

LOGOS

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

There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to one hope when you were called— one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

Ephesians 4:4-6

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EVENTS FOR INCLUSION MUST BE FOR AUGUST ONWARDS

Comment from the Editor--

With the advent of the Summer holidays there are generally less items to share in LOGOS and as usual the next issue will cover two months, August and September. One important thing to note is that copy for that issue should be with the editor by

12th July.

Many churches begin to plan for Christmas during September and it would be good if you could keep us informed so that we can include as much information as possible about what is planned.

Do you want to put something in LOGOS?

All churches are welcome to submit items for inclusion in Logos IF those items are of events or information which it is good to share with other people of other churches in Northampton (email to story.joe@gmail.com).

- ◆ If items are maximum one side of A5 that helps.
- ◆ Items for inclusion should normally be with Joe Story (The Editor) before the 16th of the month beforehand.
- ◆ Churches Together will not send out separate emails giving details of individual events - this means people do not receive too many emails.
- ◆ LOGOS is sent in two formats - One is for printing, and we hope all churches print at least a few hard copies. One is for putting on your church website

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Many of you will have heard that **Bishop Frank White**, Bishop of Brixworth in the Diocese of Peterborough, is to move to be Assistant Bishop of Newcastle. Revd Terry Oakley, current Chair of the East Midlands Churches Forum, writes: 'Bishop Frank White served as Chair of the East Midlands Churches Forum from November 2004 until November 2009. He helped to move the Forum on through a period of change in challenging circumstances. He oversaw the move of the office base from Lincoln to Nottingham and the change of staff from an Administrator to an Executive Director. He acted as manager of Revd Tim Clarke, the first Executive Director, and chaired several themed day conferences on issues affecting the Churches in the Region. The exploration of a new form of governance was another major piece of work, and although the proposed Charitable Company (EMBARC) has not yet been formed he laid the foundations for that move when it is appropriate. He liaised with the leaders of East Midlands Development Agency, Government Office East Midlands and other regional bodies, and was a vital link to the Church Leaders of the region. He always brought a positive attitude towards the way the Church engages with the life of the region.'

Faithfest 2010 Planning

Now that Pentecost, General elections and other things are past CTN is turning its attention to the 2010 FAITHFEST event on September 18th. There was one planning meeting in March, but it is now time to pick up the reins again.

There will be a very short meeting on TUESDAY JUNE 29th AT CHRISTCHURCH from 6:00 - 6.50 p.m. to set out the programme of organisation and try to agree key personnel. The meeting will finish by 6.50 so that some members can go on to the Ministers' Forum which meets at 7 p.m. Please do your best to be at the meeting - your contribution will be much appreciated.

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The Mission of Peace - Thinking Global, Acting Local

The recent Edinburgh 2010 gathering, celebrating the centenary of the 1910 World Missionary Conference, brought several hundred prominent world church figures to the UK. A number of those visitors indicated their willingness to speak in other parts of the country. As a result, West Yorkshire Ecumenical Council (WYEC), with other local partners, looked through the Edinburgh attendance list and approached one of the delegates whose CV resonated with local mission concerns. Clive Barrett from WYEC went to the Closing Ceremony and returned to Leeds with Deenabandhu Manchala, an Indian Lutheran who works for the World Council of Churches (WCC) in Geneva.

Deenabandhu's background was in coordinating and reflecting theologically on the WCC's 'Decade to Overcome Violence', which comes to an end next year. He is also working on issues related to churches as 'Just and Inclusive Communities'. In a fascinating meeting in Leeds, Deenabandhu worked with a group of local Christians, exploring issues of faith and violence in the city.

In a world of structural violence, where is power? What part do the churches play in this? What is the relationship between love and power? How did Jesus deal with power, both his own and that of others? What about our own power? As was said at the meeting, "Without a sense of vulnerability, you will never see Christ in the other person". That insight applies to all peacemaking, whether in churches, our local cities or the wider world.

(Extract from Churches together England News)

Church of God of Prophecy (Northampton)

Invites you to join them for their annual worship event:

'Praise in the Park'

On

Sunday, 1st August 2010

12pm – 5pm

Location: Abington Park Bandstands, Abington Park, Northampton

Food & Refreshments available.

Further details: patricia.anglin@o2.co.uk

New Ministers in the Department for Communities and Local Government

The new Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government is Rt. Hon Eric Pickles, Conservative MP for Brentwood and Ongar.

Two CLG Ministers have roles which are likely to have particular relevance to the concerns of faith and inter faith bodies. Greg Clark, Conservative MP for Tunbridge Wells, becomes Minister of State for Decentralisation, Big Society and Planning Policy. Andrew Stunell OBE, Liberal Democrat MP for Hazel Grove, has been appointed as Parliamentary Under Secretary of State with responsibility for community cohesion (including the future of Prevent); race equality; building regulations; Big Society, housing and regeneration.

More details on the new CLG Ministers can be found at:

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/newsroom/articlesandspeeches/>

Cabinet Office and Big Society

The Office of the Third Sector has been renamed the Office of Civil Society and Nick Hurd, Conservative MP for Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner, becomes the Minister for Civil Society, with responsibilities for charities, social enterprises and voluntary organisations.

At <http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/media/407789/building-big-society.pdf> is a document outlining the thinking underlining the Government's 'Big Society' concept which is likely to frame thinking about some important dimensions of engagement with, and by, faith communities. The Cabinet Office will have a particular responsibility for taking this cross-Government programme forward. The press release giving background can be found at:

http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/newsroom/news_releases/2010/100518-news-big-society-launch.aspx

Historic Establishment of New Confraternity

The bishop of Peterborough, the Rt. Rev. Donald Allister will be licensing a new Confraternity on 24th July 2010, the first in the U.K. Since the reformation.

The Fraternity of the Glorious Apostle St. James the greater in Peterborough Diocese is the result of the work and vision of Ian Holdsworth, vicar of St. Marys Far Cotton.

If you would like more details contact Ian by email IanHolworth@aol.com

Grange Park Kairos Centre

After three years of fundraising and delays, Grange Park Church has finally opened its Kairos Centre to the community – by smashing a clock to make its reason for existence more graphic

The building in the new estate's shopping precinct near the M1 on the edge of Northampton was originally earmarked as a library. When that fell through the Anglican-Baptist church plant stepped in with the vision of turning it into a weekday base for the church (which meets in the Community Centre on Sundays) and a resource for the community.

The two-storey Centre houses a multi-purpose meeting space, kitchen, quiet room, lounge, counselling room and the church office. It is planned to open a coffee shop in the lounge for the public, and the rooms will be used by church and community groups. Anglican minister at the church, Revd Charlie Nobbs, told the 50 guests at the opening that taking time to pause is a vital part of life and the Centre aims to give people the opportunity to do that.

Christian Muslim Forum

There was an interesting men's retreat held recently at St. Deiniol's Library in Wales. Tony Aylward, a Baptist has written a report which may be obtained by contacting info@christianmuslimforum.org

Some Dates for your Diary

15th September	CTN Enabling group Meeting
18th September	Faithfest
20th October	Film—The Imam and the Pastor
25th November	CTN Enabling Group Meeting
23rd January 2011	CTN Annual General Meeting
2011	400th Anniversary of King James Bible

New Testament Church of God Leadership Training Centre

Education and Training Events: July 2010

2-3rd July Christian Ethics & Practical Theology

Do enrol/book early to ensure a place via: Michael Bolt,
education@ntcg.org.uk by post or tel. 01604 824233

ROOM HIRE

Our spacious training room seats 50-130 and a smaller recreation room is included in the room hire as a breakout/gathering room.

Projector screens, whiteboards also included.

Rates start from just £75.

Bible Society - Secretary needed

The local 'Action Group' of the Bible Society needs a secretary to organise about five committee meetings a year, usually in the afternoon, and to help arrange four or five 'open' meetings or events to be held at various times. If you love the Scriptures and would like to further the work of the Bible Society in making the Good News available to those who don't have it in their own language, this could be just the opportunity for you.

For further information, or if you would just like to join the group, please contact Keith Davidson on (01604) 845489 or Revd Andrew Behrens on (01604) 713015.



Wonders of Creation - From Galaxies to Microbes

Saturday 17th July - 7:30

Abbey Centre, Overslade Close, East Hunsbury
Northampton NN4 0RZ

Geoff Chapman from Somerset will give an illustrated talk.

There will be an opportunity for questions to the speaker.

Free refreshment during the evening
books and DVDs for sale

CELEBRATE 100 YEARS OF MISSIONARY ENDEAVOUR

All are welcome to a service
looking back over 100 years
offering personal testimony

Providing an opportunity for YOU to invite prayers for how you,
your church, or someone your church supports is involved in Mis-
sion

looking to the future

challenging us all to be involved in the sharing of the Gospel

Sunday evening June 27th 6 p.m.

ALL NATIONS CHURCH, NORTHAMPTON

On the Island at the junction of
Kettering Road and Wellingborough Road near Abington Square
(for map see www.all-nations-fellowship.com)

Light refreshments will be available after the service

EVANGELISM EXPLOSION

AN EXCITING FAITH-SHARING WORKSHOP

10th July 2010 • Mount Pleasant Baptist Church

Although it is every Christian's birthright to lead others to Christ very few Christians in this country have ever had that privilege.

That's not due to a lack of zeal on their part but rather to a lack of appropriate training. Drawing on more than 35 years of experience in the provision of practical personal witness training, Evangelism Explosion (GB) has developed a one-day workshop to enable any local church or Christian organisation to equip their members for effective personal evangelism.

On the 10th July Mount Pleasant Baptist will be providing the venue for one such workshop at and you are warmly invited to join with us for this exciting and practical event.

Participants will not only learn how to use their own experiences to stimulate opportunities for sharing the good news, but will be taught a simple and easy-to-remember way of expressing that good news - clearly

and effectively. They will also learn how to lead an interested enquirer to Christ and to remember the importance of encouraging ongoing discipleship. Most importantly, perhaps, workshop participants will have their passion to reach unsaved family, friends and neighbours rekindled.

The workshop will be lead by Mr Peter Crook from Evangelism Explosion. Peter has been involved in personal evangelism training since 1981, and from 1991 until his retirement in 2006 was the full-time Director of Evangelism Explosion in Great Britain.

The cost for this comprehensive training day is just £10 including workbook.



The Church will provide drinks but participants should bring their own packed lunches. In order that we may provide appropriate facilities, we ask that you **register your intention to attend**.

For more information, directions and to book places, contact:

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Mount Pleasant Baptist Church

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Venue:

Mount Pleasant Baptist Church
147 Kettering Road
Northampton NN1 4BS

Date: Saturday 10th July 2010

Time: 10 am to 4 pm, with a 45 minute lunch break at 12.45.

Central Baptist Association

Singing is good for you !!!!...why not try it on
Saturday evening 2nd October

when you can sing your heart out with a church full of people.
The music will include golden oldies like 'Amazing grace' and 'Abide
with me', sprinkled with a few new good songs to sing in the shower!

Its all free, with an optional offering for charity.

Come and enjoy this opportunity to get your singing voice
out of its box!!!

**The Big Sing in Northamptonshire 2010;
Rockingham Road Baptist Church, Kettering,
Northamptonshire NN16 9JA**

6.30 till 8.pm Saturday 2nd October 2010

Organised by CBA Enabling Northants in association with
Kettering District Fellowship

For more details contact Hannah Smith hannah.sm1th@virgin.net

A Conspiracy of Hope:

Creating the future one mustard seed at a time

A residential event led by Tom and Christine Sine

"If you had faith no larger than a mustard seed, you could tell
this mountain to move from here to there. And it would. Every-
thing would be possible for you." Matthew 17:20, CEV

For the last seven years, Livability's Community Mission team has
hosted an annual residential event for busy Christians involved in
their communities. Our aim is to help you find refreshment and re-
newed passion for your life, work and ministry in this new decade.

Date: Wednesday 27th-Friday 29th October 2010

Time: Start 4pm Wednesday- end 3pm Friday

Venue: Hothorpe Hall, Theddingworth, Leicestershire, LE17 6QX

Further details Jill Clark JClark@liveability.org.uk

Bethany Homestead ~ Pianist Wanted

There is a regular service in the Homestead chapel every
week on Sundays between 2:30 -3:15pm.

The services are conducted by visiting speakers with the sup-
port of visiting pianists.

Bethany would appreciate more pianists being involved,
perhaps on a rota of once every 2-3 months.

If you are able to help please contact Joan Olney- email
joan@jonley.fsnet.co.uk or phone her on 01604 250963

ORGAN AND CELLO IN CONCERT

A programme of light Baroque
and early Classical music for a
summer's evening

Sunday 18th July 7.30pm

St Benedict's Church
West Hunsbury

Tickets (to include refreshments) -
£7 on the door.

All proceeds to be donated to the
Education Fund of the Northampton
and District Organist's Association
Find directions to St Benedicts at:
www.stbenedictsnorthampton.org.uk

NORTHAMPTON PRAISE & PRAYER

www.cpax.org.uk/northampton

DATE: 05 July, 2010
TIME: 19.30 for 19.45
VENUE: **Catholic Cathedral,
Northampton**

For further details contact:

Martin 01604 785984

Or 07725 845352

Gemma 01604518418

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