

WORLD AIDS DAY – 1 DECEMBER

Christian Aid have produced 'Flesh of Our Flesh', a service and other resources for World AIDS Day written by John L Bell, which are available to download from www.christian-aid.org.uk or call 020 7620 4444

'Keep the Promise' is a range of resources including worship material, information, and even an Advent calendar with reflections for each day. These have been produced by Ecumenical Advocacy Alliance – an international network of churches and Christian organisations co-operating in advocacy on global trade and on HIV and AIDS. www.e-alliance.ch

ACTION CARDS 2008

Order your 2008 Action Cards now.

Action Cards are monthly postcards that people are asked to send with a message of support or challenge to a particular person or project. Briefings appear monthly in the Baptist Times, the Methodist Recorder and on the URC website telling people about an issue of social injustice, and where to send the cards. It is an ecumenical project co-ordinated by Christians Aware and supported by the Baptist Union of Great Britain, the Church of Scotland, the Methodist Church and the United Reformed Church. Sets cost £3.00 each and are available from the URC Church and Society office, 86 Tavistock Place, London WC1H 9RT (cheques payable 'United Reformed Church') or Christians Aware, 2 Saxby Street, Leicester LE2 0ND (cheques to 'Christians Aware').

FAITH IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE?

Friday 23rd November, Leatherhead Leisure Centre, Leatherhead

The Diocese of Guildford Board of Social Responsibility is hosting a conference to explore how faith based groups and criminal justice agencies can work together.

The conference is for representatives of faith based organisations and faith communities as well as statutory bodies who are involved in work with offenders, ex-offenders, their families or other aspects of the criminal justice system.

For more information or to reserve a place, contact Jane.schofield@cofeguildford.org.uk or telephone 01483 237866.

'WE REFUSE TO BE ENEMIES' –

Israelis and Palestinians joining together to rebuild Palestinian homes

Meetings with Professor Jeff Halper and Salim Shawamreh of the Israeli Committee Against House Demolitions:

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| Friday 23 November | 6.00 pm at Liverpool Hope University
Contact Anne Candlin 01257 464404 anne.candlin1@btinternet.com |
| Saturday 24 November | 1.30 pm at Manchester University Students' Union
Contact Linda Clair 07985 624968 lindaclair@btinternet.com |
| Sunday 25 November | 5.00 pm at Leeds Metropolitan University
Contact Steve Watters 07894 007478 stevewatters@mailcam.com |

'SHOWING OUR SOLIDARITY' - Open Forum for Prisons Week 2007

Saturday 24 November, 10.00 am - 1.00 pm at St Saviour's Church, Walton Place, Kensington, London SW3 (nearest tube: Knightsbridge). Keynote speaker: Claudia Sturt (Governor, HMP Belmarsh). Includes a rolling programme of quiet reflection, market place, short talks and workshops. Cost £5.00. For further details/to register, contact Chris Brice (020 7932 1121, chris.brice@london.anglican.org).

"Part of the Solution?" -

Churches & Tackling Sectarianism

Monday 26 November

Parish Hall, 266 George Street, Glasgow, G1 1QX

Scottish Churches are keen to stimulate the idea that churches are part of the solution to tackling sectarianism as they work together in their communities. This conference has been organised by the Scottish Churches Parliamentary Office and the Roman Catholic Church Parliamentary Office, and is supported by the Scottish Government. There will be a range of workshops during the conference, and there will be speeches from Fergus Ewing, Minister for Community Safety, and church leaders.

For more information contact the Revd Graham K Blount Scottish Churches Parliamentary Office Scottish Storytelling Centre 43-45 High St, Edinburgh, EH1 1SR Tel: 0131 558 8137 Or email to: graham@actsparl.org or visit www.actsparl.org

Salaam Bethlehem

Riding Lights Theatre Group is making a nationwide tour of 'Salaam Bethlehem' in the run-up to Christmas. The play explores the situation in Bethlehem and the hopes and fears of the Christian community living there. Details of performances can be found at www.salaambethlehem.com or by calling Riding Lights 01904 613000.

INDEPENDENT ASYLUM COMMISSION

National CITIZEN Gathering

You are invited to join Commissioners and citizens for the Independent Asylum Commission's National CITIZEN Gathering in South London at Lambeth Town Hall, Brixton Hill, SW2 1RW (near Brixton tube) on 29 November 2007 from 19:00-21:00.

- Hear the story: from its origins in South London to an epic four-nation, headline-making, citizen-inspiring search for testimony by 12 Commissioners.
- Put your views on the record: be among the first citizens to tell us what sort of asylum system you want in our 'Citizens Speak' video consultation.
- Hold your own People's Commission: find out how you can help us build a better asylum system and pick up a toolkit to get you started.
- Pledge to take action for change: hear where the Commission goes from here, and how citizens can help make our recommendations a reality.
- Be entertained: Music and drama from refugee artists.

Spaces are limited – please contact the Independent Asylum Commission if you would like to attend: chris@cof.org.uk or call 020 7043 9878 www.independentasylumcommission.org.uk

Contact

If you would like to receive the Joint Public Issues Team Newsletter, or would like to publicise an event or project, please contact Wendy Cooper, e-mail - wendy.cooper@urc.org.uk
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