

Training matters.....September 2009

I know there has not been a *Training Matters* page in the mailing in recent months, but I trust you have been able to continue to access training events via the web site and through the *Trackways* and 'CLAY' training leaflets. This 'edition' of the page is to alert you to the new CLAY leaflet giving details of ecumenical training in the area and included in this mailing, and also to remind you of the *Trackways* current edition which came by post to you. There are some spare copies of both in their 'glossy' form, if you would like such copies let me know, though of course both are downloadable from the Diocesan web site if that is your preference.

A number of events I would like to alert you to:

Collaborative Working – 19 September at All Hallows in Leeds. A further opportunity to hear and work with David Robertson – he was a speaker at the Diocesan Staff Conference last year – and one I am sure which will be challenging yet fruitful when considering the issue of working collaboratively and growing together.

The Diocesan Lay Conference – much already has been said about this biennial event. Do encourage people in your parish to join us for the day, perhaps a group coming together at the express request of the PCC? There is no charge and if anyone has transport difficulties, of whatever nature, please encourage them to speak with me and I am sure we will be able to find ways to help them attend.

Advent and Christmas Resources – the second of the events, headed up by the Diocesan Worship Committee, which hope to help resource worship throughout our diocese. This event in Ripon looks at resources for Advent and Christmas – indeed exactly as it says on the tin!

Worship that is not the Eucharist - two identical evenings, one in Bedale and one next February in Harrogate with the hope of helping those Readers, Churchwardens and Worship Leaders who plan and lead non- Eucharistic services. Aiming to help them feel confident in their use of resources, and in how they approach their particular context of worship.

Domestic Abuse – how should we respond? – events which have been arranged across the diocese by Sue Booth in response to the national guidelines for responding to domestic abuse. Sue has asked me to remind people that these events are those highlighted in the introduction to our own Diocesan Guidelines, which came out to parishes recently. This is a programme of training for all with pastoral care responsibilities to help highlight and focus on the "evil of domestic violence". Sue and members of the Safeguarding Management group "encourage you to participate in one of these events, particularly if you have a role in any sort of pastoral work with children".

Unfortunately the early September date has proved not to be convenient for people, so we have cancelled that morning at St.Edmund's Roundhay. A further date will be added early in 2010, probably at the same venue. There is a further date in September for this training – at the Venerable Bede at Wyther, and Sue encourages those in the area to access this event if possible. Again the flyer is in this mailing and on the web site.

All the flyers for these events are accessible via the Training page of the Diocesan web-site, or as hard copy from me – even in colour if you are lucky!

Paul Hooper 'joins' the 'Training Department' in September working with Peter Burrows and myself to resource training for all who minister, ordained and lay in the diocese. We trust that we will continue to offer training, when and as appropriate in a manner that all ministers might access together and so learn alongside each other. We look forward to this new development

As ever all good wishes

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