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**Birmingham Ecumenical News**

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for Birmingham & Solihull

**June to August 2011**



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has launched its new website!!

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**Let's gather in the city on...**

# Pentecost Sunday

## 12th June

4pm-5:30pm in Victoria Square

## United We Stand

Open to all Christians from across the Churches and Christian traditions

- *proclaiming God's Kingdom in dynamic worship*
- *declaring God's unifying love*
- *joining together with church worldwide in corporate prayer*

...when the day of Pentecost came they were all together in one place... Acts 2:1

...that they may be one ...so that the world may know that you sent me. John 17:21 The Lord Jesus Christ

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# Parish Nursing



Parish Nursing  
Ministries UK

Is your church looking for an innovative way of outreaching in the local community and a new way of looking after the wholistic needs of the church congregation? Parish Nursing Ministry is a mission activity that is doing just this.

Maybe a nurse in your congregation is looking for a way of serving in the local community and church using the skills and experiences gained from nursing?

**Parish Nurses** use their nursing skills and experiences in many different ways across the United Kingdom to meet individual needs and reach out into the community. In the role of the Parish Nurse, the nurse could undertake to help with a range of health issues or general requests from being available for someone to chat to, to taking blood pressures, offering spiritual support through illness, bereavement care, health education in toddler groups, PHSE lessons in schools and running groups within Children's Centres. No two Parish Nurse will work in the same way needs differ between each church community. Parish Nurses often say they 'will work where the greatest needs are to help and serve the local people in the most appropriate way'. One nurse said 'at last I've found the kind of work I believe I was really called to. I can give quality of time to my patients, pray with them if they request it and use my skills to empower others.'

## It's History

In 1985, a hospital chaplain named Granger Westberg saw the potential for Christian nurses to lead healthcare programmes through local churches in Chicago. He began with six nurses and there are now over 11,000 nurses working through churches around the world, in the USA, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Korea, Swaziland. It started in the UK in January 2004, and since then over a hundred nurses from all denominations have taken up the one week induction training and with their churches have developed health ministry through their local congregations and into their local communities.

## Why is this mission?

It's mission because Jesus sent people out to preach and to heal. His concerns were for people to be whole, spiritually and physically. Whenever he encountered someone, he cared about their spiritual needs as well as their physical needs and vice versa. So why do we continue to separate these out? This health ministry is about churches getting more involved in physical, mental, and social wellbeing combined with intentional care of the spirit - like we can see in the ministry of Jesus.

## How does this relate to the NHS?

Parish Nurses complement the work of the NHS. Many Parish Nurses continue working for the NHS and work in a voluntary capacity within the church a few hours a week, others are paid. Parish Nurses do not perform clinical tasks, they fulfil other aspects of their wider nursing role, such as being health educators, and are able to identify health needs of those they serve either providing support or making sure appropriate care is sought.

## Interested?

I hope this brief insight into Parish Nursing Ministry has encouraged a curiosity to find out more. More information can be found on our website. [www.parishnursing.org.uk](http://www.parishnursing.org.uk)

Your **Regional Co-ordinator** Jennie Fytche would be happy to discuss the concept of Parish Nursing and its potential for your church further.

Jennie can be contacted by e-mail [jennie.fytche@btinternet.com](mailto:jennie.fytche@btinternet.com) or (m) 07806391383.

Additional support can be given by Claire Goodman at Parish Nursing UK on 01788 817904

**The next training courses for nurses are in May and October 2011.**

Please contact 01788 817904 to find out more

## More than Gold - mission opportunities



This is for all who want to engage with their communities and visitors through the 2012 Games. *More Than Gold* is a temporary organisation established by the main denominations to help churches make the most of the 2012 games through programmes of outreach, hospitality and service.

### Invitation to 'On your marks - for the 2012 Games'

## Thursday June 16th

### Aston Villa FC Birmingham

7pm refreshments for 7.30 presentation

Admission free with offering

Two hours to help you get ready to run in response to a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

Join others from your area for a packed programme that includes:

**The latest information:** The latest on the Games, More Than Gold resources and activities in your area

**The Torch Relay:** The impact it will have on your community and the role your church can play

**Community Festivals:** The why and how of running a festival for your community and where help is available

**Sports outreach:** An introduction to the choice of sports outreach resources and guidance on how to use them

Those taking part will be drawn from David Willson CEO More Than Gold; Jon Burns UK Director More Than Gold; Jane Holloway National Prayer Director, World Prayer Centre; David Oakley CEO of Ambassadors in Sport UK; Plus denominational representatives and members of More Than Gold's Executive Committee.

**Who should be there? Whether you consider yourself to be sporty or not, the Olympics represent an amazing opportunity to engage in your local community and proclaim the Gospel relevantly.**

More Than Gold Unit 37, Tileyard Studios, Tileyard Road, London N7 9AH 0845 475 2012

[info@morethangold.org.uk](mailto:info@morethangold.org.uk) [www.morethangold.org.uk](http://www.morethangold.org.uk) Charity no – 1121852

To reserve places go to [www.morethangold.org.uk/onyourmarks](http://www.morethangold.org.uk/onyourmarks)

## Healing on the Streets

### Birmingham's Healing on the Streets Ministry Training

For those interested in joining or starting a team, and a refresher for those already on teams, Healing Streams in Birmingham (all those leading Hots teams and Healing rooms) are facilitating training plus a 'Putting it into Practice' session on the Saturday afternoon outside both St Martins and the Cathedral.

### Friday Evening 17th and Saturday 18th June

The **Healing on the Streets** Ministry, pioneered by Mark Marx in N Ireland, is currently being done in 7 centres in Birmingham and over 80 across the U.K.

The **Healing on the Streets** model is a simple but beautiful way to reach out to the lost and hurting.

It enables you to connect with your community, powerfully expressing God's love.

We simply invite people to sit on chairs so we can pray for them.

Thousands in Birmingham have been prayed since we began about three years ago.

(This is the same date as the training for City Pastor's but the leaders of both feel that it would be too much for individuals to do Hots & City Pastors, so we are praying that God will guide those interested to the right one for them!)

**Friday:** from 7.00pm registration at St Martin in the Bullring

**Saturday:** from 9.00am coffee, 9.30am start with 'Putting it into Practice' outside St Martins and the Cathedral in the afternoon.

Cost £7. Application form and further information can be accessed at [www.riverside-church.org.uk](http://www.riverside-church.org.uk) -> Community -> Healing on the Streets Prayer or email [Healing@riverside-church.org.uk](mailto:Healing@riverside-church.org.uk)

## One Million Acts of Kindness 1MAK

Following on from the Redeeming our Communities Birmingham event at the NIA on 16th November 2010, at Easter a new initiative was launched called:

### **1 MILLION ACTS OF KINDNESS BIRMINGHAM – 1MAK Birmingham**

Its aim is to share, map and inspire people and community groups with the great stories and acts of kindness that are happening right across our city. 1MAK Birmingham will run initially from Easter 2011 to Easter 2012. This will be a year when we hope people will continue to be inspired to make a difference in their neighbourhoods right across Birmingham.

**You can get involved by visiting the website, logging your act of kindness, reading what others are doing across the city and send news about 1MAK to your. MAKE AN IMPACT ACROSS THE WHOLE CITY!!!**

Visit the 1MAK Birmingham website at [www.1makbirmingham.co.uk](http://www.1makbirmingham.co.uk)

SIGN UP and start logging your acts of kindness. Let the movement gather pace!

## Project Earth

**Project Earth** is a new initiative that has grown out of conversations between faith communities across the West Midlands, about how to enable individuals and groups to respond positively to the challenges of climate change and sustainability.

EARTH is an acronym for **Environment and Religions Transformation Hub**.

The key idea is the setting up of an interactive website that would enable faith communities to connect with each other to provide advice, support and training on practical issues related to sustainability and climate change, as well as the theological context.

A steering group composed of representatives from different faith communities has been set up and they have appointed two consultants, Jackie Zammit and Andrew Simons, to carry out a feasibility study across the region.

Over the next six months Jackie and Andrew will be **visiting individuals and groups across the region** to gather responses to the various aspects of the proposal. This includes the idea of setting up a database of volunteer advisers – individuals willing to offer their skills in support of other places of worship in addressing environmental challenges – assessing training needs and opportunities and exploring the idea of an interfaith award scheme for 'greening your place of worship'.

As well as interviewing individuals from a variety of faith and interfaith communities and groups, we are **devising an online survey** to help widen the range of responses, we will also be **organising a number of focus groups** at venues across the West Midlands with a view to ensuring we get a good representation from the different faiths and parts of the region.

If you would like to find out more about the feasibility study and how to take part please contact:

**Andrew Simons** - [andrew.simons@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:andrew.simons@blueyonder.co.uk) (Tel: 0121 515 1995)  
or **Jackie Zammit** - [jackiezammit2@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:jackiezammit2@yahoo.co.uk) (Tel: 07557 358990)

## Special Dates

Thursday 2 June	National Day of Prayer for Police	<a href="http://www.coact.org.uk">www.coact.org.uk</a>
Sunday 5 June	Disability Sunday	<a href="http://www.throughtheroof.org">www.throughtheroof.org</a>
	Environment Sunday	<a href="http://www.arocha.org.uk">www.arocha.org.uk</a> & <a href="http://www.christian-ecology.org.uk">www.christian-ecology.org.uk</a>
11 – 19 June	Green Transport Week	<a href="http://www.eta.co.uk">www.eta.co.uk</a>
13 - 19 June	National Carers' Week	<a href="http://www.carersweek.org">www.carersweek.org</a>
17 - 19 June	Nationwide Quiet Weekend	<a href="http://www.retreats.org.uk">www.retreats.org.uk</a>
20 to 26 June	Refugee Week	<a href="http://www.refugeeweek.org.uk">www.refugeeweek.org.uk</a>
Sunday 26 June	International Day in Support of Victims of Torture	<a href="http://www.un.org/events/torture/">www.un.org/events/torture/</a> & <a href="http://www.torturecare.org.uk">www.torturecare.org.uk</a>
Sunday 10 July	Sea Sunday	<a href="http://www.missiontoseafarers.org">www.missiontoseafarers.org</a> & <a href="http://www.seasunday.org">www.seasunday.org</a>
Tuesday 23 August	Slavery Memorial Day (International Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition)	<a href="http://www.antislavery.org">www.antislavery.org</a>
1 September – 4 October	Creation Time 2011	<a href="http://www.ctbi.org.uk">www.ctbi.org.uk</a> ; & <a href="http://www.ecen.org">www.ecen.org</a>
11 Sunday September	Racial Justice Sunday	<a href="http://www.ctbi.org.uk">www.ctbi.org.uk</a>

## Birmingham Churches Together: Restore



# 'Who is fleeing persecution & seeking sanctuary?'

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

### *AFTERNOON COURSE*

**Wednesdays 8, 15 and 22 June**

2.00 - 4.00pm

at St John's Church, Vivian Road entrance, Harborne, B17 9PT

### *EVENING COURSE*

**Thursdays 30 June, 7 and 14 July 2011**

7.30 - 9.30pm

at St George's Community Hub, Great Hampton Row, Newtown, B19 3JG

Further details are available from Jeremy Thompson (Restore Befriending Co-ordinator)  
0121 236 0069 or [befriend@restore-uk.org](mailto:befriend@restore-uk.org)

## Restore's Annual Meeting and 12th Birthday Celebration

**7.30 - 9.30pm Monday 6 June**

Birmingham Central Baptist Church

Ellen Street, Hockley/Springhill, Birmingham, B18 7LF

Our guest speaker will be the Rt Revd David Urquhart, Bishop of Birmingham.  
There will be input on Restore's work during 2010 and cakes and refreshments.

All are welcome at this celebration!

Further details are available from Restore – 0121 236 0069 or [info@restore-uk.org](mailto:info@restore-uk.org)

## Celebrating Sanctuary - Refugee Week

Festival events with refugee contributions include:

**18 June:** 11am - 4pm in the Symphony Hall foyers –

'Songs of Sanctuary' featuring refugee artists and school performances

**25 June,** all day at the MAC (Cannon Hill Park) - workshops, activities & music

Projects, like Restore, welcoming refugees to the city would value your support at these fun days!

# Birmingham Churches Together: Training



## Families Learning for Life in Nechells and Saltley



Local parents arrived at the gates of Heartlands Academy on the first Wednesday in May eager to sign up for the new course which will improve their English and help them support their child's education. They were welcomed by Rachel Buckingham (Community Director at the Academy), Susan Musyoka (BCT Training's Specialist ESOL Tutor) and a team of volunteers.

They had the special privilege of being amongst the first students to use the new sixth form building. Claudette Byfield, a local resident and one of the volunteers, reported that the first session went very well, the local community are very aware of our classes running in the area so the information is being spread effectively.

Ruth Mwarage, Manager of the St Joseph's Birinus Project, also did her bit to ensure that the new Parent and Child Language Group at Bloomsbury Library got off to a flying start. Megan Soar (BCT Training's Specialist Family Learning Tutor) is working in partnership with Ruth and the group to develop a programme that will benefit both the parents and their young children.

Now that the elections are over Megan will also be developing similar activities on Thursdays using the excellent facilities provided by Noran Flynn (The Education Action Zone Director) and her staff at the POD which is the community base for the partnership which draws together schools, voluntary and statutory organisations to provide advice and guidance and learning opportunities for families within Nechells.



With the support of the parish priest, Fr Kelly, and the Rosary parish, Saltley Maryam House is fast becoming the hub and heart of the Family Learning for Life Project in that area. Courses as described above are being held on Tuesdays in the House as well as in the Rosary School, Adderley Children's Centre and Wyndcliffe School. Shabeela Rahman supports the tutors, volunteers and the parents.

This centre has already provided a refuge for one young wife who was made homeless during her pregnancy and now has to fend for herself and small child without the confidence to communicate in English. "Learning for Life" literally means that for this lady and many others like her who are find their way to our Project.

We are grateful to the Big Lottery for making this work possible and for all those organisations and individuals who support us in so many ways.

**Diane Lamb: Project Co-ordinator**  
Email: [familieslearning4life@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:familieslearning4life@yahoo.co.uk)  
Tel: 0121 236 0026

# Gospelwave

## AN ANNUAL FAMILY FUN DAY & GOSPEL FESTIVAL - ADMISSION IS FREE

*An opportunity to bring communities and other agencies together in a cohesive way,  
enabling people to find out more about the community services available to them.*



### SATURDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2011

12.00 Noon til 7.00 PM

**HANDSWORTH PARK, BIRMINGHAM B20 2BY – HOLLY ROAD ENTRANCE**

#### **ENTERTAINMENT INCLUDES:**

Gospel artists from Afro Caribbean, Asian and European backgrounds, Marching Bands

Fairground rides, bouncy castles and trampolines, face painting and lots of puppets!!!

Charity stalls and local arts and crafts

Food and Refreshments on sale in abundance.

A 5-a-side football tournament for children and young teenagers organised by Faith and Football.

#### **THE AIM OF THE EVENT:**

- ◆ To serve to enhance the family unit and to bring the gospel of Jesus Christ to the community though arts, drama, singing, dancing and the word of God.
- ◆ To offer people who want to seek God the opportunity to meet with people and to take time to talk and share God's word as well as having a fantastic day out.

The day is presented by Perry Beeches Baptist Church and various multi-cultural Churches across the Handsworth District supported by services such as West Midlands Fire Service, Birmingham City Mission and various local and national charities.

All aspects of the Community get involved both to enjoy a fun day together and also to provide valuable information on the services and support they offer.

After the great success of last year, GospelWave 2011 promises another action packed day full of family fun and entertainment. Come and join us.....

**For further information please contact Claire Mutter 07834 800433 or Julie Mason 0781 6607483**

## Events in Date order

You are invited to  
**The Quiet Garden Movement  
Annual Gathering 2011**

at Polesworth Abbey, nr Tamworth, Warwickshire on

**Saturday 4th June 2011**

**10am for 10.30 start - 4pm**

Soil, Soul and Society.

Experiences of building community and inner transformation through working land by Chris Sunderland of Earth Abbey. An opportunity to hear from Philip Roderick, Director of the Movement and Quiet Gardeners from a variety of settings

Meet staff and trustees. Review the past, envision the future  
Time for discussion and stillness

Please bring a packed lunch. Drinks will be provided  
Cost £10 Pre-booking is essential

For booking form contact: The Quiet Garden Trust,  
Kerridge House 42 Woodside Close,  
Amersham, HP6 5EF Tel: 01494 434873  
email: [info@quietgarden.org](mailto:info@quietgarden.org)  
[www.quietgarden.org](http://www.quietgarden.org)



## The Big Lunch

is a one day get-together for neighbours across the UK.

This year it's **Sunday 5th June 2011**

The Big Lunch is a very simple idea: the aim is to get as many of the 61 million people in the UK as possible to join their neighbours for a few hours of community, friendship and fun on Sunday 5th June.

It's an Eden Project initiative funded by the Big Lottery Fund and supported by MasterCard® and EDF Energy.

Call The Big Lunch team on 0845 850 8181  
to register your lunch over the phone.

For all Supporter enquiries please contact:  
[kate.groves@thebiglunch.com](mailto:kate.groves@thebiglunch.com) or call 0207 255 6455  
For ideas, inspiration and information to plan an event  
go to: [www.thebiglunch.com](http://www.thebiglunch.com)

## OPEN GARDENS - Nether Whitacre Saturday 11th & Sunday 12th June

Gardens open from 1pm—6pm

Proceeds shared between the Methodist Church  
and St. Giles, Nether Whitacre

Tickets: £3.00 for adults—Children free  
Refreshments available. Car Parking at B46 2EH

## Christian Music Ministries (CMM)

CMM Choir presents **Two Sisters and a Funeral**  
a brand new musical by Roger Jones

**Sunday 5th June, 6.30pm**

Holy Trinity, West Bromwich

**Saturday 11th June, 7.30pm**

St Thomas' Church, Garretts Green

**Sunday 12th June, 6.30pm**

Woodside Avenue Methodist, Coventry

**Sunday 19th June, 6.30pm**

St. Germain's Church, Edgbaston

Free entry (voluntary donation welcome)

**Sunday 26th June, 6.30pm**

Renewal service Christ Church, Burney Lane,  
Ward End, B8 2AS. Speaker: Bishop Michael Whinney

## The Lamb – a Cantata by Beresford King-Smith Saturday 18th June

Come and learn the work in a day  
from 10am at Wylde Green United Reformed Church.

Singers (SATB) and string players are welcome.  
Choir costs £10 including a choral score, and string players £5.  
Audience £5 tickets for the performance at 6pm.

For more formation and a booking form  
contact Christian Music Ministries on 01527 576 440  
or email [ents@cmm.org.uk](mailto:ents@cmm.org.uk)

## 'Reshaping work'

Work is changing. The government want to see a shift from public to private sector employment but it is not clear what that will mean in practice. Some public sector roles already have private sector counterparts but others do not.

There is the political question of what is best delivered by the state but also the immediate practical question of where new jobs will come from for the 1 million unemployed 19 – 25 year olds and for people across the age groups facing redundancy.

Meanwhile those in work are operating in a new environment. As teams shrink there is more responsibility, less security with time limited contracts and at times a sense that work is never ending.

These issues matter to Christians. They impact the lives and well being of the individuals and communities we're called to love and serve and they affect us personally.

## Churches and Industry Group



CIGB' AGM on  
**Tuesday June 7th**

Jerry Blackett, Chamber CEO

& the Rt. Revd. David Urquhart, Bishop of Birmingham  
Will be addressing these issues from their different perspectives. How is the local economy performing? Can the Local Economic Partnership fulfil the aim of fuller employment?  
How do new employment patterns affect people?

**The meeting will be at Anthony Collins Solicitors,  
134 Edmund Street B3 2ES**

**AGM 6.15 p.m. Speakers at 7 pm**

All are welcome - To book a place  
contact [cigbadmin@birmingham.anglican.org](mailto:cigbadmin@birmingham.anglican.org)

## Events in Date order

### Birmingham Prayer Breakfast

We are delighted to invite you to the fifth annual Birmingham Prayer Breakfast being held in the Banqueting Suite, Council House

**Friday 10th June starting at 7.00am.**

The meeting this year will be considering how we can shape the future of Birmingham in these uncertain times.

Speakers will include  
Rt. Revd. David Urquhart, Bishop of Birmingham,  
Chair of the Be Birmingham Summit

& Councillor Timothy Huxtable,  
Cabinet Member Birmingham City Council responsible for Transport,  
Environment and Regeneration.

There will be an opportunity to network before breakfast which will be served at 7.15am, talks and prayer will start at 8am and the meeting will conclude by 8.50am.

To book your place please email [chris.dinsdale@chaplaincyplus.org.uk](mailto:chris.dinsdale@chaplaincyplus.org.uk)  
places are £20 per person and cheques should be made payable to ChaplaincyPlus.



We hope you will be able to join us.

### PLAY AND Pray with Clay

A MEDITATION ON CREATION



**Saturday 18 June 10.30am – 3.30pm**

at Warley Woods Methodist Church, Bearwood,  
Smethwick B67 5LS

NO ARTISTIC SKILLS REQUIRED

Further details and booking form from:  
Sr. Morag Gardham, La Retraite, 12 Clifford Road,  
Bearwood, Smethwick B67 5HJ  
0121 434 5184  
[mfgardham@talktalk.net](mailto:mfgardham@talktalk.net)

### A Barn Dance

at St Martins in the Bull Ring

**7.30 - 10.30pm, Friday 24th June**

dancing in the aisles to CAT'S WHISKERS  
and professional caller, BARBARA DUNN.

A social event for fellowship and to raise funds  
for our pastoral support network at  
St. Martin's Church, Edgbaston Street, Birmingham. B5 5BB.

Tickets cost £7.50 each including a fish and chip supper  
(£6.00 for 16's and under).  
Vegetarian option (request when buying tickets).

Information from the Parish Office, St. Martin's Church  
on 0121-600 6020 or [office@bullring.org](mailto:office@bullring.org) or [www.bullring.org](http://www.bullring.org)

### Past for the Present: History as a Resource for Contemporary Mission and Ministry

Do you ever feel the history of your congregation or local community is a burden? Does it need to be this way? Are you interested in how story and history might be an inspiration for contemporary challenges?

A one-day conference on  
**Monday 13 June 2011,**  
10.30-3.45pm,

at the Queen's Foundation for Ecumenical  
Theological Education, Edgbaston, Birmingham.

The day will include a strong practical dimension, including introducing the idea of 'history audits' to help churches understand and engage with their contexts – as well as wider reflection on the possibilities and challenges of history as a resource for the contemporary church.

co-organised by  
St Peter's Saltley Trust - [www.saltleytrust.org.uk](http://www.saltleytrust.org.uk)  
& Building on History  
(<http://www.open.ac.uk/Arts/building-on-history-project>),

Cost: £15 per person (to include hot lunch).  
To book, contact St Peter's Saltley Trust (0121) 427 6800, email:  
[hannah.matthews@saltleytrust.org.uk](mailto:hannah.matthews@saltleytrust.org.uk).

Download more details and a booking form from:  
[www.saltleytrust.org.uk](http://www.saltleytrust.org.uk).

Booking deadline: 31st May 2011.

### Woodbrooke Garden Open Day Sunday 19th June

2.30pm till 5.30pm.

Entrance: £3 for adults and £1.50 for children

Enjoy a fun, inspirational, fascinating and relaxing summer afternoon with all the family in 10 acres of organically-managed gardens and woodland at Woodbrooke Quaker Study Centre.

Our focus this year will be on organic gardening and sustainability and on how small changes can make a big difference.

Come and listen to talks from local groups including the Northfield Ecocentre. Woodbrooke's gardener Steve Lock and his talented team of volunteers will be sharing the secrets of organic gardening with inspirational ideas everyone can take away and try at home.

Some of Birmingham's most talented eco-crafters will be giving demonstrations and selling their creations in our craft tents.

All this along with cream teas on the lawn, children's activities and rowing on the lake means there is something for all the family to enjoy.

We are easily accessible by public transport  
Free parking is also available. Just turn up on the day!  
To find out more, please call us on 0121 472 5171 or  
visit our website [www.woodbrooke.org.uk](http://www.woodbrooke.org.uk)

## Events in Date Order

### Time to Listen, Space to Grow: a retreat - Friday 24 – Sunday 26 June

The valuing of each individual's spiritual journey is at the heart of this weekend. Participants will have the opportunity to affirm and widen their own distinctive experiences. Topics will include: Listening, Praying/Dialogue, Human Being/Spiritual Being.

We will use silence, different kinds of 'prayer' (in its broadest sense) and the Quaker method of 'creative listening' with thought-provoking questions.

Rather than learning through formal teaching, participants will be encouraged to ponder their spiritual journey in small, facilitated groups.

Your Guides: **Frances Henley Lock** a spiritual director, counsellor and retreat facilitator, she has worked with Friends for many years

**Mary Watson** a Roman Catholic, experienced spiritual director and facilitator of weekend retreats with Friends and others.

Price: £184 en-suite / £174 standard room including accommodation, all meals and the course itself.

To find out more or to book, please call us on 0121 472 5171 or contact us by email on [enquiries@woodbrooke.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@woodbrooke.org.uk)

You can also book online at [www.woodbrooke.org.uk](http://www.woodbrooke.org.uk) We look forward to welcoming you to Woodbrooke.

### An innovative African Caribbean Mental Health Community Care initiative

#### Improving Carer's Lives Carer's Support Evenings



**Purpose of the evenings:** Information sharing among carers, Ensure carers know their rights  
Give practical support, Provide access to the necessary services

Everyday, another six thousand people take on a caring responsibility.  
Carers provide unpaid care by looking after an ill, frail or disabled family member, friend or partner

**3 Meetings at 7:30pm** Friday, June 24th; Friday, September 30th; Friday, December 2nd

All are welcomed to a warm, relaxed and friendly evening

**Venue: The Good Neighbour Centre, 47 George Street, Balsall Heath, Birmingham, England B12 9RG**

Tel: 0121 440 754 Email: [thegoodneighbourcentre@live.co.uk](mailto:thegoodneighbourcentre@live.co.uk)

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#### Drumhead Church Service with the Band of the Royal Marines Armed Forces Day

**Saturday 25th June 2011**

11.45am Centenary Square Birmingham

in front of the Rep Theatre

Come and say, "Thank you" to our Armed Forces. Thank God for them. Pray for them.

A 25 minute worship service at an "altar" of drums of the Royal Marines with the Lord Mayor and Admiral of the Fleet or equivalent, led by service chaplains and St Martin's Church with about 160 service veterans, serving sailors, soldiers and airmen and cadets. We want a good turnout from Birmingham Churches so the troops feel properly thanked.

Birmingham City Council has afternoon events

in Chamberlain and Victoria Squares including the Royal Marines Band.

Details: Rev Dr Dick Rodgers 0121 476 0789 07730 677511

[dick@rodgers.org.uk](mailto:dick@rodgers.org.uk)

#### Disabled Christians Fellowship

You are invited to the meetings of a vibrant group of the Disabled Christians Fellowship, Hay Mills/Yardley  
All ages and abilities are welcome

10.30am at Hay Mills Congregational Church Waterloo Road  
B25 8LD (Opposite Boots Optician Car Park)

**Saturday 16th July & Saturday 1st October**

We would love you to join us.

For further information please ring 01214442213 or go to  
[www.throughtheroof.org](http://www.throughtheroof.org)  
for more information on  
Disabled Christians Fellowship



DCF is a venture of Waterloo Road Chapel  
& Hay Mills Congregational Church  
and part of Through the Roof (Registered Charity 1087788)  
Tel: 01372 749955

### Making Connections - Exploring Diaconal Ministry

**8 and 9 September 2011 at St John's College, Durham**

A unique two-day conference bringing an exciting opportunity to explore historical and contemporary diaconal ministry with an excellent range of international and ecumenical speakers, including:

Dr Paula Gooder, Dr John N Collins, Revd Dr Maurice Staton, Revd Canon Professor Paul Avis and Deacon Eunice Attwood.

**Conference Costs:** Thanks to sponsorship by the Methodist Church, Wesley Study Centre and Methodist Diaconal Order, the cost of the conference will be: £29.00 Full Conference Fee (Thursday and Friday) £15.00 One Day Only (Thursday or Friday)  
£28.00 Bed and Breakfast (per person per night). £17.50 Evening Meal (Thursday)

Please return the booking form complete with payment to: Mrs Penny Bissell, Wesley Study Centre, 3 South Bailey, Durham DH1 3RJ

Tel: 0191 334 3850 Email: [p.a.bissell@durham.ac.uk](mailto:p.a.bissell@durham.ac.uk)

Booking forms can be downloaded from the Wesley Study Centre website: [www.dur.ac.uk/wsc.online](http://www.dur.ac.uk/wsc.online)

# Counselling

## Shalom Consultancy

is pleased to announce this exciting opportunity to help equip your Church Pastoral team or for members who see themselves helping others informally in their daily relationships desiring to learn more about pastoral care generally.

The Pastoral Care Foundation Course will enable participants to develop their understanding of Pastoral care from a Christian perspective and to become more effective in relating to and caring for the people in the communities around them.

The course is designed to reach across the breadth of pastoral care and recognises the value of collective wisdom to which we can all contribute and from which we can all gain" ACC

This 40 hour training course comprises of: 23 hours of Tutor led group sessions  
17 hours of personal reflection work supported by the course tutor.

**Course commences on the 29th June 2011  
at the New Jerusalem Apostolic Church in Aston,**

**Course registration evening  
and closing date of 25th May at 6.30pm.**

The cost of the course is £135.00 per participant and covers materials, room hire, refreshments, facilitation and Attendance Certificate!

A condition of acceptance, is a letter of endorsement to any church member who applies for a place (form in application pack).

Contact Shalom Consultancy on Tel: (0121) 354 9955 -  
Mob: 07951 125908  
or email: [info@shalomconsultancy.com](mailto:info@shalomconsultancy.com)  
[www.shalomconsultancy.com](http://www.shalomconsultancy.com)

## (Christian) COUNSELLING COURSES

### - ABC AWARDS

- Levels 2 Counselling Concepts
- Level 3 Certificate in Counselling Skills &
- Level 4 Diploma in Therapeutic Counselling

Courses are designed to aid churches in their work supporting and facilitating individuals when most vulnerable.

**APPLY NOW FOR SEPTEMBER START!!**

Venue: **Birmingham Christian Centre**  
Parade, Birmingham B1 3QQ

If you would like any further information  
& application form

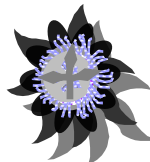
contact the BCC office: 0121 236 2997  
or email: [admin@birminghamcc.co.uk](mailto:admin@birminghamcc.co.uk)  
Web: [www.birminghamcc.co.uk](http://www.birminghamcc.co.uk)

## Welcome to Bethel Counselling Service!

"Balance, harmony and wholeness in self, relationships and community"

We provide a confidential counselling service – if you have experienced trauma, abuse, stress, domestic violence, coping with a crisis, struggling to make sense of what you are going through, difficulty in relationships etc.

We provide a safe, confidential space where you are accepted, listened to and encouraged to examine your issues and feelings. Our service is to help you produce positive change in your life! We offer counselling and/or prayer support for anyone over 16, of any faith or of none.



Need more information?

Call our Hotline to speak to  
our Counselling Co-ordinator  
0774-255-7074 –

or send us an email:

[counseling@bethelnetwork.org.uk](mailto:counseling@bethelnetwork.org.uk)

## BETHEL HEALTH & HEALING NETWORK

Registered Charity No: 1116225

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Membership No: AF 287

Registered Office: Azadi House, 56 Grantham Road,  
Sparkbrook, Birmingham B11 1LX

## Birmingham Forum for Spiritual Directors

Following the success of earlier courses,  
we are offering a course in Spiritual Direction

### Aims of the course

To encourage giftedness and offer practical training in the skills of spiritual direction. This involves: Broadening your understanding of the Christian tradition of prayer and laying a solid foundation for the practice of spiritual direction.

### Who is it for?

The course is open to Christians of any denomination (ordained and lay). Those seeking a place should

Be people who find others turn naturally to them.

Be mature, knowledgeable and stable in their Christian faith.

Already have, or be prepared to have, a spiritual guide.

### When and where?

Course runs from **September 2011 till December 2012**,  
and consists of 18 Tuesday meetings,  
in four terms, from 10 am till 3.30 pm

Venue: St Luke's Church Centre, Great Colmore Street,  
Lee Bank, Birmingham B16 2AT.

Cost: £450 for the 18 sessions. (£150 for the first term,  
£100 per term thereafter).

Details are available from: Revd John Austen  
email: [john@jausten.freeserve.co.uk](mailto:john@jausten.freeserve.co.uk) - Tel: 0121 554 8882

## Workplace Chaplaincy

### Listening skills for Workplace Chaplains

**A Listening Skills course designed for workplace chaplains with trainer Sally Derry.**

This course is for those who are already part of a chaplaincy team and those who are interested in becoming a chaplain.



Tuesday 5th July from 10.00am—3.00pm

A light lunch will be provided



Venue for both courses: Church House, 175 Harborne Park Road, Birmingham B17 0BH  
For information please email [cigbadmin@birmingham.anglican.org](mailto:cigbadmin@birmingham.anglican.org) or telephone 0121 426 0425

### Introduction to workplace chaplaincy

**Why is work important?**

**Pastoral issues in a work context. Talking ethics.**

**How does chaplaincy work in practice?**

This short course is for anyone interested in workplace chaplaincy for themselves or as they develop the ministry of others.



Wednesdays 2.00 – 4.00 p.m.

14th September – 12th October 2010

## Courses



### foundations

**TAKE TIME OUT FROM YOUR BUSY SCHEDULE TO LAY THE FOUNDATIONS OF A MARRIAGE WHICH WILL LAST A LIFE-TIME**

**SIGN UP NOW!**

**Starts Autumn 2011  
@ Sutton Coldfield Baptist Church  
Book early as places are limited**

- a five session course set in a delightful candlelit atmosphere
- drinks and a delicious dessert at a table for two
- practical talks that are informative and fun
- no group work
- stories of real situations from actual couples
- learn how to understand each other's -  
needs, ways of communication,  
love languages and much, much more!

Tel: 378 1422 email: [rob-pam@foundations-westmidlands.org.uk](mailto:rob-pam@foundations-westmidlands.org.uk)

An invitation to prepare for Advent and Christmas

### **Ignatian retreat-in-daily-life**

Saturday October 15th until Saturday December 3rd

Venue for the opening and closing of the retreat is **St. Mary's Church Vivian Road Harborne B17.**

This kind of retreat which is individually given asks the retreatants (also known as pilgrims) to pray privately each day for whatever period of time they can manage. One a week for the six weeks each retreatant meets with a trained prayer-guide/listener and the conversation focuses on the pilgrim's felt experience both during prayer and afterwards.

The retreat has its foundations in the Spiritual Exercises of Ignatius of Loyola and is Scripture-based and Christ-centred. The prayer-guide/listener does not advise, persuade, judge, approve or disapprove of the pilgrim. Instead the emphasis is on discovering God within and in all things.

Prayer-guides are mostly lay people of different Christian denominations and the retreats are Ecumenical.

For further information please contact Mary Sambrook on [mary@newbrigg.co.uk](mailto:mary@newbrigg.co.uk) or ring 0121 429 5835

## Waterloo - for people with Learning Disabilities

### **WATERLOO** for People with Learning Disabilities

Waterloo provides learning disabled people with training and work experience to prepare clients for paid employment by helping them to build their confidence, practical & life skills. Waterloo is a social enterprise manufacturing high quality public area benches and outdoor timber products and services such as fencing at a competitive price.

For more information or a brochure call 0121 770 7555 or email: [info@waterloowoodwork.co.uk](mailto:info@waterloowoodwork.co.uk)  
[www.waterloowoodwork.co.uk](http://www.waterloowoodwork.co.uk)

## Special Events



May – September 2011

### 150th Celebrations at St Mary's Selly Oak

St Mary's was consecrated as a Church by Bishop Philpott of Worcester on the 12th September 1861

**Saturday 21st May** The Arcadians' Concert in St Mary's Church at 7.30pm

Refreshments after the concert (no interval) Tickets £2 on the door, in church, or from Anne 476 3117

**Sunday 19th June** Victorian Sunday with a Garden Party in the Vicarage

beginning between 2.30 and 3.00pm followed by Choral Evensong with a Victorian flavour

**Sunday 10th July** Church Fete with sports on Sunday afternoon

**Festival Weekend, 10th-11th September** Flower Festival

Sunday 11 September FESTIVAL EVENSONG at 6.30pm, preacher: Rt Revd David Urquhart Bishop of Birmingham

Visit [www.stmarysellyoak.org.uk](http://www.stmarysellyoak.org.uk) for more information

### Events at Barnes Close



#### Summer Reflection Days:

An opportunity to open the bible, to be still and to let God speak to you.

**May 11th, June 8th, July 6th** Wednesdays 10.00am to 4.00pm. Cost £13 per person per day

**Youth Peace Camp:** (11-16 year olds) Fun, activities, challenges & learning

Monday 25th to Thursday 28th July Cost £60 (2nd child in family £50)

**Kids for Peace** (7-11 year olds) Fun, craft activities, excitement & learning Monday

1st to Wednesday 3rd August Cost £50 (2nd child in family £42)

**Time Away:** A leisurely holiday week, with one full day trip to a place of interest.

Wednesday 17th to Monday 22nd August Cost £200 (waged), £160 (unwaged)

For further information: [www.cfbarnesclose.co.uk](http://www.cfbarnesclose.co.uk) email: [cfrenquiry@aol.com](mailto:cfrenquiry@aol.com) Tel: 01562 710231

### Special services at St Philip's Birmingham Cathedral

**Ascension Day: – 2nd June** 7.30am Morning Prayer and

Holy Communion and 7.30pm Choral Eucharist with incense. Preacher: the Archdeacon of Aston

**Corpus Christi – 23rd June:** 7.30pm Morning Prayer and Holy Communion

7.30pm Choral Eucharist with incense. Preacher: the Revd Mark Pryce

### Calling church and school choirs within the boundaries of the Diocese of Birmingham

To mark the 400th anniversary of the King James Bible, Birmingham Cathedral and Diocese are to be the recipients of an exciting Choral Commission based on the Prologue of St John's Gospel (KJV).

The composer is Alexander Campkin, a rising star in the world of choral music. This is part of the Diocesan "Transforming Church Initiative". The commission includes a variety of short pieces based on part of the text which could be used as introits or anthems, Gospel responses and an organ gospel recession as well as a 15 minute piece using the full text and scored for full orchestra, chamber orchestra or organ.

The composer will be leading workshop for church and school choirs in Birmingham Cathedral on **Saturday 19th November at 2.30pm** culminating with short service including some of the music at 5pm.

We hope that the cost of the workshop will be minimal (or even free!). The music should be available in the early autumn for choirs to preview. Plans are afoot for the orchestral version of the commission to be premiered in the Cathedral in late November and the shorter pieces will be included in Christmas worship at Birmingham Cathedral and churches throughout the Diocese.

For more information (including a short video) please visit [www.birminghamcathedral.com](http://www.birminghamcathedral.com)  
If you wish to be kept informed about this developing project or book places for the workshop please contact: the Revd Canon Janet Chapman, Canon Liturgist at Birmingham Cathedral  
0121 262 1840 or [canonliturgist@birminghamcathedral.com](mailto:canonliturgist@birminghamcathedral.com)

## Sutton Coldfield

### Churches Together in Central Sutton Coldfield

Prayer Breakfasts (7.30 for 7.45 am)

**Saturday 4th June** when the speaker will be Brother Robert Hugh SSF (Revd P.H. King-Smith) talking about 'Prayer and Vocation' particularly from aspect of being called to be an Anglican Franciscan friar when already an Anglican priest.

**Saturday 22nd October** when Mike Reynolds' subject will be 'Breakthrough' - talking about ministry to the deaf.

Costs remain at £3 for a continental breakfast and the venue is  
Trinity Centre, Church Hill, off Mill Street, Sutton Coldfield B72 1TF

People are asked to book in advance by phone:

0121-355 5018 or email [cantabile@freeola.com](mailto:cantabile@freeola.com) to assist with catering arrangements.

## Do you recycle your paper?



All the paper and cardboard collected  
by Birmingham City Council and Smurfit Kappa is recycled locally



This paper is then made into new paper to be used for making new cardboard boxes and other packaging.

Smurfit Kappa Recycling employs 110 people in its mill in Nechells.

There has been a mill on site for nearly 150 years so by recycling your paper and card you are also keeping a local legacy alive.

**There is a free service for places of worship and community groups in Birmingham.**

Tamara Bolger can visit your place of worship or group, discuss your practical needs,  
provide outside recycling bins, arrange collections and offer advice and information.

To contact her telephone 0121 303 7565 or email [tamara.bolger@birmingham.gov.uk](mailto:tamara.bolger@birmingham.gov.uk)

## Fair Trade Shop: free or fair

In the last issue of BEN, our advertisement was inadvertently headed "FREE TRADE SHOP" instead of "FAIR TRADE SHOP".

True to our Christian foundations we, of course, forgive you! However the distinction is a crucial one and frequently misunderstood. The article from Traidcraft, reprinted below, says it better than we could:

It's Fairtrade Fortnight and Professor Booth of the Institute of Economic Affairs says in the Daily Telegraph that fair trade is not fair. Let's make this short. He's right; it's not - but then it was never intended to be. As one of the founders of the movement, for **Traidcraft**, with its Christian basis, fair trade has always been preferential trade or trade biased towards the poor. It has always been a response to the command to give more, go further than is demanded of us (Matthew 5). But that is no more disingenuous than the claims made for "free" trade - which of course isn't free at all but hedged about with protective devices such as subsidies, tariffs and quotas which typically build and protect the markets of the rich and powerful while exposing those of weaker, less developed nations.

**At Traidcraft**, we believe the former is the correct response. Professor Booth is entitled to his opinion but with the UK fair trade market now bigger than ever (£1 billion and growing) increasing numbers of UK consumers see it our way. As a tool for positive economic development in the international trading system fair trade is dynamic and evolving. Each year more farmers become certified and more product sectors are opened up to fair trade - and that offers new challenges and new opportunities. **Traidcraft** will persist in its pioneering role of extending the scope of fair trade and widening the opportunity for more people and communities to flourish.

and .... Carrs Lane Fair Trade Shop continues its City Centre ministry

to bring fairly traded foods and crafts from producers in developing countries to the people of Birmingham

**open Tuesday through to Friday 10.30-2.30**

0121 643 6151 email [fair-trade@carrslane.co.uk](mailto:fair-trade@carrslane.co.uk) & [www.carrslane.co.uk](http://www.carrslane.co.uk)

## Vacancies and Volunteering...

### Birmingham Churches Together Training

BCT TRAINING

Urgently requires a reliable volunteer who can use their talents and skills to enable the work of the Management Committee.

During this time of transition we are relying on the Big Society to come to our aid as we continue to put our resources at the front line, working with the poor and vulnerable members of our community, whilst making stringent cuts to the machinery that keeps us going. We are embarking on an exciting new project which will provide Family Learning for Life Centres in Nechells and Salfley. Thanks to the Big Lottery we have the funding to work with local schools, children's centres and other organisations to raise the confidence, skills and knowledge of parents/carers from disadvantaged minority ethnic communities with significant English Language needs.

If you think you can help us then please send us an email telling us about yourself and how your experience will enable you to fulfil this Role.  
Email: [training@birminghamchurches.org.uk](mailto:training@birminghamchurches.org.uk) by 31st May.

**Role:** To facilitate the efficient administration of BCT Training Management Committee

**Role title:** Volunteer to provide administration support for BCT Training Management Committee.

Working hours: as and when required (Management meetings usually 4 times a year).

Accountable to: The Chair of BCT Training Management Committee.

Period of office: Initially for a period of one year and this appointment may be renewed following a review.

### Shirley Baptist Church

Passion for God, Compassion for People

Are you looking for an amazing way to grow, be trained in Christian discipleship and contribute to the life of the church?

**A year's internship** will challenge you and deepen your walk with God as well as giving you exciting opportunities for Christian service.

**What does the year involve?** We are looking for an enthusiastic volunteer to come alongside the senior minister, youth minister and student children's and family worker to share in a range of ministry opportunities, but focussing especially on the church's youth work. The year will also include the opportunity for in depth Bible study and regular involvement in the church's discipleship group programme. It is expected that there will also be the opportunity for some part time casual work for a maximum of 16 hours a week.

The project will run from **September 2011 to July 2012** with 2 week breaks for Christmas and Easter.

**What does the church provide?** We will offer accommodation in the home of one of our congregation if needed, and will cover expenses. There will be a weekly programme with opportunities for supervision and regular mentoring.

**Who are we looking for?** We need someone with enthusiasm and commitment, and a willingness to learn and to try out new challenges. We are looking for a high level of Christian commitment and a total sympathy with Baptist principles. We expect that those who work with us will go on to use the experiences they have gained in other forms of Christian service. All applicants need to be 18 or over, and will need to have an enhanced CRB check.

**Interested in knowing more?**

Contact us straight away for an initial conversation and application form. Here are the details:

Rev Paul Campion Shirley Baptist Church, Stratford Road, Shirley, Solihull, B90 3EH

0121 744 2588 m. 07988 893307 [paul@shirleybaptist.org.uk](mailto:paul@shirleybaptist.org.uk)

## Other

### Wonderful Tour To The Holy Land

Led by Rev. Tom Maginley

**Sunday June 17 to Sunday June 24, 2012**

Cost: £1385.00 .

The week spent in Israel will provide each pilgrim with times of prayer and meditation. The Bible will come alive as we visit sites associated with the Life of Christ.

For details, contact: Rev. Tom Maginley,  
57 St. Peter's Road, Handsworth B20 3RP

### Church Premises for Sale

Small church premises available for purchase in  
Hall Green, Birmingham.

Viewing available by appointment.

For further information please contact  
Hillary Brayshaw, 0121 523 5629 or  
email: [centralregionadmin@googlemail.com](mailto:centralregionadmin@googlemail.com)

**Late Addition: Birmingham CMS Association Buffet Supper, Tuesday 28 June, 7pm**

St Stephen's Church, Serpentine Road, Selly Park, Birmingham, B29 7HU. Speakers: Tanas Alqassis & Bishop Maurice Sinclair

Contact: Ian Knowles, Deeside, Rising Lane, Lapworth, SOLIHULL B94 6JE, 01564 782493, [LESLEYKNWLS@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:LESLEYKNWLS@yahoo.co.uk)

# BCT has launched its new website [www.birminghamchurches.org.uk](http://www.birminghamchurches.org.uk)

After two years of preparation, Birmingham Churches Together has launched a new colourful and vibrant website. With a clear and easy to read menu bar for quick navigation, it offers you new opportunities to share and keep up to date with the latest news stories and information of events.

In addition to news and events:

## Our Newsletter

Sign up for our regular news and information bulletin. Simply go to Our Newsletter page and enter your email address to keep up to date with the latest from across Birmingham and Solihull.

## Church Finder

On our Church Finder page, find your place of worship from our post code map

Complete your entry by sending the following information to [enquiries@birminghamchurches.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@birminghamchurches.org.uk)

- 1) Name of Church
- 2) Tradition of Church
- 3) Address of Church
- 4) Name of a contact person & Role
- 5) Contact phone no & email
- 6) Church Website address and
- 7) a description of your Church up to 50 words

## Local Groups

Go to the local group page, explore the drop down bars and find churches belonging to your local Churches Together group

## Birmingham Ecumenical News (BEN)

**BEN (Birmingham ecumenical news)** is the quarterly publication of Birmingham Churches Together. The contents of BEN do not necessarily reflect the considered views of the BCT Trustees or its member churches. BCT reserves the right to edit and format news articles/events/information for inclusion in BEN.

**Deadline for September to November 2011 edition:**

**5pm Sunday 7th August 2011**

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BCT seeks to encourage greater cooperation between Christian churches across Birmingham and Solihull