

LOGOS

March 2010



UNITING CHURCHES OF VARIED TRADITIONS, SHARING INFORMATION, ACTION AND PRAYER

A prayer for Churches together in Northampton by
one of our regular supporters.

Divided we fall
For the devil will call.
Together we stand,
Hand holding hand.

We are your church,
For guidance we
search.
We rejoice and annoy,
Some crisis, some joy.

Please, God, look down
On this funny old town,
Its peculiar people,
Meeting house, steeple.

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**ARTICLES FOR INCLUSION IN THE APRIL
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EVENTS FOR INCLUSION MUST BE FOR APRIL ONWARDS

Comment from the Editor--

I recently read a book about the history of growing giant root vegetables. There are apparently many enthusiasts who have an aim in life to produce a twenty foot long carrot or an onion the size of a football.

It is not a worldwide pursuit. Some countries it seems, are just not suitable for growing larger than usual leeks or cabbages. I was a little surprised to learn that it is in the more temperate climates of Canada, Scandinavia and the United Kingdom that prize winning specimens are grown. I gather that the amount of light is more important than the amount of heat and that a mineral rich soil such as is found in volcanic ash or slag heaps is also required. Some of the now defunct coal mining areas of Newcastle and Wales have given rise to garden produce of gigantic proportions.

I sometimes wonder why it is that mega-churches only seem to occur in certain countries. My deliberations may appear to some to be lacking in faith to suggest that the spiritual soil in our country is different to that of America, Brazil or Korea, but it is not the case that I consider it impossible to grow a vigorous, healthy home based church, it is that I do not consider it likely that we shall produce giant ones.

It may therefore be of some concern that many ministers, pastors and church leaders keep looking for models for church growth in the wrong places.

Size is not everything, as anyone who has bitten into a large but totally bland strawberry will testify. Sweetness, succulence, depth of flavour and brightness of colour are attributes of fruit a vegetables that can more than compensate for a lack of giant proportions.

It might be a helpful exercise for us in Northampton to consider the spiritual soil and climate of our town. Where, if anywhere should we look for models of church life and growth? Has our history of being a hotbed of nonconformity had any influence on the fact that we are home to around fifty different denominations? Could it be helpful for us to pool our experience—a sort of Churches Question Time—where such matters as spiritual soil, climate and disease are considered by those who have an accumulation of wisdom and experience. One major difference between us and the vegetable growers is that we are not in competition with each other: there will not be any prize for the best kept church. That being the case, perhaps we could make it our aim to build a model ourselves, one of unity in diversity.

Through the agencies of Churches Together and Faithworks there have been a number of initiatives aimed at helping us to learn together and grow together. That seems to me to be steps in the right direction.

Pentecost 2010



Friday 14th - 23rd May 2010

We have not only the main Hope Northampton team but also another small team of volunteers who are beginning the planning for Pentecost on behalf of the whole Church. Want to get involved – contact us.

This year we are seeking to build on the events of the past three years, especially with the Festival type approach to the Sunday. Last year the weather was great and we had around 1,500 people attend. It is all built upon the prayer beforehand and please, either as an individual or as a church, leave room in your programme to participate.

1. 10 Days of Prayer: Friday 14th – Sunday 23rd May

Prayer during this period will link to wider themes giving a local, national and an international sense of sharing with the Body of Christ as we pray. We want to cover as much of this time in prayer as is possible. Details will be published shortly as to how you can get involved.

2. Faith on the Streets: Friday 21st & Saturday 22nd May

Teams of people will be out on the streets morning and afternoon on both these days to talk and pray with people. Last year Christians from 16 local churches were involved and as a result, 18 people prayed to begin a journey of faith in Jesus Christ; 40 were given a list of churches and 220 questionnaires were completed.

A Training evening will be held at Christchurch, 7pm on Thursday 6th May.

To register your interest and obtain more details contact Colette Barron 07545 249988 or email colette@godsmandate.org

3. Pentecost Festival '10: Noon – 6.00pm Sunday 23rd May

This year we are excited to have Graham Kendrick and his Band with us and a number of senior regional church leaders will also join us.

The programme will start with a Midday Service followed at 2.45pm for the mid-afternoon Global Day of Prayer which links us to the worldwide flow of prayer around the globe on Pentecost Sunday.

Teresa Brown has been able to confirm that several senior church leaders will be joining the celebrations and taking part in the Global Day of Prayer. Amongst those expected are Bishop Frank White, Bishop Peter Doyle, Revd. Terry Oakley, Revd Helen Wordsworth, Revd. Peter Hancock and Major Jonathan Roberts.

During the afternoon a programme of music from local choirs and singing groups reflecting the diversity of the Church, will be held on the Bandstand, and we will conclude with a celebration at 5.00pm.

As last year there will also be a 'village' of gazebos and small marquees with activities of interest for all the family. Books, Crafts, Prayer, Face painting, Juggling, refreshments; Ethnic eats, Climbing wall, the Christian Motorcycle Association and more.

The intention is that the whole event will be informal. People can bring their picnics and chairs, come and go when they need, stay for all or part of the time, enjoy the park and meet Christians from many churches.

Want to get involved? you; your church; choirs and singing groups.

David Wiseman, moderator of Churches Together Northampton has asked that churches of the town be generous in their support of this day

Contact any of the Hope Northampton team:

Lewis Houston ~ Church on the Heath **John Udris** ~ Northampton Cathedral
Paul Lavender ~ Mount Pleasant Baptist Church **David Wiseman** ~ Christ Church
Teresa Brown ~ Shire & Soke **Pam Pitt** ~ Salvation Army
Funmi Oluyede ~ All Nations Fellowship International
Jim Winning ~ Duke Street Evangelical Church **Martin Turnbull** ~ New Pastures Church
Phil Houston ~ NAYC **Glayne Worgan** ~ St Andrew's Methodist **Mary Winchcombe** ~ Kingsthorpe Methodist [Sec]

for general enquiries: Lewis Houston tel:01604 471626; Email: vineyards@ntlworld.com

Faithworks Northampton

Christian Leadership Lunch

12th March, Kings Park

Speaker Debra Green Director: Redeeming our Communities

Debra Green is the founder and Director of City Links and Redeeming our Communities. City Links is a national charity established in 2003 with the aim of promoting partnerships to see community transformation.

In 2004 Redeeming our Communities was launched as an initiative of City Links, seeking to forge stronger working partnerships between Christian groups and statutory bodies such as the Police. As Director of this rapidly growing initiative, Debra has had the opportunity to host city-wide and national events and conferences and has also been given the opportunity to speak at the ACPO conference as well as meeting with political leaders and government officials.

Debra has had two books published. 'City Changing Prayer' was co-written with her husband, Frank, and was released in 2005. this was followed in 2008 by 'Redeeming our Communities; 21st Century Miracles of Social Transformation'

Contact Kings Park: 01604 499699 for more info or to book tickets @£6.

At a recent CHURCHES TOGETHER ENABLING GROUP MEETING there was a discussion regarding working with Faithworks (and others?) to arrange meetings which would explore with predominantly the newer churches (and other faiths?) the subject of "Buildings" (from planning to inhabiting), "Charity Law" (What aspects are particularly relevant to Faith Groups/Churches?). "Child Protection" (What are the minimum requirements and the maximum hope?), "Finance" (What help and advice is available to faith groups?).

Subsequently the Borough Council took the initiative on buildings and there was a meeting on 10th February. D.W. On behalf of CTN & Faithworks welcomed this initiative. It is hoped there can be further collaboration to arrange meetings on other subjects. If you would like more information or have any suggestions, contact david@wiseman50.freeserve.co.uk.

Shire and Soke Vision Day

Teresa Brown advises that after years of weekday afternoon council meetings, instead of these they are having 2 Vision Days, one in Northampton and one in Peterborough, with national and local speakers. The first of these will be held at St. Andrew's Methodist Church, Duston, **Saturday 8th May** from 10am and ending with a buffet lunch. Please note the date and look out for more details

Wanted — **Treasurer** — Churches Together Northampton
 CTN has been without a treasurer for some time and they would be very grateful if churches could make this need known. The post would not be too demanding but it does fulfil an important role within CTN. Any help, suggestions or offers in this respect would be appreciated.
 Contact ted@halesnorthampton.plus.com.

Resources: At a meeting of Churches Together Northampton Glayne Worgan said that Northampton Methodists were looking at their use of resources (people, buildings, money, etc.). If others are doing the same it would be good to talk. The church leaders' meeting was suggested as a first point of referral, but something more localised might be more helpful. Thoughts can be shared with Glayne via: glayne@standrewsmethodist.org.uk

Christian Aid Week

In 2010 this will be 9th — 15th May

Details will be posted on Churches Together Northampton website www.churches-together-northampton.org.uk.

If you are interested in being involved please contact

Hilarytunbridge@aol.com

Every-member ministry Baptist Training Grants

There are a number of opportunities for training on a variety of short courses for members of Baptist Churches. These may be part funded by the Central Baptist Association and any one who is interested should contact them for details Helen.w@centralba.org.uk

Allchurches Trust

[<http://community-mission.org.uk/3MG-3E7K-RCX0V-1XH50-1/c.aspx>] aims to promote the Christian faith by giving grants, normally up to £5,000, to churches of many denominations and church community projects that need to repair or preserve their buildings. Recipients of grants can apply again after two years. Read about churches that have been successful, download an application form <http://community-mission.org.uk/3MG-3E7K-RCX0V-1XH4Z-1/c.aspx>

Youth Workers

Rhoda Lawes, Schools Work Co-ordinator at Northampton Association of Youth Clubs is wanting to encourage greater Co-ordination between different youth activities in the town. Many of you will know Rhoda already, but if you haven't already made contact, do so at Rhoda@actioncentres.co.uk

Northampton Youth Forum now has a page on Facebook in response to requests from young people. This may be of interest to young people (13yrs+) and anyone working with young people.

It includes news from the Forum, details of events/activities coming up (e.g. Outer Space Day, History of the World Event, African Drumming Workshop, skateboarding in Kingsthorpe Feb/March), photos from Money 4 Youth projects and other youth forum activities (e.g. Greek School, Supplementary Schools concert, Diwali, Duston Day in the Park, Carnival) etc. It's only a few days old and the young people on the Youth Forum hope to develop it further.

If you have events happening for young people you may like to be aware or if you know young people who may be interested in joining the Youth Forum or some of its activities in the future this is a good way to show them the kind of things it's been involved in. You can also post messages on it.

The page is called 'Northampton Youth Forum' The link is: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Northampton-United-Kingdom/Northampton-Youth-Forum/322943166387>

Know Your Bible

Transforming women's lives through the power of God's Word

We asked Margaret Kearly, the National administrator of Know Your Bible to explain its ministry for LOGOS. Margaret, who lives in Northampton advised us as follows:

Know your Bible is an evangelical, non-denominational ministry that seeks to encourage women to increase in their knowledge and love for God by getting to know His Word.

Our vision statement is:

To bring women to a personal knowledge of Jesus Christ as Saviour

To deepen and enrich the spiritual lives of women

To equip women for life's challenges so they might be a positive influence in their homes, work and communities

To enable women to play a more effective role in their own churches and in all their service for the Lord

And we offer:

Group Bible study material with in-depth, practical and relevant studies on many of the books of the Bible

Bible Teaching conferences – both day and residential

Quiet Days for reflection and meditation on God's Word

Outreach opportunities:

Know Your Bible is part of the ministry of CWCI International.

CWCI (Christian Women Communicating International) began in Sydney, Australia in 1957 and has become an exciting, growing international ministry bringing spiritual enrichment to women from all walks of life.

Know Your Bible Studies are now translated into more than 70 languages and are being blessed by God in more than 35 countries.

If you would like to know more about Know Your Bible, please visit our website:

www.knowyourbible.org.uk

or contact the National Office: Know Your Bible, PO Box 780, Northampton NN3 3WD Tel 01604 402268.

Copies of our twice yearly newsletter Newslink are also available from the Office.

Know your Bible has a Northampton Team who organise a twice yearly Day Conference of Bible teaching, the next one to be held on

Wednesday 28 April 2010,

from 10.45am – 2.30 pm

at Mount Pleasant Baptist Church, Kettering Road, Northampton.
(Coffee is served from 10.15am) The speaker on this occasion will be

Helen Owens from Australia whose theme will be **The Glory of God.**

All ladies are welcome to join us for a time of rich Bible teaching and fellowship. Please contact Patsy McKenzie for further details of the Northampton events

Tel 01604 414363

Churches' Disability Network

For some time now Churches Together England have been working with Churches for All, a consortium of a number of Christian disability charities, in order to offer support to churches around issues of disability. To learn more about Churches for All please go to: www.churchesforall.org.uk

In addition to this partnership CTE are also seeking to develop a network for those in the denominations and more local church situations who have some responsibility in the area of disability. If this is you, then please sign up on the CTE website (follow the link on the front page). If you know of others, then please pass this information on.

During 2010 we are looking forward to an area and stands at the Christian Resources Exhibition (Esher 11th - 14th May) with focussed seminars. Also, a day conference on 7th October at Friends House, Euston. Some fresh resources for Disability Sunday (first Sunday in June) are to be launched at the next meeting of Church for All on 17th March at the CTE offices.

Peterborough Diocesan Office Newsletter

This may be accessed through the following links:

A4 magazine style DON (recommended for broadband users):

<http://www.peterborough-diocese.org.uk/downloads/donfeb10.pdf>

Text only web page with hyperlinks:

<http://www.peterborough-diocese.org.uk/don.htm>

The present issue has many articles including:

- News of Bishop-elect Donald's consecration**
- Deanery Lent meeting dates and information**
- Church building and churchyard advice**
- Parish returns news and other updates**
- Forthcoming adult education classes**

Good Friday and Easter

IS YOUR CHURCH INVOLVED IN A SHARED CELEBRATION OF EITHER GOOD FRIDAY OR EASTER WITH OTHER CHURCHES?

If it is, *Churches Together in Northampton* would like to publicise these shared celebrations in the April LOGOS (due out last week in March) which goes to almost all churches in Northampton and on our website (which opens up our work to a much wider "audience"). Please let me have details so that I can collate them and pass them on to Joe and Hilary.

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ROCK UK ADVENTURE CENTRES Irthlingborough NEW FOR 2010! Short Mat Bowling

We are pleased to announce that we have a new activity for Frontier Centre from 1st February 2010. Short Mat Bowling is available for local groups to book as well as residential groups already using the centre.

Please call the Centre Office for more details

01933 654 120



Whole person health
care through the
local church

We have an opportunity for a part-time officer to help expand the potential of Parish Nursing as a missional ministry from local churches.

*Midlands based,
20 hours per week.*

*For further details see
"vacancies" at
parishnursing.org.uk*

Grange Park Church Seeks 1st Aid and Food Handling Trainers.

The Church in Grange Park is shortly to launch a new church & community building called the Kairos Centre. Equipped with a Coffee Shop and top quality meeting rooms it will be a resource for the local church and community. Initially we will be staffed by volunteers who we will train and equip. Commercial costs for 1st Aid and Food hygiene courses are quite high – we are looking for qualified trainers to run some courses at less than the commercial rates – can you help? We will supply location etc

Emergency First Aid at Work accredited Course (6hr) – approx. 12 people.

Basic Food Hygiene (3hr) – approx 15

Dates: From 22 March 2010 If you can help or have a suggestion please contact Angie.kennedy@kairoscentre.co.uk phone 0781 6484851

BIBLE SOCIETY

Andrew Behrens is seeking to encourage local churches and individuals to have an involvement with the work of the Bible Society. It is particularly hoped that more young people will respond to this initiative. For more information contact priest@stgregory.org.uk

Prayer and Praise Northampton

There is an interchurch Prayer and Praise meeting held on the first Monday evening of each month.

**The March gathering will be:
Monday 1st March, 7:30pm
The Cathedral of Our Lady and St. Thomas ,
Barrack Road, Northampton.**

For further details contact <p.lightfoot1@ntlworld.com>

NORTHAMPTON CHAMBER CHOIR

Will perform in concert on

**Saturday, March 20th at 7.30pm
in St. Michael's Church, Northampton**

It will feature the première performance of a work written by the choir's conductor, Stephen Lloyd Meakins. This work is a nine movement Requiem for choir and chamber orchestra. Stephen claims that the work could not be described as profound but it is a sincere and spiritual work based on simple and attractive melodies.

The 14 piece orchestra has been built around the Tyburn String Quartet with players from the Royal Academy of Music and includes local musician Charlotte Skinner. The Tyburn Quartet will be returning from playing in Venice the day before this concert and it is therefore by happy coincidence that two works by Venetian composers, Monteverdi's Beatus Vir and the Vivaldi Gloria are included in this programme. The Quartet will also play Schubert's Quartettsatz.

Joining the choir's own soloists will be Deborah Atkinson from Brixworth who sang the soprano solos in the choir's Christmas concert.

For further details contact Tessa Cave: eric:cave@talk21.com

Vulture Funds

Are you aware that there are companies which buy up the debts of third world countries for a fraction of their worth and then sue those countries for the full amount? The British High Court is often the venue where these actions are fought out and through that our country is implicated in these legal but arguably immoral deals. If you would like more information visit [www. Jubileedebtcampaign.org.uk](http://www.Jubileedebtcampaign.org.uk)

Chaplaincy Work— Cynthia Spencer Hospice

Gerard O'Flaherty who came to Northampton last June has issued a report on his work as Chaplaincy Co-ordinator at Cynthia Spencer Hospice. The following is a shortened version of this:

The Chaplaincy Service at Cynthia Spencer Hospice is responsible for the support of the Spiritual, Pastoral, and Religious care of the Patients and their families which use the services of the In Patient, Outpatient & Day-care Units here at the Hospice. We are also responsible for Staff & Volunteer support, and for the development of meaningful collaborative relationships with the faith Communities present in Northampton.

This is a sensitive Patient led task, where it is the chaplain's duty to facilitate the patients, families, and staff in accessing the spiritual care that they need from the sources they desire. It is a privilege to serve in partnership with many of the churches and other faith groups in the town and the communities they care for. We look forward to developing further cooperative relationships in the future.

Since the appointment we have established: Chaplaincy daily ward visitation; Weekly outpatient follow up home visits where requested and appropriate; 24/7 Hospice Chaplaincy Call Out service; and Chaplaincy Team Family Support Service. The Chaplaincy service interrelates and cooperates daily with all the Hospice Service Teams and is part of the Psycho-Social Support Team based at the Hospice. There are now designated monthly interdisciplinary "drop in" counselling & support sessions available for all staff; Spiritually supportive "Away Days" funded and planned for In Patient Unit Staff, and the ongoing development of a managerially approved "Culture of Self Care Program" for all Staff which incorporates spirituality as one of its main philosophical components. We have two consistent times of weekly worship in the Chapel offering a variety of Christian Worship experiences for Staff, Patients, and their Families. The Chapel also hosts a daily time of meditation, prayer, and reflection. We have developed a Chaplaincy Team over the last seven months, which now consists of six people from a variety of representative faith backgrounds for Northampton. The Team Members are serving with the prayer support and blessing of their local faith Communities.

In the next five months we hope to develop a support service for the "Carers" of our "In Unit" and "Outpatient" Patients, and a "Vigiling Ministry" for those who are dying alone.

It is our heartfelt desire that all Churches may experience our Hospice as a welcoming place for their Church Family and a facilitating NHS Community for their specific ministry. Where it is desired, beneficial, and helpful we are willing to introduce the Hospice to local Church bodies or to facilitate exploration of the themes of loss, grief, suffering, death and dying etc, for local church communities.

For more information or a full copy of the report contact Gerard O'Flaherty at Cynthia Spencer

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOUR?

This is a central theme to Christian teaching and Jesus illustrated the cost of this in his parable of the good Samaritan, when religious, cultural and ethnic boundaries needed to be crossed in order to demonstrate the reality of who is our neighbour. Northampton's town centre illustrates these boundaries as the linguistic, cultural and ethnic mix of the town's population is clearly seen and heard.

What part can we play in building community, how can the Christian community demonstrate this love for our neighbours?

I am doing a little project work for the Northampton Inter Faith Forum whose slogan is 'Respect, Understanding and Friendship'. These phrases are vital if we are to retain and maintain the distinctness of our own faith and yet with grace enable conversations with others whose beliefs differ. A government report entitled 'Face to Face and Side by Side' sought to recognise the very real differences in faith whilst acknowledging that as members of the community we have many values and concerns in common. There are many ethical and moral areas where people of faith can find common ground; issues to do with employment, family, health, youth and crime are not limited to a faith, ethnicity or language; they concern people across our town.

This year I am organising some activities that help people move across some of the boundaries without compromising their own faith. With help from NAYC an indoor football tournament is being held at Benham Sports Arena on Saturday March 13th from 3.00 – 6.00pm. Mixed teams of young people [10 – 13 year olds] from the different faith communities are being invited to join together and play for a team that represents their area of town. We are also inviting similar teams from Corby, Kettering and Wellingborough. Any young keen Christian footballers are welcome to contact me ASAP.

On Sunday 4th July from 2.00 – 5.00pm there will be a Family Day in Abington Park when young and old from the different faith communities will enjoy activities common to all – food, games, music, dance etc.

In October there will be an exhibition of Children's Art in the Grosvenor Centre. Here 8 – 11 year olds will display artwork looking at a common theme through the eyes of their faith. Last year's exhibition in the Guildhall had some excellent work from children in the Baha'i, Buddhist, Christian, Hindu, Jewish, Muslim and Sikh community and ended with a Reception attended by the High Sheriff. The Christian community displayed some great items from children in Baptist, URC and Pentecostal churches and this year we look for more. If you have children in this age range in your Sunday School or youth club who would like to contribute, then please let me know.

Lewis Houston, vineyards@ntlworld.com 07762370606

PREPARING FOR A GENERAL ELECTION

There are several items relevant to this theme:

Faith in Politics

An evening to explore how Christians engage in politics

Tuesday 23rd March 7-30pm

New Testament Church of God

Leadership Training Centre

1-3 Horseshoe Street

Northampton NN1 1TB

With Bob Purser - local politics

(Churches Officer for New Communities)

David Landrum – national politics

(Bible Society Parliamentary Officer)

Frank Sudlow – global politics

(Northampton Diocesan Manager – CAFOD)

Chaired by Phyllis Thompson

Education Director - Leadership Training Centre



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Organised by the New Testament Church of God Leadership Centre
with Faithworks Northampton and
Churches Together in Northampton

Contact: David Wiseman 633254 or Phyllis Thompson 824233/8

Material is now available to help churches and Christians in general to prepare for a General Election, when it is called. It can be found at:

www.churcheselection.org.uk

The material includes:

- ◆ Theme papers on a variety of subjects to encourage thought and discussion.
- ◆ Guidelines for local Churches Together Groups thinking of organising hustings meetings.
- ◆ Facility for registering events, which will then be displayed, for information and to avoid duplication.

The themed papers are on the following: Children and Young People, Criminal Justice, Democracy and Accountability, The Economy, Education, Environment, Equality and Diversity, Europe, Faith in Public Life, Global Peace and Security, Health, International Development, Migration and Sanctuary, Poverty and Social Exclusion. Further material is in preparation.

Promise to Vote is a campaign of Premier Christian Media, aimed at countering apathy in engaging in the political process and offering some evidence that Christians care and will express this at the ballot box. The campaign invites you to sign up a Promise to Vote, which will be relayed to No.10 and local MPs. www.promisetovote.com

Northampton Christian Network for Justice and Peace have agreed that they will take responsibility for the Pre-general election hustings to be organised for Northampton North and Northampton South. If you would like to be kept informed or wish to have some involvement contact Aideen Fogarty fristaid.k@btinternet.com

The Christian Alliance Party has been active in Northampton for the past seven years and they hope to field candidates for Daventry, Northampton North, Northampton South and South Northants in the next General Election. If you would like more information contact info@cpanorthampton.org.uk or visit www.cpaparty.org.uk

The University of Northampton
Law Seminar Series

Toby Cadman

Chambers of Anthony Berry QC

“Challenges to National Efforts in the Prosecution of War Crimes: Bosnia and Herzegovina”

Friday 19th March 2010 @ 1pm

HLT 3 Park Campus

For further information e-mail:
Melanie.crofts@northampton.ac.uk or
tel: (01604)-892124

This seminar is open to staff, students and external visitors to the University

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Churches Together Northampton Dates

Dates for 2010 CTN enabling group meetings are as follows:

Wed. Feb 3rd, Tues. April 20th, Thurs. June 24th, Wed. Sept 15th,
Thurs November 25th Plus diary dates for events on March 27th,
May 23rd and September 21st.

The next **FAITHFEST** planning meeting will be on 25th March
at Christ Church, 2 Christchurch Road Northampton NN1 5LL

The meeting will begin at 7.30 p.m. in the church which will be the venue for FAITHFEST this year, so it will be possible to start to envisage the event in situ. The date of FAITHFEST 2010 will be Saturday 18th September. It has been decided that the theme of the evening will relate to International Peace Day (which occurs on 21st September).

For more info contact tedhales@halesnorthampton.plus.com

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Abington Ave URC have a quantity of vinyl covered chrome framed chairs (about 40 with arms & 40 without). If a church or Christian group in the Northampton area would be able to make use of these please phone the church office on 01604 604623 between 9.30am and 12.30pm or outside of this time leave a message on the answer phone.

Back to Church Sunday 2010

A new improved Back to Church Sunday was re-launched to forty representatives of different Churches at Westminster Methodist Central Hall, London. New features designed to make this year's campaign more inviting and user-friendly are:

- ◆ The 2010 invitation-and-prayer card, poster and scripture gift card, tried and tested with real inviters;
- ◆ New ways for your churches to register and receive this year's resources;
- ◆ New plans for nationwide radio advertising; and
- ◆ Back to Church Bingo, a 7 minute myth-busting video, plus a bank of other new films for you to use.

Back to Church Sunday 26th September 2010 is supported by Traidcraft. Catch up at www.backtochurch.co.uk