



Equipping Churches_

Since its formation in 1998, one of the Churches Regional Commission for Yorkshire and the Humber's (CRC) key aims has been to equip churches to respond to issues and needs in their local communities.

This issue of Spirit Level will reflect on this aim with an overview of opportunities for churches – from free briefing papers and events on topical issues (see pages 2 and 3) to the new Faiths Forum for the region, pictured above (and see page 3).

CRC will also launch an effective Christian presence and enterprise project on June 22nd (see article page 7). Faithworks and local project researcher, Ian Drummond, have been commissioned to profile a diversity of church expressions across the region, research factors that contribute to their success as outward looking, mission-focussed churches, learn from best practice examples and devise training and resources to help other churches to review their own activities.

CRC's Liz Carnelley explains, *"This is a project to identify innovation and good practice, and support pioneers who are transforming communities as they explore new ways of being church. Those who are "energy church" - how are they affecting their communities? Those who run large projects - how are they "church" for their local community? How are rural churches resourcing mission and ministry? And how do we sustain this work in enterprising ways?"*

With such a busy programme of publishing, events and initiatives, it is timely that CRC also wish to hear from you on what you would like CRC to provide and how this can best be done. This will help future plans and communications activity. Everyone who takes the time to complete and submit the attached questionnaire (see inside back cover), will also be put into a hat for a prize draw. So please let us know what you think – you could even win a £50 book token!

Natasha Thomas, Health Promotion Officer with delegates at CRC's faith and wellbeing seminar at Cafe West, Bradford. See Events page 8.

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Yorkshire's living ghosts

Written by David Price, a member of CRC's Social Inclusion Task Group

"CRC have published a revised version of a briefing paper on destitute asylum seekers first published two years ago.

We began with our Christian duty to show hospitality to strangers (Matthew 25: 34-5). Sadly since then the situation has got worse. By now as a result of Government policy we have in our region several thousand people living in the worst kind of Third World conditions - people with no rights, no benefits, no right to work, and who fear being sent home any day to possible imprisonment and even torture. They might be called 'living ghosts'.

This was brought home to me when recently with some friends I went to Holy Family Church in Arbourthorne, Sheffield, and met 40 or more destitute asylum seekers. They came from Ethiopia, Eritrea, the Darfur district of the Sudan and Zimbabwe. These are dangerous countries. The Foreign Office advises you not to travel to large parts of them. Eritrea is so dangerous that the Home Office has sent no one back there for three years. Most of these people have had harrowing experiences in their countries. Some have lost family members.

Never have I experienced such frustration and anxiety from a group of people. They feel caught up in some Kafka-like nightmare. Immigration law is complex and they need solicitors. But in Yorkshire the legal franchises have been halved since 2001. We heard of solicitors refusing help because they doubted whether they would receive any fees. With inadequate legal advice, can there be justice?

The Home Office had decided that most of the people we met should not be given leave to stay here. Refused asylum seekers are expected to sign a declaration accepting that they will go back to their home country whenever the UK Government says they should. But they are frightened of returning and will not sign away their rights and make their story a lie.

They told us how their 'caseworker' had come to remove them from their accommodation and tell them that they can have no more help. When they ask what they are to do, the caseworker says 'I do not know'.

They are left with no home, no resources and no permission to work. They are proud and dignified people and do not wish to beg. Kind compatriots may lend their settee for a time at risk to their own tenancy agreements. One man slept 'under a small bridge'. Another talked of having had no food for four days.

Partly owing to stress, many suffer from mental or physical ill-health. They are only entitled to emergency care. A man who was diabetic and had gastric problems had received a bill for £3500 for hospital treatment. A woman had breast cancer as well as having to cope with destitution. Another woman broke down as she tried to tell us her story.

In some cities including Leeds, the Home Office has been piloting the latest turn of the screw, known as 'Section 9', under which children can be separated from their parents. Mercifully, local authorities are refusing to comply, seeing this as contrary to human rights. But many families have gone underground on receiving threatening letters.

Whatever has happened to 'British fair play'?
We have had four successive immigration laws, driven by panic responses to tabloid journalism. Yet Britain is

not 'swamped' with asylum seekers. We have only 3% of the world's refugees. Ten countries in the European Union have more refugees proportionately than we do.

Fortunately, many Yorkshire people are unwilling to tolerate such treatment of strangers. Our regional and local press is more objective than the national tabloids. We have organisations like ASSIST in Sheffield which give money to some of those affected and even provide some accommodation. Some churches are a safe haven of help.

But above all we need to get the law changed. This is why Church Action on Poverty has launched the Living Ghosts Campaign. John Sentamu, the Archbishop of York, and 44 other church leaders have pledged their support (See letter in The Times 3 December). Please sign up to this campaign on www.church-poverty.org.uk (Tel 0161 236 9321) and write to your MP calling for changes in the law."

Be Informed

Free copies of the briefing paper on destitute asylum seekers from are available from CRC. CRC regularly publish briefing papers to provide background information on key issues, theological reflection and signposting to more resources as part of its commitment to equipping churches. Also available: briefing papers on political extremism, revised for local elections May 2006, and disaffected young Muslims.

CRC have also organised a series of free seminars in the Spring on Housing, Mental Health and Wellbeing and Migrant Workers. **See Events page 8 for more information.**



Delegates at CRC's faith and wellbeing seminar at Cafe West, Bradford. See Events page 8.

The Bigger Circle_

At the launch of the Yorkshire and Humber Faiths Forum in December 2006, Archbishop Sentamu urged the Forum to challenge poverty, racism and exclusion.

He also spoke of the 'bigger circle' of influence provided by faiths through the Forum which aims to advance the contribution of faith communities,



encourage partnership and challenge injustice and discrimination. The Forum responded quickly to news events in January, supporting a local multi-faith vigil outside the Stratford Street Mosque in Beeston Leeds to show support, calm and peaceful cooperation across all faiths.

The Forum is also inviting people to organise a meal, picnic, barbeque or gathering as part of a region-wide Food Festival to share food with neighbours and friends old and new to celebrate the diversity of food and unity in our communities.

Director Inderjit Bhogal explains, "Food is celebrated in many ways by all faith communities. Food and hospitality stories from all faiths abound. We can share our distinctive cuisine with each other with pride. We can build community cohesion and good relationships by eating with each other. Let us all organise something in our communities, show togetherness and present a strong challenge to those who seek to divide us."

More information on the Yorkshire and Humber Faiths Forum including guidelines for organising a Food Festival event near you is available from www.yorkshireandhumberfaiths.org.uk or contact the office on 0113 380 4861 info@yorkshireandhumberfaiths.org.uk.

(left to right) Council member Mufti Yusuf Akudi with Inderjit Bhogal (director), Patricia Farrell (Faith Seat holder) and Bishop Tony Robinson (Chair) highlight the Food Festival planned for June 11th.

Faith on the Political Agenda

Local elections will take place on May 4th and BNP campaigning is expected to be high profile with faith a central issue.

In the May 2004 local elections, the BNP won 8 seats in Yorkshire and the Humber and with growing support, there is a very real danger that this will rise. Issues around freedom of speech, asylum and terrorism feature in their literature along with the slogan 'Defend Christian Values' and the crucifix. The BNP have claimed that the 'Christian Council of Britain' support them and 'clergy' and other supporters were in evidence outside the courthouse in Leeds during Nick Griffin's trial.

Speaking at the launch of the Yorkshire and Humber Faiths Forum in December (see above), Archbishop Sentamu praised Britain's liberal democracy, its Christian tradition and the belief in equality, justice and respect. "I will encourage everybody to exercise their democratic right to vote. In the end the BNP is only going to be defeated at the ballot box, not by banning them."

Peter Lazenby of the Yorkshire Evening Post has watched developments in the region closely. "The party in recent years has tried to present itself as a "respectable" alternative to the mainstream parties, yet its manifesto is openly based on racism. For example, if elected, BNP Councillors are committed to removing halal and kosher food from school dinner menus. The BNP justifies this proposed victimisation of Muslim and Jewish children by saying it is opposed to animal cruelty. The BNP is also committed to introducing quota systems on the issuing of licences to private hire firms and off-licences.

This would deprive thousands of ethnic Asian people in Yorkshire of their livelihoods. The BNP's declared policy is "an immediate halt to all non-white immigration" and "the voluntary re-settlement" of non-whites to "their lands of native origin." BNP Nick Griffin has described the Holocaust as the "holohoax," denying the deaths of millions of Jewish people in Nazi gas chambers."

More information on local anti-racism groups in your area can be obtained from: www.searchlightmagazine.com or www.uaf.org.uk

What can churches do?

- Ensure BNP myths are challenged
- Encourage people to vote
- Make it clear that the BNP do not represent Christians
- Organise positive local events – vigils, festivals, children's activities – to promote good community relations.

Find out more from 'BNP Briefing Paper: A Church Response', a free CRC briefing paper revised for the May elections. Available to download from www.crc-online.org.uk, info@crc-online.org.uk or tel. 0113 244 3413.

"This impressive briefing paper sets out the issues in a very clear way that is far better than any other piece I have read. It seeks to raise the issues behind the rhetoric that usually make the headlines such as why people chose to vote for the BNP."

Colin Brown, Deputy Political Editor of the Independent

BNP supporters with 'Christian' placards



Book Review_

- Sparrow Story

David Rhodes

ISBN 0-281-05790-7 price £9.99

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online www.spckonline.com. |

Sparrow Story – The gospel for today takes an interesting approach in setting the Gospels in a region under military occupation. Jesus becomes known as ‘the Boss’ or ‘Jez’. Whilst the initial chapters which set the scene seem disjointed, once you go beyond them the story develops continuity. The action is strengthened by use of the present tense, although the language is sometimes simplistic. However, the accessible language and bite size chapters provides a book that is easy to read aloud and useful to stimulate discussion, especially with young people. This book – like the Simpsons – works at two levels for both adults and young people. It would work particularly well as an aid to encourage participation and discussion by groups of young people.

By David Slater, Development Manager with CRC



Treasures Revealed_

Culture Officer, Zoe Kemp, has done much since her appointment in April 2005. Spirit Level takes a look at the events, training and resources on offer from CRC's Treasures Revealed programme.

Treasures Revealed aims to highlight the range of exciting church-based activities in the region that contribute to the social, cultural and economic life of their local communities. Treasures Revealed has developed from the highly successful North Yorkshire Church Tourism Initiative which more than doubled visitors to churches over three years. The programme also aims to strengthen the work of local church members through training events, resources and technical support, encourage innovation and ensure the contribution of churches is recognised by policy makers and funders. It is hoped that more churches and other places of worship will be inspired to unlock their cultural potential and take advantage of the opportunities available from CRC.

Church Tourism in Wakefield_

CRC is working with the Diocese of Wakefield and Wakefield District Council to help to develop church tourism in the Wakefield area. Plans include a new gazetteer-style leaflet, designed to encourage visitors and residents to seek out and explore some of the district's most interesting places of worship and training days for clergy and volunteers on topics such as safety and security, welcoming visitors and interpreting church buildings.

Creative Spaces_

CRC's first annual Treasures Revealed Conference entitled Creative Spaces, Vibrant Places: the role of church-led cultural activity in creating dynamic communities took place at St Catherine's Conference Centre in Wakefield on 25 March. The day included an exhibition of churches in Kirklees and a busy programme of speakers and workshops. Keynote speaker Maggie Durran focussed on how new horizons depend upon people inside and outside the church. *"The possibilities/options for development open to your church depend on understanding both the people inside and outside the church and all those in between."* Maggie outlined a structured approach to looking at this that promoted discussion rather than assumption.

More information on the outcomes of the conference will be published later in the Spring. Meanwhile contact Zoe on 0113 244 3413 email zoe.kemp@crc-online.org.uk or visit www.crc-online.org.

Treasures Revealed in Leeds

A host of Leeds places of worship will open their doors around this Spring Bank Holiday to reveal their contribution to the city's rich cultural diversity. From April 29th to May 7th Treasures Revealed in Leeds will provide a programme of activities for people of all ages that are predominantly free encompassing not only the historical and architectural gems, but also the exciting range of cultural activity on offer at places of worship.



The Heritage Singers will be in concert at Holy Trinity Church Boar Lane Saturday 29th April tel. 0113 245 4268



One man show 'Remember Me? The Story of John Harrison' (the celebrated Leeds benefactor) is at St John the Evangelist May 1st. tel 0113 244 1689

can use our buildings to encourage these interests, the better."

CRC's Culture Officer, Zoe Kemp comments, "Churches Regional Commission recognises that activities as diverse as art, music, sport, tourism and heritage are some of the key ways in which faith communities can make a significant contribution to life in the region. This contribution has been shown to become greater when churches work together. We hope that this first Treasures Revealed event in Leeds will lead to similar initiatives in other parts of the region."

A printed programme of events is now available with updates provided on: www.yorkshirechurches.com.

Gospel for everyone with renowned Cleve Freckleton at St. Andrews' URC, Roundhay May 6th. tel 0113 269 7002



Highlights include the inaugural event – a multi-faith walk of friendship taking in Leeds Grand Mosque and other places of worship in the Hyde Park area of Leeds, learn and perform gospel singing in one day, treasure hunts, various performances and guided tours.

The Archbishop of York, the Most Revd and Rt Hon Dr John Sentamu says, "Churches are primarily places of worship, but have also been used as venues for the arts, teaching, meetings and even at times as hospitals and markets. Human beings are created to live in communities and to share the rich diversity of interests with which God has endowed them. The more we

Treasures Revealed Workshop Events

Please reserve places on the following workshops (insert quantity as appropriate):

National Churchwatch FREE

- Wednesday 26th April 6.30 - 8.30 pm, Doncaster
- Thursday 27th April 9.30am - 3.30pm, York
- Thursday 27th April 7.00 - 9.00pm, Leeds
- Friday 28th April 9.30am - 3.00pm, Wakefield

Welcome Host: Welcome to the Church

- Thursday 4th May 10.30am - 4.30pm, Hedon near Hull £10*
- Wednesday 7th June 10.00am - 4.00pm, Skipton £10

*free to members of the East Yorkshire Historic Churches Group

Alterations to a Listed Church FREE

- Thursday 6th July, 7.00pm Sheriff Hutton, near York

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I would like to order:

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Street Pastors Launched

Street Pastors will become a regular sight at weekends in the Chapeltown and Harehills areas of Leeds following the official launch of the programme in March.

The Street Pastors, all volunteers from churches in Leeds, will provide support and a listening ear as they visit clubs, pubs and places where young people gather. The aim of this innovative scheme is to reduce criminal activity and improve safety. The launch at St Aidan's Church, Roundhay heard messages of support from local church leaders, the police and community leaders. More volunteers are being sought from churches in the Leeds area.

More information from CRC 0113 244 3423 or email mo.elliott@crc-online.org.uk

New Commissioners

8 new commissioners have joined the CRC. Jude Thurlow has particular expertise in industrial mission and credit unions, Dr Jan Eldred comes from a background in adult literacy and education; Jenny Carpenter is a former field officer for Churches Together in England and former National Rural Officer for the URC and Methodist Church; Revd Elizabeth Clark has a rural background; John Wardle works in health and regeneration; Roland Clark has a background in regeneration from a business perspective; Revd Tony Parry is active in racial justice, youth and social enterprise; Canon Arun John, also active in racial justice as well as inter-faith and ecumenical work. These new commissioners represent all parts of the region as well as the Catholic, Methodist, Anglican and Black Majority Churches. Welcome to them all!

Faith as Social Capital

New research from the Joseph Rowntree Foundation recognises that faith communities are creating valuable bridges and links across society but they could do more if obstacles to development were overcome. Co-author Rob Furbey of Sheffield Hallam University said, "The Government has much to learn about the ways faith based groups can work together in their local communities. Government needs to invest time and look for opportunities for informal encounters where trust can be built; and it will need to be more tolerant of different styles of working." A summary of findings and the report can be downloaded free of charge from www.jrf.org.uk.



Fair Finance_

CRC will revisit issues and progress around financial exclusion with a follow up seminar on Fair Finance at St Anne's Cathedral Hall, Friday 30th June.

In October 2004 CRC organised the first region-wide seminar on financial exclusion. 'Led by CRC's Social Inclusion Task Group, this follow up event reflects CRC's continuing concern that less well off people in the region often lack access to suitable financial services and affordable credit and may owe large amounts to doorstep lenders. This can damage their lives and also means that they cannot play their full part in the region's growing economy.

Speakers will include: Seymour Fortescue, Chief Executive of the Banking Standards Code Board, Karen Swainston, Regional Liaison Manager of Barclays Bank, Eric Thompson, Chief Executive of Financial Inclusion Services Yorkshire, and John Packer, Bishop of Ripon and Leeds,

The seminar is particularly targeted towards decision makers in regional organisations, the financial sector and the voluntary sector and people in the churches and other faith-based organisations who are concerned about financial exclusion. For further information and to secure a place, please contact the CRC office 0113 244 3413 info@crc-online.org.uk. (also see Events page 8)

What Makes Effective Church?_

CRC's Effective Christian Presence and Enterprise project will be launched on June 22nd. This is a ground breaking three year active learning and research programme that will inform and challenge current thinking on:

- How we measure and understand 'effectiveness' in terms of mission, pastoral care, enterprise and sustainability
- Our understanding of 'church' through the practical experience and journey of diverse faith communities from the Yorkshire and Humber area.

Six Open Forums, over lunch with invited speakers, workshops and networking opportunities will be open to all to enable lively debate around the issue of what makes an effective church. These Open Forums will be complimented by a series of cluster days for the 25 project participants. The participant groups will be carefully selected to ensure diversity and to enrich the breadth of the research and will include:

- Emerging, fresh expressions of church that are wanting to engage more meaningfully with their local community
- Innovative Christian social action projects that are wrestling with how and if they are 'church' in their local community
- Small, scattered, under resourced rural and urban churches in challenging circumstances

CRC's project is being managed in partnership with Faithworks under the guidance of a Steering Group including CRC commissioner Robert Freeman, Archdeacon of Halifax (Mission-shaped Church), Howard Petch (Sowing the Seed and Presence), Richard Blackburn, CRC Chair and Archdeacon of Sheffield and Graham Brownlee of the Yorkshire Baptist Association.

Active Faith Communities

Mark Woodhead has recently joined Active Faith Communities as Outreach Development Worker in Wakefield, Kirklees and Calderdale. Mark is keen to hear from faith-based groups who need help with an existing project, or an idea that you would like turning into reality.

"My particular interests include community profiling, evaluation, the development of a focus on outcomes (the changes that are achieved in the lives of the people we work with), and encouraging an approach to development work that focuses on a community's assets, such as people, skills, networks and local knowledge."

The Active Faith Communities Programme was set up in 2002 to work with faith communities and faith based organisations in West Yorkshire, both to support existing projects and to encourage new initiatives offering advice and support in planning, training, funding, evaluation, staff and volunteers.

Contact Mark Woodhead at the Active Faith Communities Programme Chantry House, Victoria Road, Kirkstall, Leeds, LS5 3JB tel. 0845 658 0388 or email: odw@activefaiths.org.uk.

Similar project support and advice is available in other parts of the region. Contact SEARCH in Hull and the East Riding (Mel Meesam tel 01482 851008 email search@care4free.net) and Together for Regeneration in South Yorkshire (contact Joanne Archer tel. 01709 309163 email Joanne.archer@sheffield.anglican.org). Spirit Level will feature updates from these sub-regional partners in future issues.

Events



Faith in Housing and Regeneration, CRC and Housing Justice

Thursday 27th April 10 – 2, FREE

The Thornbury Centre, 79 Leeds Old Road, Bradford BD3 8JX

Wednesday 3rd May 10 – 2, FREE

The Goodwin Centre, Icehouse Road, Hull HU3 2HQ

Explore issues and practical ideas for supporting action in local communities including: local cases studies; resources and information; kick starting church engagement and action; and ensuring a voice for local residents.

Enquiries and applications to CRC 0113 244 3413, info@crc-online.org.uk.

Mind and Soul? Mental Health Faith and Wellbeing CRC and SEARCH

Friday 9th June 2006, 10-3 FREE

The Endsleigh Centre, 481 Beverley Road, Hull.

Aims to increase awareness of mental health issues and the relationship between mental health, faith and wellbeing, to equip participants with practical ways of engaging and supporting people and to look at ways of building stronger links between voluntary, community and faith groups and mental health service.

Enquiries and applications to CRC 0113 244 3413, info@crc-online.org.uk.

Faith Matters



Practical, informative, introductory seminars on faiths in the region led by a multi-faith team of trainers.

Thursday 11th May, Calderdale £40 (public and private organisations) £25 (voluntary, community and faith organisations)

Exploring Islam CRC

Thursday 4th May, Scunthorpe

Tuesday 13th June, Calderdale

£80 (public and private organisations)
£50 (voluntary, community and faith organisations)

Focuses on Muslim life, belief and practice, women in Islam, diversity in Islam and race, ethnicity and culture of Muslims and includes a visit to a place of worship.

Enquiries and applications to CRC 0113 244 3413 info@crc-online.org.uk

What does effective church look like in the region?

June 22nd 2006, Thornbury Centre, Bradford FREE

Launch of the CRC effective church project with local case studies and stories. (see article page 7)

Information and place reservation contact Faithworks info@faithworks.info 0207 450 9058

Fair Finance CRC

Friday 30 June, 9.30 - 12.45 St Anne's Cathedral Hall, Leeds FREE

How do we tackle lack of access to suitable financial services and affordable credit for the less well off?

(see Fair Finance article page 7)

To reserve places or for more information contact Mary White, CRC 0113 244 3413 mary.white@crc-online.org.uk

HOW DO WE SET ALL FREE?

CRC convention

Friday February 23rd 2007, Hull

What are the current challenges around modern enslavement and how do we tackle them? Full day programme of local project cases studies, exhibition, practical seminars and speakers including: Father Shay Cullen (Preda), Archbishop Sentamu, Richard Reddie (Set All Free) and Carrie Pemberton (CHASTE).



Put the date in your diaries and contact CRC for full event information and application forms (available June 2006)

National Churchwatch FREE

Wednesday 26th April 6.30 - 8.30 pm, Doncaster

Thursday 27th April 9.30 am - 3.30 pm, York

Thursday 27th April 7 – 9, Leeds

Friday 28th April 9.30 – 3, Wakefield

Practical workshops led by Nick Tolson (National Churchwatch Co-ordinator and former police officer and Verger of Wells Cathedral) on keeping churches and welcomers safe and secure. (visit www.nationalchurchwatch.com)

Welcome Host:

Welcome to the Church

Thursday 4th May 10.30 – 4.30, Hedon near Hull £10*

Wednesday 7th June 10 – 4, Skipton £10

A short workshop recognised by the tourism industry for everyone involved in welcoming visitors to the church

***free to members of the East Yorkshire Historic Churches Group**

Alterations to a Listed Church

Thursday 6th July, 7pm Sheriff Hutton, near York FREE

Paula Griffiths Head of Cathedrals and Church Buildings Division of the Archbishops' Council, will explore the issues using St Helen and the Holy Cross, Sheriff Hutton as a working case study.

These workshops form part of CRC's Treasures Revealed Culture programme. Contact CRC or use the application form on page 5 to secure places.

Treasures Revealed in Leeds

April 29th – May 7th Venues throughout Leeds

An exciting programme of events and activities that highlight many of the treasures that remain largely hidden within places of worship in Leeds. Includes activities that will appeal to families during the bank holiday week as well as heritage, arts and architecture enthusiasts. (see feature article pages 4-5)

Leaflets available from CRC 0113 244 3413, email info@crc-online.org.uk or download from www.crc-online.org.uk.

CRC Events and Resources

As well as organising practical events, CRC also publish regular briefing papers to inform and equip churches. Ensure that you are signed up to receive information, or visit www.crc-online.org.uk for free downloads.

Questionnaire_

Tell us what you think, and your questionnaire response will be put in hat with a chance to win a £50 book token.

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 Sticking Together Social Enterprise More Than Happy

Briefing paper on the BNP Destitute Asylum Seekers
 Transient Communities

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CRC aims to provide a voice for faith, advocate faiths and equip churches.
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