

# Community Ministry News

**Welcome** to the Community Ministry News E-Newsletter a bi monthly publication that will share, inform and advise on matters that relate to community involvement and engagement and on the best use of all the resources that we have available to us. The newsletter is a resource to all therefore we would like to hear from **YOU**, collecting your views, concerns and good news stories. If there is anything happening in your parish/area that you want to share, do you want to dispel any myths or do you want to gather more information then please send your information or request to Marlon Nelson

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There is indeed a great commitment to serving the wider community with parishes combining income generation with the delivery of their own appropriate and much needed activities. Recently we have talked about a whole gamut of activity taking place across the Diocese and in no particular order or not wishing to suggest that this is the definitive list there are: As a staple:

- parent and toddler groups
- detached and centre based youth work projects and
- services to the elderly

These are complemented by

- services for people affected by mental health issues
- drop in and shelter services for homeless people
- rehabilitation of offenders and prison ministry
- information, advice and support to all
- Mentoring, befriending
- Children and families work
- services to refugees and asylums seekers

- activities dealing with physical health

## AROUND THE DIOCESE

The recent Community Ministry Days focused on issues including the care and support of people living with AIDS, estate based ministry and a church response to debt and the financial

crisis. The upcoming event in Edmonton will feature the benefits of partnership working and how to establish these.

### **Edmonton Community Ministry Day**

Wednesday 11 November 2009

10.15-12.45 (lunch will be provided)

All Saints, Church Street Edmonton N9 9AT

The session will be facilitated by Sue Foster, Enfield's Director of Place Shaping.

For more information about this session contact Jack Maple 020 7932 1122.

***THE BISHOPS COMMUNITY MINISTRY DAYS ARE OPEN TO ALL CHURCH BASED PERSONNEL INVOLVED IN COMMUNITY WORK AND OUTREACH.***

Each issue of Community Ministry News will bring stories from projects across the Diocese. Here we feature "Church @the Hut", Tiverton Estate, Tottenham

### **Church @ The Hut Tiverton Estate South Tottenham**



The Hut, so-called because of its t resembles a hut due to its timber cladding, lies on the Tiverton Estate in South Tottenham. It has recently been refurbished helped by funding from the Bridge New Deal for Communities as an intergenerational community building and reopened in spring 2009, having been disused for some years.

The Church @ The Hut started life in autumn 2002, under a different name, as a plant from St Ann's Church South Tottenham, meeting on a Sunday morning in a pub adjacent to the Tiverton Estate in the parish. From the outset we aimed to be a church where people with little or no church background are welcomed and the pub provided a more neutral space so that newcomers would feel less threatened than if they were entering a traditional church.

When the Hut came into use we, by then a core group of about 25 people, moved there from the pub, recognising the potential benefits of having a base actually on the estate. This gave us the opportunity to run other activities during the week such as a youth club and mothers and toddlers groups and having the possibility of opening the building at other times so that people can drop in for coffee and a chat. We have also been able to organise school holiday activities for young people. Sunday mornings continue to be informal with all-age worship, children's activities and a discussion group for adults. We work alongside other community groups who use the building in providing various activities

This is all about building relationships with people as we see this as part of sensitively communicating the gospel of Jesus to people by mixing with them in various and creative ways.

A key part of the operation is having a full time, London City Mission funded evangelist and we are fortunate to have someone who was himself brought up on a London estate and can relate to the local people. This means not only that he can be around the estate during the day

meeting people, but it also highlights the advantages of having indigenous workers and our long term aim is to see local people very much part of the church.

Although we have been going for seven years we feel we have only just begun on a new chapter and there is lots of hard work, prayer and exiting possibilities to come.

The church @ the Hut continues to grow and flourish and has forged meaningful alliances, partnerships and friendships with people in the local area. It has provided another vehicle for people to have a greater involvement in the development and life of their church. The project is led by Rob who is Lay Reader St Ann's Church South Tottenham.

We will revisit Church @ the Hut to look at its significant outputs and outcomes and its ongoing objectives, during the autumn of 2010.

## **TRAINING DAYS & EVENTS**

### **National Estate Churches Network**

*"Who cares about estates?"*

12 November 2009

Carrs Lane Conference Centre, Birmingham

Updates and further information can be obtained from David Greenfield 07809 877 685

### **Prison Ministry Conference 2009**

"Working together inside and outside the prison wall"

20th November 2009, London

This event is provided by Holy Trinity Brompton and is for any one interested in working both inside and outside the prison wall

Cost £35 (£30 for groups of 4+)

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### **Housing Justice Annual Service of Commemoration**

Thursday 12 November 11.30am

A Service of Commemoration for homeless people who have died is held every year at St. Martin-in-the-Fields during Remembrance Week. This year the service will be on Thursday 12 November at 11.30am and everyone is welcome.

If you know of people who have died since last November please could you send in their name(s) for inclusion in this service to [Alastair Murray](#)

## Introduction to Homelessness Training Workshops

**Dates** Saturday 14 November 10.00am-4.00pm

**Venue:** Housing Justice 22-25 Finsbury Square London EC2A 1DX

**Nearest tube:** Moorgate

Housing Justice is running a one day training workshop on homelessness and related issues on Saturday 14 November between 10.00-16.00 this is particularly aimed at volunteers in churches and smaller homelessness projects or people new to working in the field.

The training covers: Role of the statutory and voluntary sector; homelessness law and local authority duties; mental health awareness; drugs and alcohol awareness; boundaries/dealing with conflict.

**Cost:** £25 per person for Housing Justice member organisations.

HJ Membership includes 2 free places but get in touch if cost is an issue. Some bursary places are available for unfunded churches or small organisations and for low/unwaged volunteers.

## Christians Against Poverty CAP Sunday

Christians Against Poverty aims to have a positive impact on poverty and will hold its annual Sunday event on **20 November 2009**. For more information and resources you should visit [CAP](#).



## Unemployment & the future of work

Tuesday 17 November

Westminster Central Hall

The event will examine

1. The impact of the recession and future working patterns
2. The implications for all
3. The effects on government welfare to work policy
4. The contributions faith communities can play in the crisis

This event costs £20 (£5 for unwaged) including lunch. Contact Janet Ashton for more information;

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## 'Recruiting and retaining volunteers'

This workshop will look at recruiting, supporting, motivating and retaining volunteers. It is aimed at those youth workers and clergy who would like to increase their volunteer base or develop their skills to help support and develop their current volunteer team.

**Date:** Tuesday 10 November 2009

**Times:** 10.00am - 3.00pm . A light lunch will be provided.

**Venue:** London Diocesan House, 36 Causton Street, London, SW1P 4AU. See map at <http://www.london.anglican.org/ContactUs>

**Transport:** Nearest tube station is Pimlico on the Victoria line.

**Cost:** £20 per person (payment required prior to event)

**Trainer:** Kate from the Youth Development Project of the Diocese of London

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Stories are at the heart of all our faith traditions. Stories beguile, compel, entertain, and teach. Stories keep history alive, and offer a beautiful doorway for us into understanding the beliefs of others.

The event is one for the young and younger, you will be enchanted by a talented troupe of storytellers from diverse faith backgrounds, who will weave a magical ocean of stories from their own traditions - bitter and sweet, funny and heartrending, magnificent and humble – stories that reveal the common threads of prayer and fellowship that exist in all our faiths.

If you have friends of a different faith to your own, invite them to come along. Let waves from the sea of stories lap against the shore of your hearts.

With Seema Anand, Roi Gal-Or, Joseph Kingsley Nyinah, Jumana Moon, Sarah Perceval, and Chris Smith.

**Saturday 14 November 3.30pm:** [Radha Krishna Temple](#), 10 Soho St, London W1D 3DL.

**Monday 16 November 7pm:** [West London Synagogue](#), 33 Seymour Place, London W1H 5AU.

**Wednesday 18 November 6.30pm:** [Central Mosque](#), 146 Park Rd, London NW8 7RG.

**Thursday 19 November 7pm:** [Southwark Cathedral](#), London Bridge, London SE1 9DA.

**Saturday 21 November 7pm:** [London Buddhist Centre](#), 51 Roman Rd, Bethnal Green, London E2 0HU