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## Bishop's Comment

### A Lent Message from the Bishop of Birmingham

Over the last few years in the Diocese of Birmingham we have been encouraging people to do positive things in Lent rather than giving something up in the more traditional way.

We have run programmes to prompt people to form the habit of every day acts of kindness and there are many similar schemes now that encourage daily deeds to help the environment, support a charity or challenge global poverty.

But this year I am asking people to take up the challenge of doing nothing else but pray for a little while every day. Prayer starts by creating space in busy lives to find stillness and by doing so to begin to listen to what the Bible calls the still, small voice of God. Then we can learn to trust God and ourselves enough to speak with Him.

Recent research has suggested that around two-thirds of the population pray and I believe prayer is the beginning of a journey of faith – a foundation for discipleship.

In Lent we remember that Jesus spent 40 days in the desert, praying and fasting, before he went on to take his unique part in the work of God on earth, with three years' teaching, healing, preaching, then dying on a cross and rising again to new life.

You can read about those three amazing years when Jesus walked the lands of the Middle East in the Gospels, written by Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. The writers do not only record the sayings and miracles of Jesus but they also remind us that Jesus too made space to pray. They tell us that Jesus often withdrew to find time alone so he could communicate with God, whom he calls Father.

In the Diocese of Birmingham we have begun to produce prayer calendars that encourage people to pray every day. They have stories from across the region of what the churches and communities are doing and make requests from our parishes and chaplaincies for prayer. They also have a calendar of prayer that helps us pray for our Christian brothers and sisters across the world in the worldwide family of Anglican churches of which the Church of England is a part.

To begin the 40 days of Lent 2010, I will spend Ash Wednesday outside Birmingham Cathedral giving away prayer calendars and collecting prayers from passers-by that I will then read silently during Evening Prayer at 1745h. This is part of a national initiative called 'Say One For Me' and I hope that we can all get into a habit of saying 'one' for each other, for our friends and neighbours in need or in plenty, and for those across the globe who we know are suffering or rejoicing.

If you'd like me to Say One For You – do e-mail me a prayer request to [website@birmingham.anglican.org](mailto:website@birmingham.anglican.org) and I'll remember you during my daily prayers.

+David, Bishop of Birmingham

[www.sayoneforme.org](http://www.sayoneforme.org)

## Topical Comment

### Following Jesus's Footsteps in the Holy Lands

The following reflections on part of the Holy Week events (and accompanying photographs), are offered by the Revd Liz Howlett, Bishop's Adviser for Lay Adult Education and Training, who spent a fortnight at St George's College, Jerusalem in November 2009, participating in their 'Palestine of Jesus' course, a combination of both study and pilgrimage.



As Jesus came near and saw the city, he wept over it, saying, "If you, even you, had only recognized on this day the things that make for peace!" Luke 19: 41, 42a

The church called Dominus Fleuit (The Lord wept) stands on the Mount of Olives, overlooking the city of Jerusalem and through its window, with its pattern of cross, crown of thorns, chalice and paten, you can see the city that Jesus loved and wept over as he made his descent on the colt, with his disciples praising God joyfully around him.

Our mood was sombre at this place. We were not experts on the Middle East, but we had been in the country long enough to catch a glimpse of the current deep troubles. Amongst other things, we had heard the stories of the Palestinians working at St George's College and their struggles every morning to

get through the Barrier to reach their place of work in Jerusalem.



Jerusalem is a beautiful city, a place of huge significance for three of the world's major religions, and a place where still today peace seems so far away.

And when Jesus came to the place (Gethsemane) he said to his disciples, "Pray that you may not enter into temptation". Luke 22: 40 -46



The land made a big impact on me whilst I was in and around Jerusalem – it is dry, rocky and the desert is never far away. Finding a garden, a place where there is any vegetation, is somewhere to be treasured. Perhaps this was one reason why the garden of Gethsemane was a favourite place for Jesus. There were many pilgrims in Jerusalem when I was there in November. This is good, as the Palestinian Christians living and struggling there can feel forgotten by the rest of their brothers and sisters around the world. On the other hand, some of the holy places can become very crowded. We were fortunate: our course leader took us to another part of Gethsemane that was empty and gave us time to be alone and to reflect on Jesus' own experience in this place. Luke tells us that 'In his anguish Jesus prayed more

earnestly, and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down on the ground.’ Luke 22: 44



Then they seized Jesus and led him away, bringing him into the high priest’s house. Luke 22: 54

In what was part of the upper city, where the wealthier members of Jerusalem’s population lived, there are steps, built before the time of Herod, that lead from the remains of a house, down the hill towards the site of the Temple. This house is thought by some to have belonged to the high priest and the dungeon it contains, the place where Jesus was kept when he was arrested that night.

Going up and down those steps, as Jesus may well have done at this critical part of his life, was a powerful experience for me. I don’t think I had realised before I went, quite how important it would become for me and for my faith, to walk where Jesus walked. In a way that is difficult to describe, I felt myself at this and at a number of other moments, being in place of the bedrock of my faith.

St Jerome called the Holy Land ‘the Fifth Gospel’ and I am so grateful to have had the opportunity, even if only in a small way, to study this fifth gospel, and in doing so, to enrich my study and love of the written gospels and above all, of Jesus Christ, our good news.

For more information about St George’s and their courses, see their website [www.sgcjerusalem.org](http://www.sgcjerusalem.org)

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## News

### **Giant Abseil and Community Fun Day**

02 March 2010

The Parish of Aston & Nechells, The Salvation Army and Rejuvenate Worldwide are teaming up to bring you..... The Giant Abseil Fundraising & Community Fun day on 29th May 2010.

Got a head for heights and a taste for adventure? Abseil 100ft down Aston Parish Church Tower, Birmingham. This is the perfect opportunity to get out the office, take to the rafters of the tower and enjoy the view over Birmingham before experiencing the thrill of an abseil off the famous tower.

The entry fee is £25 and you will also be asked to pledge to raise a minimum £100. Register at [www.rejuvenatenateworld.org.uk](http://www.rejuvenatenateworld.org.uk) and click on fundraising!

If you have any questions or would like to find out more information please contact:

Email: [andi@rejuvenateworldwide.org.uk](mailto:andi@rejuvenateworldwide.org.uk) / [andi@astonsalvationarmy.org](mailto:andi@astonsalvationarmy.org)

Phone: 0121-327-2974 or 07967 812 943

Applications are open now so apply early and avoid any disappointment. Help to continue to transform the lives of the young people that the parish works with.

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### **Selection of Candidates for Reader Ministry**

01 March 2010

Readers are lay people who have been selected and trained for a particular ministry in the Church of England. Do you feel God is calling you or someone you know to this ministry within your own church?

The 2010 Selection Conference will be held on Saturday, 12th June and completed applications must be returned by **31st March 2010** to be considered.

All potential candidates or their incumbents should contact the Initial Training Secretary, Juliet Bakker, tel: 01675 465739, e-mail: [jabakkerb461@yahoo.com](mailto:jabakkerb461@yahoo.com) for an application pack.

Additional information about Reader Ministry is available on the Readers Web site [www.ReadersBirmingham.org.uk](http://www.ReadersBirmingham.org.uk) together with further details about the process for becoming a Reader.

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### **Hot Cross Buns and Chocolate Eggs**

01 March 2010

Hot cross buns, chocolate eggs, fluffy bunnies, baby chicks are all part of the Easter experience. But what do they mean? Why do we give eggs at Easter? How many children today know the meanings behind the symbols?

It can often seem much easier to tell the story of the joy of Jesus' birth at Christmas than to tell of his death and resurrection at Easter. And yet the message of Easter is central to our Christian faith and whatever its difficulties it must be told.

There are many things that children don't know. Rebecca Nye is a consultant, lecturer and writer in children's spirituality. In her latest book she argues that many things that adults struggle with or have to work hard at in their spiritual life come much more easily to children by virtue of the fact that they are children.

'Children lack knowledge about many things. In every sentence there may be words they don't understand and many of the actions of those around them may be puzzling – why does Mummy disappear (to the kitchen)? Mystery is a close, mostly unthreatening, friend in childhood, and responding with awe or a search for meaning are everyday childhood games.'

Children live in a world of mystery and unknowingness that is natural to them and we should therefore not shy away from telling them about the mystery of Easter, it's sadness and its joy. Without the experience of the cross how can children even begin to experience the enormity of the joy and wonder of Easter day? In today's world we shy away from talking about death with children and yet we should not do so as for many it will be something they have already experienced with the death of a pet or a grandparent or relative and are struggling to make sense of. So it's important to explain the message behind both the hot cross buns and the chocolate eggs.

Many parishes across the diocese are telling the Easter story to children in their churches, their communities and their local schools this year. If you're looking for ideas, inspiration and encouragement to tell the Good News to your community get in touch with any of these parishes offering events for children this Easter:

## **Easter Events**

### **Aston**

Aston Parish Church, Aston Hall Road & Witton Lane, B6 6QB  
Tel 0121 327 3880; [www.astonnechellscofe.org.uk](http://www.astonnechellscofe.org.uk)

Saturday 3rd April 1.00pm – 4.00pm  
Easter prayer trail

St Matthew's Nechells, Duddeston Manor Road & Wardlow Road, B7 4JH  
Tel 0121 359 0801; [www.astonnechellscofe.org.uk](http://www.astonnechellscofe.org.uk)

Sunday 28th March 10.30am  
Big Breakfast Easter Special

### **Coleshill**

St Thomas' Garretts Green, 114 Rotherfield Road, Garretts Green B26 2SH  
Tel 0121 743 7040  
The Easter Experience with local schools\*

### **Kings Norton**

St Andrew's, Barnt Green Sandhills Road, Barnt Green B45 8NR  
Box office number 07842-547180.

Saturday 3rd April 6.30pm  
"Who moved the egg?" by Saltmine Theatre Company. Tickets are £5 for adults and £2.50 for children.

### **Shirley**

St Mary Magdalene, Tanworth-in-Arden, Tanworth Green, East side, B94 5AL

Saturday 3rd April  
Easter Workshop  
The Easter Journey with local schools\*

St James the Great, Shirley, Stratford Road & Church Road, Shirley B90 2AX  
Tel 0121 745 8896

March 15th – 19th  
The Easter Journey with local schools\*

### **Solihull**

St Alphege, Solihull, Church Hill Road, Solihull B91 3RQ  
Tel 0121 705 5350

The Easter Experience with local schools\*  
The Easter Journey with local schools\*

### **Warley**

St Mark's Londonderry, Thimblemill Road & Hales Lane B67 6LP

Monday 15th March  
Messy Church – Jesus' Last Supper

Monday 19th April  
Messy Church – Supper at Emmaus

The Easter Journey with local schools\*

\* If you want more information about going into your local school to do the Easter Journey or the Easter Experience please contact Claire Wesley the Bishop's Adviser for Children's Ministry on 0121 426 0432 or email [claire@birmingham.anglican.org](mailto:claire@birmingham.anglican.org).

If you want to visit a church to observe either the Easter Journey or the Easter Experience you MUST contact the church in advance to make appropriate arrangements.

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### **Birmingham Lads in National Prayer Contest: Cranmer Awards Finals - 2010 Results**

01 March 2010

THE former Foreign Secretary and elder statesman Lord [Douglas] Hurd presented over thirty young people with their prizes and certificates at this year's Cranmer Awards finals held in the chapel of Sutton's Hospital at Charterhouse in the City of London on Thursday, 25 February 2010.

The two Birmingham diocese representatives this year were Michael Atkinson, 17, and 14 year-old Jason Pereira who both attend King Edward VI School for Boys at Camp Hill. The judges remarked on their competent and meaningful renditions.

The contest is not new to Jason (from Dodford, near Bromsgrove), who made it through to the national final last year, too. This time he chose to recite Psalms 95, 84 and 67 from the Book of Common Prayer.

Michael, who lives in Selly Oak, selected to recite Psalms 100, 8 and 98.

The annual contest, arranged by the Prayer Book Society, sees youngsters reciting, by heart, passages from Cranmer's great work, the 1662 Book of Common Prayer. Now in their 21st year, the awards were the brain-child of veteran journalist Charles Moore, then editor of The Spectator magazine who went on to edit The Daily Telegraph.

The nail-biting contest had the eminent judges, which included former winners, deliberating long and hard, and they congratulated all the young contestants on the very high standards achieved.

Presenting the prizes, Lord Hurd remarked on the very high standard from all those taken part and reflected on the importance of the Book of Common Prayer in his lifetime and how vital it was to keep its tradition at the heart of worship.

Details about the Awards and how to become involved next year are available at: [www.pbs.org.uk](http://www.pbs.org.uk)

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### **3D Course**

01 March 2010

The Ministries Forum are just beginning to plan for the next session of the 3D course which will start in September 2010.

If you feel your Parish would benefit from holding a course, please contact Jelena Cammack at the Diocesan Office, tel: 0121 426 0435 email: [jelena.cammack@birmingham.anglican.org](mailto:jelena.cammack@birmingham.anglican.org)

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### **Global Poverty, Seeking Justice: People of Faith in Action**

25 February 2010

Jubilee Debt Campaign is holding its first-ever national multifaith conference in Birmingham on Sunday 7 March. "This is a unique event, bringing people from different faiths together to focus on how their faith can inform their response to global poverty and how together they can work for justice," said Stephen Rand, Chair of JDC's Multifaith Project.

The conference will be chaired by Balvir Kaur Dhillon, an Assistant Principal of a further Education College in Wales who is widely travelled as a Sikh woman committed to finding solutions to global challenges. She has made contributions to the Council for the Parliament of World Religions in Barcelona and most recently in Melbourne, Australia.

Keynote speakers include Rev Dr Joel Edwards, the International Director of Micah Challenge and a regular contributor to BBC Radio 4's 'Thought for the Day, and Jehangir Malik, who President of the Islamic Society at university, worked as Deputy Country Director for Islamic Relief in Afghanistan and is currently the UK Director of Islamic Relief UK. Nick Dearden, Director of Jubilee Debt Campaign, will make the final keynote contribution.

The conference will have stalls and contributions from Buddhist, Christian, Jewish, Muslim, Hindu and Sikh groups. Workshops will include contributions from those who have firsthand experience of the realities of

poverty and debt in the world's poorer countries.

Audrey Miller, local convenor of the conference, said, "It is very exciting to see people of faith coming together in the way to tackle issues where we share an area of concern for the common good. I believe the event will lead to a better understanding of what each faith group is already doing about global poverty and how they are seeking justice for all."

Steve Miller, Jubilee Debt Campaign co-chair and trustee of Tzedek – Jewish Action for a Just World – said "In a world so often characterised by division, it's great to see people of different faiths recognising the common bond of humanity and the shared desire to combat poverty and seek justice."

Stephen Rand said "There is a desperate need for further action on debt and global poverty. Faith communities and organisations have already played a vital role in the campaign; we want to build on past activities and engagement and together – in and through our faith communities, locally and nationally – raise awareness of the issues and speak out for justice."

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### **Prayer Calendar Available on-line**

25 February 2010

The Spring 2010 Diocesan Prayer Calendar is available to download. To download the prayer calendar click [here](#).

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### **Notification of Appointments**

22 February 2010

The Revd Patrick Gerard  
Assistant Curate, St Alphege Solihull  
To be: Rector, St Michael Baddesley Clinton and St Mary the Virgin Lapworth (May)

The Revd Canon John Hervé  
Priest in Charge, St Alban and St Patrick Highgate and  
Vicar, St Agatha Sparkbrook with St Barnabas Balsall Heath  
To resign: Priest in Charge of St Alban and St Patrick Highgate (and continue in the post of Vicar, St Agatha Sparkbrook with St Barnabas Balsall Heath (January)

### **RIP**

It is with regret we inform you of the death of  
The Revd Canon Stanley Owen  
Bishop's Permission to Officiate, on 6 February 2010

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## The Naked Truth - Lent prayer journey at St Martin in the Bull Ring

22 February 2010

What is the truth? What purpose do we have? How does this affect who I am? These are questions that we are all likely to ask ourselves at some point in our lives, perhaps continually.

Throughout Lent, we invite you to come on a journey of discovery that asks us these questions, a journey that explores what truth is and what impact it can have on our lives. This will be a journey that encourages us to seek the Naked Truth, the truth that gives us true identity, purpose and meaning of life.

St Martin-in-the-Bull Ring will be opening every day between 10.00 am - 4.00 pm from 17th February to 4th April.

See: [www.stmartininthebullring.com](http://www.stmartininthebullring.com)

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## Update from the Church of England

22 February 2010

### Say One for Me

New prayer resource launched on Ash Wednesday

A new [web-based service](#) from the Church of England, launched today to mark the beginning of Lent, lets people across the country confidentially share their hopes and concerns anonymously in the form of a prayer – and also have those thoughts offered to God by a bishop.

Feel free to cut and paste for diocesan and parish magazines

Read the [full version](#) of the Comms Update

### Lent 2010

From prison to pulpit

In prison, on the road, carbon fasting, appeals, lectures and books - these are just some of the ways the Church of England is marking [Lent 2010](#) across the country. Prisoners at The Mount Prison in Bovingdon, Hemel Hempstead have signed up to the St Albans Diocesan [Challenge](#) and will receive Bible verses they can carry round or leave in their cell while the the Bishops of London, Oxford and Liverpool have signed up to the [Carbon Fast](#).

Enjoy more [details and resources](#).

### General Synod February 2010

Overview plus Archbishop of Canterbury's Presidential Address

Debates on how the Church engages with children and young people and how it is developing fresh expressions of church featured alongside discussions on science and faith, religious broadcasting, clergy pensions and relations with the Anglican Church in North America, among other topics, in the week-long group of sessions of from Feb 8 -12.

Read the [detailed summary](#) or the [briefer version](#) ideal for reproduction in parish magazines

Dr Williams [Presidential Address](#)

### Church of England disinvests from Vedanta Resources plc

The Church Commissioners and the Church of England Pensions Board have sold their shares in Vedanta Resources plc on the advice of the Church's Ethical Investment Advisory Group (EIAG). As a result, none of the three national investing bodies of the Church of England hold shares in the company. Read the [full story](#).

### Back to Church Sunday

New 2010 resources

A new improved [Back to Church Sunday](#) has relaunched to 40 diocesan and denominational reps at Methodist Central Hall.

Look out for the new features designed to make this years campaign (**September 26**) more inviting and user-friendly:

- The 2010 invitation-and-prayer card, poster and scripture gift card, tried and tested with real inviters;
- New ways for your churches to register and receive this years resources;
- New plans for nationwide radio advertising; and
- Back to Church Bingo, a 7 minute myth-busting video, plus a bank of new films for you to use where you are.

**Back to Church Sunday 2010 is supported by Traidcraft.**

### Cathedrals

Church welcomes recommendation on cathedral funding

The Church of England has [welcomed](#) a recommendation from the House of Commons Committee of Public Accounts that cathedrals should receive direct funding from Government.

*Photo: St Pauls Cathedral*

### Calm those wedding day jitters

The power of prayer at wedding shows across the country

Couples attending this year's biggest wedding shows will be able to [ask for prayer](#) to calm their wedding day nerves – by visiting the Church of England's stand and filling out a specially designed prayer postcard. A priest on the stand will promise to pray for the couple the week prior to their big day.

## Listen online with the CofE

Top of the Podcasts

The Revd Rhiannon Jones(right) of Ely Diocese explains why shes a real advocate of church weddings in the latest Church of England Podcast. [Subscribe](#) to the latest podcasts

## Browse [fingertip facts](#) from the CofE

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### Small Advertisements

20 February 2010

#### Volunteer opportunity at Birmingham Cathedral

Welcome others as Christ has welcomed us, to the glory of God' (Romans 15.7)

The Cathedral shop and refreshment area are staffed by volunteers who provide an essential service as part of the Cathedrals missionary outreach and welcoming service. Numbers of volunteers are dwindling and we would now like to ask Parishes to consider by adopting the shop for one day a month (or week if you prefer!!!!).

For both safety and companionship reasons two would be desirable for the morning and afternoon shifts - 10.30 to 1.30 and 1.30 to 3.30. Usually people arrive ahead of time to put the stock out and the stock needs to be put away and the shop left tidy for the next day so 10.00 - 4.00 is a more likely committment.

Starting ASAP !!

#### Wooden carved corpus

Do you have such an item? All Saints School, Bloxham is seeking to have repaired a hand-carved wooden Processional Cross, and hope to locate a corpus (carving of the body of Christ) to mount on an existing crucifix. If you can make suggestions how they can acquire one, please contact Alderman Peter Barwell, on [peter.barwell@btinternet.com](mailto:peter.barwell@btinternet.com)

#### Getaway Guide 2010

This annual guide is designed for full-time Christian workers, and contains over 30 properties in the UK, France and Spain. Good value holidays and some extra reductions are given when booking through the Guide. Most are self-catering, but some offer bed and breakfast.

Copies are available from Claybury International, The Pixmore Centre, Pixmore Avenue, Letchworth Garden City, Hertfordshire SG6 1JG. Tel: 0845 434 0021. email: [admin@claybury.com](mailto:admin@claybury.com) The Guide costs £5.00 (includes postage & packing in the UK) and Claybury will send an invoice with your copy.

#### Volunteering Opportunities with Christian Aid

Post one- Volunteer with art background required to help in the preparations for an art exhibition in Worcester (exhibition is Monday 26th of April until 7th of May). Main job will be to gather information about a large group of paintings at the exhibition (the proceeds of which have been given to Christian Aid) and help prepare descriptions of each for this exhibition and future records and auctioning. This role will mainly be from March to June one or two days a week on a flexible basis, and will involve working with others and could be done partly from home. Travel expenses will be covered.

Post two- Volunteer for creative fundraising required in the run up to Christian Aid week (16th-23rd May 2010). Main job will be to liaise with pubs and schools (and bring own ideas where appropriate) to encourage institutions to fundraise and plan fundraising activities in the run up to and during Christian Aid Week. This role can start immediately and will run until the end of May, ideally it would be two days a week based in the Birmingham Christian Aid office.

Please respond to [Birmingham@christian-aid.org](mailto:Birmingham@christian-aid.org) or call 0121 200 2283

### **Sales of Paschal Candle and stand**

The Cathedral shop is now stocking a Paschal Candle and stand: 9"x2" beeswax on a simple metal saucer stand at a cost of £10. This is a real Christian opportunity to take the message of Easter back into ones home by the use of a lighted candle.

If Parishes wish to order, in any quantity, from the Cathedral by the 23rd March please email: [welcome@birminghamcathedral.com](mailto:welcome@birminghamcathedral.com)

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### **Say One for Me, Bishop**

18 February 2010

Say One for Me, Bishop

The Bishop of Birmingham offered to Say One for You during Lent as he joins a growing movement of prayer to mark Ash Wednesday and the forty days leading up to Easter.

Building on an initiative which started in Redditch last year, the Rt Revd David Urquhart was outside Birmingham Cathedral at lunchtime on Wednesday February 17th offering to pray for those he braved the snow to be in the churchyard.

Bishop David gathered 40 prayer cards and then offered silent prayers during a special service in the Cathedral at 5.45pm. Those he met were also invited to join him at the afternoon service.

"Last year, my colleague the Bishop of Worcester, began an initiative called 'Say One For Me'. On Ash Wednesday he visited a job centre in Redditch and asked the people there if he could pray for them. The vast majority agreed and filled in a prayer card – and that night in the cathedral he prayed for the people he had met, " explained Bishop David

"I hope to develop this movement of prayer in Birmingham this year and make myself available to gather prayers from people - especially those who are feeling stressed and in need. Prayer is something all

Christians can offer and which is widely welcomed. Recent statistics showed around 65% of people in England pray."

Anyone wanting the Bishop to pray for them during Lent can e-mail their request to [website@birmingham.anglican.org](mailto:website@birmingham.anglican.org).

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## **A Model Conference**

17 February 2010

The title of the conference was reflected in the feelings of many at the end of the day: Sexuality and Human Flourishing. Six hours in church in conversation with such a wonderful variety of people about so many things that are often excluded from church-talk, it felt like we were flourishing.

On 6 February 2010 a coalition of groups, including The Centre for the Study of Christianity and Sexuality, Inclusive Church, Changing Attitude, LGCM, The Sibyls, and Journey, the Metropolitan Community Church, created – in the Church of the Ascension, Stirchley, a safe and holy space in which nearly a hundred of us gathered. Lesbian and gay, transgender and heterosexual, and some who have little time for such labels, we gathered in the morning to listen to Arnold Browne, former Dean of Trinity College, Cambridge, and Alison Webster, Social Responsibility Adviser for the Diocese of Oxford.

Arnold gave an address exploring the issues of faith and culture that faced St Paul in working out his responses to the moral questions that various congregations raised. Contrary to some portrayals of Paul, he painted a picture of the apostle as a generous-hearted and compassionate man who recognised a variety of callings within the church and affirmed the importance of diversity for an understanding of God's generosity.

Alison spoke very personally of her own journey of awareness about her sexuality, at the same time inviting her audience to reflect on our own sexual feelings and behaviour, especially in relation to the supposed homo/hetero-sexual divide. She challenged this divide at the same time as recognising the reality of power differentials between those who name themselves lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered and those who are heterosexual.

Both speakers acknowledged the creative and energising power of our sexuality, as a key element in our relationships to one another and to God.

Discussion groups opened up opportunities to reflect further on what we had heard or to pursue other themes, including the way in which our thinking about sexuality is formed, our sexual behaviour governed and on issues relating to sexuality that arise in the workplace and in the church.

In the afternoon there were reflections on their lives from a panel of five people who between them have a fascinating variety of identities: transgendered woman, vicar, theologian, poet, minister, gay man, lesbian, heterosexual man, academic, hospital chaplain. Some spoke of their relationships to their own families, one for example of the change that came over her own father once his own body, and then mind, changed during cancer treatment. Others spoke of their varied experiences of acceptance or hostility from the church, their struggles to find an authentic place of faith and spirituality, the integration of sexuality into the wide range of relationships – not only those that are overtly sexual, but those, such as friendships, or even relationships with animals and landscape, in which the erotic may be present in a diffused but nevertheless significant way.

Above all, throughout the day there was a sense of the goodness of God's creation and a hope for the

redemption of the church, which both feeds us and also mistreats us. It was so good to hear of a congregation at present in "interregnum" that would not think of appointing a new vicar unless s/he was totally in support of the parish's inclusive policies. And it was wonderful to see people come to church in couples, who would often hesitate to do so, and find in one another a welcome and encouragement.

Striking, too, was the level of maturity of listening and debate - sadly often missing in polarised and defensive church discussions of sexuality - as we attended to the complexity, fluidity and uniqueness of sexuality in each person's life. This day was a model, not only in its content, but also in its process, of the kind of listening and sharing that could and should characterise conversation within the church around any of the issues about which Christians disagree.

*The Revd Stephen Barton and other members of Changing Attitude*

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### **Promoting weddings in CofE**

15 February 2010

St Edithas Church in Amington held a stand, in conjunction with the Mothers Union and Foundations, at the Wedding Fayre at the Belfry Golf Club in January to promote weddings in the Church of England and Marriage preparation and enrichment. Over 500 brides attended and 2000 people visited the event which was sponsored by the Breaking New Ground initiative.



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### **A free worker for you...real paid work for someone who needs it**

09 February 2010

Could you offer a temporary paid position to someone wanting to access the job market? Is there a role that they could take on that would benefit you and them?

Come and find out how the Future Jobs Fund can help you do this at no cost to your church or organisation. Community Regeneration Department is working with the Future Jobs Fund to create this

opportunity for Birmingham based groups and are hosting an information day on Thursday 4th March from 10.00 am to 12.30 pm including lunch at the Diocesan Office.

Discuss your opportunity with Fred and Jo and find out how they will support you from the Community Regeneration Department.

To find out more and book a place please contact: Debbie on 0121 426 0442 or email [debbie@birmingham.anglican.org](mailto:debbie@birmingham.anglican.org) Book by 25th February.

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### **Bishops Leads Valentine's Renewal of Wedding Vows**

03 February 2010

The Bishop of Aston, the Rt Revd Andrew Watson, renewed his wedding vows at a special service being held at Birmingham Cathedral to mark Valentine's Day, Sunday February 14th.

He also preached at the Choral Evensong before renewing the vows he made when he and his wife, Beverly, married 23years ago.

Around 170 people from across the city joined him at the special service to reaffirm their commitment and celebrate their love for one another.

The service has been devised by the Revd Janet Chapman, Canon Liturgist at Birmingham Cathedral.

Janet Chapman said: "An increasing number of couples have marriages which stand the test of time and who are celebrating ruby, golden and diamond wedding anniversaries.

"Loving, caring, trusting, long-term relationships come in various forms and help to build-up society - none more so than marriage. This year we thought we would take advantage of the fact that St. Valentine's Day falls on a Sunday and hold a special service.

"All were welcome to attend the service. Renewal of Marriage Vows may be particularly relevant to those who have a special anniversary, those whose marriage has been through a difficult period (perhaps due to illness, redundancy, a period of stress) and for those who would like to have been married in church but were not. "

The service received publicity on Radio WM and in The Mail which helped to draw people to the service on February 14th.

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### **The Birmingham Diocesan Directory 2010**

02 December 2009

The Birmingham Diocesan Directory is a complete guide to clergy and lay staff in the Church of England in the Birmingham Diocese. This will be available for purchase from 7th December.

At a cost of £8.50 + £1.50 p&p per directory, please send a cheque in advance payable to the

Birmingham Diocese Board of Finance (or BDBF for short) to Cara Butowski, Communications Department at the Diocesan Office. Include details of your name and full postal address and we will dispatch the Directory as soon as possible.

Please contact Cara Butowski if you have any queries (direct line: 0121 426 0439)

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## Courses

### Course for Volunteer Organists

Tuesday 2nd to Wednesday 3rd March 2010.

An overnight course aimed at pianists who have volunteered to play the organ in their church.

The course includes sessions on hymn playing, accompanying services, coping with organ stops, simple use of pedals and useful repertoire – an essential survival package! Many churches have supported their Volunteer Organist by paying for the course as 'in-service training' and many former course members have reported on the immediate impact that this training has had in the worship of their churches. Combining informal and sympathetic teaching with the pleasures of residence in the Cathedral Close. These courses have become a popular focus for pianists who have been 'thrown in at the deep end' with organ playing at their church.

For further information on the courses or how to book a place, please get in touch with Robert Fielding (Courses Director)

**Venue:** Sarum College, 19 The Close, Salisbury

**Cost:** Full accommodation and tutoring - £195

**Organised by:**

**For more information, contact:** Robert Fielding

**Telephone:** 0787 944 3060

**E-mail:** [rcfielding@googlemail.com](mailto:rcfielding@googlemail.com)

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### LOVING for LIFE - Training Programme

Loving for Life is a Mothers' Union training programme for marriage preparation facilitators open to all. It will help identify key skills needed to offer marriage preparation sessions to couples in their parish. All who train will first have to receive the support of his or her local clergy.

A training course has been arranged for the Birmingham Diocese which Marian Pope, Mothers' Union National Trainer, will lead.

Training times are: evening of Friday 21 May and all day Saturday 22 May 2010.

Anyone interested in taking part should contact , Erica Parker or Mothers' Union Office, Carrs Lane Church Centre, Carrs Lane, Birmingham. B4 7SX

0121 643 0938 [office@mubham.org.uk](mailto:office@mubham.org.uk)

**Venue:** St Helen's Church, Solihull

**Cost:** There will be a small charge to cover expenses

**Organised by:**

**For more information, contact:** Erica Parker

**Telephone:**

**E-mail:** [erica.parker@btinternet.com](mailto:erica.parker@btinternet.com)

### **Who is fleeing persecution and seeking sanctuary?**

Please join Restore, a project of Birmingham Churches Together supporting refugees and asylum seekers, for information sessions on asylum issues and training for befriending refugees and asylum seekers.

AFTERNOON COURSE

on Mondays 19 and 26 April 2010

from 1.00pm – 4.00pm

Restore's training is offered to all those who are interested in becoming volunteer befrienders of asylum seekers and refugees. Anyone wishing to gather further information on asylum and refugee issues is also welcome. (NB There is no obligation to volunteer with Restore at the end of the course!)

Week one: introduction to Restore and an overview of asylum issues, exposing some of the media myths about asylum, introduction to befriending, hearing the personal experience of a befriender and some of the practicalities of befriending.

Week two: introduction to the asylum application process and hearing the first-hand experience of a refugee or asylum seeker; and the remaining practicalities of befriending including guidelines, boundaries, cross cultural issues and the support offered to volunteers.

[www.restore-uk.org](http://www.restore-uk.org)

**Venue:** St George's Community Hub, Great Hampton Row, Newtown, B19 3JG

**Cost:**

**Organised by:** RESTORE

**For more information, contact:** Jeremy Thompson

**Telephone:** 0121 236 0069

**E-mail:** [befriend@restore-uk.org](mailto:befriend@restore-uk.org)

### **Going for Growth**

Wednesdays: 2pm to 5pm, 28th April to 26th May 2010

This course about how churches grow today is for all clergy and other senior leaders who wish to see their churches flourish and grow numerically and spiritually.

Leader: The Venerable Bob Jackson

Booking deadline: Friday 16 April 2010

Places MUST be booked and paid for in advance.

Booking form can be downloaded from [www.stjohns-nottm.ac.uk](http://www.stjohns-nottm.ac.uk)  
or use this link <http://www.stjohns-nottm.ac.uk/uploads/docs/1266838864GoingforGrowthleaflet20102.pdf>

**Venue:** St John's College Nottingham, Chilwell Lane, Bramcote, Nottingham NG9 3DS

**Cost:** £80

**Organised by:** St John's College

**For more information, contact:** Anna Leyden

**Telephone:** 0115 925 1114

**E-mail:**

### Asian awareness in Birmingham

These five training evenings are for individuals and Churches who want to better understand and share the love of Christ with South Asians in their locality.

You are welcome to join us for all five sessions or pick 'n' mix what might be appropriate in your situation. Why not encourage others in your Church to attend or maybe your mid-week group to come and learn?

Thursday Training Evenings 7.30 - 9.15pm

25 February: Towards understanding Muslims (Part 1)

4 March: Towards understanding Muslims (Part 2)

11 March: Towards understanding Hindus

18 March: Towards understanding Sikhs

25 March: Towards understanding Asian young people

Course Contributors include: Joy Doal, Revd Dr Toby Howarth, Roger and Mel Lynch, Pall Singh, Dr Andrew Smith, Richard Sudworth, Tom and Judi Walsh. We shall also have special guests, musicians, testimonies, and opportunities for participation.

Please reserve you place/s by contacting Pall Singh at East West Trust.

**Venue:** Riverside House, 21 Alcester Road, Moseley, Birmingham B13 8AR

**Cost:** A £5 donation is welcomed for each session but please contribute as you're able

**Organised by:**

**For more information, contact:** Pall Singh

**Telephone:** 0781 3038756

**E-mail:** [Eastandwesttrust@aol.com](mailto:Eastandwesttrust@aol.com)

## Events

### The Diocesan Scheme for offering Pastoral Care and Community Skills

02/03/2010

**Date:** 02 March 2010

**Venue:** The Diocesan Office 175 Harborne Park Road, B17 0BH

Time: 1 pm – 3 pm. Preceded by Lunch at 12.30 pm. A Consultation for Clergy who would like to know more about the approved Diocesan Scheme for Lay People Offering Pastoral Care and Community Skills. The purpose of the approved and accredited diocesan scheme for Offering Pastoral Care and Community Skills is to strengthen the life and witness of the Church in parishes and local communities so that the gifts of lay people are developed in the service of Christ. The training involved is designed to equip a pastoral team to share with the clergy and other ministers in the pastoral care and community outreach of the church. The afternoon will be an opportunity for clergy to learn more about: · The aims of the scheme · The benefits for mission and ministry in local communities · How parishes can participate · The role of clergy and lay people in developing and supporting the scheme locally · What training is involved for lay people · The support offered from the Ministries Forum for the on-going development of parish teams. The afternoon will include input from parish clergy and lay people who have hands-on experience of the training and in developing the scheme in their church. If you would like to participate in the consultation please book a place with Ms Andrea Stevens and let her know if you wish to have lunch before the meeting.

**Cost:****Organised by:** Ministries Forum**For more information, contact:**

Name: Ms Andrea Stevens

Telephone: 0121 426 0429

E-mail: [a.stevens@birmingham.anglican.org](mailto:a.stevens@birmingham.anglican.org)**Tuesday Talks: Can you Keep a Secret? - Wise words from Jesus in Matthew.**

02/03/2010

**Date:** 02 March 2010**Venue:** Birmingham Cathedral

Time: 1.10 pm. Secret Worry! - Matthew 6.25-34

**Cost:****Organised by:** Birmingham Cathedral**For more information, contact:**

Name: Carol Currier

Telephone: 0121 262 1840

E-mail: [secretary@birminghamcathedral.com](mailto:secretary@birminghamcathedral.com)**The Bishop of Birmingham's Lent Lectures 2010: The Path of Discipleship**

03/03/2010

**Date:** 03 March 2010**Venue:** Birmingham Cathedral, Comore Row, B3 2QB

Start: 8.00 pm. Refreshments: 7.45 pm. Discipleship: In the steps of Jesus - The Revd Dr Peter Walker. Includes a reflection from the Judean desert and a talk of discipleship the Jesus Way. For more info please visit: <http://www.birmingham.anglican.org/yourchurch/lent.html>

**Cost:**

**Organised by:** Diocese of Birmingham

**For more information, contact:**

Name: Jessica Foster

Telephone: 0121 426 0438

E-mail: [jessica@birmingham.anglican.org](mailto:jessica@birmingham.anglican.org)

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**Choral Communion Service - St Philip's Singers**

03/03/2010

**Date:** 03 March 2010

**Venue:** Birmingham Cathedral

Time: 1.10 pm

**Cost:**

**Organised by:** Birmingham Cathedral

**For more information, contact:**

Name: Carol Currier

Telephone: 0121 262 1840

E-mail: [carol.currier@birminghamcathedral.com](mailto:carol.currier@birminghamcathedral.com)

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**Wholeness & Healing Service**

04/03/2010

**Date:** 04 March 2010

**Venue:** Birmingham Cathedral

Time: 1.10 pm. The Revd Canon Henry Burgess

**Cost:**

**Organised by:** Birmingham Cathedral

**For more information, contact:**

Name: Carol Currier

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E-mail: [carol.currier@birminghamcathedral.com](mailto:carol.currier@birminghamcathedral.com)

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**A free worker for you... real paid work for someone who needs it**

04/03/2010

**Date:** 04 March 2010

**Venue:** Birmingham Diocesan Office, 175 Harborne Park Road, Harborne

Time: 10.00 am to 12.30 pm including lunch Come and find out how the Future Jobs Fund can help you do this at no cost to your church or organisation. Contact Debbie for more information. Book by 25th February.

**Cost:****Organised by:** Community Regeneration Office**For more information, contact:**

Name: Debbie

Telephone: 0121 426 0442

E-mail: [debbie@birmingham.anglican.org](mailto:debbie@birmingham.anglican.org)**The Emotional Experience of the Container-in-K**

06/03/2010

**Date:** 06 March 2010**Venue:** Barber Institute of Fine Arts, Edgbaston, Birmingham

Time: 10:00 – 12:45 pm In this paper, which is a sequel to his "The Emotional Experience of K", James Fisher wants to take us back to the evolution in Bion's thinking of a picture of a developmental dynamic which he came to characterize by the use of the metaphor of a container. The image at the core of this metaphor is so evocative, and its impact on our thinking so subtly compelling, that it can be experienced as a literal description. The idea of the container has proved to be widely and effectively used in, and indeed outside of, the psychoanalytic community. However, James Fisher suggests that our understanding of the developmental process, as well as the analytic process, will be enriched by attending to (a) the context in Bion's early thinking out of which the concept of the container/contained relationship emerged and (b) the clinical implications of the function of the container-in-K as he believes Bion originally understood it as linked with Freud's account of the reality principle. Bookings should be made at least a fortnight before the lecture to be attended. Website: [www.wmip.org](http://www.wmip.org)

**Cost:** £35.00 for WMIP members and £45.00 for non-WMIP members**Organised by:** The Jungian Training Committee**For more information, contact:**

Name: Sue Harford

Telephone: 08444 631 341

E-mail: [jtc@wmip.org](mailto:jtc@wmip.org)**Wholeness & Healing Service with Communion**

06/03/2010

**Date:** 06 March 2010**Venue:** Birmingham Cathedral

Time: 9.00 am. The Revd Canon Henry Burgess

**Cost:****Organised by:** Birmingham Cathedral**For more information, contact:**

Name: Carol Currier

Telephone: 0121 262 1840

E-mail: [carol.currier@birminghamcathedral.com](mailto:carol.currier@birminghamcathedral.com)

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**Choral Evensong with Visiting Choir**

06/03/2010

**Date:** 06 March 2010**Venue:** Birmingham Cathedral

Time: 3.30 pm. Choir - Malvern St James School

**Cost:****Organised by:** Birmingham Cathedral**For more information, contact:**

Name: Carol Currier

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E-mail: [carol.currier@birminghamcathedral.com](mailto:carol.currier@birminghamcathedral.com)

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**Global Poverty, Seeking Justice - National Multifaith Spring Conference**

07/03/2010

**Date:** 07 March 2010**Venue:** West Midlands Fire Service HQ, 99 Vauxhall Road Birmingham B7 4HW

Time: 13:00 – 17:00 With: Jehangir Malik, UK Manager, Islamic Relief Joel Edwards, International Director, Micah Challenge We aim to bring people of different faiths together to better understand: What faith groups are doing about global poverty; What methods we can use to seek justice; New voices from the global south. If you wish to attend the conference you can book online at: [www.jubileedebtcampaign.org.uk/faith](http://www.jubileedebtcampaign.org.uk/faith) For more information call us or email.

**Cost:****Organised by:** Jubilee Debt Campaign**For more information, contact:**

Name:

Telephone: 020 7324 4722

E-mail: [events@jubileedebtcampaign.org.uk](mailto:events@jubileedebtcampaign.org.uk)

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**AGM - Sacred Heart Chapter of the Guild of Servants of the Sanctuary**

08/03/2010

**Date:** 08 March 2010**Venue:** St Barnabas Church Sparkbrook

Time: 7.30pm. All are welcome to attend.

**Cost:****Organised by:****For more information, contact:**

Name: Christine Hewitt  
Telephone:  
E-mail: [hewitt235@btinternet.com](mailto:hewitt235@btinternet.com)

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**Tuesday Talks: Can you Keep a Secret? - Wise words from Jesus in Matthew.**

09/03/2010

**Date:** 09 March 2010  
**Venue:** Birmingham Cathedral

Time: 1.10 pm. Secret Vision? - Matthew 7:1-6

**Cost:**  
**Organised by:** Birmingham Cathedral

**For more information, contact:**

Name: Carol Currier  
Telephone: 0121 262 1840  
E-mail: [secretary@birminghamcathedral.com](mailto:secretary@birminghamcathedral.com)

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**Birmingham, the New Jerusalem by Professor Robert Beckford**

09/03/2010

**Date:** 09 March 2010  
**Venue:** Barber Concert Hall

Time: 6•00pm: Buffet and private view of the galleries 7.30pm: Lecture begins The Birmingham Lecture Series 2010 The Michael Cadbury Memorial Lecture Christian religion was a major feature of West Indian life in post-war Britain, and establishing churches was as important as finding a job or a place to live. In this lecture, author and broadcaster Robert Beckford explores the significance of naming African Caribbean churches in the Midlands, a practice that, at the time, represented social and theological resistance to marginalisation, and which, even today, continues to contest the meaning of faith and the nature of belonging. Admission by ticket only. [www.barber.org.uk](http://www.barber.org.uk)

**Cost:** Lecture and buffet: £15 (£55 for the series). Lecture only: £7•50 (£27•50 for the series).  
**Organised by:**

**For more information, contact:**

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Telephone: 0121 414 7333  
E-mail: [info@barber.org.uk](mailto:info@barber.org.uk)

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**Redeeming Our Communities (ROC Conversations)**

09/03/2010

**Date:** 09 March 2010  
**Venue:** Bourneville College Bristol Rd South, Northfield , Birmingham B31 2AJ

Time: 7pm for coffee; Meeting starts at 7.45pm. "Redeeming Our Communities (ROC) Birmingham is an initiative that seeks to encourage the church and christian faith based organisations to build on the existing engagement with the police, the city council and other agencies with a focus around crime reduction and safer, kinder neighbourhoods. The initiative is jointly led by Birmingham people and ROC. This is about creating conversations (ROC Conversations) in local areas between the various sectors, with a focus around the key issues faced by the community in that area. To find out more about who is involved in ROC Birmingham visit [www.citylinks.org.uk/birmingham](http://www.citylinks.org.uk/birmingham)

**Cost:** Free

**Organised by:**

**For more information, contact:**

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E-mail: [alice.street@redeemingourcommunities.org.uk](mailto:alice.street@redeemingourcommunities.org.uk)

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### **Redeeming Our Communities (ROC) Birmingham**

10/03/2010

**Date:** 10 March 2010

**Venue:** Falcon Lodge, Community Centre, Churchill Rd, Sutton Coldfield, B75 7LB

Time: 7pm for coffee; Meeting starts at 7.45pm. "Redeeming Our Communities (ROC) Birmingham is an initiative that seeks to encourage the church and christian faith based organisations to build on the existing engagement with the police, the city council and other agencies with a focus around crime reduction and safer, kinder neighbourhoods. The initiative is jointly led by Birmingham people and ROC. This is about creating conversations (ROC Conversations) in local areas between the various sectors, with a focus around the key issues faced by the community in that area. To find out more about who is involved in ROC Birmingham visit [www.citylinks.org.uk/birmingham](http://www.citylinks.org.uk/birmingham)

**Cost:**

**Organised by:**

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### **The Bishop of Birmingham's Lent Lectures 2010: The Path of Discipleship**

10/03/2010

**Date:** 10 March 2010

**Venue:** Birmingham Cathedral, Colmore Row, B3 2QB

Start: 8.00 pm. Refreshments: 7.45 pm. Discipleship: The Apprentice - Professor David Ford The third in a series of five lectures. For more information please visit:  
<http://www.birmingham.anglican.org/yourchurch/lent.html>

**Cost:**

**Organised by:** Diocese of Birmingham

**For more information, contact:**

Name: Jessica Foster  
Telephone: 0121 426 0438  
E-mail: [jessica@birmingham.anglican.org](mailto:jessica@birmingham.anglican.org)

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**Holy Communion Service**

10/03/2010

**Date:** 10 March 2010  
**Venue:** Birmingham Cathedral

Time: 1.10 pm.

**Cost:**  
**Organised by:** Birmingham Cathedral

**For more information, contact:**

Name: Carol Currier  
Telephone: 0121 262 1840  
E-mail: [carol.currier@birminghamcathedral.com](mailto:carol.currier@birminghamcathedral.com)

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**Test of FAITH – The Tour 2010: St John’s College**

11/03/2010

**Date:** 11 March 2010  
**Venue:** St John's College, Chilwell Lane, Bramcote, Nottingham NG9 3DS

Time: 7.30pm to 9pm Speaker: Professor John Bryant Event Leader: Dr Ruth Bancewicz The relationship between science and faith is often represented as a battleground. But are science and Christianity really in conflict? Test of FAITH – The tour 2010 seeks to bring clarity to the science-faith debate. Scientists and theologians will unpack the key issues with an evening which includes presentations, Q&A and excerpts from the award-winning 'Test of FAITH' documentary. Visit: [www.testoffaith.com/tour/](http://www.testoffaith.com/tour/) To reserve your place at the Nottingham event contact Helen Taylor

**Cost:** Free  
**Organised by:**

**For more information, contact:**

Name: Helen Taylor  
Telephone: 0115 968 3221  
E-mail: [h.taylor@stjohns-nottm.ac.uk](mailto:h.taylor@stjohns-nottm.ac.uk)

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**Let Loose: Creativity & Impairment**

12/03/2010

**Date:** 12 March 2010  
**Venue:** Sarum College 19 The Close, Salisbury SP1 2EE

The course will begin with 1pm lunch on Friday 12 and finish with lunch on Sunday 14 March. A conference on creative discovery for people with impairment and their carers. Together we will encourage each other to our creativity and explore the gifts we have. The weekend will be gently paced, including plenty of space for rest, reflection and preparation. We hope to be inspired, inspiring, and to have fun!  
[www.sarum.ac.uk](http://www.sarum.ac.uk)

**Cost:** Non-residential: £85. Residential: £130. Inc meals and refreshments.

**Organised by:** Sarum College

**For more information, contact:**

Name: Alison Ogden

Telephone: 01722 424826

E-mail: [aogden@sarum.ac.uk](mailto:aogden@sarum.ac.uk)

**A Different Journey**

13/03/2010

**Date:** 13 March 2010

**Venue:** The Hope Centre, Sparkbrook Street, Coventry CV1 5LB

Time: 10am - 5pm (registration from 9.30am). Hope, encouragement and support for those living with loss, following the death of a partner whilst still young. If you have felt that no-one else understands the pain, heartache or devastation you are feeling since your partner died, then this day is for you. You are welcome whatever the circumstances of your loss or whether your partner died recently or a number of years ago. Visit [www.careforthefamily.org.uk/adjday](http://www.careforthefamily.org.uk/adjday)

**Cost:** £18 including lunch and refreshments

**Organised by:** Care for the Family

**For more information, contact:**

Name:

Telephone: (029) 2081 0800

E-mail: [bobandjoy@cff.org.uk](mailto:bobandjoy@cff.org.uk)

**Choral Evensong with Visiting Choir**

13/03/2010

**Date:** 13 March 2010

**Venue:** Birmingham Cathedral

Time: 3.30 pm. Choir: Summerhill Choral Society.

**Cost:**

**Organised by:** Birmingham Cathedral

**For more information, contact:**

Name: Carol Currier

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**Messy Church**

13/03/2010

**Date:** 13 March 2010**Venue:** St Michael's Church, Boldmere Road, Sutton Coldfield B73 5RX

Time: 9.45am – 3.00pm Messy Church provides an opportunity for people of all ages to worship together, helping them to feel that they belong to church and to each other and to have fun and be creative, whilst at the same time introducing Jesus through hospitality, friendship, stories and worship. If your church would like to explore new ways of being 'church' with children and families and connecting with your local community come along to Messy Fiesta and experience what a Messy Church is like and explore how it might work in your community. Please book in advance.

**Cost:** Cost £15.00 (including lunch)**Organised by:** Ministries Forum**For more information, contact:**

Name: Jelena Cammack

Telephone: 0121 426 0435

E-mail: [jelena@birmingham.anglican.org](mailto:jelena@birmingham.anglican.org)

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**"Kidz Aloud"**

14/03/2010

**Date:** 14 March 2010**Venue:** Carrs Lane Church Centre Birmingham City Centre

Time: 2.45pm A Children's Church for the Centre of the City Worship and Activities Aimed At 5 – 11 Years  
Old Topic – 'The Ark and the Tent' Adults Permitted!

**Cost:****Organised by:****For more information, contact:**

Name: Neil Johnson

Telephone: 0121 233 1915

E-mail: [centralmission@btconnect.com](mailto:centralmission@btconnect.com)

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**Redeeming Our Communities (ROC Conversations)**

16/03/2010

**Date:** 16 March 2010**Venue:** St Georges Community Hub, Great Hampton Row B19 3JG

Time: 7pm for coffee; Meeting starts at 7.45pm. "Redeeming Our Communities (ROC) Birmingham is an initiative that seeks to encourage the church and christian faith based organisations to build on the existing engagement with the police, the city council and other agencies with a focus around crime reduction and safer, kinder neighbourhoods. The initiative is jointly led by Birmingham people and ROC.

This is about creating conversations (ROC Conversations) in local areas between the various sectors, with a focus around the key issues faced by the community in that area. To find out more about who is involved in ROC Birmingham visit [www.citylinks.org.uk/birmingham](http://www.citylinks.org.uk/birmingham)

**Cost:**

**Organised by:**

**For more information, contact:**

Name: Alice Street

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E-mail: [alice.street@redeemingourcommunities.org.uk](mailto:alice.street@redeemingourcommunities.org.uk)

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### **A really really quiet day for Lent**

16/03/2010

**Date:** 16 March 2010

**Venue:** Offa House (Coventry Diocesan Retreat House, Offchurch, near Leamington Spa)

Time: 9.30 to 3.15 God is calling his Christian children to listen, carefully, prayerfully, and deeply, to His Word. He says: "Come: listen to me. Hear me, and you shall have life" (Isaiah 55.3). We shall respond to this invitation in stillness and silence, under the guidance of Canon Martin Tunncliffe (former chaplain of The Fellowship of Contemplative Prayer). Make sure of a place by booking NOW.

**Cost:** £25 including lunch and other refreshment

**Organised by:**

**For more information, contact:**

Name: Canon Martin Tunncliffe

Telephone: 0121 745 6522

E-mail: [martin.tunncliffe@tesco.net](mailto:martin.tunncliffe@tesco.net)

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### **Tuesday Talks: The Passion of the Christ**

16/03/2010

**Date:** 16 March 2010

**Venue:** Birmingham Cathedral

Time: 1.10 pm. At supper with his friends - Matthew 26:17-30

**Cost:**

**Organised by:** Birmingham Cathedral

**For more information, contact:**

Name: Carol Currier

Telephone: 0121 262 1840

E-mail: [secretary@birminghamcathedral.com](mailto:secretary@birminghamcathedral.com)

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### **The Dead Sea Scrolls – for Jews and Christians**

16/03/2010

**Date:** 16 March 2010

**Venue:** Woodbrooke Quaker Study Centre, 1046 Bristol Rd, Birmingham B29 6LJ

Time: 7.45 pm Professor George Brooke of Manchester University

**Cost:** We suggest a donation of £2, to cover our costs

**Organised by:** Birmingham Council of Christians & Jews

**For more information, contact:**

Name: Stephen Barton

Telephone: 0121 429 2176

E-mail: [ccj.bham@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:ccj.bham@yahoo.co.uk)

**The Bishop of Birmingham's Lent Lectures 2010: The Path of Discipleship**

17/03/2010

**Date:** 17 March 2010

**Venue:** Birmingham Cathedral, Colmore Row, B3 2QB

Start: 8.00 pm. Refreshments: 7.45 pm. Discipleship in Tough Times - Ann Morisy For more information please visit: <http://www.birmingham.anglican.org/yourchurch/lent.html>

**Cost:**

**Organised by:** Diocese of Birmingham

**For more information, contact:**

Name: Jessica Foster

Telephone: 0121 426 0438

E-mail: [jessica@birmingham.anglican.org](mailto:jessica@birmingham.anglican.org)

**Redeeming Our Communities (ROC) Birmingham**

17/03/2010

**Date:** 17 March 2010

**Venue:** South Birmingham College, Cole Bank Rd, Hall Green, Birmingham B28 8ES

Time: 7pm for coffee; Meeting starts at 7.45pm. "Redeeming Our Communities (ROC) Birmingham is an initiative that seeks to encourage the church and christian faith based organisations to build on the existing engagement with the police, the city council and other agencies with a focus around crime reduction and safer, kinder neighbourhoods. The initiative is jointly led by Birmingham people and ROC. This is about creating conversations (ROC Conversations) in local areas between the various sectors, with a focus around the key issues faced by the community in that area. To find out more about who is involved in ROC Birmingham visit [www.citylinks.org.uk/birmingham](http://www.citylinks.org.uk/birmingham)

**Cost:**

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**Choral Communion Service - St Philip's Singers**

17/03/2010

**Date:** 17 March 2010

**Venue:** Birmingham Cathedral

Time: 1.10 pm.

**Cost:**

**Organised by:** Birmingham Cathedral

**For more information, contact:**

Name: Carol Currier

Telephone: 0121 262 1840

E-mail: [carol.currier@birminghamcathedral.com](mailto:carol.currier@birminghamcathedral.com)

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**Conference: Discovering Sacred Britain**

18/03/2010

**Date:** 18 March 2010

**Venue:** The Monastery, Gorton, Manchester

Time: 10 am - 4 pm. An invitation to those who care about our Sacred Sites –Cathedrals, Mosques, Gurdwaras, Temples, Chapels, Synagogues, Meeting Houses and Parish Churches, or those interested in Tourism and High Quality Visitor Experience in England. Discovering Sacred Britain will be hosting a day conference about openness, information, interpretation and hospitality with artists, educationalists, tourist authorities and those who care about community cohesion. For further information about the conference and/or Discovering Sacred Britain please contact us. There will be quality presentations by senior representatives from English Heritage, Visit England, Sacred Sites, Tourist Boards and the North West Multi Faith Tourist Association. To see the full provisional programme, please visit: [www.discoveringsacredbritain.org.uk](http://www.discoveringsacredbritain.org.uk)

**Cost:** £75 - reduced to £25 for those involved in Faith Groups, Interfaith work and Sacred Sites.

**Organised by:**

**For more information, contact:**

Name:

Telephone: 01768 777671

E-mail: [info@discoveringsacredbritain.org.uk](mailto:info@discoveringsacredbritain.org.uk)

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**Rites on the Way Round**

18/03/2010

**Date:** 18 March 2010

**Venue:** Birmingham Cathedral

This will be a day of exploration and journeying in the spirit of Christian pilgrimage, with a look at pilgrimage liturgies as we go. The practice of making a journey in order to grow closer to God is deeply embedded in our Christian culture, but what does a congregation or a group of Christians think they are doing when they set out on such a journey? What's the difference between a pilgrimage that takes us as far as Rome or the Holy Land, or a more local one, such as a journey round the church or through the parish on Palm Sunday? And what should go into the planning and the prayers? To book on this event please visit the Praxismidlands website [www.praxismidlands.org.uk](http://www.praxismidlands.org.uk) Or contact: The Reverend Ian Pearson 18 Shrubbery Avenue, Worcester WR1 1QH

**Cost:**

**Organised by:**

**For more information, contact:**

Name: The Reverend Ian Pearson

Telephone: 01905-734833

E-mail:

### **Harmonica and Organ Recital in Church**

20/03/2010

**Date:** 20 March 2010

**Venue:** St Edburgha's Church, Church Road, Yardley, B33 8PD

Start: 7.30 pm.

**Cost:**

**Organised by:**

**For more information, contact:**

Name:

Telephone: 0121 783 4736

E-mail: [stedburghaoffice@btconnect.com](mailto:stedburghaoffice@btconnect.com)

### **Cathedral Chorus Concert**

20/03/2010

**Date:** 20 March 2010

**Venue:** Birmingham Cathedral

Time: 7.30 pm.

**Cost:**

**Organised by:** Birmingham Cathedral

**For more information, contact:**

Name: Carol Currier

Telephone: 0121 262 1840

E-mail: [carol.currier@birminghamcathedral.com](mailto:carol.currier@birminghamcathedral.com)

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### **The 6th John Coventry Memorial Address**

20/03/2010

**Date:** 20 March 2010

**Venue:** Church of the Immaculate Conception, Farm Street, London W1

Time: 2.15pm The Most Revd Dr Rowan Williams, Archbishop of Canterbury, will speak on The Fellowship of the Baptised. In the Chair: Revd David Coffey, President World Baptist Alliance. All are welcome.

Further information from Association of Interchurch Families, 27 Tavistock Square, London WC1H 9HH.

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

**Cost:** Entry free - retiring collection

**Organised by:** The Association of Interchurch Families

#### **For more information, contact:**

Name: Association of Interchurch Families

Telephone: 020 3384 2947

E-mail: [info@interchurchfamilies.org.uk](mailto:info@interchurchfamilies.org.uk)

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### **A 'Sweet Release' Workshop**

21/03/2010

**Date:** 21 March 2010

**Venue:** St. Anne's Church Hall, Alvechurch Road, West Heath, Birmingham, B31

Time: 3:00-4:00pm (with coffee & feedback afterwards) Exploring who God has made us to be through: Music, Movement & Worship. Put aside any preconceived ideas about movement & worship in church. Come prepared to have fun, try out new things and experience God in a totally new way. Letting go and becoming truly free are two of the hardest things to do in life! Come for the music or the fun, the movement or the stillness; leave having had a deeper encounter with God. Why not invite friends who don't go to church to come along with you. Come in clothes that are easy to move around in and bring a cushion or a pillow if you can. We will work in bare feet where possible.

**Cost:**

**Organised by:**

#### **For more information, contact:**

Name: Erin James

Telephone: 0121 624 2202

E-mail: [erinjames@onetel.com](mailto:erinjames@onetel.com)

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### **Come, Gentle Spring - fundraising concert**

22/03/2010

**Date:** 22 March 2010

**Venue:** Birmingham Cathedral 23 Colmore Row Birmingham B3 2QB

Time: 7.30pm Directed by Marcus Huxley Hosted by Kay Alexander Performed by Birmingham Cathedral Organist and Choir Please contact the NSPCC Birmingham Office before 8th March 2010. All proceeds to the Child's Voice Appeal.

**Cost:** Tickets: £15 (to include a glass of wine in the interval)

**Organised by:** NSPCC

**For more information, contact:**

Name: NSPCC Birmingham Office

Telephone: 0844 8920217

E-mail: [mariagraham12@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:mariagraham12@blueyonder.co.uk)

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**NSPCC West Midlands Child's Voice Appeal Concert**

22/03/2010

**Date:** 22 March 2010

**Venue:** Birmingham Cathedral

Time: 7.00 pm.

**Cost:**

**Organised by:** Birmingham Cathedral

**For more information, contact:**

Name: Carol Currier

Telephone: 0121 262 1840

E-mail: [carol.currier@birminghamcathedral.com](mailto:carol.currier@birminghamcathedral.com)

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**Tuesday Talks: The Passion of the Christ**

23/03/2010

**Date:** 23 March 2010

**Venue:** Birmingham Cathedral

Time: 1.10 pm. Always wash your hands! - Matthew 27:11-31

**Cost:**

**Organised by:** Birmingham Cathedral

**For more information, contact:**

Name: Carol Currier

Telephone: 0121 262 1840

E-mail: [secretary@birminghamcathedral.com](mailto:secretary@birminghamcathedral.com)

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**"The Crucifixion" - Sir John Stainer**

24/03/2010

**Date:** 24 March 2010

**Venue:** Holy Trinity, Belbroughton

6.30pm Rehearsal - 7.45 pm Performance All welcome, to listen or to sing. (For the same event in 2005 there were 148 people singing) Voluntary Rehearsal - 8.00 pm Friday 19th March More details are available at: [www.bfchoir.org/schedule.html](http://www.bfchoir.org/schedule.html)

**Cost:**

**Organised by:**

**For more information, contact:**

Name:

Telephone: 0121 451 1186

E-mail: [mail@bfchoir.org](mailto:mail@bfchoir.org)

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### **The Bishop of Birmingham's Lent Lectures 2010: The Path of Discipleship**

24/03/2010

**Date:** 24 March 2010

**Venue:** Birmingham Cathedral, Colmore Row, B3 2QB

Start: 8.00 pm. Refreshments: 7.45 pm. Infectious Discipleship - The Revd Canon Paul Bayes For more information please visit:

**Cost:**

**Organised by:** Diocese of Birmingham

**For more information, contact:**

Name: Jessica Foster

Telephone: 0121 426 0438

E-mail: [jessica@birmingham.anglican.org](mailto:jessica@birmingham.anglican.org)

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### **Holy Communion Service**

24/03/2010

**Date:** 24 March 2010

**Venue:** Birmingham Cathedral

Time: 1.10 pm.

**Cost:**

**Organised by:** Birmingham Cathedral

**For more information, contact:**

Name: Carol Currier

Telephone: 0121 262 1840

E-mail: [carol.currier@birminghamcathedral.com](mailto:carol.currier@birminghamcathedral.com)

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### **Choral Evensong with Visiting Choir**

27/03/2010

**Date:** 27 March 2010

**Venue:** Birmingham Cathedral

Time: 3.30 pm. Choir: St Margaret's, Olton

**Cost:**

**Organised by:** Birmingham Cathedral

**For more information, contact:**

Name: Carol Currier

Telephone: 0121 262 1840

E-mail: [carol.currier@birminghamcathedral.com](mailto:carol.currier@birminghamcathedral.com)

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### **Cathedral Choir Concert - Messiah (Part 2) Allegri's Miserere**

29/03/2010

**Date:** 29 March 2010

**Venue:** Birmingham Cathedral

Time: 1.00 pm.

**Cost:**

**Organised by:** Birmingham Cathedral

**For more information, contact:**

Name: Carol Currier

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E-mail: [carol.currier@birminghamcathedral.com](mailto:carol.currier@birminghamcathedral.com)

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### **Holy Week Eucharist**

29/03/2010

**Date:** 29 March 2010

**Venue:** Birmingham Cathedral

Time: 7.30 pm.

**Cost:**

**Organised by:** Birmingham Cathedral

**For more information, contact:**

Name: Carol Currier

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E-mail: [carol.currier@birminghamcathedral.com](mailto:carol.currier@birminghamcathedral.com)

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### **Holy Week Eucharist**

30/03/2010

**Date:** 30 March 2010

**Venue:** Birmingham Cathedral

Time: 7.30 pm.

**Cost:**

**Organised by:** Birmingham Cathedral

#### **For more information, contact:**

Name: Carol Currier

Telephone: 0121 262 1840

E-mail: [carol.currier@birminghamcathedral.com](mailto:carol.currier@birminghamcathedral.com)

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### **Tuesday Talks: The Passion of the Christ**

30/03/2010

**Date:** 30 March 2010

**Venue:** Birmingham Cathedral

Time: 1.10 pm. Roadside Rescue - Luke 24:1-35

**Cost:**

**Organised by:** Birmingham Cathedral

#### **For more information, contact:**

Name: Carol Currier

Telephone: 0121 262 1840

E-mail: [secretary@birminghamcathedral.com](mailto:secretary@birminghamcathedral.com)

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### **Blessings Days**

31/03/2010

**Date:** 31 March 2010

**Venue:** Birmingham Cathedral Green

Time: 12 noon - 2 pm. Free drinks and anointing/prayer for healing, plus: 'The Labyrinth - your own spiritual journey'.

**Cost:**

**Organised by:** Birmingham Cathedral

#### **For more information, contact:**

Name:

Telephone: 0121 262 1840

E-mail: [spirituality@birminghamcathedral.com](mailto:spirituality@birminghamcathedral.com)

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**'The Narrow Road' by Riding Lights Theatre Company**

31/03/2010

**Date:** 31 March 2010**Venue:** St Hilda's Warley Woods, Smethwick

at Time: 7.30pm The five-strong production team will be performing the story of Christ's passion. The performance is described as a 'moving combination of powerful theatre meditation and corporate worship'. It takes the audience on a compelling journey retracing the footsteps of Jesus to the cross and beyond. Tickets for the show, on Wednesday March 31st, will go on sale from the end of February. To book tickets contact Wendy Dyke.

**Cost:** Tickets on sale from end of Feb: £7 for adults and £5 for concessions**Organised by:****For more information, contact:**

Name: Wendy Dyke

Telephone: 0121-552-1003

E-mail: [wendy.dyke@talktalk.net](mailto:wendy.dyke@talktalk.net)

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**Choral Communion Service - St Philip's Singers**

31/03/2010

**Date:** 31 March 2010**Venue:** Birmingham Cathedral

Time: 1.10 pm.

**Cost:****Organised by:** Birmingham Cathedral**For more information, contact:**

Name: Carol Currier

Telephone: 0121 262 1840

E-mail: [carol.currier@birminghamcathedral.com](mailto:carol.currier@birminghamcathedral.com)

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**Holy Week Eucharist**

31/03/2010

**Date:** 31 March 2010**Venue:** Birmingham Cathedral

Time: 7.30 pm.

**Cost:****Organised by:** Birmingham Cathedral**For more information, contact:**

Name: Carol Currier

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E-mail: [carol.currier@birminghamcathedral.com](mailto:carol.currier@birminghamcathedral.com)

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### **Easter Retreat**

02/04/2010

**Date:** 02 April 2010

**Venue:** Launde Abbey

Follow the story of Holy Week leading up to the agony of the crucifixion of Christ on Good Friday and then, if you are joining the Easter Retreat, the joy of the resurrection. There will be periods of silence during the retreat as well as times for sharing and opportunities to enjoy the grounds. Visit [www.launde.org.uk](http://www.launde.org.uk).

**Cost:** £150.00

**Organised by:** Launde Abbey

**For more information, contact:**

Name:

Telephone: 01572 717254

E-mail:

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### **Good Friday Service**

02/04/2010

**Date:** 02 April 2010

**Venue:** St Martin's in the Bull Ring

12.00 pm. 3 hrs at the cross. A journey of 3, 1 hr services.

**Cost:**

**Organised by:**

**For more information, contact:**

Name: Emma Sykes

Telephone: 0121 600 6024

E-mail: [emma@bullring.org](mailto:emma@bullring.org)

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### **Easter Eve Reflection**

03/04/2010

**Date:** 03 April 2010

**Venue:** St Martin in the Bull Ring

Time: 2.00 pm.

**Cost:**

**Organised by:**

**For more information, contact:**

Name: Emma Sykes  
Telephone: 0121 600 6024  
E-mail: [emma@bullring.org](mailto:emma@bullring.org)

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**Easter Sunday Service**

04/04/2010

**Date:** 04 April 2010

**Venue:** St Martin in the Bull Ring

Time: 9.30 am, 11.00 am and 6.00 pm.

**Cost:**

**Organised by:**

**For more information, contact:**

Name: Emma Sykes  
Telephone: 0121 600 6024  
E-mail: [emma@bullring.org](mailto:emma@bullring.org)

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**The Laughing Sole**

06/04/2010

**Date:** 06 April 2010

**Venue:** The British Oak, 1364 Pershore Road, Stirchley B30 2XS

Time: doors open 7.30 for 8.30 pm start. Visit: [www.thelaughingsole.org.uk](http://www.thelaughingsole.org.uk)

**Cost:** Ticket: £7.00

**Organised by:** The Laughing Sole

**For more information, contact:**

Name: Helen Tomblin  
Telephone: 0121 458 1758  
E-mail: [info@thelaughingsole.org.uk](mailto:info@thelaughingsole.org.uk)

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**Thomas Merton Conference: The Night Spirit and the Dawn Air**

09/04/2010

**Date:** 09 April 2010

**Venue:** Oakham School Rutland

9th-11th April 2010 All are welcome to the Thomas Merton Society's 8th general meeting and biennial conference. Key note speakers: Mary Grey Margaret Silf Paul Quenon To book, or for further details, please visit the website or contact the booking secretary. Visit: [www.thomasmertonsociety.org](http://www.thomasmertonsociety.org)

**Cost:** £205(members) £220(non-members)

**Organised by:****For more information, contact:**

Name: booking secretary

Telephone:

E-mail: [karl.goswell@googlemail.com](mailto:karl.goswell@googlemail.com)**Catalyst - free youth event**

08/05/2010

**Date:** 08 May 2010**Venue:** Birmingham Cathedral, Colmore Row, B3 2QB

Time: 8.00 - 10.00 pm. With Gavin Calver from Youth for Christ, the band Bosh and singer/songwriter Pete McAllen. Visit [b-inspired.net](http://b-inspired.net)

**Cost:** Free**Organised by:** Youth Ministry**For more information, contact:**

Name: Craig Gilman

Telephone: 0121 426 0433

E-mail: [craig@birmingham.anglican.org](mailto:craig@birmingham.anglican.org)**Regional Quiet Days**

19/07/2010

**Date:** 19 July 2010**Venue:** Holland House, Worcs

This is an ideal opportunity to find space and time for reflection and also to meet locally with other members of the Retreat Association.

**Cost:****Organised by:** The Retreat Association**For more information, contact:**

Name: Mary Thomas

Telephone: 01527 554005

E-mail: [mary@smrk-thomas.co.uk](mailto:mary@smrk-thomas.co.uk)**Bridge Pastoral Foundation Annual Conference explores Forgiveness**

26/07/2010

**Date:** 26 July 2010**Venue:** Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick, Derbyshire DE55 1AU

Monday 26th July – Friday 30th July with Julie Nicholson and Fr Edmund Power OSB The conference is

open to all, whether members of BPF or not, clergy or lay, professionals working in the 'talking' professions or those engaged in pastoral visiting within their local church or community. If you are seeking space for reflection and personal growth in an ethos of Christian spirituality, then this conference is for you. For more details visit: [www.bridgepastoral.org.uk](http://www.bridgepastoral.org.uk)

**Cost:**

**Organised by:** Bridge Pastoral Foundation

**For more information, contact:**

Name:

Telephone: 0151 652 0429

E-mail: [info@bridgepastoral.org.uk](mailto:info@bridgepastoral.org.uk)

## Vacancies

### Peace Education Trainer - West Midlands Quaker Peace Education Project, Birmingham and West Midlands

**Salary:** £24,602 pro rata

**Closing date for applications:**01/03/2010

**For further information**

**Contact name:** Sara Hagel

**Telephone:** 0121 454 9069

**E-mail:**

### Parish Administrator - St Laurence, Northfield

**Salary:** £9.00 per hour – to be reviewed at end of probation period

**Closing date for applications:**04/03/2010

**For further information**

**Contact name:** Linda Orchard

**Telephone:** 0121 477 3204

**E-mail:**

### Part Time Youth Worker - St Martin in the Bull Ring

**Salary:** £4,180 per annum

**Closing date for applications:**05/03/2010

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**For further information**

**Contact name:** Emma Sykes

**Telephone:** 0121 600 6020

**E-mail:** [emma@bullring.org](mailto:emma@bullring.org)

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**Incumbent - Oldbury, Langley and Londonderry**

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**Salary:**

**Closing date for applications:**05/03/2010

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**For further information**

**Contact name:** The Archdeacon of Birmingham

**Telephone:**

**E-mail:** [archdeaconofbham@birmingham.anglican.org](mailto:archdeaconofbham@birmingham.anglican.org)

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**Parish Administrator & Vicar's PA (part-time) - Christ Church Summerfield**

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**Salary:** £8.00 per hour

**Closing date for applications:**17/03/2010

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**For further information**

**Contact name:** Rev'd Pete Sainsbury

**Telephone:** 0121 454 2689

**E-mail:** [cc.summerfield@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:cc.summerfield@yahoo.co.uk)

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**Vicar - St John and St Peter Ladywood**

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**Salary:**

**Closing date for applications:**19/03/2010

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**For further information**

**Contact name:** The Rt. Revd David Urquhart

**Telephone:** 0121 427 1163

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**E-mail:** [bishop@birmingham.anglican.org](mailto:bishop@birmingham.anglican.org)

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