

CHURCHES TOGETHER

IN EAST CENTRAL BRISTOL

“CREATING COMMUNITIES OF WHOLENESS WITH CHRIST AT THE CENTRE AND TO WORK TOGETHER TO PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES TO ACT AS A VISIBLE CHRISTIAN PRESENCE.”

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We are an evangelical partnership of four churches:

- Bethesda Methodist Church, Redfield;
- Lawrence Hill Methodist/URC Church;
- St Luke’s Anglican Church, Barton Hill;
- St Patrick’s Roman Catholic Church, Redfield.

We also work in partnership with other churches in the area for other joint events.



EVENTS COMING UP!

FORUM / CURRY EVENING TUESDAY 25 NOVEMBER 7.00 PM, SHORE GALLERY, ST PATRICK’S

As the other main meeting of the year (following on from the AGM in June), the Ecumenical Committee has decided to organise this meeting and it’s agenda so that it is also a social event. The

meeting agenda will include feedback on how we have been working together over the year and a look at the future. We will discuss and propose a format of work and events for the forthcoming year.

ALL ARE WELCOME NUMBERS BY 21 NOV PLEASE TO YOUR COMMITTEE REPS.

‘One World One Family’ - our banner designed by Isabell Dutch, from St Luke’s Church

A Christmas Blessing:

God grant you the light in Christmas, which is faith; the warmth of Christmas, which is love; the radiance of Christmas, which is purity; the righteousness of Christmas, which is justice; the belief in Christmas, which is truth; the all of Christmas, which is Christ.

Wilda English from ‘The Gift of Joy— a Celebration of Christmas memories.’

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Christmas Carols

PLEASE JOIN US ON SATURDAY 13 DECEMBER: Carol singing for charity will take place on Church Road, outside Bethesda Church starting at 10.45 am. A collection will be made for “Caring at Christmas”. Mince pies for everyone!



Just some members of congregations from Churches Together singing Carols outside Bethesda Church on Church Road in December 2007.



THE ECUMENICAL & COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE:

Amelia Dunford, St Patrick's (Chair)
Rob Easton, St Patrick's
Angie Hoare, Bethesda & Lawrence Hill
Bryan Weeks, Bethesda
Mandy Dutch, St Luke's
Wendy Gardiner, St Luke's
Caroline Taylor, Churches Together Administrator
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*Our popular
Committee
Chair Amelia
Dunford
enjoying an
ice-cream at the
Whit Sunday
picnic this
summer!*



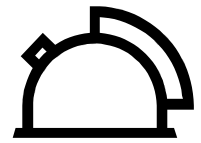
We are now on the Web!

www.ct-eastbristol.org.uk

We are especially grateful to Andy Dutch from St Luke's for setting up and maintaining our website. Andy has set up links to the individual church websites and has been monitoring other items for inclusion. Andy and the Ecumenical Team are keen for any comments on the website and suggestions and ideas for improvement.

PORTABLE GAS BOILER

Churches Together has a portable gas water boiler which all the Church youth groups and church event organisers are welcome to use. We are charging £5.00 per day/event to help cover our costs. If you are interested in borrowing the boiler please call Caroline on 0117-9559118.



Churches Together Rep for Barton Hill Settlement: *There is a vacancy for a Churches Together representative on the Board of Trustees of Barton Hill Settlement. The Representative has to be a parishioner of one of the churches, and resident, in the New Deal Area. The commitment would be a board meeting once a month, and becoming a member of one of the sub-groups held once a month. Training/induction given. Please call Caroline for further details on 0117-9559118/ email: churchestogether@btconnect.com.*

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More Church Events until December 2009:

- Saturday 22 November: Bethesda Christmas Fayre at 11.00 am
- Tuesday 25 November: Churches Together Forum/Curry Evening, Shore Gallery from 7.00 pm
- Saturday 29 November: St Luke's Christmas Fayre from 1.30 pm
St Patrick's Christmas Fayre from 7.30 pm, Shore Gallery
- Sunday 30 November: St Patrick's Christmas Fayre from 9.30 am and 11.00 am, Shore Gallery
- Friday 12 December: St Patrick's Diaconate Mass at 7.30 pm conferring of the Ministry of Lector on Rob Easton and Denis Deasey
- Saturday 13 December: Churches Together Carol Singing on Church Road from 10.45 am
- Sunday 14 December: Bethesda Gift Service & Nativity, 10.45 am, Carols with St George Singers, 6.00pm
- Sunday 21 December: St Luke's Breakfast Service Children's Nativity 10.30 am,
and Candle-lit Evening Carol Service 6.30 pm
Lawrence Hill messy Church, 10.00 am, Christmas Celebration including lunch,
11.00 am (booking essential—phone 9556911 to book lunch)
St Patrick's Christmas Carol Service, 4.00 pm
- Wednesday 24 December: St Luke's Christingle Service, 4.00 pm, Midnight Mass, 11.30 pm
St Patrick's Christmas Eve Family Mass, 6.30 pm, Vigil Mass, 10.00 pm
Bethesda Christmas Eve Communion, 3.00 pm
- Thursday 25 December: St Luke's Christmas Day Family Service
St Patrick's Christmas Day Mass, 10.00 am