

NEWSLETTER No 1

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CHURCHES TOGETHER
IN CHESHIRE



Welcome!

In addition to my e-mail circulations of events and activities of which I have been notified I now plan to circulate a quarterly Newsletter, again with information about Churches Together in Cheshire, the activities of local Churches Together groups and other networks, and details of useful resources, especially coming from Churches Together in England. I will be pleased to receive information that you would like shared by this means. I will be using my current mailing list to distribute the Newsletter electronically, but, if notified, can also send out some paper copies if that is of help. I hope you will find this of interest. You will find my contact details at the end of this Newsletter.

Andrew Taylor

People News

In the past few months there have been a number of changes amongst local Church Leaders, and hence in the trusteeship of Churches Together in Cheshire. In the summer we bade farewell, and wished 'Happy Retirements' to Revd. Howard Sharp, the Moderator of the Mersey Synod of the United Reformed Church, and to Revd. Jim Booth, the Chairman of the Liverpool District of the Methodist Church. They have been succeeded,

respectively, by Revds. Jacky Embery and Sheryl Anderson. In addition Major Adrian Coupe has also joined the Trustees as the representative of the Salvation Army. We welcome them all and pray both for their work within the Trustees and their wider ministries.

Churches Together in England

A number of items and resources have recently been made available for Churches Together in England. These include:

The Churches Together logo for groups to use. It is in two formats and can be used for email signatures websites, brochures, posters, magazines - indeed for a wide variety of uses up to the size of outdoor banners. For all the information about this visit: www.cte.org.uk/logo

The August 2014 edition of CTe-News is an extra as there is a lot of news. It is available from:

www.cte.org.uk/news

A Faith Leaders statement in relation to the Assisted Dying Bill. The statement was published in The Telegraph in July and be found at:

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/politics/10969783/Religious-leaders-unite-to-condemn-assisted-dying-law.html>

Celebrating 50 years of Catholic Ecumenism

West Yorkshire Ecumenical Council is working in partnership with the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales to stage the national celebration of the 50th anniversary of Unitatis Redintegratio, the Vatican II Decree on Ecumenism. On Tuesday 11 November 2014, there will be a service of Ecumenical Vespers at St Anne's Cathedral, Leeds, at 5.30pm. The preacher will be The Most Revd. Sir David Moxon, the Archbishop of Canterbury's representative to the Holy See, and Director of the Anglican Centre in Rome.

Preceding the service, at 2 for 2.30pm, at Wheeler Hall, St Anne's Cathedral, there will be a seminar on Ecumenism: the Past 50 Years and the Next 50 Years.

Cumbria Welfare Reform Commission

The Commission, chaired by the Bishop of Carlisle, the Rt. Revd. James Newcombe, was asked to look at the actual impact of Welfare Reform in Cumbria. This proved to be a fascinating, moving and illuminating exercise. A wide variety of 'providers' and recipients in various locations around the County were interviewed. The Bishop writes: "We hope that our findings and recommendations will be of general use to politicians, civil servants, volunteers and benefit claimants alike. We also believe that, if implemented, those recommendations would ultimately help to save money rather than costing the Exchequer more."

A Summary document and the full report and findings is available on the Cumbria Third Sector Network website:
<http://cumbriacvs.org.uk/giving-you-a-voice/cumbria-third-sector-network/>

**CELEBRATING
50 YEARS OF CATHOLIC ECUMENISM**

*"The restoration of unity among all Christians
is one of the principal concerns of the Second Vatican Council."*

The Second Vatican Council issued *Unitatis Redintegratio*, its Decree on Ecumenism, in November 1964. Fifty years on,

the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales,
with West Yorkshire Ecumenical Council, invite you to

**Ecumenical Vespers
Leeds Cathedral
5.30pm, Tuesday 11th November 2014
Preacher: the Most Revd. Sir David Moxon**
the Archbishop of Canterbury's Representative to the Holy See
and Director of the Anglican Centre in Rome

Immediately preceding Ecumenical Vespers, you are invited to participate in a

**SEMINAR ON ECUMENISM
The last 50 years; the next 50 years**

Contributors include:

the Revd. Dr. David Cornick
General Secretary of Churches Together in England
the Revd. Dr. Cally Hammond
Dean, Gonville & Caius College, Cambridge
the Revd. Ken Howcroft
President of the Methodist Conference, 2014-2015
Professor Paul Murray
ARCIC III Commission; editor, *Receptive Ecumenism and the Call to Catholic Learning*

**2.00 for 2.30pm, Tuesday 11th November 2014
Wheeler Hall, Leeds Cathedral**

The seminar will finish in time to attend Ecumenical Vespers.
Advance booking for the seminar is essential.

To confirm your seminar place email:
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**Cumbria Welfare Reform
Commission 2014**

Report of findings
June 2014

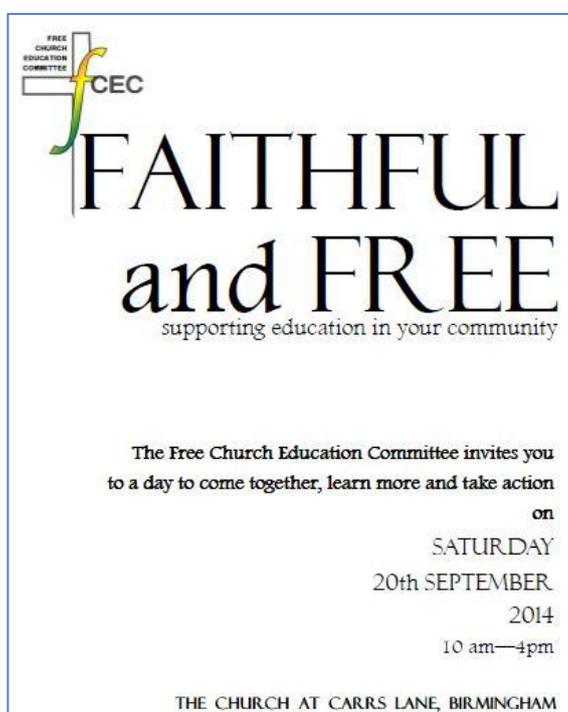

Stuart Rife on behalf of
Cumbria Welfare Commission

Faithful and Free Conference – supporting education in your community

The Free Church Education Committee invite everyone to their day conference.

Saturday 20th September 2014. 10-4pm

The church at Carrs lane, Birmingham
More information, details of workshops and booking through the **Free churches website**



Equality and Human Rights Commission

The EHCR is conducting a survey on the implications of religion and belief within the work place, and have asked that they be told of people's experiences in this matter. You can do this by going to the EHCR website, and the survey can be found by clicking on About Us, Our Work and Key Projects. The experiences of Christians are

being sought as much as those of other faiths.

Agricultural Chaplaincy

The Agricultural Chaplaincy continues to operate under the auspices of Churches Together in Cheshire, and Keith Ineson, the Team Leader of the Chaplaincy has asked that their work be particularly remembered in these coming months when thanksgiving is offered for the harvest. In writing to churches Keith notes that problems in the farming industry continue with the spread of TB getting worse, and in the prices being obtained by farmers for their produce. The Chaplaincy continues to provide spiritual and practical help including charitable aid and various forms of business advice.

The support of the churches is vital to the Chaplaincy's continuing role, both in donations, e.g. from Harvest service collections and in prayer. In addition the support of the agricultural industry has grown and a new scheme, Golden Wheat Sponsors has been launched.

For further details about the work of the Chaplaincy and the new sponsorship scheme please visit their website: www.agchap.uk.co

Dates for your Diary

Notice has been received of the following events which may be of wider interest:

Salt of the Earth Network Meeting

26th November at Trinity Methodist Church, Whitby Road, Ellesmere Port.

‘Mind the Gap – joining the dots between the Faith, Civic and Business Sectors’.

Speaker: Gary Atkins, Senior Pastor at Storehouse Church. To book a place or for more information contact Henry Ratter:
E: ratterh@aol.com T: 01244 380827

‘Through the Gate’- 20th November 2014

9.30am-3pm Thorn Cross YO1, Warrington

A conference aimed at equipping churches as they seek to integrate, care for and support Ex-Offenders.

For more information please visit www.chester.anglican.org/csr or call Hannah Lloyd of the Committee for Social Responsibility on 01928 718834 ext 263. Booking is essential for this event. To book visit:

<https://throughthegate.eventbrite.co.uk>

Side by Side –Marriage

Conference: 26-28 September.

Looking for a marriage made in Heaven?

To register or for more information contact Rosemary on 01606 592482, e-mail:

info@storehousechurch.org.uk or visit:

www.storehousechurch.co.uk

Mid-Cheshire and Chester Prayer Mission

10-14th September

For further information contact Carolyn

Bishop: e-mail: carolynjbishop@gmail.com

Tel: 07934437943 or visit:

www.ukprayermission.org

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

18-25th January 2015

Details of and resources for this week will shortly be available from Churches Together in Great Britain and Ireland. Churches Together in Cheshire will be celebrating the week with a service hosted by the churches of Nantwich at St. Mary’s Parish Church, Nantwich on the afternoon of 25th January. More details will be circulated later.

Notice of other events and activities may be found at:

www.linkup.uk.net

www.arisecheshireeast.org.uk

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