

**From Adrian Bulley, Wessex Synod Moderator**

## **Vision4Life** *Transforming the church*

### **Wessex Newsletter Article Service**

Three articles about **Vision4Life** are included.

The article by John Campbell is intended as a follow-up to the article by Lawrence Moore.

These articles will be available as PDF documents from the website at :

[www.urcwessex.org.uk](http://www.urcwessex.org.uk)

You are invited to submit articles that you think might be of interest to 'people in the pew' in our churches, for inclusion in the Wessex Newsletter Article Service.

Articles for the next issue will be needed by the end of February. They need to be no more than 250 words in length if there is to be a picture or logo to accompany them (which looks better). If no picture, then maximum 300 words, please.

Submit them to Peter Pay, the Synod Clerk either to [clerk@urcwessex.org.uk](mailto:clerk@urcwessex.org.uk) or at the Synod Office, 120 Alma Road, Southampton SO14 6UW

Dear friend,

At General Assembly in July the United Reformed Church entered a new and exciting chapter of its life. Having slimmed down our structures in the first part of 'Catch the Vision', the second phase was launched – **Vision4Life** – a three year engagement with Bible study, prayer and faith-telling for evangelism.

**Vision4Life** will start next Spring or Summer, and is offered to local churches as a means whereby they can reflect upon, and develop, their life.

In the first stage (May to August 2008), every local church is invited to use specially produced materials to help pave the way for what's to follow. These introductory materials will enable the congregation to consider the future of their church, the effectiveness of the Bible in their church, the role of prayer in the life of the their church, and the willingness of the members to talk about their faith to each other and to others. After those discussions, each church meeting will have to decide whether to engage with the **Vision4Life** process, and to tailor their programmes and activities to the three themes over the coming years.

**Vision4Life** will begin in earnest with Advent 2008 which will see the launch of a year focussed upon the Bible; in Advent 2009 the focus will switch to prayer for twelve months; from Advent 2010 for a further year the focus will be upon faith-telling for evangelism. There will be a wealth of materials for each of these years, and also support from the Synod's team and others.

I think this could be an exciting, energising and engaging process for our churches and each of us as Christians. I do hope that your church will decide to be part of **Vision4Life** and so renew our **Vision4Life**.

With very best wishes,

