



Welcome

This Summer we welcome **Revd Peter Hancock** as new **Chair of Methodist District** of Northampton (which covers at least six counties!) as we say goodbye and thank you to **Revd Alison Tomlin**. We also continue to pray for the appointment of a new Bishop for the Diocese of Peterborough.

Congratulations

to the Baptist and URC churches in Corby. Regional ministers Revd Terry Oakley (URC) and Revd Helen Wordsworth (Baptist) signed a Declaration of Intent at Corby Baptist Church to work towards an LEP in nearby Little Stanion. This is a small village still under construction, in which the URC are purchasing a manse and a Baptist minister has been called to live and work there as well as in Corby.

Street Pastors

will be starting up in Daventry soon.



New volunteers are welcome in all areas. Here are the people to contact for further information and advice on training:

Daventry: (meeting on 10 August)

David Walker Tel: 01327 871755

Northampton: (training starts 12 Sept.)

Richard Johnson Tel: 01604 88123

northampton@streetpastors.org.uk

Peterborough: Christine Graham

pepastors@googlemail.com

Rushden / East Northants:

Mark Lees Tel: 07956 011402

enfaithgroup@aol.com

Looking for a Venue?

If you need to take a group of people from your church away for a day, have you thought of **Crossways** in the picturesque village of Yardley Hastings? Run by the URC, and working ecumenically whenever possible, in beautiful surroundings and ideal for small groups.

www.crosswayscentre.org.uk Tel: 01604 696307

Kings Park Conference Centre in Northampton is run by Christians and caters for up to 150 people for both residential and day conferences. It currently has a Special Offer of FREE MEETING ROOMS for church events on condition that you also purchase a meal.

www.actioncentres.co.uk/kingspark Tel: 01604 493111 Offer ends 31 August 2009.

Faith in Affordable Housing

Using church land and property for affordable housing – a practical guide

This is a free web-based resource, which gives practical and technical information to assist churches in providing affordable housing. The guide presents nine case studies from different denominations and from urban and rural areas. Recently-retired Cardinal Cormac Murphy O'Connor said "As people of faith we are called to address injustice in all its forms. This is a practical resource for those considering a preferential option for the poor in their mission to the wider community".

It's all on the website:

www.fiah.org.uk



More than Gold

Has your church already begun to think about the **Olympics** in 2012? **More than Gold** is a national co-ordinating Christian group, with an opening conference for key leaders on Thursday 16 July 2009 at Wembley Stadium. Sponsored by the Bible Society, Christians in Sport and the Salvation Army.

www.morethangold.org.uk

Prayer

Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus.

(from Hebrews 12:1-2)

Climate change

Ed Miliband MP, Minister for Energy and Climate Change, comes to Northampton University Avenue Campus on 9 July 2009, for a talk at 6.30pm followed by a "Question Time" style panel at 7.15pm. Details from CAFOD Tel: 01604 785 254.

Pentecost Festival



in Abington Park, organised by the Hope Northampton team, brought crowds of over 1,000 out in the sunshine to enjoy the services and music led by groups of churches and to take part in the Global Day of Prayer.

Hope for Peterborough

Lunch for Church leaders in Greater Peterborough, Thursday 16 July at Christ Church, Orton Goldhay. Reply to Teresa Brown

Taizé Prayer

Ecumenical candlelit service with Taizé chants, prayers for healing and laying on of hands.

Peterborough Cathedral 5pm Saturday 18 July. All welcome.

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