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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 3rd September 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." http://www.direct.gov.uk/en/N11/Newsroom/DG_178917

Kenilworth St Nicholas

St Nicholas Church Kenilworth is holding a special healthcare service at 6.30pm on Sunday 18th 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. Doors 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 20th August, 17th September, 15th October and 19th 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

JM website: www.julianmeetings.org

For women clergy

The local group of the awesome network, for ordained evangelical women, will have its next two meetings on Wednesday 7th October and Wednesday 4th November, 10am – 12 noon. We'll be meeting at the offices of CPAS, in Athena Drive, Tachbrook Park, Warwick CV34 6NG (roughly behind Sainsbury's). There is plenty of parking, a newly refurbished 'lounge' style meeting room and a new coffee machine!

Awesome is an acronym for Anglican Women Evangelicals: supporting our Ordained Ministry: see www.awesome.org.uk The local network aims to bring together women clergy for fellowship and support, and at these meetings there will be an opportunity to share and pray for each other, and talk about areas of mutual interest. This Coventry/Warwick local group is open to women clergy from within Coventry diocese or other neighbouring dioceses.

For further information, contact Rev Rosie Ward, **01926 458448** (daytime) or email rward@cpas.org.uk

Cruse Bereavement Care

Cruse Bereavement Care offers emotional support and advice to those who have lost a loved one. This year they are celebrating their golden jubilee and have launched the 'Grief Relief Appeal' in support of this. To help this appeal, churches are being invited to donate their collection to it on 1st November (All Saints day). For further information contact Charlotte Barney on **020 8939 9551** or email charlotte.barney@cruse.org.uk

Growing Faith in the Countryside

This is the title of our special half-day conference on Saturday 10th October 2009 at the Arthur Rank Centre, Stoneleigh, Warwickshire.

Who is this event for

Any Christian who lives or worships in a village or small country town is bound to find this a valuable event. One person in six in the UK lives in a rural community no larger than 5,000 (most in villages of 1,000 or smaller). There are special challenges and special opportunities for ministry and mission in such locations. Exciting things are not happening in many small communities. This conference provides a super opportunity for sharing with one another as well as learning from some of the 'key players'.

What are the conference aims

To inspire, enthuse and encourage rural Christians to achieve what is possible and appropriate.

To raise awareness of the specialist recourse available

To enable the sharing of good ideas and experience.

To grow confidence and a 'Can do' attitude in responding to God's call

Workshop Topics

Working with children and families

Fresh Expressions of rural church and rural mission

Responding to rural stress (the pastoral challenge)

The Swap Shop – a bring and share event where you can contribute your experiences to help others, or be helped by the experience of others. It will include ideas on doing church beyond our four walls.

The Cost

This entire programme including the meals for £15.00 per person. Cheques should be made payable to 'Revive' and to be sent to the Revd Margaret Simmons, 76 Bilton Road, Rugby CV22 7AL

Booking

You are advised to book early to be sure of a place. You can do this online by visiting this site and clicking on 'Growing Faith in the Countryside' <http://www.reviverugby.net> You can also book your place in the two workshops of your choice.

Awakening to Yourself – Reflecting with Paintings Volume 2

This book is the second volume of 'Reflecting with Paintings' written by the Redemptorist priest Fr. Denis McBride.

Available for £9.95 ISBN 9780852313619 and further information can be obtained from Trish Wilson, Redemptorist Publications, Alphonosus House, Chawton, Hampshire GU34 3HQ Tel: **01420 88222** Fax Tel: **01420 88805**

Cell Church Training Conference

Colin and Fey Holtum have been working with SIM (Serving in Mission) for three years in Nairobi and other parts of Kenya This year they put on, supported by Cell UK's Laurence Singlehurst and Trevor Withers, a Kenya Cell Conference for leaders from all over Kenya and beyond.

While they are back in the UK Allesley Parish Church are offering a Cell Training Course comprising two Saturday workshops on 5th and 26th September to be held at Allesley All Saints. These will be suitable for church leaders, potential Cell leaders, and those already interested in Cell Church and those who just wish to find out more.

Further details contact Colin Holtum on **024 7672 9996** There will be a charge of £5.00 to cover the cost of handouts and refreshments which will be served.

Bulkington Beer Festival

Following the success of the first Bulkington Beer Festival in 2008, St James Church, Bulkington is planning to build on this with a bigger and better festival this year. It will be held from 17th – 19th September, and the venue will again be Weston Hall.

Hotel

For this year's festival we have teamed up with Church End brewery who will provide a choice of 40 red ales plus an ale brewed especially for the festival: 'Bulking ton Blessing'.

There will be nightly entertainment, and much more. For further details contact Fr. Paul Messam, St James Vicarage, School Lane, Bulkington CV12 9JB Tel: **024 7631 8241** or email paul.messam@virgin.net (See the Coventry website <http://www.Coventry.Anglican.org/news/surgeofttheseeflyers>)

Workcare Drop In

As part of WorkCare's response to the 'credit crunch' and in supporting those who have been made redundant, or who face the possibility of redundancy, WorkCare will be hosting a '**First Resort**' Drop-In at St

Paul's Church, Church Road, Stockingford on Monday 7th September from 10 am – 12 noon.

The session will give an opportunity to talk and think about options. A Nextsteps advisor will be available to offer advice on local training opportunities, completing a job application form, writing a CV, and general job and training related information, advice and guidance.

Refreshments will be served and the option of staying for a sandwich lunch will be available. This event is FREE of charge.

For more details please contact Kay Aldersley, WorkCare, Regeneration Support Officer on **024 7636 2995** (home) or email kay.aldersley@btinternet.com

On Fire Mission – 'One in Christ'

A day of renewal entitled 'One in Christ' is to be held on Saturday 17th October 2009 at All Saints Emscote Warwick from 10am to 5pm. Tea and coffee from 9.30am The day includes worship, Eucharist, workshops and prayer ministry. Donations of £5.00 are suggested and bring your own lunch.

Further information contact Rev Geoff Morris on **01926 403512** or see the website

www.onfiremission.org.uk(See the Coventry website

<http://www.Coventry.Anglican.org/news/surgeofttheseeflyers>)

Fillongley Church –Opera Evening

Fillongley Church are holding an Opera Evening in a marquee in the grounds of Fillongley Lodge on Friday 4th September with a Champagne reception starting at 7pm with a performance commencing at 7.45pm Tickets are £20.00. Please bring your own refreshments. For further information contact Rev Ian Kennedy **01676 540320** or John O'Brien **01676 541409**

Bishop's Itchington

The Revd Martin Green who is Priest in Charge of Bishops Itchington has released 2 C.D.'s which are available for an introductory offer of £10 each (normally £12.99). One C.D. includes 4 powerful songs, the other is 13 mainly acoustic instrumental tracks in various styles. All profits from the sale of these C.D.'s will go towards the church restoration project – the tower and chancel arch are collapsing and £70,000 is needed for the restoration work. The C.D.'s can be purchased from The Revd Martin Green, 1 Manor Road, Bishops Itchington, Southam CV47 2QJ cheques payable to 'The Rev Martin Green' (See the Coventry website <http://www.Coventry.Anglican.org/news/surgeofttheseeflyers>)

Directory Amendments

The Revd Stephen Knight has a new email address psk54@hotmail.co.uk

The Revd Mark Beach has a new email addressees (work) rector@rugbyteam.org.uk and (home) email address is mark.beach@zetnet.co.uk