

MARCH 2009

**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 5<sup>th</sup> March 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**.

**St Mark's Church Bilton Rugby – Director of Music Required** This post is available from Easter. The church has a 34 member 4 part choir with a keen junior section that needs nurture and encouragement. Music ranges from Palestrina and Bach to modern anthems and settings. The musical tradition is comprehensive from plainsong to modern worship songs, (Stuart Townend, Taize. John Bell etc). Hymn books include Ancient and Modern New Standard, Mission Praise and a new expanding 'own church songs and hymn book. A small modern worship group accompany on the second Sunday morning for the family/parade service with Keyboard and Drums and occasionally Guitars, whilst a classical music group play on the fourth Sunday morning communion, comprising clarinets, violins, cornet flute and an excellent cellist.

Musical instruments available include a Yamaha PSR500 Portable Grand, a modern Kemble over strung upright piano, a vestry practice keyboard and an historic 1871 John Nicholson 2 manual Tracker action organ recently restored (7Gt, 9Sw, 2 ped + usual couplers) which is in a nationally renowned 1661 Thomas case from St John's College Cambridge. There are 3 competent assistant organists available who can accompany practices and services.

For further details contact the Revd Tim Cockell on **01787 812613** or email [tim.cockell@btopenworld.com](mailto:tim.cockell@btopenworld.com)

**Coventry Holy Trinity Church** Coventry Holy Trinity church has available for ecclesiastical use two oak pews largely undecorated (circa 1860s, Gilbert Scott designed, workmanship by local craftsmen). These are available as a result of a recent faculty approval for partial interior re-ordering of the church. The pews are 18' and 13'5" in length respectively. The smaller of the two is incomplete as it was built abutting a pillar. For further details contact Sue Wilcox **024 7622 0418**

**Bishops Tachbrook Dew** – a design and visualisation agency has been providing the fundraising committee for the proposed St Chad's Centre in Bishops Tachbrook with coloured elevations, site plans and 3D

computer visuals to enhance their fundraising literature.

Dew also plans to assist with the design of future material raising awareness of the proposed community and church building. Anyone interested in viewing the work created so far should visit [www.dew-design.com](http://www.dew-design.com)

## **Lent Course Still looking for an idea for something to do for Lent ? Here's a Lent course with a difference**

### **Joined up living – Weekday Faith An Invitation to hold a Lent Study Course in small Groups**

Starting from the day-to-day events of life, it is designed for use during 5 sessions in Lent. The course follows a pattern used by many of us in reflecting on our daily work (paid or unpaid).

We offer it for use in Parishes, to enable those who take part to:

- learn more of what they each do in their day to day work
- understand and support each other in their daily work
- articulate more fully the connections with their faith
- understand how the Gospel relates to what they do day by day
- appreciate how their work may truly be their ministry

The course consists of five sessions:

Week 1	What's happening for me
Week 2	What's going on in some situations at work
Week 3	How can we talk about God in all this
Week 4	What about God in our work situations
Week 5	So what does it mean for what I do

This course, designed by the group of Ministers in Secular Employment in Coventry Diocese, has been run in several parishes in recent years. This is what some participants said:

Good to look closely at situations and see what is really going on - bringing out the positive and finding God in that situation at work

It really changed the way I look at things.

The sessions have given me the courage to carry on.

The starting point for the course was grounded in our own experience - in everyday life outside the church

Somebody was concerned about where I spend 60% of my waking life i.e. at/doing paid work and saw it as an opportunity for ministry to both me and the people I work with.

Small group, helpful workbook, supportive and listening 'co-workers' - an opportunity to share my real issues

The course is designed to be led by someone using the leader's manual provided through the MSE Group. It obviously helps to have similar relevant experience.

For more information, please contact The Revd Felicity Smith **01926 492 452** or email [felicity@fandi.me.uk](mailto:felicity@fandi.me.uk)

**The Eggbeer Trust** Colonel RAG (Bertie) Bingley set up the Eggbeer Trust back in 1964. Mindful of his own full happy and active life he resolved to 'give something back'. He felt this could best be accomplished by sharing his own home and farm with those less fortunate.

To begin with, he welcomed clergy, particularly those from the mission field and in need of a holiday, into his home. As he became older and less able to look after others he established the Caravan in the secluded old orchard at Middle Eggbeer, Devon, as a holiday retreat. The Trustees share his vision and maintain the Caravan to provide free holidays for those who qualify under the terms of the Trust. The caravan enjoys views over Dartmoor.

The Caravan comprises of one bedroom with a double bed, one with two single beds and then two berths in the living room. There is mains water on tap for cooking, the shower and the toilet and all heat, light and power are supplied by electricity. A 'games room' is close by for youngersters on wet days.

For further enquiries by sending a stamped addressed envelope to Mr Andrew Herniman, Howden Court, Tiverton, Devon EX16 5PB Tel **01884 252 621** or email the booking's secretary [mail@andrew-herniman.com](mailto:mail@andrew-herniman.com) (See attachment on the Coventry website [http: www.coventry.anglican.org/news/surgeofttheseeflyers](http://www.coventry.anglican.org/news/surgeofttheseeflyers))

**The Getaway Guide 2009** This annual guide is designed for full –time Christian workers, and contains over 30 properties in the UK, France, Spain and Turkey. Good value holidays and some extra reductions are given when booking through the guide. Most are self-catering but some offer bed and breakfast.

Copies are available from Claybury International, The Pixmore Centre, Pixmore Avenue, Letchworth Garden City, Hertfordshire. SG6 1JG Tel: **0845 434 0021**. Email [admin@claybury.com](mailto:admin@claybury.com) The guide costs £4.00 (includes postage and packing in the UK) and Claybury will send an invoice with your copy.

**Faith Communities Regeneration Project > It's your Move – Scripture Union 'It's your Move!' is a book produced annually by the Scripture Union and is for children who are moving up from primary school to secondary school.**

This years 'It's Your Move!' is better than ever and includes a church notice board poster which you can view and download at [www.scriptureunion.org.uk/itsyourmove](http://www.scriptureunion.org.uk/itsyourmove)

**A leaflet about the book is on our website, and a second leaflet giving details of another book: 'Get Ready, Go!' is also on our website which is aimed at children starting school for the first time and also parents and carers.**

Further information is obtainable from Scripture Union, 207-209 Queensway, Bletchley, Milton Keynes MK2 2EB Tel: **01908 856000** (See attachment on the Coventry website [http: www.coventry.anglican.org/news/surgeofttheseeflyers](http://www.coventry.anglican.org/news/surgeofttheseeflyers))

**Directory Amendments Peter Penney Churchwarden of Salford Priors has a new email address [peterpenney@peterpenney.plus.com](mailto:peterpenney@peterpenney.plus.com)**

Barbara Rushton, who was Treasurer of Radford St Francis has died. Please can all financial information be sent to Martin Hayward c/o 1 Hill Top, Coventry CV1 5AB for the time being?

The email address for the Revd David Mayhew, Vicar of Coventry Holy Trinity is  
Htvicar@HolyTrinityCoventry.org.uk

The email address for Kevin Downham, Lay Chair of Rugby is incorrect in the directory. It should read  
kevandles@btinternet.com (the 'd' is missing after the 'n')

The next FACE Event will be held on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March from 6.45-9pm at St Laurence Church Annex,  
Church End, Ansley, Nuneaton CV10 0QR  
This event will focus on Understanding and Completing Funding Applications.

The event will be led by Alison Hedges (Warwickshire CAVA) and Davina Key (North Warwickshire CVS).

Funding is getting harder to come by and the quality and level of responses required by funders is very  
specific. Our Spring FACE event will focus on guiding you through the process and answering some of your  
questions 1:1 support will be available during the second half of the evening. For further details or to reserve  
a space contact Kay Aldersley, Regeneration Support Officer at Workcare on **024 7636 2995** or email  
kay.aldersley@btinternet.com