



# THE E WORD

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**THE E WORD** is a twice-monthly news-sheet with information about events and local and regional information about living, deepening and sharing our Christian faith. It is emailed directly to all the 'Champions' as well as being copied to our Bishops, Archdeacons and many others across the diocese. If you have information that you would like to communicate to others, contact Janet [here](#).

'Champions' are people in each parish who have a passion for evangelism and will work with their Vicar to ensure that the topic ('Making Disciples') will remain on the church agenda.

## **E WORD GUEST EDITOR – YVONNE MORRIS – FOR MARCH 7<sup>TH</sup> (ISSUE 51)**

I am delighted to announce that Yvonne, the [Children's' Adviser](#) for the Diocese will produce The E Word on March 7<sup>th</sup>. If you have any news or information that you would like to see included in that issue, email [here](#).

## **OXFORD DIOCESAN MISSIONERS**

A newly commissioned group of missioners is available to work with deaneries and parishes. [See](#).

## **"MEND THE GAP" – WORKING WITH CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE**

All are welcome to a day conference at The King's Centre in Oxford on June 18<sup>th</sup> 2011. Speakers: the Bishop of Oxford and the Revd. Mark Griffiths. Cost: £5, including lunch. Booking [here](#) - and [Information](#).

## **MORE THAN GOLD**

[MTG](#) are working with all Christian denominations in the run up to the Olympics. Use their resources! Sign up a "Gold Champion" for your church or benefice [here](#). Sign up for newsletter on this [page](#).

## **EDUCATION SUNDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY - RESOURCES FROM CTE**

These resources help build relationships with local schools. The material can be seen [here](#)

## **'MINDING THE THRESHOLD' - BEING AN MSE IN A CHURCH WITHOUT WALLS**

For people whose ministry engages with daily working lives (including those working or training as MSEs). At Holland House, 25th - 27th February 2011. Run by 'Chrism'. See <http://www.chrism.org.uk/events.htm>

## **FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT (28<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY – 13<sup>TH</sup> MARCH) AND THE BIG BREW**

Events that can be used to engage with your community and raise money for Fairtrade– see [Fairtrade Fortnight](#) and [Big Brew](#)

## **CMS PIONEER MISSION LEADERSHIP TRAINING – TASTER DAYS: 1<sup>ST</sup> & 2<sup>ND</sup> MARCH**

Tuesday 1st March for interested students; 2nd March for interested selectors, training officers or sponsoring church leaders. 10.30-14.30 at CMS House, Watlington Road, Oxford, OX4 6BZ [See](#)

## **WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER – FRIDAY MARCH 4<sup>TH</sup> – A NEW LOOK?**

This annual service provokes a range of emotions! Both international and local, it challenges us to respond to issues of poverty and the environment. Might it become an opportunity to invite non Christians? [Details](#).

## **'HOLY LISTENING' – TWO SPIRITUAL DIRECTION TASTERS THURSDAY MARCH 31<sup>ST</sup>**

The Cornerstone, All Saints, Wokingham 1.30-3.30pm or 7.45-9.45pm. By Spi-Dir Network , open to all who would like to know more. For information and booking: Gill Allen on 0118-9785690 or [email](#).

## **SACRED SPACES IN PUBLIC PLACES - 22ND TO 23RD MARCH IN OXFORD**

A two day conference for everyone engaged in mission (including youth work, schools work, community arts and fresh expressions of church). Booking, details and brochure [here](#). £30 per day or £50 for both days.

## **HOPE FOR EASTER AND CPO EASTER HOPE POSTERS & RESOURCES**

The Hope for Easter book profiles creative mission ideas for Easter and includes group study material and Easter reflections. [Buy it online now for £4.99](#) See also <http://www.cpo.org.uk/>

## **'LOVE YOUR STREETS' LAUNCHES ON VALENTINES WEEKEND**

A be kind, mindful of others, community strengthening sort of campaign...[www.loveyourstreets.org.uk](http://www.loveyourstreets.org.uk)

## **RC PROGRAMME AND RESOURCE LEAFLET (LEGACY OF PAPAL VISIT)**

On six topics: 'To know our purpose', 'To grow in confidence', 'To witness to our faith', 'To serve others', 'To seek and engage in dialogue' and 'To point to the transcendent'. See [see](#).

## **ON FIRE ANNUAL CONFERENCE "POWER AND WEAKNESS"**

2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> May 2011 for details of conference and (renewal) network see [www.onfiremission.org.uk](http://www.onfiremission.org.uk)

## **FX CONFERENCE IN OXFORD – MAY 6<sup>TH</sup> 2011, 10AM-4PM, £30**

"Changing the landscape: making the mixed economy work." For all denominations, for pioneers, practitioners, missioners, area deans, circuit superintendents, synod members and anybody else with an interest in fresh expressions, the mixed economy or mission-shaped thinking. [Details](#)

## **REALLY USEFUL POWERPOINT PRESENTATION FROM LINDA BARLEY**

How statistics inform mission. [See](#). NB only possible because parishes return information to dioceses!

## **NEW CHURCH OF ENGLAND WEBSITE**

Areas such as news, prayer, weddings, church schools etc, are now more prominent. [See](#).

## **MEN'S MINISTRY**

New website for Men and the Church: [www.menandthechurch.info](http://www.menandthechurch.info)

## **21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY EVANGELICALS: LATEST UK RESEARCH**

Published by the Evangelical Alliance. Includes attitudes and practice of mission and evangelism: [See](#)

## **THAT'S 'SORTED' THEN - FX AMONG NON-CHURCH TEENAGERS IN BRADFORD**

The latest 'Encounters on the the Edge' from the Church Army Sheffield Centre – [see](#).

## **NURTURE COURSES REVIEW**

From Gloucester Diocese, a review of courses – [See](#)– nb START! Is now only available [here](#)

## **THE WEDDING PROJECT**

See [resources](#) to make the most of weddings as an opportunity for outreach.

## **'ESSENCE' ENQUIRY COURSE NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE**

'Essence', a 6 part enquirer course aiming to give people an experiential introduction to the Christian faith is now online at: <http://www.sharejesusinternational.com/resources/essence/>

## **MORE INFORMATION**

For news of more books, courses and resources, see : <http://www.oxford.anglican.org/page/eword/>

## **AND FINALLY...**

“Exploring God’s Mercy: Lost and Found” Study resource from Steven Croft. Podcasts and [Video](#))

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