

Social Responsibility Bulletin – 13 January 2010

CUF Grants awarded to Coventry Projects

Projects in this Diocese received a total of £22,800 from the Church Urban Fund in 2009. (A sum roughly equal to gifts from the diocese to CUF in the year – thank you!). Main grants are no longer being awarded, but Mustard Seed Grants up to £5,000 are available for new initiatives addressing need. A new CUF leaflet for use locally is coming out at the end of January and there is an open invitation to the CUF Service 7.30pm 28 Jan at St John's, Willenhall, Coventry. Contact john.hall@covcofe.org or 024 7652 1326 if you might like to apply for funding or want more info on CUF.

Archbishop of Canterbury's New Year Message

The Archbishop of Canterbury's New Year Message is entitled "The needs of our neighbours are the needs of the whole human family." For the full text click [here](#)

Poverty and Homeless Action Week - 30 Jan to 7 Feb 2010

Times are hard, as the recession has hit individuals, families and communities, but in the gloom there is inspiration to be found. The message is that there is enough for all.... for more information and resources for Poverty and Homeless Action Week visit: www.actionweek.org.uk

Cornerstone – Circle of Friends Group

Amongst this group we currently have 4 destitute families and 3 destitute individuals. One of the destitute women wants to crochet blankets for others...thus the call for wool. It will be shared between her and a ninety year old woman who also wants to help. We also need: A freezer; 2 computers; double bed; pots and pans; 2 microwaves; vacuum cleaner; tumble dryer; 3 washing machines; radio; fridge; kitchen table; warm coats for men, women and children; size 8 shoes-men's. Thank you for all your support and the practical help you give us. Sue Sampson: smsampson@hotmail.com

Duchess of Cornwall visits Emmaus Project, Coventry

10 Dec 09 saw the first official visit to Coventry of HRH the Duchess of Cornwall to visit the Emmaus community in Coventry. For information about the visit, plus some photo's click [here](#) .To book a talk or sermon on Emmaus contact Rev Tim Brooke at brooke@care4free.net or tel: 024 7667 9126.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2010

An ecumenical service led by The Revd Barrie Smith, Regional Minister, Heart of England Baptist Church will be held in the Chapel of Unity, Coventry Cathedral on Saturday 23 January at 10.00am. Barrie will be speaking on "You are witnesses to these things!"

Candles for Peace in Palestine and Israel

Between 27th Dec and 21st January you are invited to light a candle at 6pm each day in friendship and solidarity with all peacemakers in Palestine and Israel to remember Bethlehem, imprisoned by the Wall, and to commemorate the 1st anniversary of the Gaza War. Let me know if you are lighting a candle, email: annfarr@phonecoop.coop

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