

PRAYERS

Every Monday at
9.10am

April: St
Michael's
May: Springdale
June: St Bart's

OPEN TO ALL

Penn United Reformed Church

*Let us continue to pray
for our friends at the URC
as they celebrate 60
years in their present
building
and deliberate their way
forward in this period
without a minister.*



Penn Churches' NEWSLETTER Spring 2011

A note from the 2011 Chairman of the P.E.C

People have been very kind in welcoming me once again as Chairman of Penn Ecumenical Council for 2011.

Having a second bite of the cherry is proving to be a much more pleasant experience than I thought it would be.

The year began with the Covenant Renewal Service addressed by Rev. Phillip Swan, Lichfield Diocesan World Mission Officer. Philip had just returned from his first visit to the Dioceses of West Malaysia and Sarawak where he heard how Christians cope with the joys of life with Christ alongside the difficulties of living in a sometimes unfriendly mixed religious society. As the PEC representative to Wolverhampton InterFaith and Regeneration Council I see how lucky we all are to live in an area where people of different faiths want to work together.*

Our four Churches of Penn have planned a varied programme of events outside the usual seasonal services, including Lent Study Groups and lunches, a Teddy Bears Picnic in the summer at Springdale Church and the Christmas Tree Festival in December in Penn URC, to include a programme of thought provoking and exciting entertainment. At the Christmas Tree Festival we will be supporting both Water Aid and a local charity - the Leonard Cheshire Disability Foundation (St Anthony's Home, on Stourbridge Road) as the Home celebrates its 50th Anniversary year.

I look forward to meeting you all at the Penn Churches' services and activities this year.

Every Blessing Cynthia Lane

**Editors' note – in this year's Lent Course we renewed acquaintance with Inderjit Bhogal, a prominent figure in Wolverhampton InterFaith during his time here as a Methodist Minister.*

PEC Meetings 2011

Thursday 9th June,
Springdale
Thursday 22nd September,
St Bart's. Tuesday 15th
November, URC

All at 7.30 pm

A late Shrove Tuesday

Not being Half Term, only a few children were able to attend the event at St Michael's but those who did, and some teenage revellers, with enthusiastic adults, enjoyed an evening of fun and games with sugary pancakes. WaterAid received £28.80.

Cynthia

Very Advance Notice!



Penn's first Christmas Tree Festival!

A display of trees
decorated by our
churches & community
Book the dates in
YOUR diary NOW

December 16th-18th 2011
Penn URC

SPRING/SUMMER 2011

Good Friday
April 22nd
United Service at St Michael's

Solemn Liturgy

at 3 o'clock

This will include the Passion from St John's Gospel, the Veneration of the Cross and the distribution of the Blessed Sacrament.

Apologies to St Michael's! Two of their services have been missed off the Easter Card :-

Holy Saturday 8.30pm Easter Vigil
Easter Day 11am Easter Mass

Look out for news about the Penn Calendar 2012!

Old & New Local Scenes
"New" photos still needed.

Penn URC 60th Anniversary

A Concert
given by the URC church choir
on Friday 20th May at 7.30

**Penn Local
History Fair**
June 10th - 11th
at Penn URC



Christian Aid
Week
15th - 22nd May

United Service : Penn URC
Sunday 15th May at 11 am.
Led by Rev John Francis

*URC will also be holding a hunger lunch in
support of Christian Aid
on Sunday 22nd May at 12.15
All welcome*

Beware builders at Springdale!
Redevelopment Phase 3
starts in May!

Can you be a Collector for Christian Aid Week?
The four Penn Churches share "house-to-house" collecting in Penn.
If you could spare some time in the week 15th-22nd May, contact your Church Office or Christian Aid Secretary
Collectors to be commissioned at United Service

Back by popular demand!



**TEDDY BEARS'
PICNIC**
Saturday 9th July 3pm
at Springdale