

Surge of the See 30th Mar 2009

APRIL 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 2nd April 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**.

Kenilworth St Nicholas A Christian drummer and a guitarist are required for a worship band for monthly services at Kenilworth St Nicholas. For further details contact the parish office on **01926 857509** (See attachment on the Coventry website [http: www.coventry.anglican.org/news/surgeoftheseeflyers](http://www.coventry.anglican.org/news/surgeoftheseeflyers))

Good Friday at Kenilworth St Nicholas On Friday 10th April the Revd Dr Ruth Tuschling, Warden of Offa House, will lead the Good Friday three hours service at St Nicholas Church Kenilworth from 12 noon to 3.00pm. The title for the three hours is 'On the hill of darkness'. Gathering around the cross, you are all very welcome to come and go as you wish.

London Marathon - Canon Tim Pullen is running the London Marathon Canon Tim Pullen, Canon Pastor of Coventry Cathedral will be running the London Marathon for the 5th time on the 26th April 2009. Will be aiming to get as close to 3.5 hours as possible – you can always dream! You could always provide some incentive by adding some additional bonus for every minute under 4 hours.

All the sponsorship money will be divided equally between Coventry Cathedral's peace and reconciliation ministry and St Aphraim School Bethlehem Development Appeal.

My target is to raise at least £2,000; needless to say the only way I am going to achieve this is with your generous help and support. You can donate by either going to www.justgiving.com/timpullen

Shelter Fundraising Shelter are asking for help this Easter by using their complimentary service idea of holding a special service and collection in the aid of Shelter. For further information contact Kirsty Hobbs on **0844 515 2130** or email churches@shelter.org.uk

WorkCare – Coping with the Credit Crunch in the local Church This is a special briefing for ministers and others involved in responding to the current financial downturn will be held on **12th May 2009**
We suggest ministers bring at least one layperson.

Points that will be covered are which also includes an input from the **Bishop of Coventry** and others.

- · Helping your congregation survive the financial downturn.
- · Creative responses to the credit crunch from the local church.
- · Practical, pastoral and spiritual resources for such a time as this.

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Time: 10.00am – 1.00pm (bring Sandwiches if you want to network afterwards.)

Place: St James, Church, Tile Hill Lane, off the A45, South Coventry.

Cost: £5 per person – pay on the door.

Booking: To reserve your place send names to info@workcare.org

This is organised by the Coventry Diocese Department for Social responsibility and **WORKCARE**

University of London – Royal Holloway – Are you in Pain Philippa Martin is currently a PhD student at Royal Holloway University of London in the Department of Psychology. She is conducting a study that is exploring the link between faith and pain, especially how people who have pain cope on a day-to-day basis. Philippa is interested in looking at both people who have pain and people who don't and also those who have faith and those who don't

We are currently running a questionnaire study looking into the use of religious coping as a strategy for managing pain. We would like people both with and without faith to participate. This study is interested in you, and there are no right or wrong answers. If you think this applies to you or you are interested in taking part please log onto:-

<http://www.pc.rhul.ac.uk/sites/surveys/TakeSurvey.asp?PageNumber=1&SurveyID=81L963LJ3mIKG>

Alternatively contact Philippa Martin at Philippa.Martin@rhul.ac.uk or on **01784 443703**

Celebration of the Admission of Women to Reader Ministry. May 9th 2009 marks 40 years since women were admitted to Reader ministry. Central Readers Council are encouraging churches to ask a woman Reader to preach or assist in the services on that day. I have prepared some material for churches to use in the planning of a celebration service if they would like to. These can be seen on either the CRC website www.readers.cofe.anglican.org or by contacting me at chris@haines.uk.com

Oberammergau 2010 Canon Nicholas Morgan from the Deanery of Shipston is leading a group to the world famous passion play August 30th - September 7th next year. The tour operator is the well-known McCabe Pilgrimages and in addition to the 2-night full board package at Oberammergau there will be a further 5 nights in the delightful Tyrolean village of Maria Alm (3* Niederreiter Hotel). The trip is quite costly, though competitively priced, at around £1100. It is a confirmed date as the minimum number of travellers has been achieved already - there are a further 10 places still available. Please telephone Canon Morgan on **01608 685230** or view the McCabe website: www.mccabe-travel.co.uk

Directory Amendments The Revd Graeme Hands has died. He was incumbent at Radford St Nicholas for many years.

The Revd Tim Cockell has a new email address tdchub-recbilt@yahoo.co.uk

The Revd Leslie Johnson of Coventry St Alban has a new email address lesliejohnson212@tiscali.co.uk

The Revd Norman Stevens has a new email address norstevens@hotmail.com