

 THE DIOCESE  
OF BIRMINGHAM



***AUTUMN 2010 BROCHURE***

# **PRACTICAL WORKSHOPS**

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November  
Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> November

*Annual programme of learning and training  
for Christian faith and discipleship*

## **Autumn Workshops**

We are delighted to be able to offer a choice of 4 different workshops as part of the Growing Gifts programme this year. There will be limited spaces on each day so early booking is advised and places will be allocated on a first come first served basis

The day will be offered twice to give a choice of workshops, days and venues :

## **Autumn Workshops**

NB... Only one workshop topic can be covered in a day

**Wednesday 10th November 2010**

**St Luke's Church Centre, Great Colmore Street, Birmingham**

**and**

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2010**

**St Mary's, Temple Balsall, Solihull**

The days start at 9.30am and finish at 3.30pm.

- **Please bring a packed lunch.** Drinks will be available.
- You might find it helpful to bring a notebook.

**St Luke's Church Centre B15 2AT** - is a 10 minute walk from Five Ways and 15 minutes from New Street. The local buses which stop close to St Luke's are the 61,62,63,66,8 & 44. Directions available on request. *(Please check your local timetable for up to date information for trains and buses).*

**St Mary's Temple Balsall B93 0AN** - directions available on request. A lift can possibly be arranged from Dorridge railway station.

The enrolment fee is £15 for the day.

In most cases your church will be able to pay the fee for you. Talk to your Vicar, or your Churchwarden if you have no Vicar at the moment.

For further information and enrolment forms please contact :

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## There are four workshops to choose from :

### **1. MINISTRY AT WORK**

(Available Wednesday 10th November ONLY)

People are familiar with chaplains in the health service, education & prisons but fewer of us have met a workplace chaplain. What do they do? Why is this sort of chaplaincy important to the church and to the workplace? What skills are needed? We'll be answering these questions and practising some of the skills. Once you have a feel of it, this might even be a ministry for you!

***Tutor: Barbara Hayes** is the senior chaplain at Birmingham Airport and team leader of the Churches' Industrial Group Birmingham. She has been an industrial chaplain since 1992 and has worked in retail, manufacturing and science-based industry and on economic issues such as pay, migration and corporate responsibility.*

### **2. THE PRAYER OF THE EXAMEN**

(Available Wednesday 10th November ONLY)

The prayer of the examen comes from the tradition of spirituality that began with Ignatius of Loyola, the founder of the Jesuits. It's a way of prayer that helps us to look back over a recent period - perhaps the past day, or a week, or longer-and become more aware of God's presence and action in our lives. It is easy to understand, and used regularly, people have found that it can help them hear how God is speaking through their different feelings and experience. We will be looking at how to use this way of praying.

***Tutor: The Revd John Austen** works in Handsworth, and has been involved for many years in accompanying people on their journeys of prayer.*

### **3. NURTURING THE FAITH OF CHILDREN**

(Available Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> November ONLY)

Are you a parent or grandparent? Do you work with or care for children? Would you like to encourage the children you know in their faith? This workshop looks at what a child's faith might look like, how we can nurture the faith of children at home, at work or in church and how we can help them to develop their faith.

*Tutor: Dave Gidney is a father and grandfather, a children's minister at Knowle Parish Church and author of several books about children's faith.*

### **4. LISTENING AND HEARING IN A NOISY WORLD.**

(Available on both Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> & Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> November)

We can all listen but do we really listen effectively? Good listening is a vital part of loving our neighbour and caring. Come and find out how well you listen or whether any poor habits have formed, in this fun, inter-active listening day to improve our listening skills. Come prepared to share - we need some to speak in order that others might listen!

*Tutor: Sue Clegg is a qualified counsellor and trainer with wide pastoral experience and a desire to equip others to be more effective pastoral carers.*

These *Growing Gifts* events are designed for anyone who has recently done the 3D course or something similar and is now ready to explore and grow further. We are always glad to add new names to our mailing list - please tell us if you know someone who would benefit from these opportunities.

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## **STUDY DAYS SPRING 2011**

- Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April
- Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April

*Venues to be advised*

**'Studying the Fifth Gospel'**  
an opportunity to explore the land of Jesus  
yesterday and today

## SILENT RETREAT 2011

Once again we are once again offering a Silent Retreat for beginners led by the Revd Rob Hingley.

Please note: places are limited and we expect them to fill quickly. All are welcome to apply, however, priority will be given to those who have not attended a silent retreat before

### SILENT RETREAT

Residential Weekend at Shallowford House  
*The Lichfield Diocesan Retreat House*  
*Shallowford House*  
*Shallowford, Stone ST15 0NZ*

*Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June - Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May*  
*Arrivals at 4pm*  
*(meals included from Friday evening dinner*  
*until Sunday afternoon tea)*

*The full cost of the weekend will be a maximum of £150 (it may be less) and a £50 deposit will be required at the time of booking. To register your interest in this Retreat or to request a brochure please contact*  
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