecca.payne@c-of-e.org.uk

Praying for World Mission

Annually, over 100 years, encouraged by the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Church of England has had a focus for prayers for world mission at St Andrew's Tide. As the Lambeth Conference will take place later this year, a special edition of the usual resource leaflet produced by Partnership for World Mission has been printed. We are asking all parishes to pray for this important gathering and hope the leaflet will help.

Copies of the leaflet are also available in pdf form on the PWM website:

www.pwm-web.org.uk

Or you can receive the pdf as an attachment from the PWM Office –

Stephen.lyon@c-of-e.org.uk

Offa House Quiet Days 2008

The first of two quiet days to be held at Offa House this year will be on Wednesday 23

9.30am to 3.15pm If you are interested, please email

number

In addition to these quiet days, a provisional booking for a silent retreat has been made for the 17

rd April from martin.tunncliffe@tesco.net or Telephone **0121 745 6522**. **The other date, if you wish to note, it Wednesday 5th November.th**

to 19

phone.

th April 2009. Again, if you are interested please contact Martin Tunncliffe by email or

Dreaming of Dreams – over 55s and the church

This will be a day of exploration and learning together at Wolston church led by Paul and Helen Simmonds, (Paul is honorary associate minister at St Margaret's Wolston), and David and Judith Heydon of Outlook Trust.

People with age and experience on their side have a unique contribution to the church. Come and be inspired with the possibilities for you and your church on Saturday 1st March 2008 at Wolston Church Rooms from 10am – 3.30pm The cost is £10 including refreshments and handouts; bring your own lunch. (Wolston is halfway between Rugby and Coventry.)

To book or for more information email:

over55sday@metronet.co.uk or phone **024 7654 3188**.

Directory Amendments

Coventry St Mary Magdalene's churchwardens should read Mr Martin Pink and Heather Partis.

A reader at Rugby St Andrew has a new email address

catherine.evans@uhcw.nhs.uk

Stockton parish have a new Treasurer. Delete Mr Alex Lockey and replace with Mrs Heather

Owen, 17 St Michael's Crescent, Stockton, Southam, CV47 8JH

Canon David Capron has a new email address

Canon@Caprons.co.uk

Canon Margaret Sedgwick's new phone number is

024 7642 1801

Revd Barbara Clutton is being licensed as Priest in Charge of the Draycote Group of parishes which

includes the parishes of Birdingbury, Bourton with Franton and Stretton on Dunsmore with

Princethorpe on Wednesday 30

Delete Mr David Hinde as Churchwarden of Hartshill and replace with Mrs Linda Kelly, 268 Camp

Hill Road, Chapel End, Nuneaton CV10 0JN Tel:

th January at All Saints Church Stretton on Dunsmore at 7.30pm **024 7639 7614**

Any correspondence for the Treasurer of Weddington, please delete Mr Paul Ingram and replace

with Mrs Ann Smith, 411 Weddington Road, Nuneaton CV10 0HA Tel:

024 7634 0298

Delete Ann Riley as PCC Secretary and replace with Jo Barford, St Paul's Church Office, Leicester

Street, Leamington Spa CV32 4TE

made to the Diocesan Ecumenical Officer, Canon Ted Lyons

There is a now a new set of standardised procedures to enable neighbouring Anglican and Methodist churches to share worship and mission in more extended ways. You will be able to share more deeply in ministry and sacramental life in the context of 'Local Covenant Partnership'. This is a significant move to open up opportunities for making the national covenant come to life locally.

For further details visit website at