

Council of Christians and Jews : Leeds Branch

from : The Joint Chairmen of the Leeds Branch of the CCJ
to: Clergy Ministers and Lay Readers preparing to
lead Worship on Advent Sunday

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

Those of us who lead the worship of the Church Sunday by Sunday often find sermons for the major festivals of the Church difficult to prepare. Sometimes we are at a loss to present our people with new insights, and perhaps fear that instead of stimulating their faith we may be frustrating it. Aware that this can be so, the Leeds Branch of the Council of Christians and Jews invite you to an experiment designed to help us see the Scriptures prescribed in the lectionary for Advent Sunday through fresh eyes.

Lections from the Old Testament form an indispensable part of Christian Worship. These Scriptures spring from the context of ancient Jewish life and prayer, but Christian people hear them whilst standing in a profoundly different context of belief and assumption. If we were to hear how the Old Testament lections are understood by a Jewish Rabbi, it may be that our understanding would be widened, we would discover new questions to put to the text, and we may be able to become better ministers to our people.

This has prompted us to invite Rabbi Jason Kleiman, Minister of the Street Lane Gardens Synagogue in Leeds, to expound the Old Testament passages which are suggested for Public Worship on Advent Sunday, November 29th. These are taken from the lectionary of Common Worship and will be used not only in the Church of England, but also in Churches of several other Christian denominations. These are Jeremiah 33: 14-16, Joel 3:9-21, and Is.51:4-11 You are invited to come to hear Rabbi Kleiman at 10:00am on Tuesday 17th November in the Hall of Headingley St. Columba United Reformed Church, Headingley Lane, Leeds 6. The meeting will close at 12:00 noon. There is parking at the Church.

Preparations would be helped if you were to request a place by sending the accompanying slip to reach us by Saturday 7th November. Places will be limited, and early application is advised. Alternatively you may contact us on robertway1234@yahoo.co.uk giving your mail the subject OT Exposition. There is no charge for this event, but an opportunity to help us meet its cost will be provided.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. Anthony Conway, Revd. Robert Way Joint Chairmen of the Leeds Branch.

Please reserve a place for me on the Advent Old Testament Exposition to be held on Tuesday 17th November 2009 at 10:00am - 12:00 noon in
Headingley St. Columba United Reformed Church, Headingley Leeds 6

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Please send your reply to "The Joint Chairmen CCJ, 7, Church Lane, Leeds LS 16 8DB or by e-mail to robertway1234@yahoo.co.uk with the subject OT Exposition.