

A Monthly Digest of Ecumenical News and Views

From Churches Together in Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire

For October 2009

Autumn events are really getting under way now – check some of them out below.

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LEPs and Charity Registration

You may well know already that single congregation LEPs with an annual turnover of more than £100,000 will be required to adopt a new constitution which includes the appointment of charity trustees. CTE also ask that all new LEPs and others changing their constitution also adopt this form. (More details can be obtained from me or from your denomination's ecumenical officer.)

Training event for LEPs about Charity Registration will take place on **12th October** at Methodist Central Hall Manchester, and on **11th November** at Bloomsbury Baptist Church, 235 Shaftesbury Avenue, London WC2H 8EP.

For details of both events please go to [http://www.churches-together.net/Articles/163911/Churches Together in/Local Ecumenism/Where it all/Local Partnerships/Day event new.aspx](http://www.churches-together.net/Articles/163911/Churches_Together_in/Local_Ecumenism/Where_it_all/Local_Partnerships/Day_event_new.aspx)

It would be helpful for Church Officers from LEPs which are affected to attend one of these days.

A booking form for these events can be found at [http://www.churches-together.net/Articles/163911/Churches Together in/Local Ecumenism/Where it all/Local Partnerships/Day event new.aspx](http://www.churches-together.net/Articles/163911/Churches_Together_in/Local_Ecumenism/Where_it_all/Local_Partnerships/Day_event_new.aspx)

NB: you can be dispensed from charity registration if an unexpected legacy takes you above £100,000. It might also be worth noting that LEPs with a regular income of £90,000 or more can also get ahead of the game and register now.

The expert on everything about charity registration is Jean Hayes who can be e-mailed at hayesi@property.methodist.org.uk -- her advice, by the way, is that even if you can negotiate the constitution without help, attending one of these day events will be well worth the investment in time, for you and for the LEPs concerned.

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Derbyshire Churches – Church of North India Partnership

We have received an email from the Rt. Rev. P.K. Samantaroy, the Bishop of Amritsar, asking if there is a church or group of churches that would be interested in twinning with his diocese. There are a number of links between churches in Derbyshire towns and different dioceses in the CNI. Some are from an individual church and some are through Churches Together groups. You can see more on the Partnership website, <http://www.northindia-derbyshirechurches-partnership.org.uk/>.

If you are interested please contact John Hurfurt on 01335 342859 or email jandehurfurt@supanet.com

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The Week of Prayer for World Peace 2009

The Week of Prayer for World Peace – you can download material from

<http://nfpb.gn.apc.org/Prayer/order09.html>

“Each year the second full week in October is designated as a Week of Prayer for World Peace. This week usually leads into One World Week. A committee in Britain representing the major world faiths produces a collection of prayers as well as schools material to help adults and children pray for peace during this week. In the words of the committee's first chairman, Dr Edward Carpenter, former Dean of Westminster, 'the peace of the world needs to be prayed for by the faiths of the world'. Our desire for peace has never been greater following a century of more wars than ever before in history. What follows is an outline for collective worship that could be used during this special week.”

Martyn Payne

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One World Week: The 'Ubuntu' Project

'Ubuntu' is an ancient Bantu (Zulu) word which acknowledges the oneness of humanity and the need for 'active togetherness'. This is the focus of a new three year project.

One World Week was founded in 1978 on the belief that any understanding of the richness of humanity must start from a reflection upon our own beliefs and traditions. When we begin to compare our own values to those of others, we find that there is common ground. Global concerns of alleviating poverty and striving for environmental justice permeate the conscience of all major world religions. In coming together with people of other faiths to discuss shared ideas, we are able to learn more about ourselves, about others within our community, and about our world.

Working with Islamic Relief, Muslim Aid, members of the Inter Faith Network and other NGOs, the aim is to encourage the Muslim community to become more involved in One World Week activities, with the intention of reaching out to other faith communities in the future. Existing volunteers are also encouraged to engage in interfaith events on the theme of international development. Of course, with shared beliefs between faith groups come differences. One World Week appreciates the challenge of participating in interfaith events, and urges rising to the challenge; interfaith events are about maintaining your beliefs, whilst sharing with others the values most precious to you.

A celebration of One World Week through a single faith event is welcome too, especially to raise awareness of a specific issue. For example, you could relate the themes of environmental damage, fair trade and climate change to Islamic or Christian principles.

One World Week 2009 is between 18 -25 October. This year's theme is "Hungry for One World". What can you do to alleviate the hunger in our world? Plan and hold an event to:

- Raise awareness about what's going on in the world, both on your own doorstep and further away.
- Take action to change the cause of injustice, poverty and degradation.
- Celebrate the good things about being part of one diverse, yet interconnected world.

Be part of the transformation. For more information, resources and ideas go to www.oneworldweek.org

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The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2010

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2010 resource 'You are Witnesses' may be ordered from:

Norwich Books and Music, St Mary's Works, St Mary's Plain, Norwich NR3 3BH
 Tel: 01603 612914
 Fax: 01603 624483
 Email: orders@norwichbooksandmusic.co.uk
 Downloadables and web orders from www.ctbi.org.uk/weekofprayer

English Pamphlets are £1.00
 Larger print English Pamphlets are £1.00
 Prayer cards are £1.00 for 10
 A3 Posters (pack of 2) are £1.50
 There is £1 handling charge for orders under £10 and
 £2.50 handling charge for orders between £10 and £50
 Free postage or orders over £50

Some information about the resource

- We are organising the Week of Prayer Service for my church/churches together group. How should we use the resource?

If you are the preacher or worship leader you will probably need additional copies of some items – enough pamphlets for those who will attend the ecumenical service, plus additional ones for those who may pray at home or in church during the 'eight days' (18 – 25 January) of the Week of Prayer.

The material can be adapted for local use – and to help with this the worship and resources are made available in electronic form via the CTBI website

www.ctbi.org.uk/weekofprayer which should enable editing and adaptation.

Bear in mind also that material from previous years is also available on the website should you wish to make use of this.

Additional Resources

From August 2009 the CTBI website will have ideas and resources to help you mark the Week of Prayer and lead worship during it. These will include prayers of intercession, suggestions for hymns, chants or songs as well as background information about the service. You will find the resources at

www.ctbi.org.uk/weekofprayer

Encouraging uptake of WPCU

You may need to order pamphlets and prayer cards for the congregation to use during the main ecumenical service, at home, in church or in prayer groups on other days.

Pamphlets contain:

- Outlines for eight days of daily prayer and Bible readings
- A single ecumenical order of service which you may hold during the week – on Sunday – or on a weekday or evening during the week.
- Other ways to observe the Week of Prayer

CTBI hope that local churches will be creative in the ways they mark the Week of Prayer and they would be glad to hear of what has been tried, what works and what doesn't! Sometimes a pilgrimage around the churches is organised – on each day of the eight days in a different church, following the daily Bible readings. This permits each church to worship in its own style and offer hospitality to others. Some people organise daily prayers in their place of work. Church schools may put on services and events.

This year's theme

This year's material is based on that prepared for the work church by a group from ACTS (Scottish Churches working together). 1910 was the Edinburgh Mission Conference and there are a number of events taking place during the year to mark the centenary of this important milestone in the history of the ecumenical movement. (further details can be found at www.edinburgh2010.org The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2010 reflects the themes of Christian unity and mission.

The aims of WPCU are:

- To Pray as Christ prayed "That they may be one"
- To Pray for the unity of all Christian people as we share in Christ's ministry

The Week of Prayer offers opportunities to meet and pray with fellow-Christians of different denominations in your locality. Often ne local initiatives emerge out of such meeting and praying together.

All-age Material

All-age material for the Week of Prayer will be available from ROOTS, the worship and learning resource. See their website www.rootsontheweb.com

Advertising events

Posters may be ordered with the leaflets to help promote your event. Additional information could be added to the bottom or side of the poster. You may also use the images from the booklet on your own church website.

Dates of Events

Most places observe the 'Week' in January (18th to 25th – the octave of St Peter and St Paul) others at Pentecost (which calls on 23 May in 2010). Locally, you may make your own decision. To allow for variation, the material only has the year on it and the days are denoted by numbers – one to eight. The resource material may be used at any time in the year.

Reconcile Your People

"Then Jesus opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations: You are witnesses of these things'" (Luke 24.45-48)

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News from the Joint Public Issues Team

(Baptist, Methodists and URC Churches working together)

DATES AND EVENTS

4 October – Disability Sunday. A pack of resources has been prepared to help churches mark this special Sunday. To download a copy, go to:
<http://www.throughtheroof.org/2007/07/23/disability-sunday>

4 October – Churches Together plan climate prayer day The Environmental Issues Network of Churches Together in Britain and Ireland (CTBI) is calling on Christians to pray for the earth on 4 October in advance of the United Nations summit on climate change in December.

18 October – Healthcare Sunday. A number of resources are available to help mark this day, including service suggestions. Go to:
<http://www.healthcaresunday.org.uk/resources/resources.html>

18-25 October – One World Week. The theme for this year is 'Hungry for One World'. Resources are available to help churches mark the week. Go to:
<http://www.oneworldweek.org/>

15-21 November – Interfaith Week. This week seeks to promote good inter faith relations, highlight the contribution of faiths to building community, and increase understanding between faiths and wider society. For more information, go to:
<http://www.interfaithweek.org/>

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**The Visit of the Relics of St. Therese of Lisieux
At St. Barnabas Cathedral, Nottingham
5th to 6th October 2009**

Over the last 15 years the casket containing the earthly remains of St. Thérèse of Lisieux has visited 40 countries in all five continents and is a frequent presence at significant events in Rome and elsewhere. Wherever her relics have gone, millions of people have prayed beside them and experienced many graces of healing, conversion and vocation.

For more details:

Tel 0115 9539839 ext 7

Email: stbarnabas@tiscali.co.uk

Web: www.stbarnabasnottingham.org.uk

**City of Sanctuary: Nottingham – a Place of Refuge
Wednesday 7th October 2009**

For many years Nottingham has been home to people whose lives were in danger in their own countries. Many have lost their homes and families, but they have brought new skills, music, food and hard work to build up the city.

Individuals and groups can help to make Nottingham proud to be a place of safety. CoS hold concerts, talks and workshops which bring local people and refugees together. They also keep supporters in touch with local refugee events and opportunities. Supporters for other Cities of Sanctuary include businesses, social clubs, universities, schools, colleges and charities. Join them and you could make a world of difference.

Launch event: 11am-1pm,

The Vine Community Centre, Bobbers Mill Road, Hyson Green.

The event is free, but please register before the day by emailing

Nottingham@cityofsanctuary.org

Sound and Worship training

Saturday October 24th.

[B&H Sound](#) in association with [Musicademy](#), are providing a day's training for musicians, technicians, vocalists and leadership team members **at Holy Trinity Southwell on Saturday 24th October**. The day starts with worship led by *Musicademy* followed by a range of practical seminars and hands-on workshops on a range of technical, worship, and vocal topics. Only £10 per delegate. [More details...](#)

email: install@bhsyscom.co.uk

web: www.bhsyscom.co.uk

World Mental Health Day

10 October 2009

How is your mental health? Are you feeling bright and upbeat, stressed or a little depressed? World Mental Health day gives us a really good opportunity to touch base with our own mental health and to consider the wider issues and implications for society. Sometimes we are in a good state of mental health and at others times it can

become quite poor through stress, overwork, pressures and expectations from within and from external sources. Difficulties with personal relationships and family circumstances may lead to anxiety and depression; experiencing bereavement leaves us vulnerable to potential deterioration in our mental health and some of us may become ill.

Here is a prayer which you may like to pray on World Mental Health Day:
Lord Jesus Christ, who for the love of our souls entered the deep darkness of the cross: we pray that your love may surround all who are in the darkness of great mental distress and who find it difficult to pray for themselves. May they know that darkness and light are both alike to you and that you have promised never to fail them or forsake them. We ask it for your name's sake. Amen

Rev'd Geraldine Pond

Money Advice Day

17th October

Enabling churches to support and help those facing financial problems. Organised by the East Midlands Baptist Association, @ Sawley Baptist Church, Long Eaton. See www.baptist.org.uk/training_events/other.html

Bible Sunday 2009

25 October 2009 – or the date that suits you best

Discover the riches of the Bible and get to know God better and live his way.

Simply decide when to hold your Bible Sunday and which items to choose

Register for your free resources. <http://www.biblesunday.org/home.php>

Choose from these resources:

- Create an engaging worship service that best suits your church's need – from all-age to traditional. Just register and choose the ones that suit you best ...
- Time-saving **talk outline** – including background to Isaiah 55.1–11 and extra angles for small group discussion
- Focus on the Bible Sunday theme and this year's Migrant's Appeal with our **prayers**
- Add variety to your service – order a **drama sketch**
- Get the little ones involved with imaginative and interactive ideas – order our **children's activities**
- Engage young people with our hands-on **youth programme** created specifically for young people
- Highlight Bible Sunday in your church and beyond with our **posters** and supporting materials

World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims

Sunday 15 November 2009

Last year another 2,538 people were killed and over 26,000 reported seriously injured in road crashes on Britain's roads. This is a tragedy that shatters lives and families, and knows no religious or ethnic boundaries.

For 17 years now, **RoadPeace**, the national charity supporting bereaved and injured road victims, has promoted this annual day of remembrance on the third Sunday in November and many acts of remembrance now take place throughout the United Kingdom. In 2005, the United Nations formally adopted the World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims and it is now commemorated around the world on the third Sunday in November.

They ask you to bring this day to the attention of your community, some of whom will already know the trauma of losing a loved one or caring for an injured relative because of a road crash. We ask everyone to join together with us on this day in prayer, to remember those lost, to support the injured and their carers, to give thanks for the emergency services and to pray for an end to this needless loss of life.

This year we are expecting more events and more publicity due to the first ever Global Ministerial Conference on road safety, which will be held in Moscow just three days after the World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims. With road crashes predicted to become the fifth leading cause of death by 2030, there is a call for a Decade of Action, similar to that organised for other leading causes of death and disability.

RoadPeace can offer you an article for publication in your newsletter, a copy of a service or a booklet of prayers and poems. This year they have also produced a briefing on Global-Road Deaths, summarising the projections and impact of road crashes by region. Any of these can be sent out by post or by email.

If you would like more information about this Day of Remembrance and events that will take place, contact them at www.roadpeace.org

Events at the Derby Multi-Faith Centre

Monday 16th November, 10am-4pm

One Day Inter Faith Conference

Building a Society for the Future:

Bridges and Bonds in the East Midlands

There will be three speakers in the morning session: lunch will be followed by four workshops and a concluding plenary session.

£10.00 including lunch, refreshments and a copy of the Religions in the UK Directory.

Wednesday 18th November, 6.30-9.15pm

Right to live – right to die

Three experts will address this subject from three distinct perspectives, with time allowed for discussion by all.

Pre-booking is essential for all of these events – please contact mfc@derby.ac.uk or ring 01332 591285

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Christian Aid update

Poverty Over Event.

Did you see the billboards around the county in July? Christian Aid believes that poverty can and must be swiftly ended and want you to help us make that happen. Want to find out more, then book your place for **Poverty Over: transforming lives.**

This inspiring and informative event will take place on **Saturday 3rd October** from 9:30-11:30am at **Ashbourne** Town Hall, DE6 1ES and includes breakfast.

We are also holding a Poverty Over event at The Crossing (LEP), **Worksop** on Thursday 1st October from 7:30 to 9:30pm. Places are free, but booking is essential. Please book your place by ringing 01530 417522, e-mailing ashby@christian-aid.org or writing to Christian Aid, 70 – 72 Market Street, Ashby de la Zouch, Leicestershire, LE651AN.

Please do advertise this event widely among your church and encourage people to come along.

The Wave!

On **Saturday 5 December 2009**, ahead of the crucial UN climate summit in Copenhagen, tens of thousands of people will flow through the streets of London to demonstrate their support for a safe climate future for all. 'The Wave' is organised by the Stop Climate Chaos Coalition.

Come and join The Wave as we make the final call for climate justice.

The day begins at 11:00 with The Wave:Time to Pray ecumenical service in Westminster Central Hall, with the Archbishop of Canterbury. At 3pm we will be encircling Parliament creating a wave of blue.

For more information about the event, please email campaigns@christian-aid.org or visit the Christian Aid website: www.christianaid.org.uk/actnow.

Coaches will be going from Matlock and Derby to London: contact Keith Burchell 01332 381611 for tickets.

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Business Alpha Nottingham

This year's [Business Alpha Nottingham](#) course starts at 1.00pm on Friday 2nd October. It runs over 9 Friday lunchtimes 1.00 - 1.55pm with light refreshments

Dates: Fridays 2 Oct - 4 Dec

Venue: The Council House, Market Square, Nottingham

Cost: donations towards food costs are welcomed

Speakers include:

- Radio Nottingham's Frances Finn
- Author and motivational speaker Rob Brown
- Former French Foreign Legion paratrooper Alasdair Kay
- Chief Inspector Matt McFarlane from Nottinghamshire Police

The course is free, each session lasts 55 minutes which includes a 20 minute presentation on an aspect of the Christian faith followed by an opportunity for attendees to discuss, ask questions and share their views.

you may wish to email your name and address to businessalphanottingham@yahoo.co.uk for more information. est wishes

Dewi Hughes
Christians @ Work

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Training Events at St John's College Nottingham

9 – 13 November 09

Ways of Christian Spirituality

For those who want to deepen their own spiritual journey and their ministry to the journey of others, by drawing further on the Christian spiritual heritage.

Canon Dr Christina Baxter and Revd David Runcorn

To book: Academic Administrator at St John's College Nottingham Tel: 0115 9683216 email: academic@stjohns-nottm.ac.uk

4-week Study Units

One-day-a-week course – Tuesday mornings

5 October – 6 November 09*

Biblical Interpretation

Biblical interpretation is at the centre of many current matters of dispute in the church. This unit will look at the various ways in which the Bible has been interpreted down the ages, and at some of the key issues facing us in reading the Bible in the contemporary world.

Dr Ben Fulford and Revd Dr Tim Hull

* Excludes Reading Week 26 - 30 October

To book: Academic Administrator at St John's College Nottingham Tel: 0115 9683216 email: academic@stjohns-nottm.ac.uk

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St John's College, Chilwell Lane, Bramcote, Nottingham NG9 3DS Website: www.stjohns-nottm.ac.uk

You may already be aware of the Engage Course that is run at the Midlands Centre. "ENGAGE" is designed to provide accessible, practical training for those working with

young people and can be completed at Level 2 or with Youth Support Worker Accreditation at Level Three.

St Johns run Engage on six Saturdays each year and are pleased this academic year to also be offering sessions on six Fridays which will be focused specifically for those working with young people in schools. Learners can begin the course with any of the six units. Alternatively, people may access the training days alone without undertaking the assessed course.

Find out about Midlands Centre for Youth Ministry courses! Just go to Youth Ministry Courses <http://www.stjohns-nottm.ac.uk/page/show/58>

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The Derby Diocesan Council for Social Responsibility

Derby CSR also produce a helpful electronic newsletter packed with news of events, conferences and resources. It is suitable for emailing to interested groups and individuals and the current edition deals with a variety of conferences, other training events, funding and resources for social action and concern. If you would like your name on the mailing list, either electronically or by post, please contact the secretary, Rita Brierley. Tel: 01332 388684; email: socialresponsibility@derby.anglican.org; fax: 01332 292969; www.faithinderbyshire.org ; www.derby.anglican.org . There is no charge.

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Glossary of abbreviations used in this and other mailings:

CTE – Churches Together in England – the umbrella body co-ordinating and encouraging inter-church work in England.

See www.churches-together.org.uk

Visit: www.rejesus.co.uk

CTBI – Churches Together in Britain and Ireland www.ctbi.org.uk

CTD – Churches Together in Derbyshire – The County-based body that encourages inter-church work throughout the county of Derbyshire

www.churchestogetherderbyshire.org.uk

CTN - Churches Together in Nottinghamshire – The County-based body that encourages inter-church work throughout the county of Nottinghamshire

www.churchestogethernottinghamshire.org.uk

LEP – Local Ecumenical Partnership – check out

www.churchestogetherderbyshire.org.uk or

www.churchestogethernottinghamshire.org.uk for details of the bodies that fit into these categories

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