

Rural Briefing – November 2010

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The next Rural Practitioners Group will meet at Ringwould, Kingsdown, Ripple & Sutton by Dover. The day will include a variety of high spots of the benefice. Lunch will be at a local pub. The day starts at 10am and will be finished by 3pm. To book your place contact

Kent God's Acre Project -

Workshops-

Management Plans Workshop – Thursday 18th November.

A practical workshop organised in partnership with Mid-Kent Downs Countryside Partnership, to advise and create a management plan for your churchyard. Expert advisers will be available to help you. The cost of the course is £10. The venue is St Barnabas Centre, Boughton under Blean.

NEW! Researching your Churchyard – Friday 19th November.

A day course which includes a visit the Cathedral archives to give you the practical tools to help you research your churchyard, deciphering headstones and much more!

The cost is £15 per person to include lunch. The venue is Diocesan House, Canterbury.

News for 2011 –

Wildlife Churchyards Award 2011 –

Kent God's Acre Project will be sponsoring again the Wildlife Churchyard Award section, which this year was won by St Mary's Church, Frittenden. The competition will be launched on 21st March 2011 and last date for entries is 30th June 2011.

From Christian Ecology Link –

ETHICAL INVESTMENT WEEK ACTION GUIDE FOR CHURCHES

THE WEEK:- 7-13 NOV

<http://www.eccr.org.uk> -

Down load the action-guide for churches - and get your church involved!

Here are some suggestions for action from it:

- 1) Contribute an item about green and ethical investment to your local church newsletter and/ or website.
- 3) Ask your minister to focus an act of worship and/or sermon around green and ethical finance during National Ethical Investment Week.
- 4) Write a letter to the editor of your local newspaper voicing your support for green and ethical investments and for National Ethical Investment Week.
- 5) Hold a study group meeting or talk at your church on green and ethical investments. Invite an independent financial adviser (IFA) to speak generally about the issue and talk about some of the options available.

4th December CLIMATE SERVICE AND MARCH, London

11am, Church of the Annunciation, Bryanston Street, London W1H 7AH.

(nearest tube is Marble Arch) Doors open from 10.30am.

Join us to pray for a zero-carbon Britain.

Speaker: Edward Echlin (author of 'Climate and Christ, A Prophetic Alternative').

After the Service we will join the Campaign against Climate Change rally in Hyde Park and march to Westminster.

Please pass on this notice to all your friends, join us if you possibly can, and keep the climate negotiations at Cancun, Mexico in your prayers.

<http://www.christian-ecology.org.uk/climate-service-2010.htm>

Also out recently is the Trucost Report on corporate environmental impacts -

<http://www.trucost.com>

Advance Notice –

Plough Sunday Service – Sunday 16th January

The annual Plough Sunday service will take place at Rochester Cathedral on Sunday 16th January at 3.15pm. The preacher will be Revd Dr Gordon Gatward, Director of the Arthur Rank Centre.

Rural Charities and Organisation

Kent Farmline – www.kentfarmline.org.uk Helpline 0845 458 3218

Action with Communities in Rural Kent – www.ruralkent.org

(Information on various subjects shops, transport etc, also funding workshops and charities)

Farm Crisis Network and the RABI email , Rural Stress information

www.farminghelp.org.uk or telephone the helpline 07002 326 326.