



In Partnership July & August 2008



The Partnership of West Swindon and the Lydiards
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Summer Holidays

The summer is a time for most of us to relax and enjoy the weather. Young folks and many others have holiday time, so they can get away and get refreshed.

Summer time is also a period when the church calendar is generally pretty sparse, and so we all have time to turn to our faith. Some will find time to go to a summer festival where we might hear speakers talking about the gospel in ways that bring new excitement. For others these might be a chance to learn new music.

Our friends in the Collective Band will be taking a break after a busy summer term schedule. They have been greatly blessed in their ministry in the schools.

Our ministers too need time to refresh and to gain spiritual refreshment to help them in their ministry, so please remember them in your prayers.

For many the summer offers a time to read, and what better reading material could there be than the bible, or even a book helping us to understand better what the bible is trying to say to us.

Jesus too took occasional breaks when he could get away from the crowds in order to spend time in prayer. He was human in that he needed time to refresh so that he could share his ministry more effectively.

So those who are lucky enough to be going away, enjoy a break from the normal daily routine, and to those unable to go away, take time to think about the future, and your own part in that future.

Dick Gray

Prayer points

- For a relaxing & refreshing summer
- For Rock the Planet on July 12th
- For our youth and children's work

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DIOCESAN ART EXHIBITION: **“CHRIST NOW”**

Every four years Bristol Diocese have a conference and this time it is at Swanwick, Derbyshire. As a special focus for this event, an invitation went out to the Anglican churches asking for paintings interpreting the theme “Christ Now”. 24 people have responded.

If you would like to see the resulting exhibition, you don't need to come to Swanwick because...

from Swanwick they are being transported to Swindon!

The **Pilgrim Centre** is kindly hosting the exhibition from Monday 30th June until Wednesday 16th July.

The Centre is open Monday to Friday, 10am until 4.30pm.

(We are hoping to be able to offer a couple of hours one Saturday for those who cannot manage to visit during the week – to be announced.)

Wednesday 16th July the Swindon Interfaith Group will be holding a workshop on ‘Citizenship and Religion’. This will be a joint meeting with Swindon Churches Social and Economic Group (SCSEG), and will be led by Stephen Skinner and Imran Golding. Further information from Margaret Griffiths

18th/19th July: ‘Art and the Prophetic’ workshop We would like to invite any from your fellowship who would like to explore this aspect of creativity to a workshop at Lawn Community Centre. For details of the workshop go to <http://www.lawncc.org.uk/worship/workshop.htm> or contact Susan Saunders, 1 Kenilworth Lawns, SN3 1LF

PARTNERSHIP EVENT in LYDIARD PARK **Saturday July 12th. 3pm - 9pm.**

ROCK THE PLANET

An Invitation to everyone, but especially young people aged 11 – 20 to join the fun of a Christian Festival with loads and loads going on!! It's based upon the four basic elements on the Eco themes of: Earth, Air, Fire and Water!

2PM – 6PM:

“Earth”:

- Tree of Wisdom - build our tree with your wisdom!
- Craft hall - Make your own crafts and see what others have made!
- Fair Trade - A bumper Fair trade stall; not only food & drink, but clothes too!

“Air”:

- Bubble Machine – catch them if you can!
- Postcard kiosk - design your postcards for friends, and send them off!
- Graffiti Wall – constructive messages to the planet and questions to answer!
- Bouncy Castle – not just for the kids!
- Message Cabins – places to develop and share your ideas to save the planet!

“Water”:

- Food van – burgers, baguettes, drinks, and we hope ice creams!
- Beach Volleyball – on Swindon's very own beach!
- Water fight area – with team games like “Jeux sans Frontiers!”
- Joe's Bathtub - fill it and him with beans and other things!

“Fire”:

- City Hall – filled with lots of info about things you need to know!
- Hope 08 Wall – info on other Hope 08 events, and a place to write your own messages of hope to each other and the world!
- Main Stage – with dance performances, music & live art throughout the afternoon at various times!

6PM – 9PM:

Main stage: Events for a three hour period! Including:

- More dance performance
- Gigs by the three Swindon area bands who have come out trumps in the “Battle of the Bands” competition being run by NCounter.
- Showcase concert by the “Collective Band”.

THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW:

- Entrance is free, because event kindly sponsored by **RWE NPOWER**.
- Organised by the NCounter Project, working with the West Swindon Local Ecumenical Partnership and their “Emerge” team.
- Come and go all afternoon! Bring your friends!
- We’d love extra help in many ways through the day: Offers of help from adults as well as young people would be very welcome indeed:
 - ~ Site management & stewards: Chris Scarisbrick
 - ~ Assistance with Activities Hannah Konig
 - ~ Music, Dance and the performing Arts: Claire Camm
 - ~ Hope 08 liaison, Water activities & general info Stephen Skinner

Partnership wide services & events

many opportunities! **At the moment we especially need minibus drivers and helpers for the schools out club. You do not need to be a youth worker for these roles, but we will need to do a crb check for you.**

Finance: if you are able to help in this way – the schools week/concert at Greendown in the Autumn will cost approx £350.00 and of course many other parts of the project require funding. You can either give to ncounter (via Claire Camm) who have a ‘West Swindon Emerge budget’ or to WSEP, via Dick Gray who has a general youth work fund.

Thank you for all your support!

Emerge Management Team Jane Skinner, Claire Camm, Judith Mumford, Rebecca Kershaw, Andy Vernon

Emerge Steering Team Jane Skinner, Claire Camm, Julie Scarisbrick, Dick Gray, Brian Senior, Nicki Twigg

We will have young leaders (year 11+) to help with year 7-8's; they will be selected and trained and there may be opportunities for young leaders to gain formal accreditation if they wish.

The evening will be programmed to have **some** separate parts for y7&8 and for y9-11. There will be optional faith-based cell groups during part of the evening.

G2G will continue on Sunday nights as a Christian discipleship group for y 10+

- **Schools work** will continue in September, with a Collective schools week and concert in Greendown School in Autumn term.
- **Schools Out Club** – to hopefully start in Autumn 08.
- **Recording Rehearsal Studio** – informal drop in sessions; start dependant on funding (young people are writing funding applications)
- **Performance Café** – to be used by youth groups & drop in sessions; start dependant on funding.
- **Performing Arts Workshops** – these are being held regularly through the holidays and weekends
- **Performing Arts Showcase** – these follow on from holiday workshops and will also take place at this year's Festival – 'Rock the Planet'

HOW CAN YOU HELP US SHARE THE GOOD NEWS WITH YOUNG PEOPLE?

Prayer: we would very much value your prayers and support for us, the youth leaders and the young people as we look forward to the future – we have already seen real growth in numbers of young people and in their development as a result of us working together.

Volunteer: we need more volunteers to get involved with the youth work, eg to help 'one off' at concerts and events; to help regularly (not nec weekly) at youth group sessions; to help at Schools Out Club; to drive the ncounter minibus to the Base (Purton Stoke); to act as a host to ncounter workers. There are

Garden Party

Saturday 5th July 2-5pm The Manor House Garden next to Lydiard Millicent Church. Proceeds will go to Maggie's Cottage and Swindon MS Therapy Centre. _Sponsor a brick_

A Partnership Craft Day

Saturday 5th July at Toothill

The sessions are 10-12 and 12.30 - 3.30 and you can do either or both. Lunch break from 12 – 12.30, please bring picnic with you, drinks available. Make your own drinks during sessions.

Card Making with Rebecca & Sue
Spinning & Carding with Stephanie
Felt brooches with beads/gems with Bekah
Fabric shopping bags with Pam
Glass painting with Rhiannon
Knitting with Chris
Banner-making with Rachel

Partnership Summer Course

Wednesday evenings @ Toothill 7:30pm starting 30th July
Subject: **"One hope"**

Dates for your diary

Children's Worker Training

Sat Nov 29th 9.30 -12.30

At HTS for the Partnership and other Swindon Churches
John is brilliant – we have been learning some of his kids songs in church... and he has a wide range of expertise. So please book the date and join us if you have anything whatsoever to do with children. (this session is adults only – if you would like us to try to organise a 'creche' so you can come then please let Anne know.)
Please take a flyer and book your place with Tricia Roberts (Tudor's wife)– Cost £5
See <http://www.johnhardwick.org.uk/> for more information about him and what he does.

Primary Age Praise Party

Sat Nov 29th: 3.30 – 5pm

No charge... but all children must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

Sunday Nov 30th

John Hardwick will lead the Partnership Service at Shaw

Update on future of partnership youth work

In January this year West Swindon Ecumenical Partnership and ncounter signed an agreement to work together over a 3 year period to extend the opportunities to share Good News with young people in West Swindon. Following the extensive schools and community surveys undertaken for the project in November/December 07, the emerge management team, steering team and Youth Steering Team have been meeting since January 08. The following plan has been agreed:

- **Open youth work** to be based at Shaw Church to allow young people year 7+ to 'explore faith' as well as a discipleship group for year 10+ to 'mature and grow in faith'
- **Schools work** at Greendown and Bradon Forest to link in to project through work of Collective band and ncounter 'gap' workers to 'explore faith' with young people
- **A 'Schools Out' club** at Shaw for year 7-9's two days per week to help young people to 'discover and develop' talents and life skills
- **A Recording/Rehearsal Studio** to be set up to help young people to 'discover and develop' talents and life skills
- **A Performance Café at Shaw** to help young people to 'discover and develop'
- **Performing Arts workshops** at The Base Dance Studio to link into the project to help young people to 'discover and develop'
- **Performing Arts Showcase** to give young people performance experience

The plan is being/will be implemented as follows:

- **Youth Groups** - from September 08, there will be one 'open youth group' for year 7-11's at Shaw, held on Tuesday nights. Phaze and Café Base will end this term and the new group be given a new name, chosen by young people. **We do not have enough experienced leaders available to run two separate evenings.**

Other Local Events

Healing and Wholeness Service Highworth Methodist Church

Tuesday 15th July

Starting at 7.45pm

Led by Rev John Wiltshire

All are very welcome

Refreshments will be served afterwards.

STREET PASTORS SWINDON

invites you to an open day to hear a report on what God has been doing through Street Pastors in Swindon since its inception in September 07 and a chance to hear about future plans.

There are two opportunities, both on Tuesday 15th July, either at 1230-1430 or at 1900-2100

These are to be held at St John's Church, Whitbourne Ave, Park North SN3 2LG

The 1230 opportunity will include a buffet lunch. The 1900 opportunity will include cheese and wine

There is no charge for this event, but we do need to know if you are coming, so please book yourself a place on either of the above opportunities by emailing swindon@streetpastors.org.uk or phoning either Paul Rush or St John's Church Office

Church Services in the Partnership All Saints, Lydiard Millicent

Date	Time	Form
6 th July	8:00am	Communion
	10:30am	Morning Service
13 th July	8:00am	Communion Prayer Book
	10:30am	Communion
20 th July	8:00am	Communion
	10:30am	All age worship
27 th July	8:00am	Communion Prayer Book
	10:30am	Communion
	6:30pm	Evening Worship
3 rd August	8:00am	Communion
	10:30am	Morning Service
10 th August	8:00am	Communion Prayer Book
	10:30am	Communion
17 th August	8:00am	Communion
	10:30am	All age worship
24 th August	8:00am	Communion Prayer Book
	10:30am	Communion
	6:30pm	Evening Worship
31 st August	8:00am	Communion
	10:30am	Joint Morning Service
	6:30pm	Evening Worship

Holy Trinity Shaw

Date	Time	Form
6 th July	10:30am	Family Communion
13 th July	10:30am	Morning Service
20 th July	10:30am	Communion
27 th July	10:30am	Family Service
3 rd August	10:30am	Family Communion
10 th August	10:30am	Morning Service
17 th August	10:30am	Communion
24 th August	10:30am	Family Service
31 st August	10:30am	Joint service at Lydiard Millicent

St Mary's Lydiard Tregoze

Date	Time	Form
6 th July	10:00am	Morning service
	6:30pm	Partnership Communion
13 th July	10:00am	Communion
	6:30pm	Evening Service
20 th July	10:00am	Family Service
	6:30pm	Communion Prayer Book
27 th July	10:00am	Communion
	6:30pm	Songs of Praise
3 rd August	10:00am	Morning service
	6:30pm	Partnership Communion
10 th August	10:00am	Communion
	6:30pm	Evening Service
17 th August	10:00am	Family Service
	6:30pm	Communion Prayer Book
24 th August	10:00am	Communion
	6:30pm	Songs of Praise
31 st August	10:30am	Joint service at Lydiard Millicent
	6:30pm	Communion

Partnership Communion

6th July & 3rd August 6:30pm at St Mary's Lydiard Tregoze

Church Services in the Partnership

Toothill

Date	Time	Form
6 th July	10:30am	Communion
13 th July	10:30am	Family Service
20 th July	10:30am	Family Service
27 th July	10:30am	Morning Service
3 rd August	10:30am	Morning Service
10 th August	10:30am	Communion
17 th August	10:30am	Family Service
24 th August	10:30am	Morning Service
31 st August	10:30am	Joint service at Lydiard Millicent

Please note the changed time of services!!

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6 th July	10:00am	Communion
13 th July	10:00am	Family service
20 th July	10:00am	Family service
27 th July	10:00am	Family service
3 rd August	10:00am	Family communion
10 th August	10:00am	Family service
17 th August	10:00am	Family service
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