

10. Twinning – Swapping Stories

19th September 2009

A support day for congregations in a twinning relationship. We'll look at how the year has been and possibilities for developing and deepening the relationships.

Target Group - Congregations in Twinning
Venue - Letham St. Marks Church, Perth
Time - 10.00am – 3.30pm

11. Priority Areas Consultation

5th – 7th November 2009

An annual gathering of representatives from all priority area congregations seeking newer and imaginative ways of becoming a relevant church.

Target Group - Everyone
Venue - To be confirmed

12. Ministries Support Day

24th November 2009

The last of the three support events in the year offered to staff in ministries. The programme for this day, we hope, will emerge from our conversations with people and events during the year.

Target Group - Staff in Ministries in Priority Areas
Venue - The Bield, Blackruthven

13. Turning the Church Inside Out

A one-day workshop for congregations looking to 'get out' of their churches and make useful and quality contributions to the life of the local communities. Through practical exercises, the programme will help deepen an understanding of poverty, a recognition of existing assets and people skills and map a strategic response to local needs. The workshop is being offered on a round-the year basis. Any one interested should contact the priority areas office.

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1. Sacred Spaces in Hard Places

24th January 2009

What is/what makes a sacred space? What is needed in our communities? What spaces have we got and how can we use them? Led by Carol Marples of *Soul Marks*, this day will explore the idea of 'Sacred Spaces in Hard Places' both in discussion, sharing and in practice. Following a one-day workshop, up to 4 individual churches will have an opportunity to do site-specific work with Carol.

Target Group - 4 Priority Area Congregations
Venue - Colston Milton Parish Church
Time - 10.00am – 3.30pm

2. Bereavement: Rituals of Remembrance

5th March 2009

A one-day conference for staff in ministries to help understand ways of dealing with traumatic death. With practical insights and demonstrations, the day will deepen your skills to undertake apt ceremonies and rituals to express individual and communal grief.

Target Group - Staff in Ministries in Priority Areas
Venue - Scottish Churches House, Dunblane
Time - 10.00am – 4.00pm

3. Story-Rich Worship

14th March 2009

An opportunity for people from 'twinning congregations' to work together. We look to enable participants with confidence in gathering stories and sharing them in a way that will then feed into each other's worship. Led by Russell McLarty and another storyteller from the *Scottish Storytelling Centre*, the workshop will engage you in ideas and exercises including using your creativity with prayer writing, hymn-writing, arts, photos, and digital projection.

Target Group - 8 Congregations in Twinning
Venue - St. Paul's Parish Church, Glasgow
Time - 10.00am – 3.30pm

4. Poverty Truth Commission – 'From Listening to Action'

21st March 2009

Moving towards the goal of ending poverty, this programme will seek to bring the 'real' experts - the poor - to testify to the realities they face day by day and ways in which they tackle poverty in their neighbourhood.

Target Group - Everyone
Venue - To be confirmed
Time - 2.00pm – 5.00pm

5. Sunday School Teachers Training

16th May 2009

This programme is meant for everyone working with children in different settings including Sunday schools, community cafes, etc. The day will offer the opportunity for deeper reflection and mutual exchange of views on children's work and training in animation skills.

Target Group - Those working with children
Venue - Anderston Kelvingrove Church, Glasgow
Time - 10.00am – 4.00pm

6. Make a Joyful Noise!—A Praise & Worship Gathering

7th June 2009

A great opportunity for priority area churches to join together for an evening of worship fuelled by the some very inspiring music by *Sons of Thunder*.

Target Group - Everyone
Venue - To be Confirmed

7. Twinning Picnic

13th June 2009

Don't miss out on this annual fun outing for everyone involved in twinning. A time to come together as friends to bring out your rolls and roasts and have a happy time together!

Target Group - Congregations in Twinning
Venue - To be confirmed
Time - 11.00am – 4.00pm

8. Personal Renewal – A Spiritual Retreat

16th June 2009

A 'time-out' day for staff in ministries to reflect on their spiritual journeys and to remain focused on the Lord of the works as much as the works of the Lord.

Target Group - Staff in Ministries in Priority Areas
Venue - Ignatian Spirituality Centre, Glasgow
Time - 10.00am – 3.30pm

9. Enabling Worship

13th September 2009

Roddy Hamilton will lead the workshops aimed at enabling people to use their power of imagination in leading and animating creative worship for their congregations.

Target Group - Worship Groups
Venue - Abbotsford Parish Church, Clydebank
Time - 11.00am – 4.00pm