

Social Responsibility Bulletin – 13 October 2009

Environment - 'Response to God's hope for us'

The Archbishop of Canterbury shares concerns for the planet in a new videocast encouraging viewers to sign to the Church of England's environmentally-themed online Advent calendar for 2009 <http://www.whywearewaiting.com/>, with its daily green challenges and thoughts. The Ready Steady Slow video cast is available on the website and on YouTube. It is the first of a number of Ready Steady Slow events <http://www.cofe.anglican.org/news/pr8209.html>, which included a stand at Greenbelt (Cheltenham) last August.

'Inspired' - NEW Church Support Officer (Assistant)

On Tuesday 13th October Amanda Ross began work assisting Helen McGowan as Divine Inspiration's new Church Support Officer (Assistant). Amanda, working 10 hours per week, is based at the Diocesan Offices, tel: 024 7652 1346. Her post is jointly funded by English Heritage and the DBF in a 3 year 'Inspired' project partnership arrangement.

Children's Society evening at Bishop Christopher's

On October 1 Bishop Christopher hosted an evening for parish supporters of the Children's Society, their staff and the local 'Safe in the City of Coventry' Children's Society project locally which has been up and running since the beginning of the year. Some of the service users also joined us and helped with the evening. Stories were shared of children at risk on Coventry's streets and how the project was seeking to make lives better for them. Want to know more then contact the project leader Jenny Mahimbo:024 7652 0124 or Jenny.Mahimbo@childrenssociety.org.uk

Churches Together with Refugees in Coventry (CTRIC)

CTRIC is publicising the need for churchgoers to help Zimbabweans in Coventry. Volunteer mentors for 5 hours a month are urgently required to support refugees in becoming part of the wider community. Volunteer mentors need to listen, encourage and empower those they are mentoring, helping them increase their local knowledge, improve language skills and encourage them to take up employment and volunteering opportunities. Experience of mentoring is not necessary as full training is given. 'Many of the people from Zimbabwe waiting for mentors are keen church-attenders.' Tel: Kate Taylor (or Ruth Hucklesby) on 01384 456166 or e-mail kate.taylor@cfed.org.uk

Just People? – A Tearfund Initiative

Just People is a six week interactive course looking at compassion, justice and how you can effect change locally and globally. The material has been produced by Community Mission – a partnership started by Tearfund. For more information visit: http://www.communitymission.org.uk/training_events/just_people/

Christians in Criminal Justice - Our Work in God's Workplace

A day event for Christians working in the Criminal Justice System on Sat 7th Nov 2009 (10am– 4pm) at Christ Church, Pershore Road, Selly Park, Birmingham. Keynote speaker: Mike Maiden, Chief Officer, West Midlands Probation Service. Cost £10 to include refreshments, lunch and materials. To make a booking or for further information contact Jonathan Gurling jonathangurling@yahoo.co.uk

International Year of the Child - 30th Anniversary at Cathedral

A 'Growing Up Without Violence Roadshow & Exhibition' takes place in Coventry Cathedral from Sat 7th Nov to Wed 11 Nov. There will be free resources, activities for children and young people, plus: Positive Parenting Workshops which will be run by the Mothers' Union parenting facilitators. Workshops are free, 90 minutes in length, and cover 'how to encourage good behaviour in your children'. Workshops will be run on Mon 9th and Tues 10th Nov at 10.00am and 1.0pm. Please pre-register at www.churchesfornon-violence.org or email info@churchesfornon-violence.org. For further information about the roadshow contact: Elizabeth Penlington: 024 7641 9707 or Dorothy MacDonald 024 7667 3201

Nuneaton's Pastoral Care Project - Service in the Community

Pastoral Care Project AGM on 15th Oct 09 7.30pm at the Parish Hall, Our Lady of the Angels, Coton Road, Nuneaton CV11 5UA. For more info tel: 01675 434035 or email: info@pastoralcareproject.org.uk

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