

SHARING THE VISION
throughout the Wessex Synod
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FROM THE EDITOR

The Synod Clerk has asked that this edition of *Sharing the Vision* should be sent out early as there is information about the Synod Meeting on 5th November and due to half term it would not be able to be despatched from the Synod Office until October 31st. This means that anything received after 20th October will not be included. However if there is anything urgent that cannot be held until the next edition (which will be sent out by 24th November) please send to me (carannrog@aol.com) by the 23rd October and I will put together a sheet which can be sent to all **churches** by 25th October.

EMPLOYMENT WORKSHOPS AT SYNOD MEETING 5TH NOVEMBER

There have recently been a number of important changes to employment legislation. There will be two different workshops on the employment and management of staff at the November meeting of Synod run by Penny Thatcher our Employment advisor. In addition to members of Synod, these are also available to line managers of employees in local churches. If you wish to reserve a place or need more information, please contact Deborah at the Synod office.
office@urcwessex.org.uk

LOCAL CHURCH NEWS

You are warmly invited to the Induction of **Revd Chris Vivian at Lymington United Reformed Church on Sunday 20th November 2011 at 3.00pm.**

To help with arrangements please contact the Church Secretary:
maryann.plovers@gmail.com if you are able to attend.

St Columba's Gosport is hosting a BeBe Vox visit 14th-18th November 2011

Be Be Vox, the latest artist from Innervation Trust, will be visiting 9 local schools during the week 14th-18th November, and will be performing in a Family Concert at St Columba's, Gosport on **Friday 18th November.**

Tickets are now on sale for the Concert: Price £2.00 per ticket from: 07501 336291. More details and a short video clip of BeBe Vox can be seen on the St Columba website: www.stcolumbaurgosport.com

LAY AND ORDAINED MEMBERS OF ASSEMBLY

Don't forget that nominations for lay & ordained members of Assembly, which is at Scarborough from 6-9 July, need to be sent to the Synod Office by 25 November at the latest.

FROM THE NATIONAL RURAL OFFICER FOR THE METHODIST AND UNITED REFORMED CHURCHES

You may be aware of the Guidelines we have produced with CAB encouraging churches to host CAB, especially in rural and isolated areas. Please find the Guidelines attached. They can also be found on the CAB website at:

http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/index/aboutus/publications/faithful_advice.htm
The Guidelines will also shortly be available on the ARC website
www.arthurrankcentre.org.uk

VOCATIONS SUNDAY 2012

Wessex Synod has been asked to produce material for **Vocations Sunday 2012** and we would like to be able to share with the wider denomination some of the variety of ministry people in our Synod offer. If you, or someone you know in your church, has felt 'called' to a particular ministry then we'd love to hear your story. We are looking for stories, prayers, *hymns, readings - anything that you feel would inspire others to explore what God is calling them to*. From Ministers of Word and Sacrament, CRCW's, Lay Preachers, Church Secretaries, Treasurers, Local Church Leaders, Junior Church Leaders, Childrens' Workers, Music Leaders, or anyone who has felt called by God to particular ministry in a local congregation or even a ministry that is slightly different, please share your story. If you would like to contribute please contact Paul Holmes dso-s@urcwessex.org.uk or 41 Linden Park, Shaftesbury, SP7 8QZ.

CHILD PROTECTION REFRESHER TRAINING

Date: Saturday 12 November 2011 Time: 10.00-2.00

Venue: **Parkstone United Reformed Church**, Commercial Road, Parkstone, Poole, BH14 0JW Cost: £15 including lunch

This day will provide an important update with current legislation and thinking, with well known trainer Linda Naylor

To book your place please contact **Faithworks Wessex** by Friday 4th November:

Telephone: 01202 304004 Email: office@faithworkswessex.org.uk

Address: 35 Palmerston Road, Boscombe, Bournemouth, BH1 4HN

Please make cheques payable to "Bridging Communities" and post to the Faithworks Wessex office.

FREE TO BELIEVE

This year is the 15th Anniversary of *Free to Believe*. There is now a network of something over 500 people and national conferences attract around 100-150 people

There are still some places left for the next (and largest ever) *Free to Believe* national conference ***Beyond our Wildest Imagining - making real the love of God*** at **High Leigh**, Hoddesdon, Hertfordshire, EN11 8SG from **12th to 14th April 2012**. **The** speakers will be Gene Robinson, Bishop of New Hampshire, and David Peel, minister of St Andrew's, Monkseaton and St Cuthbert's and formerly Principal of Northern College Manchester. Elizabeth Gray King will be artist in residence and Kate Compston, worship leader. Cost £150. Deposits of £25 to Linda Harrison, 52 Salisbury Avenue, Colchester, Essex, CO3 3DN (cheques made out to Free to Believe).

JOB OPPORTUNITY

Part-time Youth Worker for Wesley Methodist and Park United Reformed Church, Reading

We are looking for someone:

- to inspire and develop our work with young people
- to support and develop volunteer youth workers
- to work 15 hours per week

We are seeking someone who:

- has relevant experience
- can work well independently and with others
- can inspire and encourage young and old
- can enable others to grow in their Christian faith

We are offering:

- an exciting opportunity
- good salary and support
- further training and development

For an application pack or further details, please contact:

Robert Weston, Park United Reformed Church,

Reading RG6 1DN email: minister@parkurc.org.uk details on: www.parkurc.org.uk

Application forms to be received by: 31st October 2011

There is a genuine occupational requirement that the post-holder is a Christian.

PRAYER CALENDAR

December 2011

Week Beginning

4th Creekmore, Poole; Wonersh; Lower Earley, Reading

11th Ryde, Isle of Wight; Thatcham; Buckland, Portsmouth

18th Fleet; Christ Church, Windsor; Walkford, Christchurch

25th Verwood; Dorchester; Totton

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Don't forget that others in your church are welcome to sign-up to receive future editions of this e-Newsletter direct to their inbox (this may be particularly relevant for Elders and Magazine/Newsletter editors and others in leadership within your congregation). Tell them that they simply need to send an e-mail to the [Synod Office](#), and assure them that they'll not be bombarded with other unsolicited e-mails.

PLEASE SEND ITEMS FOR THE December 2011 Edition TO CAROL ROGERS : carannrog@aol.com by November 23rd 2011.