



Why is Copenhagen important?

Countries need to decide how to combat climate change during 2009 because the Kyoto Protocol expires in 2012.

A new agreement is needed: since the Kyoto Protocol was negotiated in 1997, China has replaced the USA as the largest emitter of greenhouse gases, and the price of oil has soared. This is a reminder that fossil fuels do not merely pollute; they are also a source of energy whose reserves are constantly being reduced.

Climate change is an injustice. Rich countries are most responsible for causing the climate crisis, and yet it's people in the world's poorest communities who are suffering first and worst from its effects.

We are living in an era of consequences and the CIW Earthcare Group's remit is to present these facts to the church

and encourage all possible response at an individual and church level. This is not an "add-on" to Christianity but a witness. Prayer is being mobilised for this conference to bring about the miracle of the change in the human heart and the display of courage by political leaders.

Church bells in England are to be rung on 13 December to warn of the seriousness of this matter and in hopes the politicians will hear them.

For more about the Copenhagen Conference: Go to www.en.cop15.dk

To get informed and involved locally: Go to www.bradford.anglican.org and look for Copenhagen 2009 on the home page. Follow the links.

Welcome to the Church in the World Newsletter!

We are about connecting the heart of the church with the community outside its walls. For more info:

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Stories of Sanctuary



The theme was "Stories of hope, struggle, and achievement from people who have sought sanctuary in our city". 150 people from across Bradford filled St. Mary's Hall, East Parade on the 14th of October for City of Sanctuary Bradford's second "Stories of Sanctuary" event. After sharing a meal, the tone was set as Lady Mayoress Cllr. Naveeda

Ikram shared the compelling story of her own journey. She was followed by six speakers of different nationalities who shared their gripping stories of finding sanctuary in Bradford and their hopes for the future. The evening ended with music and dance reflecting the rich diversity to be found amongst those desiring to call Bradford home. The city of Bradford has a proud history of welcoming and including newcomers from all corners of the world. The City of Sanctuary Bradford campaign was officially launched on 1st October 2008, with a vision to see this culture of welcome and hospitality extended to include those seeking sanctuary in our city. Go to www.cityofsanctuary.com/film to see excerpts from the event.

Poverty & Homelessness Action Week 2010 will run from 30 January to 7 February.



There is ENOUGH FOR ALL!

Wealth is not just in material things.

Let's use what we have.
Let's share what we have.

Download your free resources from <http://www.actionweek.org.uk/html/home.html> and resource your church to make a real difference in tackling poverty and homelessness in communities across the UK:

"All of them ate and were filled. When they collected the leftover pieces, there were 12 baskets."
Luke 9:17

Hey! Wait for Me!

A Big Yellow Bus...a youth-focussed ministry...the local church. What do these three phrases bring to mind? @the Bus Stop! This youth provision initiative was launched through CiW in September 09 as a partnership between E:merge, Holme Christian Community, St. John's Bierley, and St. Matthew's Bankfoot. It has already reached more than 50 young people in areas of the city where little or no youth services are available. Weekly the bus parks up for 2 hours each in Bierley and Bankfoot, opens its doors and invites young people aged 11-18 to find warmth, hot chocolate, companionship, games, support and laughter. E:merge's experienced team leads the initiative with support from church volunteers who help strengthen the local church connection...and perhaps play a little serious football with the kids! Endorsed by the local police and the NHS, start-up funding has come from CUF Mustard Seed grants. Long-term funding is being sought.



Advent, from the Latin (Adventus: coming) comprises the four weeks before Christmas, and is a season of expectant waiting and preparation for celebration of the birth of Jesus.

Revd Canon Sam Randall has prepared a series of Advent Meditations this year for the Church Urban Fund. You can download these from the Church in the World home page at: www.bradford.anglican.org/ch-in-world.

Maryam Project Launched!



The daily traffic of people into and out of St. Philip's, Gillington has expanded to reflect a new pattern of colour and sound. Since September, the church has opened its doors several days a week to offer beginning English language classes to newly arrived and South Asian women. The response has been so great that classes have already expanded. As many as

30 women per week from Pakistan, the Congo, Ghana and Kurdistan, have been attending and a partnership with St. Edmonds Children's Centre in providing child care has meant many more women in the area are able to access classes. CiW in partnership with BCCD, St. Philips and funding from Henry Smith's has piloted the project and further funding is being sought to make the project long-term and ongoing. Teacher Tessa Wainwright, "The Maryam Project has enabled another group of eager learners of English, in all its rich and confusing ways, to begin their learning journey. We have a dedicated team of volunteers, including some local women who themselves began this journey earlier, who have all responded brilliantly and flexibly to the wide variety of student needs. You will find a real buzz of fun, friendship and communication at St Philip's, on the three afternoons that we meet."

Upcoming Dates & Events

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| Dec 1 | World Aids Day |
| Dec 2 | Int'l Day for the Abolition of Slavery |
| Dec 5 | 'The Wave' Climate Service & March, London |
| Dec 7-18 | UN Climate Change Conference, Copenhagen |
| Dec 13 | Christmas @ the Cathedral w/ Noel Richards |
| Jan 18-25 | Week of Prayer for Christian Unity |
| Jan 27 | Holocaust Memorial Day |
| Jan 30- Feb 7 | Poverty & Homelessness Action Week |
| Feb 22- Mar 7 | Fairtrade Fortnight |