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Bishop's Comment

Fragility, Fruitful Generosity and Faithfulness - a reflection on the last 18 months

Earlier this week I addressed the Birmingham Lunar Society giving my impressions of the first 18 months as Bishop in this great city and region. My observations were in three main streams: Fragility, Fruitfulness and Faithfulness.

Over the past few days the fragility of our structures and ecology has been brought home by a number of events that have rocked nations and communities.

China, busy preparing for the Olympics, has been stricken by a devastating earthquake. The next day, Amity - a Christian-influenced NGO based in China - informed me they knew of 17,000 people who had been killed, but the destruction of communications systems meant they were still unable to gather information from Wenchuan, the epi-centre, as well as some other severely affected areas.

Meanwhile as volunteers collect door-to-door for Christian Aid with a call to prepare for disasters, this charity is trying to raise an addition £2 million to help the survivors of the cyclone in Burma.

We can never eliminate fragility from our human condition but once again we see both fruitful generosity and faithfulness as we reach beyond ourselves to meet the needs of our global neighbours.

Tomorrow we have another opportunity to respond generously to those far worse off than ourselves when we mark the 10th Anniversary of the Birmingham G8 summit and the birth of the Jubilee Debt Campaign which called for the release from debt for the world's poorest nations.

Inevitably our economics, with the emphasis on growth, leads to fragility for the poorest and most disadvantaged individuals within any local community and for the poorest and most disadvantaged nations within a global community.

The Jubilee Debt Campaign has resonated deeply both inside and outside of faith communities. Tomorrow morning there will be numerous special services across the city and in the countdown to the anniversary we have been fasting and praying for the 36 countries deemed most in need today.

In the Christian movement we are constantly reminded of our fragility as media commentators and statisticians predict our demise. I firmly believe that we are simply on the move, changing and transforming as we try to catch up with the work being done by God's creative spirit.

The Christian movement's strength is not so much in numbers (though the predicted demise of the church is greatly exaggerated) but in the willingness to be transformed so as to identify with fragility and suffering. Our support of charities such as Amity, Christian Aid and Jubilee Debt is simply a practical participation in the work done by God's creative Spirit.

One of the changes, in the practice of faithful people is the move from a 20th century model of occasional public prayer and intensely privatised faith to a 21st century model of more committed private prayer and increasingly confident public faith: faith which is in the public square, the market place, the places of learning, the political chambers and the economic institutions.

I find that move invigorating and exciting and in Birmingham I believe we are well ahead, living already as a city of faiths.

In the last 18 months I have seen the hallmarks of fragility, fruitful generosity and faithfulness stamped on individuals, communities, institutions and organizations across this region. Together let us learn to appreciate our fragility and overcome fragmentation, build on our reputation for welcome and hospitality and take God seriously in making the world better for all. It is a great adventure and I do hope you will join me on it.

Bishop David Urquhart. Birmingham Post. May 17th 2008

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Topical Comment

The local face of a global movement

Whitsun, now often called Pentecost, the day on which the church remembers how the first followers of Jesus were filled with the Holy Spirit.

We read in Acts of the Apostles that these men and women were all together in a house when they heard a gale blowing through the building and saw fire come down from heaven. They were given new languages to speak and went outdoors into Jerusalem where they preached to a crowd of people from across the world in their own languages.

Some of the people thought they were drunk but Acts tells us that three thousand people joined the disciples that day and the early church was born.

We are celebrating this special birthday in Birmingham in the city centre. Church leaders, including Archbishop Vincent Nichols, and civic leaders are gathering for an outdoor event at Birmingham Cathedral from 3.30pm. Christians from across the city will be walking into the centre, praying as they go.

Next weekend we celebrate the birth of another world-wide movement. 10 years ago, thousands of protesters met up in Birmingham to urge the most powerful leaders on this planet to drop the debt of the world's poorest countries.

The Jubilee Debt campaign grew from being a small committed band to a global movement that has influenced the culture of western society, changed the minds of politicians and given a second chance to some of those countries most in need of debt relief.

The similarities are obvious. This week we celebrate Pentecost. Next week thousands of people will once again gather in Birmingham to mark the 10th anniversary of the May 1998 G8 summit. And between these two landmark dates millions of householders will be asked to support Christian Aid's door-to-door collection which raised around £15 million last year. I hope you will give to them as generously as you can.

Birmingham has adopted the slogan – "A global city with a local heart." At the Diocese of Birmingham we see ourselves as being the local face of a global movement. A movement which takes in experiences of supernatural power, the never ending fight for justice and caring compassion for those most in need.

My prayer for this week is that we are inspired by the enthusiasm of the first followers of Jesus and the passion of the protesters who were in Birmingham 10 years ago to make sure that the global movement

of love, justice, peace and joy, which is the church, never stops moving, praying, campaigning, preaching and caring.

Find out more about the Jubilee Debt Events at www.jubileedebtcampaign.org.uk . Details of the Pentecost Prayer event are at www.birmingham.anglican.org. For more information about Christian Aid visit www.christian-aid.org.uk/

Rt Revd David Urquhart, Bishop of Birmingham.

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Prayer Calendar Available on-line

30 May 2008

The Summer 08 Diocesan Prayer Calendar is available to download. To download the prayer calendar click [here](#).

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Lambeth Hospitality in the Diocese of Birmingham

30 May 2008

Bishops and their spouses coming from all around the world to the Lambeth Conference 2008 will be offered the opportunity of hospitality in our dioceses before the Lambeth Conference begins. The Lambeth conference commences on July 16th and runs until August 12th. Bishops and their spouses are expected to arrive in Birmingham between 10th and 15th July.

It is the hope of the Lambeth organisers that this time of relaxation and fellowship before getting down to 'business' in Canterbury will, hopefully, develop the sense of being a global communion and help relationships to flourish.

In effect, each of our Dioceses will become a micro Anglican Communion during the days leading up to the conference. The hospitality initiative will allow Anglicans from several counties and cultures to spend time together in one place before the conference begins.

To date, five Bishops (one from the USA, one from Caledonia, one from South Africa and two from Malawi) have indicated they will be staying in Birmingham. To assist the Bishop with the Diocesan

Hospitality initiative, a small working group has been established to co-ordinate logistics and hospitality. A programme is being planned for each Bishop depending upon their interests – and time available. One has already indicated he would enjoy a game of golf!

It is expected that there will be some 'Corporate Hospitality' including a service at the Cathedral on the afternoon of Sunday 13th July at 4.00pm when all will have an opportunity to meet our visiting Bishops. All will be welcome to attend this service. The Bishop will be writing giving further details.

From 30th June, the Cathedral will assist us to focus our prayer preceding and during the Lambeth Conference. This will include a visual display about the Conference.

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The New Fire Safety Regulations and how they affect Your Place of Worship

30 May 2008

The West Midlands Fire Service are holding a number of events around the Region, their next events being held on Thursday 12th June, 10.00 am - 12.15 pm and Friday 20th June 2.00 pm - 4.15 pm at the West Midlands Fire Service Training Centre, Dartmouth Road, Smethwick B66 1BG.

The event is specifically for Places of Worship, to inform people of the new legislation and how it will apply to their premises and what is required to achieve compliance.

People from all areas of the West Midlands Region are welcome and encouraged to attend this event. For further information and to book a place please visit: www.wmfaithsforum.org.uk/home/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=205&Itemid=60

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Church says it with flowers

28 May 2008

Residents in Winson Green are being invited to come and make a free hanging basket as Bishop Latimer Church celebrates 10 years of working together as Anglican and United Reformed Churches.

On Sunday 1st June at 10.30 am both Bishop David and URC

Moderator Elizabeth Welch will be present to lead the celebrations. 'Working Together' is the theme, and that includes working together with friends and members of the local community.

We all share a desire to make our neighbourhood an attractive and welcoming place to live and for this reason Rev. Stuart Turner (URC), and Rev. Geoff Kimber (Anglican) are delighted to invite residents of the neighbourhood to join in after the service for a Hanging Basket Workshop.

All the materials to make a hanging basket for your front door will be free - and they even have church members who will come with a drill to hang the basket for you.

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Early morning prayer call for city leaders

28 May 2008

Christian leaders from across the city will be joined by leaders from the worlds of business and local government for the 2008 Birmingham Prayer Breakfast to be held on Friday June 6th from 7am to 9am in the Banqueting Suite of the Council House.

The breakfast is being hosted by ChaplaincyPlus and Birmingham Cathedral and guests include Jerry Blackett, Chief Executive of Birmingham Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Richard Brennan Chief Executive of Birmingham Forward, Caroline Coates President of Birmingham Law Society, Richard Edwards Chairman of Birmingham Forward, Cllr Ray Hassall Cabinet Member, Mick Laverty Chief Executive Advantage West Midlands, Marc Reeves Editor Birmingham Post and Cllr Alan Rudge Cabinet Member.

Speakers and dignitaries will be joined by over 150 business people to hear Caroline Spelman MP for Meriden and Chairman of the Conservative Party talk about ways in which the church and business community can work together to transform society. The Very Revd Bob Wilkes will take the same theme in the context of the city and the Breakfast will conclude with prayers led by the Bishop of Birmingham, the Rt Revd David Urquhart.

Organiser, Chris Dinsdale of ChaplaincyPlus, said: "We hope this event will inform the prayers of Christians and inspire them to greater service in both prayer and work for the good of all people living in and around this great city."

Bishop David said: "It is a wonderful privilege to lead prayers for this city which is now very much my home and my focus. I am delighted

that representatives from the business world, politicians and other leaders are coming together to talk, think and pray about the way we can co-operate to transform society and make this city and region even better."

ChaplaincyPlus serves the professional business community by being part of daily business life. It seeks to resource, encourage and support professionals working in Birmingham's city centre.

For more information or details on the Prayer Breakfast please contact Chris Dinsdale on 0121 236 9472 or e-mail chris.dinsdale@chaplaincyplus.org.uk.

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Journey to Justice marks tenth anniversary of Jubilee

19 May 2008

Over a thousand debt campaigners marked the tenth anniversary of the 'Drop the Debt' human chain in Birmingham on Sunday May 18th.

The 'Journey to Justice' event began in The ICC, the building where the G8 met in 1998, and ended outside in Centenary Square with 20 per cent of them kneeling in a human pie chart to illustrate that since 1998 20 per cent of the debt of the world's poorest countries has been cancelled. "We wanted to stress that while much has been achieved, there is still much more to do" said Stephen Rand, the Co Chair of Jubilee Debt Campaign.

Archbishop Desmond Tutu addressed the event via video, saying "We have long called for the cancellation of crippling debt. Ten years ago in Birmingham you forged a powerful link in the chain of action for change. It was a significant step on the journey to justice. But it is a journey that we must continue together."

Keynote speaker Archbishop Ndungane said "Together we are heading in the right direction – donor and recipient governments, civil society of north and south in partnership. Together we must find a lasting solution to the question of debt. It is the only answer."

Prime Minister Gordon Brown also sent a message on video. He said "We know there is still more to do before we can see the full benefits of debt relief, and for that we need campaigners like you to keep up pressure on governments around the world. I want to thank you for all you have done to bring us to this point today, and I urge you to continue with your efforts... you are a truly global force for change."

Bono sent a message, read to the crowd by Jubilee Debt Campaign's Director Nick Dearden: "Thank you Jubilee, thank you Birmingham human chain, all of the 70,000 inspiring souls who were there that day, for reintroducing the likes of me to positive activism. Thanks to you, there are 29 million more kids in school in Africa than in 2000. No one can say that activism and aid, along with good African governance doesn't work."

Earlier in the day special services were held across the city to mark the 10 year anniversary and raise awareness of the need for continued debt relief.

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Notification of Appointments

18 May 2008

Petertide Ordinations

Patrick Gillon

To be: ordained Deacon on 29 June

To serve as: SSM Assistant Curate, St Mark Kingstanding

Leonard Cox

To be: ordained Deacon on 29 June

To serve as: Assistant Curate, St Luke Kingstanding

Joycelyn Lewis

To be: ordained Deacon on 29 June

To serve as: Assistant Curate, St Peter Hall Green

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Small Advertisements

17 May 2008

Too squashed? Looking for a bigger Venue? Try us!

We're nice and friendly and we are BISHOP LATIMER CHURCH, WINSON GREEN - the biggest church in the diocese!

Seating for a thousand; great acoustic; decent organ, keyboard and piano; screen; loudspeaker system.

Bring your own instruments and fill this house with worship!

Very near Winson Green metro station and on the number 11 bus route - could not be easier. Enquiries from Christian churches and youth groups welcomed - nay, encouraged!

Get in touch with the new vicar, Rev Geoff Kimber on 0121 598 9093.

St Swithin's House, Barston near Solihull

The House, which is owned by the Diocese, is a self catering christian conference centre, which sleeps up to 24 folk in bunk beds in six bedrooms, and has a meeting room which can accommodate upto 60 people. There is a discount for UPA Churches.

Full details of the House can be found on our website - www.stswithinshouse.co.uk

Computer table - free to collect

Please contact Cara at the Diocesan Office on 0121 426 0439.

Donations and volunteers wanted - Handsworth

The Children's Society needs regular donations of all kinds of stock to help in their Handsworth Wood shop to raise money for disadvantaged children and young people.

They would also love new volunteer team members to join them. If you can spare 3-4 hours per week please call Lorraine, the Voluntary Shop Manager on 0121 5513391.

Another book of sermons by Michael Counsell

Canterbury Press has just published a third book of sermons by Michael Counsell. It contains 150 fully written out sermons based on the Scripture readings every Sunday (first and second services), saint's day or festival in Year B beginning this December. This year there is also a controversial note on leading study groups on 'How to Read the Bible,' and a sermon for Remembrance Sunday examining the Doctrine of the Just War.

These books are intended for people who are just beginning to preach; for experienced preachers who want a new slant on a familiar text; for people who are unable to get to hear a good sermon; or to give as a present to any of your friends who come in the above

categories.

The Canterbury Preacher's Companion 2009 costs £16.99. ISBN 978-1-85311-872-2 www.scm-canterburypress.co.uk

Henri Nouwen promotion

We have a large range of Henri Nouwen titles in our summer promotion. It follows on from our very successful Lent offers. They are price pointed, which gives you the chance of collecting a selection of titles at very keen prices.

Henri Nouwen is very popular across the board – Anglican and Catholic, as well as in evangelical circles. Nouwen, the bestselling writer, and pastor of the L'Arche Daybreak community in Toronto, Canada, died in 1996.

Contact: Wesley Owen, 7 Carrs Lane, Birmingham B4 7TG.
Tel: 0121 643 9235 email: birmingham@wesley-owen.com

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Update from the Church of England

16 May 2008

Investing for the future

The Church Commissioners announce another year of outstanding results. Full story [here](#)

Archbishop of Canterbury - protect the poorest from the effects of economic downturn

Dr Rowan Williams, has called on the government to do more to protect the poorest and most vulnerable from the likely consequences of an economic downturn. Details [here](#)

Prayer for Madeleine

The Archbishop of York has written a special prayer to mark the one year anniversary of the abduction of Madeleine McCann. Read it [here](#)

Back to Church Sunday goes global

People in churches all over Britain, and for the first time, in other parts of the world, will be backing Back to Church Sunday this September 28. Full story [here](#)

Stop spinning urges C of E

Now summer is on the horizon and the temperature is soaring, the Church of England's Environmental Adviser, David Shreeve, is calling for an end to spin. He urges households to switch off their energy-hungry tumble dryersfull story

[here](#)

Lambeth Palace climate change talks

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Rowan Williams, and the Bishop of London, Rt Revd Richard Chartres, welcomed leaders from business, government and civil society to Lambeth Palace for a climate change round table. Full story [here](#)

Women bishops - Manchester Report published

The House of Bishops is to discuss the Legislative Drafting Group considering proposals to allow for women bishops at its next meeting in May. Full story [here](#)

Competition Commission's supermarket report welcomed

The Church of England has welcomed the Competition Commission's decision to seek undertakings from grocery retailers to establish a Groceries Supply Code of Practice (GSCOP) Ombudsman full story [here](#)

Lambeth Conference: Archbishop of Canterbury

Dr Williams has recorded an exclusive video message reflecting on the forthcoming Lambeth Conference in July. Watch the video [here](#)

Dr Rowan Williams, has sent an open letter to the bishops of the Anglican Communion, in advance of the Lambeth Conference. Read the full letter [here](#)

Appointments

New Chief Surveyor for Church Commissioners

The Church Commissioners have announced the appointment of Joseph Cannon MRICS as their new Chief Surveyor. Full details [here](#)

New Director of Cathedrals and Church Buildings

The Archbishops' Council has appointed Janet Gough as Director of Cathedrals and Church Buildings. She will take up the post in September. Full details [here](#)

Zimbabwe

Archbishops issue joint statement - the Archbishops of Canterbury and York have issued a joint statement concerning the deteriorating situation of ordinary people in Zimbabwe. Full story [here](#)

Pray for Zimbabwe - the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Rowan Williams, after giving joint interviews with the Archbishop of York, reflects on the issues surrounding Zimbabwe and called for a day of prayer. Watch the video here: [here](#) Archbishop of York also calls for day of fasting and prayer. Details [here](#)

Donate to Zimbabwe urges Archbishop of York. Full story [here](#)

Double honour for co-ordinator of Church's Unity work

Prebendary Dr Paul Avis has been appointed as a chaplain to Her Majesty The Queen and the first Canon Theologian of Exeter. Details [here](#)

More news from the Archbishop of Canterbury

Prayers for Burma - Dr Williams has written to the Anglican Church in Burma

following the devastation of Cyclone Nargis in the area of the Irrawaddy River Delta. Discover more: [here](#)

'Friendly meeting' with Pope Benedict

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Rowan Williams has described his private meeting with Pope Benedict XVI in the Vatican as 'friendly and informal'. Full report [here](#)

7th Building Bridges seminar in Rome

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Rowan Williams, is to convene the 7th Building Bridges Seminar in Rome next week. This is a unique annual series which brings together a range of internationally recognised Christian and Muslim scholars for an intensive study of relevant Biblical and Qur'anic texts. Full story [here](#)

Religious Faith and Human Rights lecture

Tonight the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Rowan Williams will give a lecture at the London School of Economics entitled 'Religious Faith and Human Rights'. Read the lecture and see photos [here](#)

Sermon at St-Martin-in-the-Fields

The Archbishop of Canterbury's preached at a special Service of Thanksgiving to celebrate the renewal of St Martin-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar Square, London. Listen to the sermon and see pictures [here](#)

Archbishop of York opens new city academy

A 15-year-old Zimbabwean refugee welcomed Dr Sentamu, to the official opening of the £25m Bradford Academy. Full story [here](#)

Religious Trends publication 'dangerously misleading'

Projections and comparisons published by Christian Research in its Religious Trends publication are flawed and dangerously misleading, the Church of England said today. Full story [here](#)

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Releasing Potential Fund - applications for grants invited

16 May 2008

Applications are invited from those who might benefit from the Releasing Potential Fund. The criteria for grants are set out below.

Each application needs to include details about the applicant, including involvement in the Church of England and development so far (for example educational courses taken). The proposed course of study should be outlined, with costs. Applicants should nominate a lay person and their parish priest, both of whom will be asked for a

confidential reference.

Those benefiting should be:

i) from an Urban Priority Area or similar setting in the diocese, bearing in mind that the fund is specifically (but not exclusively) for Black and Asian Anglicans.

ii) committed and active Anglicans, supported in their development by the parish, and rooted in the diocese of Birmingham.

iii) growing in their faith and discipleship, showing evidence of having undertaken already some development (the diocesan 3D course or equivalent)

iv) with potential and a desire to contribute in the future to church life and ministry (in broad terms) through undertaking a course of study or training at a recognised educational institution.

v) Seeking a grant for help with the official course fees.

In view of the amount raised, the maximum overall grant for any individual will be £1,000 and can be paid over a number of years.

Applications should come to Andrea Stevens, Ministries Forum at the address below. Advice on preparing an application is available from Mukti Barton on 0121 426 0400.

Applications need to be received by the Ministries Forum, 175 Harborne Park Road, Harborne, Birmingham, B17 0BH on or before Monday 30th June 2008.

*The Venerable Dr Brian Russell
Archdeacon of Aston /Chair of Ministries Forum*

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Hands of Hope 2008

12 May 2008

This year celebrate Harvest Festival with a charity that is bringing hope to the rural poor in Africa. Self Help Africa's all NEW harvest pack 'The Hands of Hope' has an inspirational, fresh approach to harvest services focusing upon the church's calling to serve the poor.

The pack is a resource for churches of all kinds and is crammed full of ideas and activities ideal for family services, house-groups, youth

groups and children's groups.

The Hands of Hope' pack includes: Key Bible readings and sermon ideas; Drama sketch; Prayers; readings and hymn/worship suggestions; Discussion prompts and activities for house-groups; Ideas for youth: activities, talks, reflections, prayers; Ideas for children's groups: prayers, songs, fun activities; 'Gift of Hope' envelopes and church donation form; Harvest Supper ideas.

To order a harvest pack email harvest@selfhelpafrica.com or ring the fundraising team on 01952 260699 stating the contact name and address of church.

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Whitsun Worshippers Bless the City

12 May 2008

Just over 2,000 Christians from across the region filled Birmingham Cathedral churchyard with prayers and music in a move to mark Pentecost, or Whitsun, with a special Hope 08 celebration.

The service was hosted by Archbishop Vincent Nichols and Bishop David Urquhart along with leaders from other major denominations.

Before the service on May 11th worshippers walked to the Cathedral in small groups, praying for and blessing the city.

During the service there were stories and prayers of hope, performances by bands and dancers and an address by Archbishop Vincent. The service included a declaration of hope as everyone gathered committed themselves once again to the service of Jesus Christ.

Bishop David said: "I am delighted that Christians from different denominations came together in the centre of the city to mark this important day in the life of church. Whitsun is the day on which we remember the disciples being filled with the Holy Spirit and beginning to preach in different languages. It is often regarded as the church's birthday."

Pentecost Praise was part of Birmingham's involvement in Hope 08 - a movement of churches who want to engage more fully with their neighbourhoods during 2008. Details of the service and Hope 08 are available at www.hope08birmingham.org

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New Eco-congregation website launched

09 May 2008

The new Eco-congregation website is now up and running. This has been made possible by a grant from Christian Aid, and is much more easily updatable than the old site.

I am regularly updating the content, particularly on the pages for each module, so do keep checking back for additional information which may be of help.

There is a blog page which is also a quick way to find out the most recent information.

We have added a page for local groups and I'd like to put up any local groups of Christians meeting regularly to address environmental issues, so that there's a national picture of what is going on. Please contact me if you are involved in a local group, and you'd like your group to be on the map! In addition, there is a new events page, so let me know about any event that you think others would like to find out about.

As with any site, there are bound to be problems. Please let me know if you hit on dud links, or there are files which don't download, etc.

Jo Rathbone, Eco-congregation (England & Wales) Email: ecocongregation@arocha.org Website: www.ew.ecocongregation.org

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Courses

Leading your Church into Growth 2008

A 4 day course for clergy & lay leaders from across different traditions and denominations who are looking for help and encouragement in leading their church into growth.

Venue: York - 9 - 12 June Swanwick - 3 - 6 November

Cost: £225 per person inc full board with all course resources.

Organised by:

For more information, contact: Tracie Hunt
Telephone: 01274 604904 / 07799845954
E-mail: Tracie.Hunt@englandbasketball.co.uk

Growing Gifts: Christian Communities - and how they can help us work out a pattern for Christian life and prayer

In Britain, there are a lot of different Christian Communities, and often they can be powerhouses of prayer. People have found that belonging to them, or being associated with them, can be a huge help in developing and sustaining their own everyday patterns of Christian life and prayer.

We have invited people from several communities to share something of how they try to live and pray, and how they help others to develop a pattern for their lives.

The morning will offer sessions in which you can chose to hear about three of the communities. After lunch, you have a time to reflect quietly about your own pattern of Christian life and prayer, with opportunities to share what you hope to do or change, and to ask more about any of the communities.

We are delighted that six different communities are coming to share with us – three on each day:

Tuesday 1st July at Holy Trinity Smethwick

- Community of St Mary the Virgin
- Iona Community
- Lee Abbey

Saturday 5th July at The Leveson Centre Temple Balsall

- Community of St Francis
- Community of St John the Divine, Alum Rock
- Northumbria Community

Venue:

Cost: £10 each day

Organised by: Ministries Forum

For more information, contact: Andrea Stevens
Telephone: 0121 426 0429
E-mail: a.stevens@birmingham.anglican.org

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Events

Mothers' Union Prayers

02/06/2008

Date: 02 June 2008

Venue: Foundation Chapel, Birmingham Cathedral

Start: 12.05 pm

Cost:

Organised by: Mothers' Union

For more information, contact:

Name: Carol Currier

Telephone: 0121 262 1840

E-mail: carol.currier@birminghamcathedral.com

Asylum Seekers Vigil in the Churchyard

02/06/2008

Date: 02 June 2008

Venue: Birmingham Cathedral

Start: 5 pm.

Cost:

Organised by: Birmingham Cathedral

For more information, contact:

Name: Carol Currier

Telephone: 0121 262 1840

E-mail: carol.currier@birminghamcathedral.com

Tuesday Talks

03/06/2008

Date: 03 June 2008

Venue: Birmingham Cathedral

Start: 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**Child Protection Training Sessions - Child Protection Awareness Raising**

03/06/2008

Date: 03 June 2008**Venue:** St Paul & St Barnabas, Quinton

Start: 7.00 pm. This course aims to address specific issues related to child protection in a church setting. For anyone who co-ordinates, supervises, leads or assists work with children and young people.

Cost: £10.00**Organised by:** Diocesan Office**For more information, contact:**

Name: Jenny Harris

Telephone: 0121 426 0437

E-mail: jenny@birmingham.anglican.org**The Laughing Sole**

03/06/2008

Date: 03 June 2008**Venue:** The British Oak 1364, Pershore Road, Stirchley, B30 2XS

Start: 8.30pm. Opening the night is the lovely Isy Suttie. In middle is Ben Hutchinson, who started here at our Open Mic night in October last year and also another newbie Tim Hill. Headlining our fabulous evening of comedy is the wonderful James Dowdeswell. Of course the whole night is in the safe hands of our compere extraordinaire and Kings Heath housewife Mrs Barbara Nice.
www.thelaughingsole.org.uk

Cost: £5**Organised by:** The Laughing Sole**For more information, contact:**

Name: Helen Tomblin

Telephone:

E-mail: info@thelaughingsole.org.uk

Bishop's Study Day for Clergy

04/06/2008

Date: 04 June 2008

Venue: St Philip's Cathedral, Birmingham

From 10am to 1pm - details to follow

Cost:

Organised by: Clergy Continuing Ministerial Education

For more information, contact:

Name: The Reverend Mark Pryce

Telephone: 0121 426 0400

E-mail: M.Pryce@birmingham.anglican.org

St Alban's Summer Lectures 2008: The Tractarian Divines

04/06/2008

Date: 04 June 2008

Venue: St Alban & St Patrick Highgate Stanhope Street/Conybere St
B12 0YF

Start: 7.30pm (refreshments from 7pm) Edward Bouverie Pusey:
Patristic Scholare & Founder of Anglican Sisterhoods Canon Peter
Cobb

Cost:

Organised by: St Alban's

For more information, contact:

Name:

Telephone:

E-mail:

Holy Communion

04/06/2008

Date: 04 June 2008

Venue: Birmingham Cathedral

Start: 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

Do you administer Holy Baptism?

05/06/2008

Date: 05 June 2008

Venue: CPAS HQ Athena Park, Tachbrook Drive, Warwick CV34 6NG

Time: 1.00 pm. - 4.00 pm. Baptismal Integrity invites you for an afternoon open conference on the theme HOLY BAPTISM—How is it for you? including "Implementing a Baptismal Policy". The event will be facilitated by Committee members with an emphasis on the sharing of experience by all present "Why have a policy?" "What are the "basics""? "Enthusing the PCC" "PR in the parish" "Using the Thanksgiving for the Gift of a Child" "Pastoral Care before and after" Please call Roger Godin to book a space.

Cost: Free

Organised by:

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Growing Gifts Silent Retreat

06/06/2008

Date: 06 June 2008

Venue: Shallowford House - near Stafford

A retreat designed for beginners in mind, led by the Revd Rob Hingley and Sr Clare Grimes.

Cost: £120

Organised by: Diocese of Birmingham

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Wholeness and Healing Service with Communion

07/06/2008

Date: 07 June 2008
Venue: Birmingham Cathedral

Start: 9.00 am. With The Revd Canon Henry Burgess.

Cost:
Organised by: Birmingham Cathedral

For more information, contact:

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World Environment Day

07/06/2008

Date: 07 June 2008
Venue: St Mark's Church Hall, Bandywood Crescent, Kingstanding

10.30 - 2.00 pm. Everyone will have the opportunity to get recycle wise and have fun building a lifesize 'Yuckety-poo' rubbish monster, make and fly newspaper kites, create a recycled T.Rex and more. Also big breakfasts will be served for just £3.

Cost:
Organised by: Bandywood Families project

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Tuesday Talks: The Quadruple Bottom Line - Spiritual

10/06/2008

Date: 10 June 2008
Venue: Birmingham Cathedral

Start: 1.10 pm. With The Revd Canon Peter Howell-Jones.

Cost:

Organised by: Birmingham Cathedral

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Is Evangelism a Sin? Ethical Evangelism in a Pluralist Society.

10/06/2008

Date: 10 June 2008

Venue: CPAS, Athena Drive, Tachbrook Park, Warwick CV34 6NG

Start: 10.00 am. This is a Faith to Faith forum looking at evangelism amongst people of other faiths, with emphases on Children, Hindus, Muslims and New Age believers. Excellent speakers! Full details of speakers and topics may be found on the Global Connections website: www.globalconnections.co.uk

Cost: £15, includes a free Faith to Faith course book of your choice and lunch

Organised by: Faith to Faith

For more information, contact:

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Can climate change save the West Midlands economy?

11/06/2008

Date: 11 June 2008

Venue: Wesleyan Assurance, Colmore Circus, Birmingham B4 6AR

Start: 6.15 p.m. Refreshments from 5.45 p.m. Churches' Industrial Group Birmingham - AGM & public debate. We have a plan – the UK's first low carbon economic strategy. We can do industrial revolution – we've done it before. We have some good examples and proven ability. BUT ... Is it realistic? Are we and our leaders up for it? Speakers: Dr. Simon Slater, Head of Sustainable Development, Advantage West Midlands. Professor Peter Braithwaite, Director of Sustainable Solutions, Arup. Please contact CIGB to confirm a place.

Cost:

Organised by: CIGB

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Holy Communion

11/06/2008

Date: 11 June 2008

Venue: Birmingham Cathedral

Start: 1.10 pm.

Cost:

Organised by: Birmingham Cathedral

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Wholeness and Healing Service

12/06/2008

Date: 12 June 2008

Venue: Birmingham Cathedral

Start: 1.10 pm.

Cost:

Organised by: Birmingham Cathedral

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An Agenda for Change Tour

12/06/2008

Date: 12 June 2008

Venue: Birmingham Cathedral

A challenging and inspiring call for action and unity amongst Evangelicals, this promises to be a stimulating time with Joel Edwards, General Director of the Evangelical Alliance. Visit www.anagendaforchange.com

Cost:

Organised by: Evangelical Alliance

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175th anniversary of St John's Church, Perry Barr

14/06/2008

Date: 14 June 2008

Venue: St John's Church, Perry Barr

You are invited to join in the celebrating of the Church with the Bishop of Birmingham at 3pm on Saturday. St John's will be open all weekend with exhibitions, including registers and archives from the Church. Cream teas will be served on Saturday afternoon.

Cost:

Organised by:

For more information, contact:

Name: Fr Crispin Pailing

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Adversity-Activated Development in the Context of Current Psychoanalytic Trends

14/06/2008

Date: 14 June 2008

Venue: Birmingham

Time: 10 am – 12.45 pm. Renos Papadopoulos. A series of papers which illustrate the influence and application of Jungian concepts to the practice of analytical psychotherapy. Bookings must be made in advance. Visit: www.wmip.org

Cost:

Organised by: Jungian Training Committee

For more information, contact:

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Making gifts for Father's Day

14/06/2008

Date: 14 June 2008

Venue: St Mark's Church Hall, Bandywood Crescent, Kingstanding

Start: 10.30 am. Children can come along and make cards and gifts for Father's Day. There is also an opportunity to bake apple pies and shortbread.

Cost: free

Organised by:

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Asylum Seekers Vigil in the Churchyard

16/06/2008

Date: 16 June 2008

Venue: Birmingham Cathedral

Start: 5 pm.

Cost:

Organised by: Birmingham Cathedral

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BLAH Event - Interactive Mission Lecture

17/06/2008

Date: 17 June 2008
Venue: Birmingham Cathedral

Start: 9.00 am.

Cost: Birmingham Cathedral
Organised by:

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Choral Communion - St Philip's Singers

18/06/2008

Date: 18 June 2008
Venue: Birmingham Cathedral

Start: 1.10 pm.

Cost:
Organised by: Birmingham Cathedral

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Changing Attitude

18/06/2008

Date: 18 June 2008
Venue: Queen's College, Somerset Road, Edgbaston B15 2QH

Start: 7.30 pm. An evening with The Revd Dr Marilyn McCord, Regius Professor of Divinity in the University of Oxford.

Cost:
Organised by: Changing Attitude

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Ordination of Priests

21/06/2008

Date: 21 June 2008

Venue: Birmingham Cathedral

Start: 11.00 am.

Cost:

Organised by: Birmingham Cathedral

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Windrush 60th Anniversary Commemoration

22/06/2008

Date: 22 June 2008

Venue: Town Hall, Birmingham

Tickets are now on sale on Town Hall website: www.thsh.co.uk or phone 0121 780 3333 It will be an inspiring evening of reflections on the legacy of the Windrush generation with focus also on the Caribbean today, 60 years to the day that SS Empire Windrush discharged her Caribbean passengers at Tilbury, Essex.

Cost: 5 in advance, £7 on the day

Organised by: Christian Aid

For more information, contact:

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A Conference for clergy - Celebrating St.Paul

23/06/2008

Date: 23 June 2008

Venue: St Mary's University College, Twickenham, London

Looking at the importance and relevance of the preaching of St Paul.
www.smuc.ac.uk

Cost:

Organised by: St Mary's University College

For more information, contact:

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Child Protection Training Sessions - Working Safely with children and young people

23/06/2008

Date: 23 June 2008

Venue: St Mary, Bearwood

Start: 7.00 pm. How to provide a safe physical environment when working with children and young people in church settings. For those who work directly with children and young people.

Cost: £10.00

Organised by: Diocesan Office

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Cathedral Choir Concert

23/06/2008

Date: 23 June 2008

Venue: Birmingham Cathedral

Start: 1.00 pm.

Cost:

Organised by: Birmingham Cathedral

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Tuesday Talks

24/06/2008

Date: 24 June 2008

Venue: Birmingham Cathedral

Start: 1.10 pm.

Cost:

Organised by: Birmingham Cathedral

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Want to know the truth behind the tabloids?

24/06/2008

Date: 24 June 2008

Venue: All Saints Church, 172 Herbert Road, Small Heath, Birmingham, B10 0PR

Time: 7.30-9.30 pm Please join us for information sessions on ASYLUM ISSUES and training for BEFRIENDING asylum seekers and refugees on Tuesdays 24th June and 1st & 8th July. The training is offered to all those interested in becoming befrienders of asylum seekers and refugees. Anyone wishing to gather further information on asylum and refugee issues is also welcome. Befrienders and asylum seekers will share their stories. Visit: www.restore-uk.org

Cost:

Organised by: Restore

For more information, contact:

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E-mail: restorebefriend@birminghamchurches.org.uk

Holy Communion

25/06/2008

Date: 25 June 2008

Venue: Birmingham Cathedral

Start: 1.10 pm.

Cost:

Organised by: Birmingham Cathedral

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Shine: A service of praise and worship

28/06/2008

Date: 28 June 2008

Venue: St David's Shenley Green

Start: 6 pm. For all youth and youthful orientated people of all ages and denominations. With a 'bring and share meal' after.

Cost:

Organised by:

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Petertide - Ordination of Deacons

29/06/2008

Date: 29 June 2008

Venue: Birmingham Cathedral

Start: 11.00 am.

Cost:

Organised by:

For more information, contact:

Name:

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Ordination of Deacons

29/06/2008

Date: 29 June 2008
Venue: Birmingham Cathedral

Start: 11.00 am.

Cost:
Organised by: Birmingham Cathedral

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CMS Buffet Supper: Making sense of CMS – from the Global to the Local

30/06/2008

Date: 30 June 2008
Venue: St Phillip's Church Hall, Dorridge

Start: 7.00 pm with a meal. There are three speakers. Martin Thomas, from CMS House in Oxford will give us a broad view of Church Mission Society round the world, reaching out with God's love in the 21st century. Pall Singh and his wife Joy Doal will tell us of their work and plans as new CMS Mission Partners in Birmingham. Please book in advance. Cheques payable to: CMS Birmingham Association.

Cost: The meal is £4.00
Organised by: Church Mission Society

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St Alban's Summer Lectures 2008: The Tractarian Divines

02/07/2008

Date: 02 July 2008
Venue: St Alban & St Patrick Highgate Stanhope Street/Conybere St B12 0YF

Start: 7.30pm (refreshments from 7pm) John Henry Newman: Apologist & Interpreter of the Spiritual Life The Right Reverend Geoffrey Rowell, Bishop of Gibraltar in Europe

Cost:

Organised by: St Alban's

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Vacancies

P/t Digital Youth Adviser - Diocese of Birmingham

Salary: £10,000 pa

Closing date for applications:20/06/2008

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P/t Youth Worker - St Thomas Garretts Green

Salary:

Closing date for applications:25/07/2008

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