

Churches Together in Malvern

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representing around 25 churches at the Unity Week Service

LITTLE MALVERN PRIORY The Altar copy of B.C.P.

A symbol of the work and worship of Little Malvern Priory. The Protestant church is built upon the work of Cranmer and those who developed his work to produce the Prayer Book of 1662. Our Altar copy is used in the celebration of Holy Communion "in remembrance" of Jesus Christ. We offer our lives as a living sacrifice and we pour out ourselves in service of others".

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION, MALVERN LINK A Ciborium

When the consecrated host is put into the Ciborium and placed in the Aumbrey it is a reminder of Christ's presence amongst us at all times.

ST PETER'S, POWICK A tapestry kneeler

It depicts the Keys of St.Peter as inverted crosses. It is made by a church member.

ST JAMES', CALLOW END Peace on Earth

An embroidered banner used at Christmas.

ST MARY'S - GUARLFORD The Guarlford Story

The village history book compiled by the local history group, involving many villagers.

ST. MARY'S MADRESFIELD An African mahogany carving

It was made by the Makonde tribe in Masasi, Tanzania. We are linked with the Diocese of Masasi.

ST. JOSEPH'S An image of Saint Paul

This is the year of Saint Paul.

LANSDOWNE CRESCENT METHODIST God with us

A colourful banner made by members. It hangs in the church permanently as a reminder that God is always there for them. The Church is having a 'Banners and Blooms' exhibition this year in support of their neighbours in Lansdowne Crescent, part of Malvern in Bloom competition.

And A Service Book.

Friends from **Christ Church** are invited to Annual Covenant Service.

HOLLY MOUNT U.R.C. A toaster

To represent Youth Work, A smell of toast greets youngsters on Friday when jam and marmite are also provided.

HOLY TRINITY A Mug

made in 2001 to celebrate 150 years of Holy Trinity Church chosen to show that Holy Trinity has been serving the community for a long time, and that they strive to be a welcoming church who offer friendship and fellowship both to those who worship with them and those they serve through their Thursday Coffee Mornings.

SOMERS PARK METHODIST Weekly notices

shows all the activities this Church is involved in.

MALVERN EVANGELICAL_A large Bible

Four approved translations into English are in it. It represents their passion for the Word of God.

GREAT MALVERN PRIORY A pew bible

This New Revised Standard Version [enough for the congregation to use] was recently given in memory of a member.

also **Christmas greeting** from St Katharina's, the German partner parish in Wolmirstedt.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN MALVERN

FROM THE CHAIRMAN

I came away from the 'Open Meeting' in June 2008 with some regret, realising that the role of Chairman and Secretary had not been filled.

Knowing that 'a need is not always a call', I pondered on this and prayed about it and later felt I should volunteer as Chairman if a secretary could be found!

I thank Father Patrick Kilgarriff (past chairman) and Roy Knightley (vice-chairman) for their encouraging replies and for Jenny Bull (a friend for many years) who unbeknown to me had offered to be secretary!

A very full Agenda was before me as I took the Chair last November and I am grateful to the Church Representatives for all they do in 'feeding back' information to their churches. Publicity and good communication are very important and we are pleased to have a CTM Link on The Lyttelton Well website (www.lytteltonwell.co.uk) where

the 'Malvern Christian Calendar' can be found. This is a useful resource and I encourage you to submit details of your events to john@lytteltonwell.co.uk.

The highlight of 'Unity Week' in January was the very well attended united service held in the Priory, when the new Archdeacon of Worcester (The Venerable Roger Morris) was the preacher. It is hoped that pulpit exchanges in the central group of churches will take place in 2009.

A Calendar of all the Christmas services was again publicised in the Malvern Gazette and on laminated cards, which were distributed to the Tourist Information and the large hotels.

The four talks arranged during Lent were given by a hospital chaplain, a retired policeman, a financial adviser and a retired Anglican clergy working with other Christians in Leominster, to provide help and hospitality to foreign workers.

The very successful outreach into schools "Spring into Life" took place again in March this year and we pray that the children will remember what was presented to them by the enthusiastic team of helpers.

Our outdoor Good Friday service in the Priory grounds was very well attended - some processing there carrying large crosses. Representatives from several churches took part in the service and some distributed Hot Cross buns, wrapped in serviettes over printed with the meaning of Good Friday, to passers-by.

In April we were delighted to have a large number of Youth Leaders at our 'Youth Download' meeting where we heard of the wide spectrum of activities being provided from the churches, for our young people. We hope this will lead to links between leaders and the groups.

We now look forward to the repeat of the successful events - Lifepath, Music X and Hope '09. Our prayers are with the organisers who work so hard to make them such excellent opportunities to witness to people in our community.

I thank Jenny Bull and Roy Knightly and all the Executive Committee for their help and support during my first year.

I look forward to the future with CTM and pray that God will help us have a unity centred on Jesus. Although we have a diversity of style let us, within that, have a togetherness of Spirit

Every Blessing,
Chris. Bray (Mrs)

BIBLE SOCIETY MALVERN ACTION GROUP

The Malvern Bible Society Action Group draws together representatives from twelve Malvern churches, and would love to draw in the rest. This mirrors the ecumenical nature of the work of Bible Societies worldwide, as the servants of all Christian churches and missions.

Two Malvern churches, St Andrew's and All Saints, have committed to specific support of the Lebanon Bible Society. Apart from this, the Action Group this year supported Bible Society's Translation project, contributing over £2200, through money raised mainly at our Christmas Craft Market. The focus was particularly on the production of a Jamaican Patois Bible, but the Jamaican General Secretary's words give the *raison d'être* of all Bible translation: *'If God speaks my language that means he enters my experience, he communicates with me, he lives where I am. It is crucial.'* It is sobering to realise that there are 4500 languages in the world which still wait for even one book of the Bible.

Other fund-raising events for the Translation project included a summer evening when Dr Andrew Webb gave a presentation about the Holly Mount 'Jesse Tree' Bible Garden, and a Songs of Praise service in the Priory, with a delightful contribution from Malvern Youth Christian Choir. In addition, the giving of individual Bible-a-Month supporters in Malvern, and of supporting churches, meant that in all Malvern contributed well over £15000 to the work of Bible Society, in this country and abroad.

Rev David Nichol has now served half his term as Chair of the Action Group, and we do not as yet have a Vice-Chair, shaping up to take over from him next summer. This person could be male or female, lay or ordained. If you are interested, please contact me!

Heather Williamson

(AG Secretary and Bible Society Local Representative. Please note that as such I am available to preach/speak to churches and groups, and supply information about Bible Society.)

CENTRAL AND EAST

This group was formed by the amalgamation of the Central Group and East churches Group set up by CTM as local partnerships equivalent to the Link Evangelical group. It has not met for some years and inevitably some of the contacts it developed and activities it arranged have not been maintained.

However, church members and ministers continue to meet informally and participate, for example, in Music X, The Good Friday Service, Marriage Preparation Days, Hope 08/09, and the Julian Meetings.

Would it now be valuable to set up an occasional meeting to develop greater local cohesion and develop closer relationships?

John Budd

CHERNOBYL CHILDREN LIFE LINE

2008 was a particularly successful holiday for the 10 children and their leader from Stolin in Belarus. However not long after their return all visits from Belarus were banned and only resumed a month before 2009 Malvern holiday starts on June 10th! Malvern will be hosting another [seventh] group of ten children and their leader for a four week health giving holiday in June and July 2008. The boys and girls, aged 11, come from Stolin again. The small committee meets monthly throughout the year. We are very grateful for the generosity of churches and individuals for their support both financially and in practical ways. Youth groups take the children under their wing with activities, barbeques and walks. We hope that people interested in hosting children for two or four weeks in 2010 will be in touch now!

Dorothy Knights 01684 561358

CHRISTIAN AID

Christian Aid continues to be concerned about how climate change is disproportionately affecting poor people in the developing world. They are campaigning for an agreement to reduce carbon emissions in the industrial nations when the United Nations meet in Copenhagen in December 2009.. The 'Countdown to Copenhagen' publicity includes a pledge which says:

I pledge to:

Campaign for a fair and just deal in Copenhagen so the poorest countries can keep developing.

Do all I can to reduce my own carbon footprint.

On Thursday March 19th 2009 a small group of Christian Aid supporters attended a special service in Coventry Cathedral organised by Christian Aid and CAFOD to address these issues. The speakers were Rt Rev James Jones the Bishop of Liverpool, James Hansen, a Nasa scientist and a CAFOD partner from Kenya who described the effect of several years of drought on pastoralists in Northern Kenya. The service was followed by a parade through the city centre led by the Stop Climate Chaos Coalition which includes Tearfund, Oxfam, WWF, Greenpeace and other organisations.

On Monday April 19th there was a soup and roll lunch at the Alehouse in Colwall which was addressed by Deacon Mario and Sister Yonni from the island of Luzon in the Philippines. They gave a graphic and moving account of how climate change is affecting their country and how Christian Aid has helped them. Four years ago there were four typhoons in 14 days and ten times the usual rainfall in 36 hours. Illegal logging on the mountain sides meant that loose logs were washed down into the river and these blocked the water behind a bridge. When this dam broke a three foot tidal wave swept down the valley to demolish 4,082 houses and cover the rice fields with several feet of mud. Two thousand people died in the mudflow and 138 fishing boats were lost.

Christian Aid co-ordinated the relief work in the first month and then provided a plan for the next 3 years. Now all the houses have been replaced on higher ground by Christian Aid working together with the Red Cross and Oxfam. In addition re-afforestation and contour farming

have been introduced and the twenty four Christian Aid partners in the Philippines have led in setting up a nation wide early warning system and in teaching people how to reduce the risk of disaster in future.

House to house collections covered some parts of Malvern during Christian Aid Week May 10th - 16th and £was raised. (to be announced) For the first time there was a collection outside Marks and Spencers organised by members of the URC church in the Link. This raised £

During the year £3552 was raised in Malvern in different ways

For example All Saints and Newland held tea parties and raised £393

CTM Unity service in St James West Malvern	£78.
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Hindu temple visit	£164
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Donations	£1457
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Count your blessings	£132
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Many thanks to all those who support Christian Aid in Christian Aid Week and throughout the year.

Elizabeth Deeks, Secretary

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

Thirteen Churches took part in the Hamper scheme in December and delivered generous food parcels to thirty needy families. Names were supplied by Social Services and the local Community Nurses. My thanks again to those who responded so readily to my appeal for help. I guess you will be hearing from me again this year.

Geraldine Shaw

CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU

Information elsewhere.

LINK ECUMENICAL GROUP and ECUMENICAL SERVICES FOR SHOPPERS

The Committee meets every two months. We open with devotions led by different members. The business includes arrangements for Unity Week, One World Week and Good Friday. There is always an exchange of news from the Churches.

The weekly Service for Shoppers continues with an average of up to fifty attending and a different preacher each week. A time of fellowship over coffee follows. Special events are supported and health concerns and birthdays noted and shared.

Geraldine Shaw

COMMUNITY ACTION

Community Action (CA) volunteers continue to provide a valuable and much appreciated transport service to the elderly and needy living in Malvern & District through the Car Service and Shoparound. The number of requests for drives to medical appointments increases each year. The office hours have been extended this year and are now 9 am to 3.30 pm Mondays to Thursdays and 9 am to 12.30 pm on Fridays. More drivers for both the car service and minibus are always needed. The telephone system was changed at the end of 2008 - the new number is 01684 892381. Staff changes have also taken place with Jacci Phillips and Clare Jenkins heading up the office team.

The "Friends of Community Action" have celebrated their first anniversary having had a very successful and promising year in which over £9000 was raised and individual membership has topped the 100 mark. Several church groups and local businesses have become corporate members. It would be good to see other churches supporting our community in this way. The money raised is going towards the cost of replacing one of the two minibuses.

Last year's Charity Fair, held at the York Hall, Malvern St James, was a resounding success and CA are holding this year's in the same venue on

Saturday . Any enquiries about booking a stall for this or offers of help for the community transport or membership of the Friends can be made to the office at 28-30 Belle Vue Terrace or by phoning 01684 892381.

A reminder – the Resource Centre offers photocopying, scan printing and other services at a very reasonable cost. Your church and members are encouraged to take advantage of this facility.

Mary Wetherall

HoPE 2008 and HoPE 2009

See Separate information about these exciting projects

JULIAN MEETING

A meeting continues to be held on the second Tuesday of every month from 10.30 to 11.30 am at 8 Teme Avenue. This provides half an hour for silent contemplative prayer, followed by a time for fellowship and refreshments. Those taking part come from several different denominations and the meeting is open to people of all churches or none. Further details from John Budd 01684 566174, or our hosts, David and Sheila Griffiths, 01684 563575.

MALVERN CHURCHES JUSTICE & PEACE GROUP

PRAYERS FOR PEACE continue to be held twice monthly at the Lyttelton Prayer Room - on the 2nd and 4th Mondays from 12 noon to 1 pm., bank holidays excepted. Members of the group take it in turns to lead the Prayers, which are open to all.

HIROSHIMA VIGIL. This took place on Saturday 2nd August 2008 in the Priory grounds at the Peace Tree, led by Rev. Anthony Gann, and was followed by a meditation, led by Lois Green, in the Priory Church.

ONE WORLD WEEK UNITED SERVICE WAS HELD IN Holy Trinity Church on 26th October 2008 on the theme of Fair Trade and was led by Angie Duckworth.

WEEKEND OF PRAYER for PEACE Sunday 8th February 2009 in the Friends Meeting House on the theme "Light in dark places". The speaker was Warren Bardsley, who had been an Ecumenical Accompanist in Palestine and Israel and spoke about his experience of the Israeli occupation of Palestinian land, of the barrier/wall and the checkpoints, part of a deliberate policy to humiliate Palestinians. Nevertheless signs of hope were to be found in the active resistance of some Israelis to government policy. This meeting was very well attended and included readings and prayers. Circle dancing was not possible because the meeting room was too crowded.

CLIMATE JUSTICE DAY of ACTION, sponsored by Christian Aid and Cafod, in Coventry on 19th March 2009. Attended by groups from many different places including some from Malvern, Ledbury, Colwall and Worcester. A Service took place in Coventry Cathedral at which James Galgalo, development co-ordinator with CAFOD in the Diocese of Marsabit, Kenya, Dr James Hanson, renowned climatologist spoke and James Jones, Bishop of Liverpool, gave a challenging address. The Service was followed by a Walk of Witness in Coventry City Centre, and further events in the afternoon.

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT. In connection with this, members of the group urged local shops and supermarkets to stock and sell Palestinian

Olive Oil under the brand name ZAYTOUN. A member of the group, Margaret Bryer, has a supply of 1 litre (£9.47) and half a litre (£6.74) bottles for sale and may be contacted at drwbryer@yahoo.co.uk

CTM GRANT The group wishes to thank Churches Together in Malvern for a grant of £75 towards its work.

Anthony Gann

MALVERN DISABLED CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

For several years now what started out as Malvern Disabled Christians Fellowship has been using the name Malvern Daybreak Christian Fellowship. We changed because some members did not want to be labelled "disabled" and we thought it might be discouraging others from joining us. However we find "Daybreak Christian Fellowship" is even more confusing, we are not a fellowship for early risers!

At a recent meeting of members we decided unanimously to call the group Malvern Disabled Christians Fellowship.

The meeting is usually on a Saturday afternoon at the URC Hall in Malvern Link.

We have people from All Saints, St Andrews, Baptist Church, Christ Church, Guarlford, MEC, Parkside, Somers Park Methodist, St Paul's (Worcester), who come as well as others who have no particular current church affiliation. Everyone is welcome!

We do rely on people telling others about us and our meetings. So any help you can give us would be appreciated.

Janet Bingham

MUSIC X

Music X 2008 was held on Saturday 21st June and the format followed much the same as in previous years, except that last year the weather was rather dismal, which does not prove conducive for folk to sit in the park and listen to music!! However it proved an encouraging time for Christians to share their faith with others through music and song. The Art project last year for the visitors to share in, was to create a ceramic. Each shape within the composite sculpture began life as a piece of porcelain paper clay, decorated with an imprint of an object in the Priory Park, chosen by the participant. It has been on display in the glass cabinet in Malvern Library for the month of May, together with photos taken at the Festival and it is hoped that many people have taken the time to look at the display. At the close of the Festival, Rev Ian Spencer was presented with a gift in recognition of his vision and work for Music X and was wished God's blessing for his time as Warden of Holland House.

The small committee are delighted that Reverend Leston Blackburn has joined them to organise **Music X 2009 being held on Saturday 20th June**, same place, same time. Churches will have had Posters and Leaflets advertising the event. It could only go ahead again this year thanks to the wonderful financial support that has been given by the Churches of Malvern and for that the Committee would like to say a big thank you.

Also a thank you to Pippa Galpin and Maureen Gamble together with the support of the University of Worcester Art Department for their planning and organisation of the Art Project for the visitors to take part in.

Do come along and sample the rich mix of music from our local Christians of all denominations. We are all praying for fine weather as it makes such a difference!!

Jenny Bull

LIFEPATH MALVERN 2008

'I thought today was going to be boring, but it has been brill!' This was just one of the numerous positive comments from schoolchildren who attended the Scripture Union/Churches Together in Malvern event which took place in Malvern Priory from Monday 23rd - Thursday 26th June 2008. Around 100 children from 7 local Primary schools, plus their teachers and assistants, attended on each of the 4 days. It was super that the children from the Chernobyl Children Life Line were also able to participate.

The Team, led by SU staff, involved approximately 40 volunteers; others assisted by supplying numerous resources for the Prayer Journey, such as cutting out prayer-leaves or writing the word 'LOVE' on hundreds of pebbles. Other Activity Groups involved Brass Rubbing, Calligraphy, Hand Bell Ringing, Medieval Medicine, Singing and Story Telling. Each day began and concluded with lively corporate worship sessions that included action-songs, the 'Day in the life of a Monk' (which somehow managed to include getting the 'abbot' very wet!), and the building of a cairn by a wooden cross as a sign of having been on a Lifepath journey.

One Pilgrim Guide said: "Perhaps the most memorable part of the week for me was the silence. Towards the end of each workshop, the abbot rang a bell and everyone stopped what they were doing. He then said 'be still and wait for the Lord'. Everyone responded with the words 'I will wait patiently for Him', and then for 30 seconds a complete silence fell on the church, which was powerful and moving. All the children, adults and even visitors in The Priory were silent in the presence of God. Amazing!"

A parent emailed: "I wanted to say what a big impact going to Lifepath has had on my two sons this week. ... they have really extended their knowledge and beliefs; they haven't stopped talking about it since they went and they are not usually so animated about school events!"

After the event itself, invitations came from participating schools for follow-up visits. A teacher from a school which brought 90 children wrote: "Absolutely fantastic day - thoroughly enjoyed by all. We do hope that there will be another event organised next year".

Thanks to the very encouraging response from those who shared in the first Lifepath, a second Lifepath Malvern is being held in Malvern Priory from Monday 22nd - Friday 26th June this year. It looks as if there will be over 500 pupils from 14 local primary schools taking part, as well as children from the Chernobyl Children Life Line.

Please pray for Lifepath Malvern 2009, that it will be a truly 'brill' experience for everyone taking part, and that God's lifepath-sharing love for us in Jesus will shine through each day.

John Barr, Tel 01684 563707

THE LYTTTELTON WELL

2008 saw the start of the Lyttelton Well's 15th Anniversary, which we celebrated at Lansdowne Methodist Church on 24th April. A special service was prepared and we had a full church for the event. Our Chaplain Graham MacNamee introduced the service and throughout the service a member a staff, a volunteer, a regular customer, a counsellor and a very moving testimony from someone who had received counselling from the Well, addressed us. I spoke about "The Well Today, Tomorrow and 15 years from now" and drew to everyone's attention the massive price increases that we were experiencing for gas, electricity and food and the impact that it was having on trade and David Webster finished with an address. After the service we served tea and cakes and had a cake stall, which proved to be very popular.

COFFEE HOUSE

The early part of 2008 was fraught with difficulties caused by constant breakdowns with the boiler and then the dishwasher. With the lack of reliability of the boiler we finally opted to buy a new one and in doing so had the opportunity to relocate it in the upstairs office away from the kitchen. The cost was in excess of £3000 but it has worked quietly, efficiently and reliably throughout the year.

The dishwasher has failed three times throughout the year causing considerable disruption each time but we have now re-designed that section of the kitchen to enable easier access to the dishwasher for maintenance and

servicing. All the tables were re-surfaced and re-varnished and should now have a new lease of life. The chairs were all re-glued and tightened but the shrinkage in the timber is such that more drastic restoration will be required in the not too distant future or replacement may need to be considered. The lower part of the door to the courtyard from the Coffee House and the lower part of the adjacent window had to be replaced due to the wood having rotted. A specialist cleaning company were called in to give the Kitchen a Deep Clean to clear a build up of grease and fat in the extraction vents and behind the cooker and behind the work surfaces that is inaccessible during normal working hours. This was done overnight so that no trading time was lost and we had a number of access flaps fitted into the stainless steel ducting to enable us to clean these ourselves in future. These were omitted when the kitchen was fitted originally. Noleen, who had been our Saturday morning cook for many years left in the summer in order to spend more time with her children and she has been replaced by Becky Simmons who has fitted in very well. Pat Simons who had been one of our morning cooks for many years left to move to London and she has been replaced by Catherine Warren who has been a volunteer waitress and is also proving to be a great asset as a cook. Trading conditions in Malvern have been difficult in 2008 and this is reflected in our figures. During the past twelve months eighteen shops have closed in Malvern and many of those premises remain empty today.

The chiller cabinet that was originally purchased for displaying and keeping cheesecake cool was in need of an expensive service and it was decided to dispose of it as the sale of cheesecake was so poor. The opportunity was then taken to provide a new shelf for storage. We are continuing to source the best prices for our raw materials and this has meant increasing our range of suppliers so that we can make the most of any special offers that are available.

THE BOOK SHOP

Sales of Books in 2008 showed a healthy increase but were mostly offset by a reduction in sales of CDs, DVDs, cards and other vatable items. The increase in our Book sales was in part due to the closure of SPCK in Worcester as well as an increase in our marketing with specialist Newsletters to Primary Schools and to Anglican Ministers. The response to our initial mailings has been promising and we are planning to develop these in 2009. Plans are in place for changing the way we provide a service to our customers. A donation was made to enable us to purchase a laptop computer for the shop so that we are able to provide customers with information on titles that we do not have in stock. This

will be mostly done by John and/or Cathy and will also enable them to interact more closely with our customers and gauge more accurately their needs.

THE LYTTTELTON ROOMS

The three external Fire Doors were changed to comply with Fire Regulations. This meant having them reversed to open outwards and to be fitted with new locks and panic bars on the inside. Because of the age and design of the doors and frames a lot of adaptation was required to make them fit. It was then necessary to have a double step put outside the exit to the courtyard to comply with H & S Regulations.

The income from lettings has remained fairly static in recent years although the profile of lettings has changed. Saturday bookings are no longer as popular as they used to be because there are fewer people in the centre of town since the retail park has opened. This has been even more apparent since M & S opened down there.

We are now seeing more bookings for small groups meeting in the Resource Room or the Guesten Room and tend to be short bookings of 1 or 2 hours.

GENERAL MATTERS

Towards the end of 2008 we changed our Bankers from Lloyds to CAF Bank. In the second half of the year Lloyds found in the small print that they were at liberty to increase their charges to us from £3 per month to about £140 per month. Having checked all the available Banks we opted for CAF Bank (Charities Aid Foundation) who charge £1 per month but also give us interest (very small at the moment because of the low base rate) on our current accounts as well as our deposit account. This changeover was very time consuming as it involved changing all standing orders, direct debits and all our BACS payments details. Getting all the dates and times to co-ordinate was a nightmare and completion took place at the end of November. The main consolation looking back is that we will have saved nearly £1700 this year by making the change.

We have stopped giving Somerfields vouchers to the "needy" now and instead we provide bags of food as necessary. We have seen an increase in this area of outreach, which has been directed to us from both CAB and Social Services. Almost without exception the need has been from people who have lost jobs or

whose circumstances have changed and are completely without money and food until they receive benefit that always takes between 3 and 5 days. Both CAB and Social Services provide the help and direction for them to obtain their benefit but can do nothing about the shortfall until the benefit arrives. These organisations value the help that we are able to provide and thoroughly vet the candidates before contacting us. In the present climate I fear we will be seeing many more people in need.

Roy Knightley - General Manager May 2009

SPRING INTO LIFE MALVERN 2009

Spring into Life Malvern began in 2004 as a response to the churches of Malvern investigating the possibility of employing a Youth Worker. At that stage it would have cost the churches about £30,000 per year whereas SIL would initially cost £3000 per year. This year was the sixth year and the response from both primary and secondary schools is just as enthusiastic and appreciative as if it was the first year.

Saltmine Theater Company, formerly Red Balloon, performed the play entitled "Hope" based on the life of Joseph in thirteen primary schools. What a timely play with the credit crunch and recession. It showed the ups and downs of Joseph's life and how God was with him every step of the way. The local teams, made up of Christians from about eight churches, followed up the play with a lesson for years five and six. The content of the lessons varied from team to team, however, one thing was true for each - the children loved it! An Assembly, designed by the teams, was taken for the whole school with lots of child participation and it was a huge success.

Mark Greenwood and his team of six served the high schools. Each of the team specialise in certain subjects - Mark Drake percussion, John Froud English, Katie art, Steve graffiti, Sarah RE - but the theme of the lesson is the same, "this is what we Christians believe why don't you have

a look?" Mark Greenwood specialises in assemblies encouraging the students to look more closely at Jesus. Two days in the Chase and Dyson Perrins and one day in Malvern St James passed very quickly. The team would like to spend two weeks in the High Schools in order to respond to all the opportunities. This has obvious financial implications. (Please see the statement of accounts - 43 Trust)

Spring into Life week has the strong support of over 18 schools and each one is grateful to the churches of Malvern for sponsoring this week. Once again we are grateful to the generosity of the churches for their financial support which enables the week to be offered free of charge to the schools. Please note that three churches each gave over a £1000 and this year six churches contributed

Spring into Life is part of a number of initiatives reaching out to the young people of Malvern and we are very grateful for the support in prayer, personnel and finance given by the churches. I hope you will continue to recognise this as a vital arm of the church reaching out to young lives with the good news of Jesus.

Paul Finch May 2009

Spring into Life 2009

Income		Expenditure	
CTM	xxx	Postage	12.96
Churches	4195	Printing/Labels	30.00
		Gifts to hosts	15.00
		Goings Trust	2250.00
		Saltmine Trust	1700.00
Total Income	£4195	Total Expenditure	£4007.96

The balance carried forward to 2010 is **£1880**

Please note that three churches in Malvern gave over £1000 each. Only six churches in total contributed financially to the 2009 week.

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Notes from AGM