

**For Women – A Time to Relax – Lunchtime Meditations**

Due to popular demand the Ladies Lunchtime Meditations at Coventry Cathedral are now taking place monthly on the first Thursday of each month from 12.45-2.00pm in the Lecture Hall. The next one is on 6<sup>th</sup> August 2009. 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 Zoe Bell on **024 7652 1223**.

**Community Cashback**

A new scheme called 'Community Cashback' has been announced targeted at giving "local people a say in how £4 million of recovered criminal assets should be spent in their communities". To qualify, "The projects should be related to nuisance, anti-social or criminal behaviour or its impact on the community.

- Projects could focus on one or several neighbourhoods
- Projects should be community focused and make a noticeable difference on the community
- Projects must demonstrate value for money, be able to be delivered quickly and their impact should be clearly evaluated
- Outcomes must be visible to the community

Although Church/churches are clearly community bodies they will need to identify projects, which deliver on the above - with such a relatively small sum to play with, as there could be stiff competition for the grants. A case could be made for repairing stolen lead on an historic church (especially when the insurance doesn't cover the full cost) but it is probable that the funders will want to see more 'people-based' than 'thing-based' projects. Alternatively, restoring/creating a wildlife friendly churchyard where it has been subject to vandalism etc may be eligible."

**Kenilworth St Nicholas**

St Nicholas Church Kenilworth is holding a special healthcare service at 6.30pm on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2009. Invitations will be going out in September to all those who work in the NHS both here or in neighbouring towns, as well as carers and the general public.

The hope is that the service will encourage us to give thanks for our health service and all carers and to ask for wisdom concerning any future cuts.

The speaker at the service will be The Reverend Dame Sarah Mullally, The Rector of Sutton in Surrey and formerly the Chief Nursing Officer.

Traditionally Chief Nursing Officers are near retirement and career civil servants. Sarah, by contrast, was nowhere near retirement and was far from hospital life. It caused a stir but the professionals on the front line thought it was a great move. As CNO Sarah advised the Prime Minister, three Secretaries of State and numerous civil servants. She describes herself as being incredibly proud of the National Health Service and its many improvements.

St Nicholas Church invites you to put the date in your diary now.

**Coventry Julian Meeting 2009 - 'Waiting on God in the Silence' An ecumenical group for silent Christian contemplative prayer**

Julian Meetings are groups of people who meet together regularly to grow in the practice of silent contemplative prayer in the Christian tradition. Julian meetings are for people of all denominations, or none.

At a Julian Meeting we sit together in a circle and seek to be open and attentive to the presence of God in the silence. A short reading and/or piece of music leads into 30 minutes of silent prayer. Waiting on God in silence, listening to Him, resting in Him. Refreshments and conversation follow the time of prayer for those who wish to stay.

The Meeting is held at Earlsdon Methodist Church Upper Room, corner of Earlsdon Avenue South and Albany Road. Door will be open from 7pm and the meeting will start at 7.30 prompt. The meetings are on the third Thursday of each month, and the dates for 2009 20<sup>th</sup> August, 17<sup>th</sup> September, 15<sup>th</sup> October and 19<sup>th</sup> November. **No meeting during May or December.**

People can join us once, occasionally or regularly as convenient for them. If you have any questions or require information on disabled access facilities, contact Ann Moran, tel **024 7671 4649**. email [a.amoran@btopenworld.com](mailto:a.amoran@btopenworld.com)

JM website: [www.julianmeetings.org](http://www.julianmeetings.org)

#### **The Prophets – A Winter Retreat to Lindisfarne**

The Revd Denise Hiscox is organizing this retreat, which will be from 9<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> November 2009. The retreat will be led by the Revd Canon Kate Tristram, associate minister on the island, who is a well-respected theologian and historian, who on this occasion, will turn her attention to the prophets in the bible.

Full board accommodation in both single and double rooms is available at Marygate House, an ecumenical retreat house on the island. There is no set charge, but donations are invited. A £20.00 deposit will secure a place. There is no fixed charge for staying, but the community suggests that £29 per day covers their costs. For further information contact the Revd Denise Hiscox on 024 7641 8157 or email [denise@dhiscox.co.uk](mailto:denise@dhiscox.co.uk) Unfortunately, Marygate House does not cater for people with mobility problems. (See the Coventry website <http://www.Coventry.Anglican.org/news/surgeoftheseeflyers>)

#### **Directory Amendments**

The Revd Mark Beach has a new email address [rugbyrector@googlemail.com](mailto:rugbyrector@googlemail.com)