

# **The Parish of Stratford-upon-Avon Holy Trinity, All Saints and St Helens**

## **Growing Together - Spring 2009**

Just before Woolworths closed its doors for the last time I made a nostalgic shopping trip to the pick and mix counter - reliving some precious childhood memories. The wonderful thing with 'pick and mix' is you can choose those things that suit your tastes and also have a trial sample of something you've not tried before.

Our 2009 Growing Together programme has a distinct 'pick and mix' feel. We are aiming to offer a wide a range of spiritual 'goodies' for people - either enjoying old favourites or sampling something new. The programme includes one-off training days, short courses, a housegroup programme and opportunities for prayer.

So whatever you 'pick' from the 'spiritual mix' there is something for everyone!

God Bless

David  
The Rev David Banbury  
Director of Mission and Faith Development

## **Special Events and Day Courses**

### **Christ and the Credit Crunch**

Monday 19 and 26 Jan 7.30pm - 6 Old Town Square, Stratford-upon-Avon

Two evenings with the opportunity to discuss and reflect together on

Christian responses to the current financial crisis

**Start! morning**

Saturday 31 January 10-12.00am - Holy Trinity Parish Centre  
Training morning aimed at PCC members, housegroup members/leaders and members of the congregation. During the morning there will be the opportunity to find out more about *Start!* the inquirer's course that the parish will be running regularly through 2009.

### **Marriage Preparation/Marriage Enrichment Day**

Saturday 7 February 9.45am - 1.00pm  
(for more information contact Martin Gorick)

### **Leading Your Church into Growth**

Saturday 14 March 10.00am – 4.00pm  
Holy Trinity Parish Centre

The day will be an introduction to some of the key principles that enable Churches to grow. Leading Your Church into Growth (LYCIG) will form the foundation of our parish strategy for growth and there will be number of opportunities to discover more about LYCIG throughout 2009. The day is open to members of any of the congregations in the parish - Wardens, PCC and lay leaders are particularly encouraged to participate in one of the LYCIG events that will be held in 2009.

(for more information contact David Banbury)

### **Faith in Film**

Sunday 29 March 6.00-9.30pm

The Church Lounge, Holy Trinity Parish Centre

The opportunity to watch a blockbuster movie followed by a discussion on some of the themes relating life and faith raised by the film.

(for more information contact David Banbury)

### ***Start!***

Saturday 31 January 10-12.00am

Training morning - full details on the front page

Tuesdays 3 March - 7 April

*Start!* - afternoon course 2.00-3.30pm - 3 Coopers Close, Stratford upon-Avon

*Start!* - evening course 7.30-9.00pm - The Church Lounge, Holy

Trinity Parish Centre

*Youth Start!*

Thursdays 26 Feb - 2 April 7.15-8.45pm *Youth Start!* is being run as a combined course for members of Life Builders(11-13) and MUD(14+) 3 Coopers Close, Stratford upon-Avon  
(for more information contact David Banbury)

## **Lent Courses**

Mondays 23 February – 23 March Lent Course in Clifford Chambers - evening  
(for more details contact Margaret Sweet)

Tuesdays 24 February – 24 March Lent Course in Luddington – evening  
(for more details contact Margaret Sweet)

Tuesdays 3 – 31 March 11.00-12.00am Exploring Scripture Course in the Church Lounge, Holy Trinity Parish Centre

Wednesdays 4 March- 1 April 7.00pm Shortened Holy Communion with a short led meditation, Holy Trinity Church.

## **Housegroups**

Tuesday 20 January 7.30pm Housegroup Leaders Meeting - 3 Coopers Close, Stratford-upon-Avon

Wednesday 28 January 7.30pm Housegroups Combined Meeting - a chance for the members of all our housegroups to meet together, socialise and plan for the coming year - 54 Banbury Rd, Stratford-upon-Avon

Various housegroups will then be meeting at a variety of times and venues through the spring  
(for more information contact David Banbury)

## **Confirmation**

There will be a confirmation service at Holy Trinity Church on Saturday 13 June. If you are interested in being confirmed please do talk to any of the clergy. The confirmation preparation will begin on the 3 March when potential candidates are encouraged to participate in the *Start!* courses we are running.

Young people interested in being confirmed are invited to participate in the Youth *Start!* course. The course runs from Thursday 26 Feb - 2 April. Youth *Start!* is being run as a combined course for members of Life Builders(11-13) and MUD(14+) the course is open to all young people regardless of whether they wish to be confirmed.