

Social Responsibility Bulletin – 19th November 2009

Environment Policy Approved by Diocesan Synod: 14th Nov

After a presentation a lively discussion followed with questions put to Greg Smith and John Hall. With just one vote against, the motion was carried setting us on course for some real work to be done to put our house in order. The Diocesan Environment Group will be glad to receive actual or virtual (e-mail) members. Names and contact details to Ruth.Wagstaffe@covcofe.org See the presentation and policy at: <http://www.coventry.anglican.org/socialresponsibility/environment/>

Inter Faith Week Success: 15-22 Nov

Many events have taken place locally, regionally, and nationally providing opportunities for dialogue, networking and joint working. Bishop Christopher attended the Coventry launch at the Herbert Gallery.

Amanda Ross joins 'Divine Inspiration'

Amanda Ross has just started working for Divine Inspiration, assisting Helen McGowan. Amanda will be in the office on a Wednesdays and Thursdays. For the rest of the week she works for the international development charity, Practical Action. Amanda lives in Stretton on Dunsmore, where she is secretary of the PCC at All Saints. You can contact Amanda by tel 024 7652 1306 or email: Amanda.ross@divine-inspiration.org.uk

Job Losses Shock Community

Employees at 'Ericsson' the telecommunications firm were shocked to hear it is to close its site at Ansty Park, Coventry with the loss of 700 jobs, in an attempt by the company to cut its global costs. Please pray for the employees and their families affected by this news. Redundancy has a terrible effect on family life and people are frightened of falling behind with their bill payments. Pray that sufficient financial measures are put in place by the relevant councils to support those affected. Pray also against depression and loss of self esteem.

Charter for Compassion

Karen Armstrong is one of the most provocative original thinkers on the role of religion in the modern world. She has written more than 20 books around the ideas of what Islam, Judaism and Christianity have in common, and around their effect on world events. Last year she was awarded the TED Prize www.ted.com she asked TED to help her create, launch and propagate a Charter for Compassion. The Charter was unveiled at a press conference in Washington DC on Nov 12th, 2009. Find out more at: www.charterforcompassion.org Talk by Karen Armstrong around the conception of the charter: http://www.ted.com/talks/lang/eng/karen_armstrong_makes_her_ted_prize_wish_the_charter_for_compassion.html

Long Compton wins Warwickshire Calor Village of the Year 2009

Long Compton also won first place in the sustainability category of the competition and will go through to the national finals to be held later in the year. It has been described as 'shining example of an active, caring and sustainable village' by the Warwickshire judges.

Community Computers Scheme

Warwickshire County Council has 100 recycled computers available FREE to community or voluntary organisations, Town and Parish Councils (max of 2 per organisation). Each computer package will consist of a Dell Gx240 desktop computer, with a Pentium 4 1.5 GHz processor and 256Mb Memory. It will include a monitor, keyboard and mouse, plus Open Office 2.0 software. Modems also available. A 3-month warranty is offered with each computer. Laptops may be available. Tel: 01789 298115 or email: enquiries@vasa.org.uk

National Diversity Monitoring of the Diocese report

The national analysis and report of the 2007 national diversity monitoring is being considered by Archbishops' Council later this month. It is anticipated that the national report together with a response from the Mission and Public Affairs division will go to General Synod in February. 3.2% of Coventry Diocese's congregations describe themselves in a survey involving 38 parishes. Only 1.9% of clergy are from ethnic minorities – so more encouragement needed here!

Volunteer Drivers Needed

There is an urgent need for volunteer drivers in the Henley-in-Arden, Shipston and Wellesbourne areas to transport people to hospitals, doctors and day care centres. This service is a lifeline to many people within the community. Car mileage allowance of 40p per mile payable for authorised journeys. Contact Clarissa Roberts on 01789 262886 or email clarissa.orberts@vasa.org.uk

Apply NOW for a Town Trust Grant

Every year Stratford-upon-Avon Town Trust distributes £1 million to charitable causes which benefit the people who live in the town. Applications for grants will need to demonstrate that they can improve people's quality of life, make the community stronger and more cohesive and help bind people together whilst also ensuring that your project is easily accessible to all. Applications can be sent in at any time. For more information contact Anita Applebee on 01789 210108 or email anita.applebee@stratfordtowntrust.co.uk

Church urban Fund Success for St Paul's, Foleshill

£5,000 has just been awarded to help start a children's group. Well done St Paul's!

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