



Christian Ecology Link

Regional conference

United Reformed Church, Andover, Hampshire.

Saturday 1st October 2005

Growing green!

10.30 am to 4.30 pm

A day for Christians who want to help the church to care more for the Earth. Workshops, including one for young people, discussions and time to meet others of a like-mind. Open to CEL members and local groups, and anyone who longs for a greener church. CEL Annual Members Meeting 9.30 am. All welcome.

Booking essential – only £5

Booking form and more information on reverse. Bring your own lunch. Drinks available. For more details call: John Vivian 02392 422129 or Joyce Dinham 01264 357667, or visit:

www.christian-ecology.org.uk

Celebrate daily bread with CEL



At **7.30 pm** on **Friday 30th September** join us at the same church for a '**LOAF**' service, and give thanks for food that's good for both people and planet. The preacher is Rev Jill Bentall.

...GROWING GREEN

This is a day for people who want to take action to 'green' the church. It is primarily aimed at people in the southern half of the country, though people from other regions won't be turned away! The focus will be on group discussion. There's no main speaker, but plenty of active workshops and time to network and discuss the issues that concern us all. Regional environmental groups will have displays and stalls. The venue is Andover URC Church, East Street, Andover SP10 1EY.

LOAF SERVICE

A service of worship, 'One Bread,' is being held at 7.30 pm on Friday 30th September at the same church in Andover. The worship is based on CEL's LOAF principles for food: **L**ocally produced, **O**rganically grown, **A**nimal friendly and **F**airly traded. The preacher, Rev Jill Bentall, is an Anglican minister in Andover and a member of CEL. The 1st Andover Company, Girls' Brigade are contributing with material from CEL's *Ingredients for a LOAF Service* resource.

DRAFT TIMETABLE

9.30 am Annual Members' Meeting
10.30 am Networking Coffee break
11.00 am Workshops – Session One
12.00 Lunch break
1.00 pm Workshops – Session Two
2.00 pm Discussion groups
2.45 pm Tea break
3.15 pm Report on discussions
4.15 pm Closing worship led by Rev Dr Derek Overfield, URC minister.

CEL ANNUAL MEMBERS' MEETING

All are welcome to attend. Even if you are not a CEL member come and find out what CEL is doing to help the church grow green.

DISABLED ACCESS

There is full access to Andover URC church for disabled people.

HOW TO GET THERE

Andover railway station is 15 to 20 minutes walk from Andover URC church. Written directions will be sent to conference participants. If coming by car we recommend you use the nearby pay car parks.

WHERE TO STAY

Andover Tourist Information provides full details of hotels and guest houses in the Andover area. Tel. 01264 324320.

DISCUSSION GROUPS

In addition to the workshops we are planning discussion groups in the afternoon. You will be able to choose your topic on the day. To help us plan please indicate on the booking form which topic interests you most.

WORKSHOPS

To help the smooth running of the day we intend to allocate participants to workshops beforehand. We will do our best to put you in two of your first three choices. The workshops run twice.

How to start a local group

CEL's local groups co-ordinator, John Vivian, will give you loads of ideas and enthusiasm for starting a local group in your own area.

Young People's Forum (YPF)

Come and help members of CEL's YPF brainstorm ideas on campaigns to focus on with students and other young people.

Planning 'Green' Worship

David Wrighton, a Methodist Local Preacher and Industrial Missioner for South Hampshire, will lead you to develop your own 'green' worship with materials you already have available.

Spirituality of Christian environmental activism

Feel you are overwhelmed by the environmental crises we face? Chris Walton, former Baptist minister and editor of *Green Christian*, will lead a session to help you find ways and means to build spiritual energy.

Peaceful Direct Action

Malcolm Carroll, Baptist minister and now working for Greenpeace, will share his experience of taking peaceful direct action in these training sessions.

Speaking for CEL

Increasingly groups are looking for speakers who can talk about CEL and the links between Christianity and the environment. Judith Allinson, webeditor, and Barbara Echlin, secretary, will help you take on speaking engagements.

EcoCongregation

St Thomas' Church, Salisbury, has gained an EcoCongregation Award. A group from the church will explain how they achieved this and discuss ways you can do the same with your church.

Democs debates

Everyone says 'We need to debate the issues'. The New Economics Foundation have invented Democs, a conversation card game on a range of topics such as climate change, stem cell research and GM food. Come and find out from Lily Swan of NEF how to play the game in your own church groups.

BOOKING FORM

Cost : £5 per person.

Please return this form with your cheque to:-

**CEL Booking Secretary,
4 Spring Grove Walk, Burley,
Leeds, West Yorks LS6 1RR.**

I wish to book places at £5 per person.

I enclose a cheque for **£**.....

(Please make cheques payable to CEL.)

WORKSHOP CHOICES

My/our priorities are:-

(Please number 1 2 3 4)

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OTHER INFORMATION

I/We can distribute publicity leaflets (Please specify number)

I am a CEL member YES/NO

Please send CEL membership details

Please tick if you can help on the day.

To help us decide which discussion groups to organise please circle those topics you would most like to discuss yourself:

nuclear power, renewable energy, climate change, transport (including airport & port watch), fluoridation, waste & recycling, phone masts, GM crops, food & farming, animal welfare.

Name(s).....

Address

Post Code.....

Tel. Number

Email

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