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...to live out the gospel of Christ in church and society

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## **The Light Belongs to Everyone**

Annual Service Of Commemoration For Homeless People Who Have Died In The Past Year

Thursday 6 November 2008, 12 noon, St. Martin in the Fields, Trafalgar Square, London

An important part of the service is the reading out of the names of those homeless people who have died over the last year. All are welcome to attend the service and refreshments will be served afterwards. For Further information contact Roger Shaljean on 020 7766 5555

## **The Stand - Hope for Justice**

Saturday 8 November 2008, 2.00pm-10.00pm, NEO Birmingham



because no one is free  
until everyone is free

Slavery is rife throughout the world - two children per minute are being sold. Hope for Justice campaigns against human trafficking and slavery. The Stand event helps to equip the church to take a stand against human trafficking and slavery. The programme includes an exciting line-up of bands, speakers, corporate worship and prayer. Discount tickets (£20) will be given when booking for 20 people or more.

To take advantage of the offer or to request a church pack email: [danniellenorman@hopeforjustice.org.uk](mailto:danniellenorman@hopeforjustice.org.uk). For more information visit [info@hopeforjustice.org.uk](mailto:info@hopeforjustice.org.uk)

## **Eloquent Protest III - Reading between the lines**

Sunday 9 November 2008, 2.00pm, Trafalgar Studios, Whitehall, London

Eloquent Protest III is an artist's response to the price of war, which honours the fallen and counts the cost of their sacrifice. It is a powerful piece of theatre fusing music, poetry and drama. Tickets: £15, £10 conc. For further information visit [www.eloquentprotest.com](http://www.eloquentprotest.com) or contact Caroline Clegg at 0161 862 9212

## Church Action on Poverty - Annual Conference 2008

Saturday 15 November, 10.00am - 4.00pm, Central Buildings, Manchester



Come to Church Action in Poverty's annual conference and be inspired. You will hear from people who have brought change in their communities. You can share ideas with other CAP supporters and enjoy music, drama and fellowship. Keynote Speaker will be David Lammy, MP for Tottenham. To book your place visit CAP website or contact the CAP office: call 0161 236 9321 or email [info@church-poverty.org.uk](mailto:info@church-poverty.org.uk)

## Helping the Homeless - Killing with Kindness?

Tuesday 21 October, 11 November, 18 November, 2 December, 6.00-7.00pm

Acting out a biblical duty or killing with kindness? Homelessness has always been a central concern for Christians - but do our efforts just make the problem worse? Bloomsbury Central Baptist Church invites you to join a series of public discussion and explore questions relating to homelessness and the best way to overcome it. For more information call 020 7240 0544 or email [church@bloomsbury.org.uk](mailto:church@bloomsbury.org.uk)

## Migrant Workers in the Economy: Rights and Responsibilities.

Ecumenical Council for Corporate Responsibility (ECCR) - Annual Open Debate

Friday 20 November 2008, 4.30-6.00pm, Friends House (Small Meeting House), Euston Road, London NW1 2BJ

Migrant workers now make up a significant proportion of the UK workforce but remain one of the most vulnerable, and often abused, groups of workers. What are their rights and what responsibilities does our society have towards them? The debate is chaired by ECCR's Patron, Lord Harries of Pentregarth (former Bishop of Oxford). Speakers including Paul Whitehouse of the Gangmasters Licensing Authority and Eamon O'Hearn Large of the GMB union. All are welcome.

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## Climate Change Service 2008

Saturday 6 December, 11.30am, Hinde Street Methodist Church, 19 Thayer Street, London W1U 2QJ



Christian Ecology Link is organising a Service of Worship on climate change. The Service, led by Rev Paul Trathen, will be a time of reflection and prayer for the world before going out in mission. Mark Dowd, campaigns strategist for Operation Noah, will speak. The doors of the church will be open from 10am and coffee served from 10.30am. After the Service those who wish can join the Climate

Change March due to leave Grosvenor Square at 1 pm. For more information contact CEL at +44 (0)1524 36241 or [info@christian-ecology.org.uk](mailto:info@christian-ecology.org.uk)

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