

## Social Responsibility Bulletin – 12 August 2009

### **Be a 'flu friend'**

A practical way to help someone with 'swine flu' is to become a 'flu friend'. If you have a friend/colleague/neighbour who has been diagnosed with 'swine flu' they will have been given a URN (unique reference number) to enable them to get access to their antiviral medication. If they give this number to their 'flu friend' that friend will be able to collect their antiviral medication for them. You may also be able to help with other small practical things like collecting some shopping. Why not become a 'flu friend'!!

### **Toilet Twinning Success at New Wine**

CORD's first-ever presence at New Wine at Shepton Mallet, London & South East and Central and South West week has gone really well. (Many thanks to the 5 volunteers who helped). CORD has now been able to provide 530 toilets for returning refugee families in Burundi. It's been amazing!! CORD Director Richard Dickson says, 'Providing sanitation is a vital part of rebuilding a country that has been laid derelict by years of civil war, and this is a novel way of helping people to enjoy better health and well being.' To twin your toilet for just £60 visit [www.toilettwinning.org](http://www.toilettwinning.org) or call CORD on 01926 315301.

### **Wet Summer - Time to Read**

Chris Cleave's 'The Other Hand', Hodder and Stoughton paperback, £6.99 published 2008 is a book made popular by word of mouth, not by bookseller promotion. This novel is brilliant. It tells the story of two grieving women and the circumstances that brought their lives together, the one from Nigeria the other from London. Pick it up and you won't put it down! There's a powerful social message in it too!

### **Inter Faith Week: 15<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> November 2009**

This first national Inter Faith Week provides an opportunity to look for ways to meet people of different faiths, to learn from and share with one another. There are already many events planned for Coventry and Warwickshire. Rev Gareth Jones, Inter Faith Development Officer, is on hand to give any practical advice and answer any questions you may have. He would also be able to put you in touch with different faith groups in your area. Do contact Gareth on: 0121 678 8840 or email: [g.jones@wmfaithsforum.org.uk](mailto:g.jones@wmfaithsforum.org.uk)

### **Church Urban Fund Appeal News**

The diocesan CUF group, led by Rev Richard Hare has been hard at work promoting the valuable work of CUF and seeking local support from parishes and individuals. At the end of 2008 it set itself the task of raising £20,000 for CUF in 2009. To date 185 individual gifts totalling £7,928 (including Gift Aid) have been received and 14 church gifts totalling £7,135. This adds up to a grand total of **£15,063**. Well done everyone!! Please help us reach £20,000 by 31 December. Would you or your church like to give to CUF?

## **Community Cashback**

A new scheme called Community Cashback has been announced targeted at giving local people a say in how £4 million of recovered criminal assets should be spent in their communities. Qualifying projects should be related to nuisance, anti-social or criminal behaviour or its impact on the community. For further info:

[http://www.direct.gov.uk/en/NI1/Newsroom/DG\\_178917](http://www.direct.gov.uk/en/NI1/Newsroom/DG_178917)

## **Racial Justice Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2009**

'Who do you say I am?' Mark 8:29

Racial Justice Sunday materials provide resources, suggestions and stories for worship and other activities. These materials are downloadable from <http://www.ctbi.org.uk/396> Why not take a look?

## **Arley & St. Michael's Community Centre - Require P/T Manager**

One Building, One Community. Hours: 16 hours pw (some weekend work). Salary: £8,320 pa. The Community Centre is an exciting new development in the life of St. Michael's and the community of New Arley, North Warwickshire. For info and application form contact: Mr M.R. Williams 19 Fourfields Way, Arley, Coventry CV7 8PX.

[mikerw@btinternet.com](mailto:mikerw@btinternet.com) or 01676 540988. Closing date: 24 Aug 09.

## **Voluntary Action Coventry**

Would you like VAC run training in any of the following areas?

18 August – Knowing your Outputs from your Outcomes

26 August – Are You Fit for Funding?

28 August – Introduction to OCN Managing Voluntary and Community Organisations. THIS SESSION IS FREE OF CHARGE at VAC Offices 10.00am to 11.00am.

Training on 18 or 26 Aug is £10. At VAC Offices 9.30am – 2.30pm.

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