



## **Harvest Festival – next Sunday morning**

We celebrate Harvest next Sunday morning with an all-age service led by Revd. Alison Walker. We will be focussing on the importance of honeybees. We will include the traditional offering of food (items for the Foodbank please), and if you do bring any fresh produce, we will auction it off after the service.

Do you remember the old tradition of covering shoe boxes with crepe paper and packing them with food? It would be lovely to see this return, food brought forward in plastic bags just doesn't look the same.

We're also looking for donations of flowers and greenery, plus bee-related items to decorate the church – if anyone has anything suitable (full or empty honey jars, bees wax products, etc) which they could donate or loan, that would be wonderful! Church decorating will take place on Saturday 19th September, from 10am, co-ordinated by Denise McMillan, so please bring them along them if you can, or speak to Denise. Anyone else who can put flowers in a vase, erect a bee hive or liberally sprinkle bees around would "bee" really appreciated. Denise says she might even remember to bring biscuits to bribe (sorry, reward) the workers.



## **Cambridge Churches Homelessness Project – December to February**

As the evenings get shorter and the summer perhaps (if we're lucky) has a last attempt to shine on us, it's time to start thinking about volunteering for the Cambridge Churches Homelessness Project.

Homelessness has once again been in the local news for all the wrong reasons, with the sudden death of one of last year's CCHP guests, and the man seen begging with a placard stating his army number. Sadly we know that one of the ways into homelessness is to leave the army.

You can help! On Wednesday evenings in December, January and February, Castle Street will be hosting the CCHP, working with volunteers drawn from across Church at Castle. More information can be found in Ank Rigelsford's article in the September *Castle View*, but please help us by showing your willingness to be involved – please put your name on the sign-up sheet and tick the activities that you could do.

## **Cambridge Calais Refugee Action Group**

Cambridge Calais Refugee Action Group is a group of people who live in and around Cambridge working to help the refugees living in the camp in Calais. Their aim is to raise awareness of the situation and to provide practical help to the refugees. The group needs help in several ways: with press and publicity; with sending out convoys and collecting donations of clothing, supplies, etc.; donations of clothes or tents; and donations of money.

In terms of the clothing required, although there are women and children at the camps, it is men's clothes that are most needed. Here is a list:

- underwear – boxers are the most popular;
- shirts and polo shirts – small and medium (they have plenty of large and XL);
- jeans – waist size 30-32 if possible;
- shoes – trainers or Doc Marten style, sizes 8-11 (Wellingtons are not liked, and leather town shoes will not last long in the conditions);
- socks.

Items can be taken to any of the following collection points:

- St. Clement's Church, Bridge Street (Wednesday to Saturday, 12 - 6pm);
- All Saints' Church, Milton (weekdays, 9am - 12.30pm);
- Art Salon, High Street, Chesterton (from mid-September).

They are hoping to find another collection point in the south of the city. There are also individuals in various parts of town who can store some things: please contact CCRAAG and they will put you in touch. To find out more about how to get involved or how to donate money, visit [cambridgecalaisrefugeeaction.wordpress.com](http://cambridgecalaisrefugeeaction.wordpress.com), find them on Facebook, or e-mail [swhitebread at gmail dot com](mailto:swhitebread@gmail.com).



## **Wintercomfort Jumper Appeal**

The homelessness charity Wintercomfort is in urgent need of men's jumpers and coats. With the drop in overnight temperatures as summer ends, if you have any warm clothes you can spare they would be much appreciated – thank you. They can be dropped in to Wintercomfort at Overstream House, Victoria Avenue, Cambridge.

## **Special Waldensian Church event – Saturday 19th September**

The Waldensian Church is the partner church in Italy with the Methodists, and the covenant between them is forty years old. Its membership is around 30,000, plus its churches in Uruguay and Paraguay (there are around 6,000 Methodists in Italy). It is a protestant church that pre-dates the Reformation, starting at around the time of Francis of Assisi, but the Waldensians faced great persecution and bloodshed for their non-Roman Catholic beliefs. Earlier this year the Pope visited the Waldensian Church for the first time ever, and apologised.

On Saturday 19th September the English Committee of the Waldensian Church Missions is hosting an event to discuss the Pope's recent visit to a Waldensian church in Turin. There are four guest speakers: Revd. Dr. Rowan Williams (Master of Magdalene College, and former Archbishop of Canterbury); Revd. Ken Howcroft (Past President of the Methodist Conference, former minister of Ponte Sant'Angelo Church in Rome and envoy to the Vatican); Revd. David Cornick (General Secretary of Churches Together in England, and former principal of Westminster College, Cambridge); and Mgr. Mark Langham (Roman Catholic chaplain to the University of Cambridge). This free event will be held at St. Andrew's Hall, Chesterton, and starts at 11.30am.



## **Rhine Cruise and Reformation Tour, 5th to 13th November 2016**

A reminder that the publicity meeting for this tour will take place on Thursday evening (17th September) in the Upper Room at Wesley Church, starting at 7.30pm. Full details appeared on last week's notice sheet.



## **Job vacancies advertised on last week's notice sheet**

There were adverts for three jobs – one for a worker at Romsey Mill Children's Centre, and the other two for part-time administrators at the Jubilee Centre in Cambridge. Ask a steward if you'd like a copy.

Please contact **Brian Carter** if you have any items for inclusion on next Sunday's notice sheet, ideally by Friday evening.

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