

# LOGOS

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

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.

Galatians 6:9-10

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**BY 16<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY**

**EVENTS FOR INCLUSION MUST BE FOR MARCH ONWARDS**

## Comment from the Editor--

We have just passed the 10th New Year since the Millennium. That means ten percent of the twenty first century has gone already. I say that neither from a position of hope or despair but simply as an observation of fact that time moves relentlessly on.

During a recent journey in a taxi I had opportunity of a conversation with the driver. I had meticulously planned to be in Hemel Hempstead by 7-50am one Saturday morning, but the bus that would have taken me to the station did not turn up. I returned home and began ringing around taxi firms to find one who had a car available straight away. Within minutes I had ordered one and it arrived. Explaining that I had to catch a train before 7-00am the driver remarked that we had plenty of time and moved off at what appeared to be a slower than necessary pace. We then engaged in conversation and he explained that he did not do 'hurry' any more. His early life has apparently been fast and furious but those days had long since gone. The speed we travelled at reflected his take on life. It was certainly no more than slow and steady and my eyes anxiously watched as the minutes ticked by.

It was then that I realised that we were travelling along what seemed to be a very odd route. Twisting and turning through side streets and back doubles we suddenly arrived at the station with over ten minutes to spare. My own inclination would have been to get on the main roads and drive as fast as possible. Taxi drivers however have what they call 'the knowledge'. This is an intimate understanding, not only of possible routes, but also of traffic lights and the density of other road users at various times of day.

Many of us who read this will have clear objectives relating to tasks and their timings over the coming year. Our inclinations may lead us to go for the obvious main routes and to put our feet down. It may however be worth reflecting on the alternatives. We cannot change the pace of time; it is one of the immovables of life. Knowledge and wisdom (the ability to apply knowledge in the best way) are not such immovables. We can simply plunge forward with time as our governing factor or we can embrace the philosophy of the taxi driver who said that he did not do 'hurry' any more. As it turned out for my journey, 'the knowledge' was more than compensation for speed.

## The Oliver Lyseight Annual Lecture

These lectures seek to engage in reflection on the Pentecostal heritage of the New Testament Church of God and how that affects its theology and missiological focus

**2010 Lecture: Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> February - 12.30pm to 3.30pm at the Leadership Training Centre, 1-3 Horseshoe Street, Northampton, NN1 1TB**

**Challenges of Black Pentecostal Leadership in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century – Pentecostal Hermeneutics. Lecturer: Rev Ruthlyn Bradshaw.**

To register for the 2010 lecture, at £10 per person, please contact the LTC via [education@ntcg.org.uk](mailto:education@ntcg.org.uk) or 01604 824233/8.

### **“Building sustainable new communities in Northamptonshire – maximising the potential of community-led approaches”**

There will be a morning conference on Tuesday February 16th 2010, Sunley Management Centre, University of Northampton Park Campus, 9.30-2.00 (Lunch included)

#### Speakers

- ◆ **Paul Quinn**, WNDC and Northampton Institute for Urban Affairs, *‘Opportunities for Community-led Development in the Growth Agenda for Northamptonshire’*
- ◆ **Neil Stott**, CEO of Keystone Development Trust, Thetford, *‘Learning From the Past? Building community in new towns, growth areas and new communities’*
- ◆ **Jo Gooding**, Housing & Community Land Trust Officer, the Development Trusts Association, *‘Rethinking community involvement in the delivery of housing’*
- ◆ **Charles Couzens**, Executive Director of Ecos Trust and Director of Ecos Homes, Somerset. *‘Developing sustainable housing in mixed-use developments’*

Organised by the Northampton Institute for Urban Affairs and the Development Trusts Association East Midlands. Supported by NEL through the Northamptonshire Community Assets Programme.

**Places limited – booking essential**

**Reply to [Karin.ferngren@northamptonshire.ac.uk](mailto:Karin.ferngren@northamptonshire.ac.uk) 01604 892067**

## Churches Together Northampton—Enabling Group

At the last meeting on 7th January a wide range of issues were covered, most of which are detailed in this LOGOS as separate items. There were a couple of other items noted as follows:

### Churches List

A revised list has been posted on the CTN website. The next revision is due in June.

### Edinburgh 2010

This year is the 100th anniversary of a groundbreaking ecumenical conference in Edinburgh. Visit [www.edinburgh2010.org](http://www.edinburgh2010.org) for details. CTN is considering whether it would be possible for us to do something to mark this event.

**If you would like to know more about CTN or would like to become a member, contact the Secretary Ted Hale [ted@halesnorthampton.plus.com](mailto:ted@halesnorthampton.plus.com)**

## CHRISTIAN HOSPITALITY

Churches Together in Northampton will be inviting people of other faiths and none to a meal. Why? Because some of us believe we should be (at least!) as hospitable to others as they are to us. So often we have experienced a spirit of welcome and generosity at inter faith events which has made us not only feel grateful and privileged, but also humble.

On a number of occasions we have not only been given refreshment, but representatives of a particular faith have also shared with us something of what they believe and what it means to them. That has been helpful.

The meal will be held on March 27th, the Saturday before Palm Sunday and Holy Week; and as well as food and singing, and a warm welcome, there will be brief introductions to The Lord's Prayer, and to the meaning of Good Friday and Easter for Christians.

Because it is our first venture into this kind of thing, it will be a "by invitation" event. Please pray for the event ... and if you would really like to be there, or would like more information, please contact the CTN Secretary, Ted Hale (01604-762305, but numbers are limited).

**Now a Christian** is an e-mail-based programme to help new Christians explore the implications and understand the delights and complexities of what it is to follow Christ. The website backs this up with activities that allow the user to interact with fellow travellers on this journey. It is for people who have made a decision to follow Jesus, even if it is a tentative one and are asking the question: "What next?" It helps those who are taking the first step of a long journey and are looking for a signpost.

**Now a Christian** builds on the successful New to Christianity programme that Church Army ran for nine years as part of Word on the Web. It is the latest of its growing online ministries and combines e-mail with website content. It recognises that not every new Christian is ready to join a group or undertake an Alpha course until they have explored a little more about their new faith for themselves, in a safe and non-threatening way.

There are plenty of courses and resources for people who want to investigate Christianity and the claims made about Jesus Christ. But there is not much to help them with the next step once their journey of faith has started. **Now a Christian** helps people who are embracing a new way of life, but want to think about how that works in practice. See [www.nowachristian.org](http://www.nowachristian.org)

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### **The Passion of Jesus** in Trafalgar Square

On Good Friday, 2nd April, 2010 the first ever performance of the Passion of Jesus will be acted out freely to the public in Trafalgar Square. The play will be acted by an accomplished group of over 100 actors from Wintershall estate in Surrey where the annual event of the "Life of Christ" is performed to thousands together with other plays being the Wintershall Nativity and the Acts of the Apostles. For further details visit [www.wintershall-estates.com](http://www.wintershall-estates.com)

### **Do you know about FISH?**

Andrea and Peter Duncan write

"In order to raise greater awareness of our ministry to international students and share our goals for the next few years, we would really welcome the opportunity to visit your fellowship during the coming months.

It would be appreciated if you could let me know of suitable opportunities to share our vision either with the whole church on a Sunday or mid-week meeting, or alternatively with your Missions Committee on how your church might be involved in this crucial ministry to the world 'on our doorstep'"

Contact them at [andrea.duncan7@ntlworld.com](mailto:andrea.duncan7@ntlworld.com)

**JEFF LUCAS and SALTMINE THEATRE COMPANY  
WILL BE VISITING**

**Christ the King church, Kettering  
On the evening of March 22nd 2010  
Tickets are £7 or concessions £6  
book now via booking hotline  
01384 454808  
or the Saltmine website  
[www.saltmine.org](http://www.saltmine.org)**

The evening will comprise of a blend of chat, comedy, drama and music with the second half focusing on Jeff's book 'Will your Prodigal come Home?'

**MULTIPLY INTERNATIONAL LEADERS CONFERENCE**

**SATURDAY 5TH June 2010 11:00am to 9:30pm**

**Northampton Jesus Centre, Abington Square, Northampton**

The day will consist of

11:00am	Refreshments
11:30am	Worship and ministry
12:30pm	Lunch
2:00pm & 3:15pm	Seminars
4:30pm	Tea
6:15pm	Celebrate Jesus

For further details or to book email [info@multiply.org.uk](mailto:info@multiply.org.uk)

**Sacred Flame Ministries—Women of Fire**

There will be a one day conference for women on Saturday 27th March 2010 entitled 'A Clarion Call to Prayer' At Crossways Centre, Castle Ashby Road, Yardley Hastings, NN7 1EL

The event will begin at 9:30am and will continue through out the day, breaking for lunch and an evening meal. There will be a charge of £20 which will include all refreshments.

For further details contact Janice at [sacredflameminis@aol.com](mailto:sacredflameminis@aol.com)

**The Rights Guide for Rough Sleepers**

Liberty and Housing Justice are among the charities that have become so alarmed about the ways in which the human rights of rough sleepers are increasingly being threatened by the authorities that they have produced The Rights Guide for Rough Sleepers. Launched on Monday 7 December, the Guide clearly sets out the rights of homeless people so that they themselves know what their legal position is.

In the run-up to the London Olympics in 2012 (which is also Boris Johnson's deadline for ending rough sleeping in London), the number and the severity of enforcement measures against rough sleepers has been growing. Rough sleepers may be woken up and moved along – or even stopped and searched – several times a night, and certain areas are out-of-bounds for two or more rough sleepers, to name but a few. The guide explains the law regarding issues such as stop-and-search, arrest, dispersal zones and urinating in public places. It has been drawn up in collaboration with people who use the Salvation Army Drop-in Centre and Women at the Well, who reported most common and most distressing problems they experienced. Apart from Housing Justice and Liberty, the charities involved include The Pavement and Z2K.

Sally Leigh said 'Housing Justice believes it is crucial to let homeless people know their rights. Hopefully this guide will help protect some of our most vulnerable people in society from further trouble with the law and prevent further personal misery.' Val Stevenson of The Pavement agreed: 'We are inundated with readers' letters asking if they are being treated unlawfully. Producing this booklet was the obvious solution.' Alison Gelder, Chief Executive of Housing Justice, said 'We are thrilled to have led this partnership of charities, and we hope it will encourage the responsible authorities to recognize the full humanity of homeless people.' Elizabeth Simon, Executive Officer to the London Church Leaders Group, said 'The churches have been at the forefront of offering services to the most needy and vulnerable in our society. We see this booklet as a further contribution to supporting homeless people.'

Further details available from several sources; type The Rights Guide for Rough Sleepers in any search engine

**University of Northampton  
Multi-Faith Chaplaincy Spring Public Lecture**

Wednesday March 3rd, 7.30p.m.

Holdenby Lecture Theatre 1, Park Campus, Boughton Green Road,  
Northampton.

Professor Conor Gearty  
Director of LSE Centre for the Study of Human Rights

**Human Rights in a Global Age**

No tickets required

Details: [chaplaincy@northampton.ac.uk](mailto:chaplaincy@northampton.ac.uk) Tel: 01604 892488

## 'Sleep Easy—Sleep Rough so others don't have to'

Northamptonshire YMCA are involved in organising this in order to create awareness of Youth homelessness and to raise funds for its work. **Friday 5th February 2010 6pm—6am**

If you would like to run your own event, or would like more information about what is happening in various churches around the county please contact: **Kate Gelder 01604 642104**

### Pilgrimages planned for 2010 (The Holy Year)

**Camino Aragones 1 - 16 May** Just under 200 miles. Over the Pyrenees by the Samport Pass, from Oleron St Marie to Logrono. This little used part of the Camino has wonderful terrain.

**Camino Britannica 24 July - 8 August** 200 Miles approx Northampton to Portsmouth ferry then on to Mont St Michael, France Walking in England and France, visiting the relic of the hand of St James in Marlow.

**Camino Portugues 3 - 17 October** 150 Miles approx Oporto, Portugal to Santiago de Compostilla, Spain. Coast and hills suitable for both novice and experienced pilgrims. Including prayer school exploring mystic, meditative and pilgrim prayer during preparations and on the road

**Camino Ingles Dates to be announced later** 80 Miles approx From Ferrol - The shortest route to gain a Compostela

There will be an exploratory meeting (including tea) on 21st February at St. Mary's Vicarage, Towcester Road, Northampton NN4 8EZ For further details contact [IanHoldworth@aol.com](mailto:IanHoldworth@aol.com)

### **Ecumenical Pilgrimage to the Holy Land**

Lent 2011 22<sup>nd</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> March 2011

This pilgrimage will be ecumenical in nature and it will be an ideal introduction to those who have never been on a pilgrimage before. There will be opportunities for worship, prayer and reflection but it will also be a holiday in the true sense of the word where Christians from different traditions are able to relax together and enjoy each others' company for the duration of our special Lenten journey. Everyone is welcome, from all Christian traditions or none, to experience not only the land that Jesus walked, but the people who live out their lives and faith in a country still divided.

Details from Revd Heather Wilson on 01604 753679 or email [heather@duston.org.uk](mailto:heather@duston.org.uk)

### **Teleri Jardine in Nigeria**

Many of you will have received a copy of Teleri's Christmas Newsletter with information about her research work on the catfish value chain which is designed to increase rural incomes. In this coming year she will be also undertaking research on the soya bean value chain

Teleri was involved with CTN as treasurer and her work was much appreciated.

If any of you would like a copy of Teleri's full letter and haven't received it contact Ted Hale [tedhale@halesnorthampton.plus.com](mailto:tedhale@halesnorthampton.plus.com)

### **Gospel Music Event**

Ron Hemphil from Oregon will be ministering in this area during February and March. There are still some dates when he may be free to do additional events.

For further details contact [Camille.cummings@ntlworld.com](mailto:Camille.cummings@ntlworld.com) or to hear Ron's music visit <http://www.ronhemphill.net/store.htm>

### **MALAWI EARTHQUAKE APPEAL**

Northampton Borough Council have passed to Churches Together Northampton details of an appeal by the Northampton Malawi Association. Some members of the Malawian community in Northampton have relatives in the Karonga district where the earthquake took place.

Anyone who would like to contribute to the relief fund should contact the Association Chairman Mr. Clement Chunga (07846348113) or write to 'Malawian Earthquake Appeal Fund' c/o The Doddridge Centre, St. James Road, NN55LD

### **Funding Fun Day—Frontier Centre Irthlingborough**

Mike Crease, the commercial manager at Rock UK Frontier Centre has advised of an event day on Saturday 6th February 11-00am to 4-00pm. All proceeds will go towards funding treatment for Zac, a five year old who lives in Rushden.

To obtain a poster and full details of the event email

[Mike.Crease@rockuk.org](mailto:Mike.Crease@rockuk.org)

For more details of the appeal visit [www.zacsappeal.org](http://www.zacsappeal.org)

### New Book by Local Author

Michael Jones has recently written his biography which records the development of Michael Jones Jeweller as a co-operative.

The author was born and bred in Northampton and the book will be of interest to anyone who enjoys local history. More importantly the book details a philosophy of work based on Christian principles which influenced Michael Jones to establish his business on a co-operative rather than a personal ownership basis.

Challenging the status quo has never been an easy option in the fields of religion, politics or business, but Northampton and the surrounding area has long been a place where innovative pioneers have made their mark on history.

The story of Michael Jones, Jeweller is an important one. In spite of its strange and slightly misleading title 'It May Be Christian I think its Silly' this is a book worth reading.

Available from the Manna House (01604 622666) at £15-00.

### New Testament Church of God Leadership Training Centre

#### Education and Training Events –March 2010

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| 5-6   | Teaching to Change Lives: Great Themes of Scripture (10% off this course fee for those who attend the 'Creative Approaches' Seminar) |
| 6     | Teaching to Change Lives: Creative Approaches  |
| 19-20 | Equipping People for Ministry  |
| 20    | Living the Faith   |
| 21    | A Journey through the Old Testament  |

For summary of course content, visit: [www.ntcg.org.uk/education/programmeoverview.stm](http://www.ntcg.org.uk/education/programmeoverview.stm).

To enrol or for further information contact: [education@ntcg.org.uk](mailto:education@ntcg.org.uk), by post, or tel. 01604 824233/38

### Passion youth event

The next passion will be on Saturday 27th March at the Salvation Army in Penistone Road near Weston Favell. Doors open at 7:pm and entry is free.

If you would like to know more about these regular multi church events visit [www.myspace.com/passionnorthampton](http://www.myspace.com/passionnorthampton)

### 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

The Church of England have produced a report which includes a section.

#### "Developing for your Church Buildings".

Although this is an Anglican production, there is a good deal of information and advice which could be of help to any church. To find out more visit <http://www.churchcare.co.uk/>.

### WOMENS WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

FRIDAY 5TH MARCH 2010

**"LET EVERYTHING THAT HAS BREATH PRAISE THE LORD"**

Service at  
Cathedral of our lady and St. Thomas,  
Barrack Road, Northampton  
At 2pm

Speaker **Mr. Joseph Enow**

Everyone welcome to the service  
More details from [shemaur@talktalk.net](mailto:shemaur@talktalk.net)

### Holocaust Denial and its Believers

There will be a lecture at 7-00pm on Sunday 7th February at Northampton Synagogue, Overstone Road, Northampton.

The speaker will be Dr Matt Feldman who is senior lecturer in 20th Century History at the University of Northampton.

This will be a free event and is open to all, however it will be necessary to reserve a place which can be done by contacting [paul.crofts@northampton.ac.uk](mailto:paul.crofts@northampton.ac.uk)

## Samuels Christian Nursery, Northampton

Be part of a dynamic team working to provide excellence in education for young children in our local community.

Required for September 2010:

### Nursery Manager

We are looking for a Nursery Manager who is passionate about delivering the best possible childcare standards. Candidates for this role should be able to demonstrate strong leadership skills and the highest level of professional standards.

Prospective candidates must support the Christian values and ethos of the nursery with a passion and vision for the ongoing development of this exciting community nursery.

Apply to this position:

by calling 01604 721144 for application form  
or send CV to Samuels Christian Nursery, Broadmead Baptist Church, Broadmead Avenue, Northampton, NN3 2QY

Informal visits can be arranged

Closing date: 24<sup>th</sup> February 2010

Further details of this appointment can be found on our website

[www.samuelsnursery.ik.org](http://www.samuelsnursery.ik.org)

### Temporary Co-ordinator required At the Abbey Centre Baptist Church East Hunsbury

12 hours per week to be arranged  
£7.62 per hour

- To co-ordinate bookings and regular activities at the Abbey Centre
- To provide support to the users of the building

You will be expected to work with regular volunteers to ensure the smooth running of the Abbey Centre

For more information and job description contact Ann Johnson tel.: 01604 701013 or  
Derek Wilson tel.: 01604 761291 Closing date 12<sup>th</sup> Feb

### Making the Most of the Church Meeting

There will be an evening teaching session at Mount Pleasant Baptist Church, Kettering Road, Northampton on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February. Refreshments will be served at 7:00pm and the meeting will begin at 7:30pm.

Whilst this will be of particular interest to Baptist deacons, elders and ministers it is open to any who would find it helpful.

There is no cost but those who wish to attend are asked to register beforehand by emailing [geoff@colmer77.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:geoff@colmer77.fsnet.co.uk)

### Introduction to Christian Counselling

The Manna House will be running their next course over four weekends between 12<sup>th</sup> March and 19<sup>th</sup> June 2010.

The course which is ACC/OCN recognised will attract educational credits and will prepare students for progression to the Advanced Certificate course.

For further details or an application form contact Jean Hill on 01604 622666.

Ted Hale, Secretary of Churches Together Northampton has sent through the following notice

I am sure you will be pleased to hear that Churches Together in Northampton are going to hold a FAITHFEST in 2010. The probable date will be Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> September and the theme will be "International Peace" (International Peace Day is the following Tuesday).

The first planning meeting will be in The Abbey Centre (Overslade Close, East Hunsbury, Northampton NN4 8LH) Thursday February 11<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 p.m.

If you would like to be involved please come along to the meeting - and even at this early stage if you know your church would like to offer a singing group/choir or soloist, please let me know. Some churches were disappointed last year because they were too late in asking to be included.

## Premises for Community Organisations in Northampton

an event to help organisations understand the issues around finding and using buildings for community activities, and to explore some of the opportunities and practical help available  
you are invited to this event on

**Wednesday 10 February**

6:30pm – 8:30pm

The Doddridge Centre, St James' Road, Northampton

### Content

Presentations on:

Community Support Specialists

Planning Regulations

Building Control

Fire Regulations

Community Centres and other Council Assets

Community Assets Project

Exhibition offering additional advice

Opportunity to talk to some of the experts

Refreshments and a light buffet supper will be available

We intend to follow this event at a later date with a workshop to address some of the specific issues which organisations are encountering

### Please contact

Glynis Mann, Secretary to Thomas Hall, Head of Policy and Community Engagement, Northampton Borough Council to confirm your attendance:  
(01604) 837871 [gmann@northampton.gov.uk](mailto:gmann@northampton.gov.uk)

This event has been organised by Northampton Borough Council with support from the Council for Minority Ethnic Communities, Northamptonshire Community Assets Project, Northampton Volunteering Centre, Northamptonshire Rights and Equality Council, Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue and Northamptonshire Police

## NAYC Interfaith 5 Aside Football Event (in association with Northampton Interfaith Forum)

**Saturday 13th March 2010**

All young people aged from 10-13 years from all faith groups are welcome to join the fun. Teams would represent a particular area of Northamptonshire. We are hoping for teams from Corby, Kettering, and Wellingborough. The winning team would be presented with individual trophies each indicating which 'area' had won the tournament.

Each team will consist of 5 players and 2 substitutes. Names of all players and D.O.B. Need to be supplied to Lewis Houston at Northampton Interfaith Forum in advance of the competition.

NAYC 5 aside rules will be available to teams interested in joining in this event. It is the 'team captain's' responsibility to make sure that all players are fully briefed on the competition rules. All teams will need to be accompanied by a leader.

Individual trophies will be awarded to the winning team, and shields to the runners up.

For further information please contact Mark Palmer at NAYC Youth Development Northamptonshire Association of Youth Clubs Headquarters Office, King's Park Conference and Sports Centre, Kings Park Road, Northampton NN3 6LL Tele 01604 499699

**Register before Friday 26th February 2010**

**To register please contact event organiser:**

**Lewis Houston**

**Northamptonshire Interfaith Development Worker**

**Email: [lhouston@northamptonshire.gov.uk](mailto:lhouston@northamptonshire.gov.uk)**

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