

Expressions of Holistic Christianity in Portsmouth Diocese

Readers Conference 2008 Sunday morning session

Hope 08—projects all over the country including many in the Diocese working in the local community see website www.hope08.com for more information

Harvest of talent
Flower festival
Street Pastors
Friday Fridge
Living Churchyard
People-friendly garden
Open gardens
Canada day
Diocesan Spirituality course
Pilgrim walk
Messy church
Home groups
Services outside
Contemplative prayer group
Good Friday walk/pilgrimage
Tea & company (Bereavement group)
Circle dancing
Landscaped grounds of church helped by local secondary school & used by local community a lot
Guided tours round church yard (talks on plants etc.)
Church on tourist trail so have 'basket of blessing'
Blue Moon Café (for mums & toddlers)
Weekly LAMBS group meet in church room
Pub carol singing
Christian listening
Group for singles (not a dating agency!)
Café church
School music link
Chaplaincy to local business
Interactive stations of the cross
Garden 'church'
Day of prayer with prayer walk
A year of refreshing
Rogation service in a barn & walking the bounds
Holiday club with procession & display
Country parish link with city school
Fairtrade church
Banner making
Hospitality & prayer exchanges
Recycling (glass, foil, phones, stamps)
School choirs' service
Changing times of services
Eco-group in school
Iona service
Christmas/Easter card to parish
Ecumenical services in the town centre

Bookshop & coffee shop
Open churches
Shrines/Prayer space
Displays in homes/shops
Symbols of faith
Wildlife garden organised by Infant & Junior CE school
Extend holiday clubs for families with autistic children
Pastoral openness
Holiday club for community outreach
Memorial Christmas tree December &/or November
Sunrise Easter service
Write prayer cards for specific aspects of life for visitors to take
Pram-type service
Memorial garden
Fountain in the font
Praise plaques
Experiment with different types of service (candles, contemplative prayer)
Stop reinventing the wheel—look at other parishes!
Do less!
DVD of rites of passage
All Island Pentecost celebration at Newport football ground
Retail chaplaincy
Chaplaincy to Mayor/council etc.
Home communions for the elderly
Church at home (meet in people's homes)
Street prayer groups
Drop in centre for those worried about crime, debt etc.
Workshops on Godly Play
Care for the environment
Fun days for free
Café church
Charities fair
Shoe boxes
African link
Healing services
Open day exhibition
Bereavement support
Listening services (outside church/linked to GP surgery)
Mothers Union
Luncheon club
Bus service/Practical support
Parent & Toddler groups
Churches Together for youth outreach
Sailing club chaplains

Helping seafarers
Return of uniformed organisations
Concerts
Alpha marriage course
Prayer room
Parish communion in a farm/rural location
Inspirational pictures on screen
Consecutive sermons on prayer
Lent services focussing on change
Using Celtic music in services & poetry
Monthly Celtic prayer group
Planned welcoming space in church porch
Prayer tent at fairs & events
Outdoors family service
Church doors open to creation on summer evenings (services?)
Monthly meditative prayer groups
Julian groups
Fairtrade shop/stall
Informal outreach services
Use of modern visual & auditory technology
Meeting the youth on their patch
Drop-in for asylum seekers
Professional counselling
More silence before/during worship
Area for walkers providing cream teas
Youth café
County Council Youth Service using church premises for Youth club
Harvest service in the evening followed by drink/nibbles
Pancake/pumpkin services
Local drama group at Easter service
Crib festival
Art/Craft/Teddy bear festivals
'Winter Warmer' - soup & bread
Food voucher scheme using church funds
'Loan' scheme—parishioners invest in church bank
Drop-in bus
Holidays for Chernobyl
Using spare space to provide a kitchen etc. to enable a community project in a very needy area
Provision of a library
Supporting other churches scheme financially

For information about Island churches and events see www.wightchurches.co.uk