

## Social Responsibility Bulletin – 9 June 2009

### **Refugee Week: 15 - 21 June 2009**

Anyone can get involved in Refugee Week either by organising an event or by just spreading the word! The main focus of activities this year is the Simple Acts Campaign. The week aims to inspire people to use small, everyday actions to change perceptions of refugees:

<http://www.refugeeweek.org.uk/simple-acts/>

### **Historic Churches Annual Bicycle Ride**

The annual Cycle Ride, or Ride and Stride as it is now known, is a great way to visit local churches as well as providing the Trusts principal source of income, money which it turn is ploughed back into the care of churches. This years Ride on 12 September is a national event involving all the Historic Churches County Trusts. Local info for the Annual Bicycle Ride is downloadable from:

[http://www.warwickshirechurches.org.uk/ride\\_stride.html](http://www.warwickshirechurches.org.uk/ride_stride.html)

Coventry and Warwickshire Historic Churches Trust now have a website which provides details of all news and events:

[www.warwickshirechurches.org.uk](http://www.warwickshirechurches.org.uk)

### **Living in an Occupied Land**

Earlier this year Canon Christopher Lamb was part of a World Council of Churches programme supporting Palestinians living under Israeli occupation in East Jerusalem, also joining with Israelis deeply concerned about the effects of a 40-year struggle. He is a retired parish priest with extensive experience in the Muslim world. On Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm in Kineton Village Hall he will be sharing his experiences of his time there with a talk entitled: "LIVING IN AN OCCUPIED LAND – Three Months in Israel-Palestine". For more info and free tickets, contact Carole Foy on 07792 401738 or Jane Hill on 01926 641024.

### **Green Praise**

For the past few years Binley Woods church (LEP) have held an outdoor service on the village green called 'GREEN PRAISE'. This will take place on 23<sup>rd</sup> August this year at 11.00am. Following the service there will be a picnic and a time to talk about GREEN issues. For further information call Revd Jill Cheverton, on 024 7654 3003.

### **Coventry's Multi-Cultural Festival 2009**

Positive Images is a Multi-Cultural Festival celebrating Coventry's Cultural Diversity and it takes place from Saturday 13th June to Saturday 4th July 2009. This is an amazing opportunity for all people from all the communities in Coventry to celebrate cultural and artistic diversity. The festival will embrace health and sports events, poetry, children's story time, exhibitions, competitions and more. For a copy of the programme click:

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

A few simple acts for Refugee Week: 1. Read a book about exile; Define the word 'refuge'; find 5 facts about refugees.

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