

## Social Responsibility Bulletin – 2 April 2009

### **Bishop John Visits Workplaces**

On 1<sup>st</sup> April Bishop John visited Jaguar Land Rover, Coventry University, Children's Society, Coventry City Council and a Building Society to meet staff and listen to their concerns. These visits arranged with WORKCARE chaplain Paul Simmonds and John Hall form part of our increasing diocesan commitment to supporting people in these financially uncertain times.

### **G20 London Summit**

Archbishop Rowan's statement to go to G20 London Summit has been endorsed by other Christian leaders and the leaders of all the other faiths in this country. I enclose a copy. Quite apart from the content, it is an important step in public statements by the full range of religions 'convened' by the C of E. and an indication of mutual trust and respect, built on a series of multi religious meetings convened by the Archbishop in the past 18 months. View the full announcement at: <http://forums.presenceandengagement.org.uk/index.php?topic=249.0>

### **Archbishop – Environment is 'an issue of justice'**

Archbishop Rowan used his Ebor Lecture in York Minster on 25 March 09 to spell out why respect for the environment is not an optional extra, particularly for Christians. "There is no way of manipulating our environment that is without cost or consequence ... we are inextricably bound up with the destiny of our world," he argued. For text of the Lecture go to: <http://www.archbishopofcanterbury.org/2351>

### **Safe in the City of Coventry (Children's Society) - 'Reunite'**

'Reunite' comes under the umbrella of the 'Safe in the City of Coventry' project working to contact vulnerable young people. This is based as St. Peter's Community Centre, Hillfields. If you would like to know more about the project or refer young people, contact Jenny Mahimbo the Project Manager on 024 7652 0124 or email: [jenny.mahimbo@childrenssociety.org.uk](mailto:jenny.mahimbo@childrenssociety.org.uk)

### **Emmaus Community (Coventry & Warwickshire) reopens**

After a shut down of just over twelve months we are excited to announce that the Emmaus Community in the Old Vicarage at Binley has now re-opened. Emmaus provides a home for up to fifteen previously homeless people who in return work in our furniture recycling business. Once again we are turning to our friends in the faith communities for support. We are not asking for money – we aim to be self-supporting - but rather some practical help. We need donations of furniture in good condition for our shop (024 7666 1466), and volunteers, in particular drivers and gardeners. For further information call the General Manager, Vicki Urch, on 024 7665 1094.

### **Hungry People – Can your church help?**

Coventry Peace House has provided a night shelter for refugees and asylum seekers since Oct 2004. They are currently experiencing great difficulty in feeding the people that come to them for help. Attached is a letter from Penny Walker explaining:

<http://www.coventry.anglican.org/socialresponsibility/socialaction/>

### **Sports Chaplaincy**

Rev Peter Allen writes "I am chaplain for Sport in the Diocese of Sheffield... which includes being chaplain to Sheffield Wednesday FC, working in Boxing gyms, The World Snooker Academy, The English Institute for Sport, and a Body Building gym. I basically just make friends at these places and take it from there... I am looking to gather stories of how sport or sports related activities are being used as a vehicle for mission. My hope is to gather as many stories together with a view to sharing these stories wider in the hope that we all might discover more about what God is doing, encouragement, and good practise." If you are involved in anything similar you can contact Peter by email at: [prallen3@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:prallen3@yahoo.co.uk)

### **Tim Pullen (Coventry Cathedral) to run the London Marathon**

I will be running the London Marathon for the 5<sup>th</sup> time on April 26<sup>th</sup>. I am 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. Donate at [www.justgiving.com/timpullen](http://www.justgiving.com/timpullen) or by filling in the donation form on the Cathedral Welcome Desk.

### **Fair-trade Event at Herbert Art Gallery and Museum, Coventry**

The Herbert Art Gallery & Museum are holding a fair-trade event on Saturday 4th April 11-4pm. The event will be opened by the artist Romuald Hazoumé, who created *Le Bouche Du Roi*.

### **Christian Aid's wake up call visit to Coventry 19 March**

Christian Aid headed a large climate change protest in Coventry on 19 Mar. Campaigners from across the country gathered including Nasa's Dr James Hansen, a world expert on global warming. Events began with a service at Coventry Cathedral with the Rt Rev James Jones, the Bishop of Liverpool, together with more than a thousand people. This was followed by a New Orleans style funeral march around the city by hundreds of 'mourners' dressed in black in remembrance of those who have already died as a consequence of extreme climate change.

[http://www.politics.co.uk/news/environment-and-rural-affairs/christian-aid-heads-climate-change-march-\\$1281384.htm](http://www.politics.co.uk/news/environment-and-rural-affairs/christian-aid-heads-climate-change-march-$1281384.htm)

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