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Welcome to our September newsletter

Information sheet to the faith community and the wider community serving Poole, Bournemouth and the surrounding area.

If you have been passed this newsletter by a friend or colleague, and would like to receive your own copy on a regular basis, please contact Michelle Brett to be added to the distribution list. Similarly, if you no longer wish to receive the newsletter, please contact Michelle to be removed from the list (m.brett@poole.gov.uk)

If you know of a resource that would be useful to other recipients of this newsletter please let us know and we may be able to promote it for you through this medium.

The First Fifteen and the Learning Curve

Initial core training has been completed with our first fifteen Chaplaincy Wessex volunteers. It's now over to our client organisations for their in house induction and training. Most urgent has been the chaplaincy team for Bournemouth and Poole College, given the imminent start of the new academic year. The Bournemouth and Poole Palliative Care Team and our "home service", the Borough of Poole, can proceed at a more leisurely pace. For everyone involved this is an exciting learning curve, often with more questions than answers, but Mike Oates, Mark Phillips and I have drawn huge energy and excitement from the enthusiasm and talent among our volunteers and our partners in health, education and local government. We shall be meeting shortly with leaders from the Bristol ISR volunteer chaplaincy which is at a similar stage of development. Collaboration on protocols and practices will be valuable to avoid reinventing wheels. We await the outcome of application for registration as a charity, having already become a company limited by guarantee.

We are currently planning the next round of volunteer recruitment via information sessions. The learning from our launch last time was that mailshots to faith groups were pretty inefficient - direct invitation and viral marketing are more effective. In this our volunteers and clients will be central: and we would like to find opportunities to speak direct to interested folk within local congregations or other similar groups. If you can link us to such, we would like to hear from you.

Although it may sound ambitious given the embryonic nature of the project, we are already talking to other organisations seeking similar spiritual and pastoral support within the workplace. If you know of others, why not give us a call.

We are grateful to all who are supporting us in prayer and encouragement.

Andrew Williams, Chair Chaplaincy Wessex

Community news and events

From Monday, 19 September 2011, the telephone number to dial to contact the police in Dorset for non-emergencies will be 101. The new 101 non-emergency number will go live across all of the police forces in the south west on this date - and the 101 number is due to be available in all police force areas of England and Wales by the end of January 2012. The 101 number will be replacing the current 01202 or 01305 222 222 non-emergency number in Dorset.

Members of the public should call 101 to contact the police to report less urgent crime and disorder or to speak to local officers.

For example, call 101:

- to give the police information about crime in your area
- to speak to the police about a general enquiry
- if your car has been stolen
- if your property has been damaged
- if you suspect drug use or dealing in your local area
- to report a minor traffic accident

Calls to the 101 non-emergency number - from both landlines and mobile phones - cost 15 pence per call no matter what time of day you call, or how long you are on the phone. If a member of the public has a speech or hearing impairment, they can textphone 18001 101 from Monday, 19 September 2011.

More information about the 101 non-emergency number is available on the Directgov website and can be accessed by clicking this link: [Directgov](#) Alternatively, more details on the 101 non-emergency number can be found on the Dorset Police website, visit www.dorset.police.uk. Members of the public can also contact Dorset Police for non-urgent issues through the website. **In an emergency - when a crime is in progress or life is at risk - always dial 999.**

Weldmar Hospicecare Trust are holding their 21st Annual Conference on 29th September at Kingston Maurward, Dorchester. For more information and to book your place see <http://www.weld-hospice.org.uk/conference>

Holton Lee would like to invite faith groups to get involved in some arts workshops on and around our **brand new labyrinth**. The art workshops will be funded by Westhill Trust and are to encourage faith groups to come out and explore the labyrinth and contribute to it becoming a recognised site for people of faith to come and use for reflection, contemplation and meditation.

Absolutely no previous experience in art is required, we aim to use a variety of experienced facilitators to create some exciting pieces of work with our local communities, if you know of a group that would be interested please contact Emma Browning on 01202 625562 or email on volunteering@holtonlee.co.uk

Poole Community Passion Play (PCPP) 2012

Launch on 21st September 2011 at Parkstone United Reformed Church (PURC) at 6.00 p.m.

"Keep it going - it is a most important contribution." (Councillor Rev'd Charles Meachin, past Mayor of Poole)

"Hope it becomes a tradition for years!"

Madina Nicholas

2012 is not just the year of the Olympics but also there will be a flame burning for the 2012 Poole Community Passion Play (PCPP) **"Through the Eyes of a Child"**.

After two successful runs of Through the Eyes of a Child there is a sense that a tradition has been set up in Parkstone. Passion Plays have an old tradition in Britain. They were particularly popular in medieval times. Like those olden plays, the group is made up of people from the community of all ages and from all walks of life.

Performance dates: for the Passion Play Through the Eyes of a Child are Wednesday 28th - Saturday 31st March 2012. 7.00pm beginning at The Parkstone United Reform Church, Commercial Road, Poole, Dorset BH14 OJW and finishing at St. Peter's Parkstone.

For further details please contact: Roger Bayldon on telephone 01202-240285, or Amanda Allcroft on 01202-735987.

Nominate an inspirational woman

Whilst International Women's Day is an annual event celebrated in March, this year is its centenary.

Help to celebrate the centenary of International Women's Day by nominating local women past and present who have either:

- Led by example
- Changed lives and made a real difference
- Show strength and courage in adversity
- Been inspirational to others
- Succeeded against the odds
- Been a pioneer
- Significantly contributed to civic, business or community life

How to nominate:

- Visit us & nominate on facebook - International Women's Day 2011 Poole & Bournemouth
- Complete a nomination form - available in local libraries and public buildings
- Send us your nominations and for any enquiries, please email internationalwomensday@poole.gov.uk

BBC Switchover campaign - volunteers required

Volunteers wanted to spread the word in Poole! The BBCs "Switchover Help Scheme" has been well-publicised but there are still many people who do not understand what Switchover is about and these are likely to be people who will need help from their community. Help and Care need local volunteers who are willing to find people in their community to spread the word about the Switchover and to help identify older or vulnerable people who may need additional help. If you would like to find out more about volunteering please contact Gary Finch or Peter Munns at Help & Care on 0300 1113303 or by email at contact@helpandcare.org.uk

Exhibitions and Displays to Hire

For Museums; Libraries; Arts, Heritage and Community Centres in Bournemouth, Dorset and Poole

DEED is a local educational charity which promotes Global Education across the county of Dorset. DEED works within the community to encourage children, young people and adults to understand and respect diversity and to work towards greater equality for all. DEED has a wide range of global and multicultural resources, including exhibitions and displays, available to hire by local community organisations to help them reach all members of their community. DEED has 4 exhibitions and displays that you could hire:

Dorset's Hidden Histories Exhibition explores 400 years of the presence of black people in Dorset including African American GIs on Poole Quay and a freed enslaved American living in Bournemouth.

Sankofa Exhibition is a sizeable and stunning presentation of traditional arts and crafts from Ghana that the whole community can enjoy. It includes textiles, books, carvings, musical instruments, pottery and basketware with an accompanying catalogue.

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle Display explore the environmental impact of two commonly used products - a tyre and a mobile phone, and follows their production journey. Includes items made from recycled materials such as shoes made from tyres and a fleece made from plastic bottles, as well as re-usable products such as eco-washing nuts.

Fairtrade Display with information and a range of products including a football, food, clothing and a large fun inflatable banana that can be hired at any time of the year. Help raise the profile of Fairtrade in your community.

For more information contact DEED on 01202 739442 or info@deed.org.uk

"Getting and Staying Active in Later Life" is the theme for this year's Full of Life celebration. A range of activities are being staged across Bournemouth and Poole to encourage people to get active! Activities include a variety of exercise classes, dancing demos, walks, art exhibition and story writing.

Saturday 1st October is the "Full of Life Day", UK Older People's Day, with events being organised during the week of 24th September to 1st October. The Borough of Poole has again joined forces with Bournemouth Borough Council, NHS Bournemouth & Poole and other partners to organise a number of free events in the local area.

For full details of events contact Amy Gallacher a.gallacher@poole.gov.uk 01202 633398.

Worship venue available for faith communities in the Parkstone area. For more information contact Mark Phillips 07980 002676. M.phillips@poole.gov.uk

Footprints (a volunteer mentoring service) requires donations of toiletries and small household items suitable for equipping a bedsit (for example crockery, cutlery, small electrical items, bedding etc.) for male and female clients who are returning to the community from local prisons. For more information contact Mark Phillips 07980 002676. M.phillips@poole.gov.uk

Reminder : **the Chaplaincy website** www.chaplaincypoole.info contains details of worship times and addresses to help people find the right church or faith community for them. Please take a few minutes to check the details of your church or faith community, If updates are required please email m.brett@poole.gov.uk who will update the records on your behalf. If your community is not listed, please feel free to add your details using the simple, step-by-step instructions. This will also assist the local authority in being able to rapidly and effectively utilise the faith communities personnel and buildings in the event of a local emergency. It is also a good opportunity to show-case your facilities to the wider community and statutory sector, with the possibility of generating exciting and creative opportunities and income through partnership working. Events and articles can also be promoted on this website and we invite you to take advantage of this free service. If you need assistance contact Michelle on 01202 733580.

Parkstone Christian Centre has accommodation available within its centre for like-minded organisations interested in social action, or community activities/projects/initiatives in the Poole area. For more information contact Mark Phillips on 07980 002676 or m.phillips@poole.gov.uk

Footprints (a volunteer mentoring service) has expanded dramatically over the last 12 months and is now working with 40-50 ex offenders including female ex offenders, the over 50s and include those serving a community sentence (an alternative to custody). Volunteer mentors are urgently required. Full training, support/supervision and expenses are provided. Contact Mark Phillips on 07980 002676 or m.phillips@poole.gov.uk.

Training courses

Bournemouth and Poole LSCB are offering some free multi-agency, level 2/3 refresher/update training to learn from the outcomes of local and national serious case reviews.

The training will now be offered as a $\frac{1}{2}$ day session on either the morning or afternoon of 28th, 29th or 30th September and will cover Baby F, Child G, Case W and some national themes.

We have been offered a number of places on each course for voluntary sector organisations working in Bournemouth or Poole. Further information about the training is attached and if you would like to attend please complete the booking form at the foot of the attached flyer and either return it to me at this email address or you can send it to ruth.shearn@bournemouthcvs.org.uk

If you would like any further information about the training you can contact Geoff Nash (LSCB Safeguarding Business Manager) on 07919-545751 or at g.nash@poole.gov.uk or Lynn Hall (LSCB Administrator) on 01202-458873 or at lynn.hall@bournemouth.gov.uk