



# CONTACT



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## MARCH 2009

**SUNDAY 1<sup>st</sup>**

**LENT 1**

10:00am

Worship & Holy Communion Rev Rog

6:00pm

Salvation Army Meeting: Self Denial Altar Service  
- Major Carol

**SUNDAY 8<sup>th</sup>**

**LENT 2**

10:00am

Worship - Rev Rog

Followed by the **ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING**

6:00pm

Salvation Army Meeting: Captain Penny

**SUNDAY 15<sup>th</sup>**

**LENT 3**

10:00am

Worship led by Mrs Barbara Baker (Plymouth)

6:00pm

Salvation Army Meeting: Major Carol

**SUNDAY 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**LENT 4**

10:00am

Worship - Rev Rog

6:00pm

Salvation Army Meeting: Captain Penny

**SUNDAY 29<sup>th</sup>**

**LENT 5**

10:00am

Worship led by Revd Mrs Phyllis Ball.

6:00pm

Salvation Army Meeting: Major Carol



# LENT



**FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT**  
**23 February – 8 March 2009**

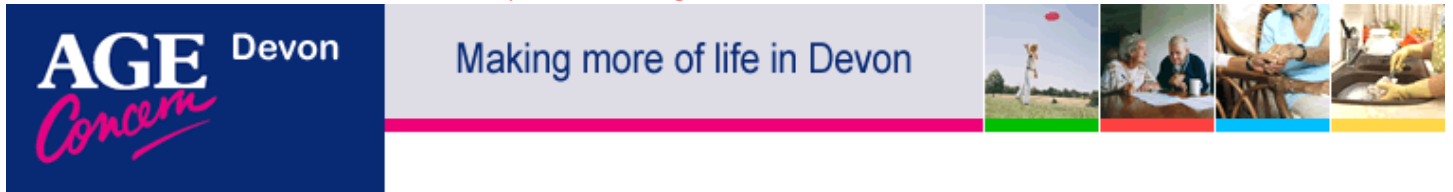
**MAKE IT HAPPEN  
 CHOOSE FAIRTRADE**

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT is the annual campaign to raise awareness and promote products carrying the FAIRTRADE mark. Every year campaigners around the country organise events to encourage their

communities to make small changes and buy Fairtrade products so triggering a positive change in the lives of the producers.

In Tavistock there will be a **FAIRTRADE FAIR** on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March in the Parish Church Centre from 10am - 4pm. Why not go along and be amazed at what Fairtrade has to offer!

**Time for Life Community Mentoring Service**



**AGE Devon**  
*Concern*

Making more of life in Devon

Time for Life is a FREE service that assists people aged 50 and over to build confidence, remain active and independent.

It is funded by the Department of Health and supported by Devon County Council, Devon Health Providers and Voluntary Organisations.

Time for Life can assist you to:

- \* make new friends
- \* explore new experiences and share skills
- \* find out about local groups and services
- \* get out and about locally
- \* take easy steps to improve your quality of life



A mentor will work alongside the individual for up to 12 weeks to enable progress to be made towards meeting their goals.



In Tavistock, there will be a Time for Life  
**COFFEE MORNING**  
 on **MONDAY MARCH 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
 from 10:00am - 12noon  
 to which all are invited.  
 It will be held in the URC Vestry.

We were to speak about

The Time for Life service is available throughout Devon (except Plymouth & Torbay). It is managed centrally from Exeter and co-ordinators are based locally within six districts - including West Devon!

For more information about Time for Life .....

you can telephone 0845 296 7997 ; email at [info@timeforlife.org](mailto:info@timeforlife.org)

or write to: Time for Life, Unit 1, Manaton Court, Matford, EXETER EX2 8PF



WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER  
FRIDAY 6<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2009

"In Christ, Many Members Yet One Body"  
prepared by the women of Papua New Guinea

This year's service is at Tavistock URC, Russell Street at 2:00pm  
Speaker: Revd Sheila Scarr (Okehampton)

The women of Papua New Guinea invite us to have the confidence of Ruth, who left what was familiar to her and went with Naomi to another land. They call us to ponder the mystery of our oneness in Christ in their context and our own.

Papua New Guinea has one of the most heterogeneous indigenous populations in the world. More than 800 languages are spoken. Their diversity is expressed in this saying, "For each village another culture." Yet, the bilum, a traditional string bag is found nearly everywhere. Bilums come in many colours, sizes, shapes, and styles and often the creative designs identify where the bilums were made. Men usually prefer a long handle style that is worn over the shoulder. Women carry their babies and their market produce. Bilums are also used as a hanging cradle for a sleeping baby.



We are also invited to reflect on the collaborative networks among women. In Exodus, the story of deliverance from bondage begins with women's non-violent intervention. Their actions ignore the social forces that are rooted in the fallacy that one group is superior to the other and is entitled to exploit them. Together, the women overcome evil with good. So, too, in the context of Papua New Guinea, we are given examples of women's intervention in Bougainville and in the Highlands. And we are called to identify women's intervention in our own context.

"We thank you, God, for directing our lives. As women united as one in your body, with your love and your power in us, we pray that we would be your instruments for peace and reconciliation."

Tavistock Area Christians Together have organised a series of Lent Lunches with a short (10minute) talk to be held on the Sundays in Lent - except for Mothering Sunday(March 22nd)

The lunch will consist of soup and a bread roll and will start at 1:00pm at the following venues:

March 1<sup>st</sup> - Tavistock Methodist

Church

- March 8<sup>th</sup> - St Eustachius
- March 15<sup>th</sup> - St Andrew's Whitchurch
- March 29<sup>th</sup> - King's Community Church
- April 5<sup>th</sup> - Abbey Chapel

There is no need to book and there will either be a small charge or donations.



The MARCH Prayer Breakfast will be held on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> at 8:30am and Evening Prayers on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm both hosted by St Eustachius.





**SOUTH WEST**

On hearing the appeal for basic food stuff for the people of Zimbabwe, Diane Bullimore telephoned Roger to see if he could get a supply of rice, pasta, flour, cooking oil etc from Bookers - our cash and carry supplier. This he did and a display was made in the vestibule. We asked Tracy who runs Slimming World if any of her members would like to contribute and they collected £63.48p - which bought everything on display with money left over! So Roger went back to Bookers to get more!!

The Communion Offering on Sunday Feb 1<sup>st</sup> was to buy the extra load - and you did - with £86.50p collected. The money left over was sent to OS to help towards container costs.

**THANK YOU!**

Also a big thank you to Judy Morton who managed to get our load out to Hurdwick Farm ready to be packed..



The OS organiser - Felicity Derry-Thomas wrote:

" Dear Roger, I would be grateful if you would pass on our heartfelt thanks to your congregation for the wonderful quantity of food they gave to Operation Sunshine for Zimbabwe. The response to the appeal by the Lions(at Morrisons & Somerfield supermarkets) has also been remarkable. I feel there is a deep need in people to help the Zimbabweans in their desperate situation. We have collected over 2 metric tonnes of rice alone as well as a huge quantity of other requested foods. It has been an enormous amount of work as it all has to be packed and sealed and logged for the manifest, but it has been worth every effort to be able to help those in the greatest need in Harare and around. Again many thanks. Blessings Felicity"

The container will be on its way to Zimbabwe now - so that means the Blue Box is empty and ready for your donations for the next load! Please give what you can - a little from everyone soon mounts up!!!



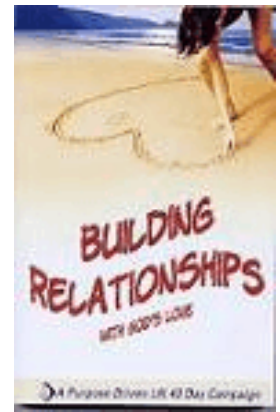
Diane also collects USED POSTAGE STAMPS which go towards funding for the RNLI and ST LUKE'S HOSPICE .

If you would like to help two very worthwhile charities she will be delighted to pass them on.

The LENT STUDY COURSE - BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS with God's Love - runs each Wednesday afternoon during Lent from February 25<sup>th</sup> at 2:30pm in the Church.

This is a joint venture led by Rev Rog, Major Carol & Captain Penny - so we hope that as many members and friends of both congregations will come along for a time of study and fellowship together.

The books to accompany the course have now arrived and cost £4.60p.



The series of FILM EVENINGS will start (again!) on TUESDAY MARCH 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30pm in the Church. Rev Rog will show films showing the plight of the Palestinians as well as the Israelis point of view. He will also share his personal observations and photographs from his tour of Palestine and Israel last October with BIBLE LANDS. The evenings are open to all.

### TAVISTOCK URC ANNUAL MEETING: Sunday March 8<sup>th</sup> 2009.

Please make a special effort to attend this year's Annual Meeting for members of Tavistock URC. If you are not a member of the church you are still welcome to attend - but you will not be allowed to vote. If you would like to become a member - speak to Rev Rog!!!

In addition to the vacancy of Church Secretary detailed in last months Contact, there are a few other vacancies for your consideration!!

- 1) Social & Fund Raising Coordinator
- 2) Representative for the Women's World Day of Prayer Committee.
- 3) Notice Boards in the Church, Hall & Vestry & Outside (this is a new appointment)

It is a sign of a healthy Church that vacancies are filled - and not by the people who are already overstretched!! However it is also important to appoint the right people for the job - so please pray that those people will come forward to offer their help.

Contact Rev Rog or Revd Phyllis for details! So hands together and hands up please!!







The Salvation Army  
DIVISIONAL YOUTH CHORUS  
will be in concert at  
PLYMOUTH CONGRESS HALL  
on SATURDAY MARCH 14<sup>th</sup>  
at 7:30pm.

Further details from Major Carol / Captain Penny

**We need ideas for FUND RAISING !!!**

After the February GIFT DAY the next event is not planned until MAY !! So if you have any ideas for concerts, events etc please speak to Rev Rog or whoever volunteers for the job of Social & Fund Raising Coordinator at the Annual Meeting!!



Anne Snook is waiting for you to have your spring clean and is ready to take any goods you no longer want that are in a good clean condition to sell either on the stall at the Pannier Market or in the Lower Deck Café. Why not ask your friends, family or neighbours if they have anything?

If you have anything new that would make a good raffle prize - please think of us!!

Having such good kitchen facilities, we are hoping to have "SUNDAY LUNCH" on a regular basis - every 6 weeks or so - but hope to extend this to include an after service/pre lunch speaker over a cup of coffee.

If you know of anyone who would be available and of interest - please speak to Rev Rog. The lunches are open to any friends, family or neighbours you would like to invite but don't forget to invite them to attend the morning service and hear the speaker as well!



DON'T FORGET TO PUT YOUR CLOCKS FORWARD ONE HOUR WHEN YOU GO TO BED ON SATURDAY MARCH 28<sup>th</sup> !