

# NOTICE BOARD

## LENT GROUPS, 2013

Since Ash Wednesday falls on February 13th next year, Mike Beazley and I are hoping to complete the Lent groups by the beginning of that month. The choice of study is one of the York Courses, Jesus Rediscovered. " This 5-part course focuses on the Man who chopped history in half and what it means to own Jesus as Teacher, Example, Saviour and Lord."

To keep to our time table we rely entirely on your help and cooperation. We need to get hosts and leaders settled in December if possible and forms out for people to make their choice of group early in January. These forms will provide a choice of time and venue. Transport can usually be arranged. It is asked that two or three possible choices are given to make it easier to arrange groups of from six to eight people with representatives from as many different churches as possible. We owe a great debt of thanks to past hosts and leaders many of whom, I hope, will offer again. It is also vital, however, to have new volunteers and Mike and I will be very grateful to those who put their names forward as soon as possible. You can contact us by phone or email (see below) or, if you prefer, via your minister.

We do hope there will be a real ecumenical mix in these groups but this will only be possible if each church supports our efforts. We have much to accomplish if we are to take the findings of the Social Audit seriously and the close fellowship generated by these groups will go a long way to helping this.

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### The Ad Hoc Theatre Company

Are presenting the Second Shepherds' Play, based on a 14th Century Play, at Ludlow Methodist Church, 7.30pm on 5th,6th and 7th December. On the 6th you will also be able to hear Bella Capella in Concert. Friends of Ludlow Library are providing a special evening of Readings and Poetry at Ludlow Methodist Church on 13th December 7.30pm: Tickets £3

Many Thanks

Alun Davies



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### REGULAR 'CHURCHES TOGETHER' ACTIVITIES

**LUNCH & FELLOWSHIP** Last Friday of the month from 12.30pm - 1.45pm in the Garden Room at the Methodist Church.

**PRAYERS FOR PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS** Last Monday of each month at 2 Friars Gardens from 3 - 4 pm. Please phone 875398 for further information.

**TRAIDCRAFT** Goods on sale at the Ludlow Conference Centre during office hours 9am - 4.30pm Monday - Friday, at Wesley's Café 10 am - 2 pm Monday - Saturday.

**SERVICE AT FOUR RIVERS** 1st Tuesday of each month at 11am.

**ALL ARE WELCOME AT THESE EVENTS**



### Traidcraft says, 'For Christ's sake, do something!'

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**'My children, our love is not just to be words or mere talk but something real and active' (1 John 3:18).**

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### Life & Learning @ Ludlow – The programme for 2013

Following the inaugural lecture given by Bishop John Saxbee in which he explored 'Is there too much religion in the world?' and the course 'Contemporary Stumbling Blocks' given by Canon Maureen Palmer on current ethical issues, our adult education programme continues in the New Year. And as the number of people that can be accommodated at all events is restricted, now is the time to book your place.

On Monday 21 January 2013 we welcome The Revd Canon Chris Chivers, who until recently was Canon Chancellor of Blackburn Cathedral, and Anjum Anwar, who has the unique job as a Muslim member of staff at Blackburn Cathedral. Their lecture 'Clash of civilisations or chance to co-operate?' will respond to the argument that all religions do is to promote conflict.

Then, for four Thursdays beginning on 14 February 2013, The Revd Canon Chris Pullin from Hereford Cathedral will be introducing us to 'The World of the New Testament'.

The current programme ends on Saturday 27 April 2013 with a study day led by The Revd Iain Lane from St Albans Cathedral looking at Christian art from 1850 – 1950.

Aimed at people of faith who want to reflect deeply on how their faith impacts on their engagement with the world around them, yet also appeal to those with no faith commitment who are interested in exploring the Christian perspective on contemporary issues, the events are open to all regardless of religious affiliation.

The detailed programme, with registration form, can be picked up at the Welcome Desk at St Laurence's or downloaded from the website: [www.stlaurences.org.uk/lifeandlearning](http://www.stlaurences.org.uk/lifeandlearning).

Copies of the programme can also be ordered by emailing: [lifeandlearning@stlaurences.org.uk](mailto:lifeandlearning@stlaurences.org.uk) OR by phoning 01584 872073

### CHURCHES TOGETHER CAROL SINGING FOR CHRISTIAN AID

(All day collection)

at the Buttercross on Saturday Dec 22nd 11am—12 noon.

Please join us.

