

## The Hope Hill Group of Churches

We are 7 Church of England Churches and one Methodist chapel serving our group of villages and hamlets.

Local children go to Great Wicking Primary, Hope Brook Infants and outside the benefice, St Paul's Secondary Academy. Some affordable housing has just been built in Great Wicking to add to the old council houses, most of which have been sold. In the villages prices have gone up steeply so most young families live in Great Wicking. Between us we have a population of 2,700, four pubs, an outdoor adventure centre, several farms employing foreign seasonal workers, three shops, one post office, two village halls and one Vicar!

## Between us we want to share God's love in this generation in the places we serve

### - and we know we can do that better together!

So we've produced a series of leaflets to tell you what we are doing separately and together as a group of churches in our communities.

You'll see some common headings in each leaflet which are shared priorities that run across all our churches—we each do what we can to:

- share God's love,
- grow in faith and help others to grow
- care for people in need,
- challenge unjust structures in society
- care for the world itself

On the inside of this card is info about one of the church in the group. On the back is some info about what we are doing together. There are 8 leaflets—visit each church and collect the set!

## What we are doing together:

### sharing God's love

Our church buildings are a great sign of Christian presence across the area. This year we achieved our goal of opening every church every day! We are now planning prayer cards to give away in every church.

### growing in faith and help others to grow

Starting Open the Book in our primary schools last year has helped us grow in faith as we have helped the children grow. To find out more to get involved ring Tom on 657834 or Mari on 656251. We have been asked to help the Vale Group start a team next year.

### caring for people in need

We have a grief and loss support group and we visit local people who would like a visit after, for example a family funeral, or some other loss like redundancy. We offer a confidential listening ear and care. Contact the Vicar or Susie on 657382.

### challenging unjust structures in society

For years we have collected for Christian Aid across our communities. This year we also adopted a Christian Aid campaign and put on displays in the two village halls and each church which created a lot of interest/ involvement. We are planning this again for next year and are exploring getting involved in the MU Bye Buy Childhood campaign.

### caring for the world itself

Last year we became a Fair Trade Group of churches and aim to serve as much Fair Trade produce at all our events as we can—to help care for people and the environment. This year our aim is to encourage all our village organisations, shops, pubs etc to go Fair Trade too!

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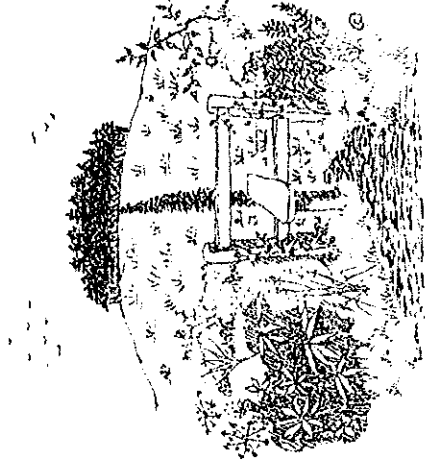
See also [www.achurchnearyou.org.uk](http://www.achurchnearyou.org.uk) The diocesan website is: [www.hereford.anglican.org](http://www.hereford.anglican.org)

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A Christian presence in every community



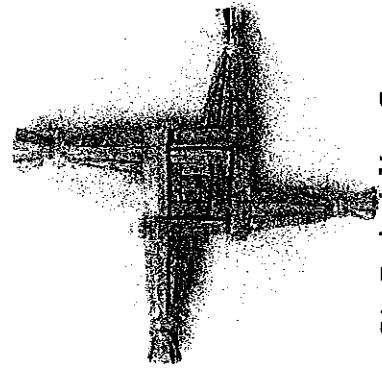
## The Hope Hill Group of Churches

*working together  
to serve*

*the people and communities of*

*Hope Brook, Hope Hill,  
Lower Wicking, Upper Wicking,  
Great Wicking,  
Mill End, Gardiner's Pitch,  
and Deep Filling*

Easter 2011—Easter 2012



## St Brigid's Church, Mill End - a prayerful place of living faith

Our tiny church serves the spread-out hamlet of Mill End. There are 37 houses here. The church building dates back to the 16th century but we think there has been a place of worship here for centuries longer than that. Many of the cottages here used to be tied cottages but now most are owner-occupied, 5 are holiday lets and 3 are rented out. Our regular Sunday congregation is small but a rota of locals keeps the church open and cared for and prayed in. We welcome a lot of tourists though because we are on the St Brigid's trail and are included in local tourism websites and brochures.

We see our special ministry as offering a prayerful place of living faith at the heart of our community, where local people and visitors can feel welcome and inspired, and be encouraged to pause and draw breath in their busy lives.

### St Brigid's Cross

#### More about who we are what we do...

##### We share God's love:

By offering a welcoming open door--St Brigid's is open every day of the year. We have a new display at the back of church of inspiring Christians we admire, including St Brigid's story. Every January we make prayer crosses round the fire at the Manor--and put the crosses in church for visitors to take away for free. Last year we had to make more crosses in July and gave away 230! This year the children of Hope Brook School are going to make crosses with us to take home and to give away.

##### We care for people in need:

As a hamlet we have been good at visiting, shopping for each other etc and we also visit newcomers when they arrive. Inside the porch last year we put up a notice board of local caring organisations and help-lines. Inside the church we are putting up a prayer board that visitors can write their prayers on and we will pray those prayers on Sundays.

##### We are growing in faith and helping

**others to grow:** This year three of us took part in the ecumenical Lent groups using "Marking Lent" --one in the afternoon and two in the evening. Next year we are planning to give "Love Life, Live Lent" activity booklets to village children -- and to take part in the daily actions with them ourselves.

##### We are challenging unjust structures in

**society:** As part of the Group we had a display about the Christian Aid Water Project last year. This year we are going to hold a village evening in Christian Aid week. Details to follow.

##### We care for God's world:

We supported Paul and Sara's son Tim on his gap year working with Arocha Climate Stewards in Ghana last year. Now that he is back he hopes that we will continue to support the work there with him and we are keen to do this. Watch this space--more info through the year...

##### Our patron

saint is St

##### Brigid of Ireland.

We admire her for her care and compassion and for how she shared the flame of faith far and wide. Also for her work in education.

We try to reflect her values and priorities in who we are and what we do together. But that's a work in progress!

If you have ideas or would like to know more or get involved, join us in Sunday worship at 10am, or please do make contact as below:

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## **BOARD FOR CHURCH AND SOCIETY – 18<sup>th</sup> October 2011**

### **Report from Wendy Coombey, Community Partnership and Funding Officer**

#### **Current parish projects**

St Peters Hereford

Bridgnorth – St James

Alveley - chapel

Tupsley, White House Pub

Clungunford – Toilets and kitchen

Bucknell – toilets and kitchen

Ludlow, St Laurences

Ross on Wye

Dorstone, reordering

Blakemere, reordering

Bredwardine, reordering

Cloddock

Eardisland

Lugwardine

Orleton

Tarrington

Pembridge – architect appointed, applying to Awards for All.

Lea

Cradley

Little Wenlock

Coalbrookdale

Jackfield

Sarn

Bromfield

Monkhopton,

Llangaron – invited to stage 2 of the BIG lottery community Buildings Programme.

This is the first project in Herefordshire to reach this stage, and it's a church!

All projects are at different stages of development ranging from an initial enquiry and visit up to development of plans and funding applications. I am working closely with Tim Bridges on these projects.

# **The future development of agricultural chaplaincy and Diocesan Environment Officer.**

Revd Nick Read, as a full-time post holder, has combined three distinct roles namely as Chaplain for Agriculture, Adviser on Rural Life, and Diocesan Environment Officer. Nick's particular gifts have uniquely placed him in a position to fulfil and combine these tasks. Now that he has taken up a full time post with the Bulmer's Foundation it is important for the Bishop's Council to review the various elements of his work in order to determine what should be continued and if so how best to do so. Nick made a full report to the July Board of Church and Society. At that meeting there was a good discussion and the following briefing and paper are the fruits of that discussion and report.

## **The component parts:**

### **1. Agricultural chaplaincy**

- This involves strategic engagement with the farming and land-based sector and a particular focus on pastoral care and support. Important links are with the National Farmers Union (NFU) and the Country Land and Business Association (formerly the CLA), and to a lesser extent the Tenant Farmers Association. There should also be a connection with the Duchy of Cornwall estates and the County Council Smallholdings network.
- Market chaplaincies are another significant aspect. Particular consideration could be given to supporting a chaplaincy role at the new market at Stretton Sugwas as this will be a strategic location for farming within the locality for many years to come.
- Possible involvement might include two local charities with which Nick was involved:
  1. OPUS – a charity that supports those who suffer as a result of exposure to pesticides – Nick will continue with this in a voluntary capacity
  2. Hereford Rural Support Network – a charity that supports people in rural communities. This is in a transition phase and will shortly be re-launched as part of Farm Crisis Network, a Christian farm-based charity. Nick will continue as a volunteer with FCN but close diocesan links are helpful as there is a major overlap with all aspects of agricultural chaplaincy.
- The Three Counties Show is another important aspect as annually the three Diocese of Worcester, Gloucester and Hereford support this. At present each diocese makes a financial contribution (Hereford's is £600) and the three dioceses provide chaplains for the show and help to organise and staff the Church Tent. This offers hospitality to at least 2,000 people during the three days and enables us to provide display material. This year's theme was the promotion of church weddings. Most importantly the show is a venue for clergy/Reader training. All of the tickets are provided free of charge by the society, worth c£2,500 and the tent is provided at a charity rate. The total cost is c £6,000. There are ongoing talks between the Archdeacons, show organisers and others to see if we can improve on our engagement and develop further the mission potential of this event. This might involve a small extra contribution from each diocese in the order of £200-300. The benefits would be a prime location on a newly developed 'village green' section of

the show ground. Any person responsible for the Agricultural chaplaincy would have a key role with others in planning and overseeing this.

- Links with the Agricultural Chaplains Association, Nick has been the national secretary and will be relinquishing that post. However there would be advantages for the Diocese to have a nominated Agricultural Chaplain/Rural Officer to continue that relationship. There is no requirement that they have to be full-time or ordained, but they do need to formally represent the diocese. The link with the Arthur Rank Centre and the churches National Rural Officer (Jill Hopkinson) is an important resource.

## **2. Rural Affairs**

Different dioceses address this in different ways. It will be important to have a dialogue with other diocesan officers if this is to continue. There are natural overlaps with both Community Partnership and Funding, and the work of the SROs. The remit is extremely broad but government policy, and local concerns, often set the agenda. Within this, for example, might be the government's emphasis on broadband and until recently the large amount of work on rural affordable housing. The emphasis in the future must reflect the localism agenda of the Coalition (see below).

- **Significant Networks:**

Nick engaged with a number of networks that enable him to keep abreast of what is happening and seize any opportunities for greater church engagement. These included:

- Shropshire Hills AONB Partnership – the management group for the AONB which covers most of the Shropshire part of the diocese. It is also important to maintain close links with the Malvern Hills and Wye Valley AONBs. There are no national parks within the diocese.

- Institute of Rural Health – an academic body based at Gregynog which contributes to our understanding and delivery of health and wellbeing to people in rural communities. Nick is continuing to act as a trustee and can represent the diocese if required.

- Community First – the Rural Community Council for Hereford and Worcester. Nick has been a member of the Board since 1998 and will continue for at least another year. Links with RCCs, including Shropshire RCC, are important strategic links for the voluntary sector. Although trustees are appointed as individuals, if a diocesan officer wished to stand as a trustee this would help to continue the relationship. The diocese also has, and should maintain, close links with the Councils for Voluntary Action and the Third Sector generally.

Nick chaired the West Midlands Rural Community Action Network (WMRCAN) but has recently stepped down from that post. It is more important that we foster links with our local RCCs than with the West Midlands network as a whole.

- **Strategic influencing:**

This was a major component of his work given the previous administration's commitment to pursuing a regional agenda. However, under the Coalition the regional agenda has been largely wound up. There is no longer an English-Welsh Cross-Border Forum or a West Midlands Rural Affairs Forum. The one exception is that there might be a strategic network established that acts as a DEFRA-accredited Farming and Rural Affairs Forum. Ideally the church should be represented on such a body, but there is no requirement that it has to be from our diocese.

Of more significance is the developing localism agenda. The church should be represented on the local area groups that are being proposed but this will need co-ordination and support. The Diocese should pursue a meeting with Geoff Hughes, from Herefordshire Council, to register our wish to be involved.

- **Diocesan Communication**

To date, the post has been largely outward looking as reflected in the job description. This has created problems in a difficult funding climate since many members of the parishes are unaware of what the role signifies as they are not the intended recipients. There is also a reluctance to provide a post that is significantly a gift to the wider church. The distinctly internal roles include:

- an annual commitment to a seminar on rural issues for year one curates,
- training events such as the Three Counties Show
- Potentially, CME courses and acting as a facilitator/support for parish or deanery events involving farming and rural communities.
- Speaking at chapters and deanery synods and guest preacher
- A monthly agricultural briefing – Nick is continuing to write these.
- A trustee of Kairos – the diocesan charity that works with faith-based groups to promote community regeneration etc. Nick was a founder trustee but has resigned with the new job. Wendy continues as one of the links with the diocese.

### **3. Environment**

The diocese has an environmental strategy. Responsibility for this is in essence a completely different role and sphere of work. More could be done by the diocese both in commitment to implementation and in monitoring our progress. Combining this with agricultural and rural life has not been successful as the role was too broad to be sustainable. If we wish to continue our environmental strategy then a dedicated Diocesan Environmental Officer (DEO) should be considered in order to drive the agenda. Any post holder can maintain links with the DEO's national network and the Church's National Environmental Adviser David Shreeve.

Our relationship with external bodies is important, especially:

- Hereford Food Strategy – rolling out a strategy for food production, processing, procurement and use within and beyond the county.
- Hereford Environment Partnership – looking at becoming a Local Nature Partnership (LNP) following the recent White paper.
- Herefordshire Carbon Reduction Group (CRAG) – encompasses many of the statutory and some of the private sector players within the county in a commitment to reducing the county's carbon footprint. This is an important area of work and one that will grow in importance. The diocese should continue to have a representative on this group as it enables it to participate strategically, share best practise and understand from where resources can be found. It also demonstrates its continuing commitment to environmental concerns.
- Hereford in Transition Alliance – the network of all local action groups concerning the environment. The weakness of these links is that there is little connection at the moment with the Shropshire equivalents.

## Determining the future:

### **Option 1: Cut the post with no replacement.**

Given the severe financial climate the diocese may wish to cease all of this work. This option has attractions from a financial standpoint. Further the consequences of such action may not be noticed in the short or possibly medium term. However the long term effects could be marked particularly as the Diocese of Hereford is arguably the most rural within the Church of England. The Diocesan Environmental Officer's role is likely to rise in prominence in the future. Individual parishes are looking to realise the potential of the Feed-in-Tariff and the Renewable Energy payments and there is likely to be greater government pressure on the one hand to achieve environmental targets, and rising energy costs on the other, both of which will act as drivers for change. What would happen if (God forbid) there were another major foot and mouth epidemic or some such equivalent? To whom will the diocese turn for advice when seeking to make clear statements on public theology or social justice in relational to rural life and agriculture? How are we to ensure as part of our pastoral care that support to farmers, important national payments and rural poverty are addressed. It is a sad fact that part of Nick's ministry has been to step into a breach that other bodies will not or could not fulfil.

### **Option2: Replace with a like for like appointment.**

The Revd Nick Read did not consider that this was a good arrangement and would caution against such an appointment. The various elements as described in the briefing are quite distinct and require different skill sets. Indeed the possibility of finding a person who has the ability to hold all of these is unlikely.

### **Option3: The Diocese apportsions the roles to suitable persons.**

Separating out the roles as outlined in the briefing gives the possibility that different persons could be appointed to manageable tasks. This ensures that the work continues while apportioning the responsibilities and work to people with the necessary gifts, skills and experience.

Within option 3 there are a number of alternatives.

- Agricultural Chaplain(s)
  1. This might best be achieved by a fresh encouragement and focus on enabling and resourcing clergy, SSM and stipendiary, and\ or other volunteers in their giving of time, support and pastoral care to farmers. Nick would be part of network as he has been licensed as an Associate Agricultural Chaplain.
  2. Co-ordinating and overseeing this ministry could be an unpaid post given to a suitable retired priest or priests. Market chaplaincy might best be given to someone in this role. There might be advantages in providing a co-ordinator in each archdeaconry given the distances covered.
  3. The co-ordinator(s) could be part time post\s (paid or unpaid) given to a lay or ordained person holding the Bishop's licence. We have a few parochial posts that are 0.75. This could be under Common Tenure a potential place where 0.25 is given to this ministry.
- Rural Affairs

As noted in the briefing much of this work overlaps with the work of the SRO officer and the Community Partnership Funding officer. Both posts are already full time and both officers have significant work loads. If these responsibilities were to

be relocated into the remits of these other officers then care and attention will need to be given as to how this work is sustained. It will require a careful review of their work and inevitably some loss of function in other aspects of their work.

- Environment

In the first instance the Bishop's Council will need to determine if and to what extent it wishes for this work to continue. Given the nature of the work and the expertise required it is highly unlikely that any effective work can continue unless there is continued funding. The level of funding currently allocated to this work is the equivalent of half a stipend.

Any future appointment would have two aspects. One is to continue the necessary outward links with the wider world and national church. It will be essential that they keep abreast of the latest research, thinking and advice. The second aspect is the reporting, communicating and advising role within the diocese, deaneries and parishes.

If this level of funding is agreed then the following options are possible:

1. To appoint part time a lay person
2. To appoint part time an ordained person
3. To appoint a person in a parochial ministry who under Common Tenure and within that one post has this ministry as part of their Role Description.

Accountability:

It is expected that any persons appointed to oversee Agricultural Chaplaincy and Environmental issues would attend and report through the Board of Church and Society. Any part time or paid post would be line managed in the same manner as was Revd. Nick Read.

+Alistair  
Bishop and Archdeacon of Ludlow

July 2011

## Diocese of Hereford

### Council for World Partnership and Development

#### Report to the Board for Church and Society: 17<sup>th</sup> October 2011

##### **1. Environment, Farming and Better Food**

1.1 Food security, food supply, a healthy diet for our children, ourselves and our partners in Tanzania, as well as changing attitudes to our relationship with the earth, were the focus of two seminars held in Ludlow on 14<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> July this year. The keynote speakers were Mr Mugove Nyika, a specialist in environmental education and Revd Dr Anne Bayley. The participants were teachers, farmers, those with an interest in the environment – all committed to changing the way in which we grow and source our food. The seminars, following on from the CWPD workshop on Food, Farming and environment held in Tanzania last year, looked towards linking farmers here with farmers in Tanzania and the development of local networks to promote sustainable farming and life-style.

1.2 Underlying these practical and immediate concerns was awareness of the increasing speed and power of climate change, numerous examples of famine and hunger, a burgeoning world population, and recognition that we needed to act now to safeguard the future for our children and grandchildren. We were reminded that the earth is our only resource for survival.

1.3 Initial conclusions were:

- Permaculture should be promoted throughout the Diocese, wherever possible in conjunction with our partner organisations in Tanzania.
- The diverse network of local organisations, which harness the interest of environmentalists, farmers and others who are striving for a greener approach to living locally, needs to be linked to the schools network.

1.4 Two problems were cited: bureaucracy and the mindset of some local leaders and stakeholders who are not open to change. We need to make a better case. We should also bear in mind points made by our speakers:

- The need for urgency if we are to avert hunger, disease and famine
- The good sense of making use of the resources we already have
- The importance of community participation
- The recognition that growing a garden is a continuous act of creation that not only provides healthy food but the opportunity for spiritual growth.

1.5 Mr Nyika visited farms and gardens while here. The farmers confirmed their:

- Concern for the environment
- Appreciation of the absolute need for acquiring and maintaining a healthy soil
- Willingness to consider a variety of business options to complement food production
- Recognition that they have to find new ways of getting to market
- Willingness to share ideas and build influence through a variety of networks

- Readiness to welcome visitors.

1.6 They implied that growing food is good, but not good enough. For food production to move beyond subsistence level, here and in Tanzania, several things are needed:

- A market
- Infrastructure
- Good governance.

Therefore a main task for us will be to support communities in Tanzania to determine their priorities for development.

## **2. External funding to support permaculture training**

We have decided to put in a bid (about £50,000) to the Joffe Trust (see separate paper) for some permaculture training in Tanzania.

## **3. Farming contacts**

We continue to follow up farming contacts. Several of us will attend a meeting of Hereford Federation of Young Farmers on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October where there will be a discussion on 'Sustainability according to Young Farmers' and where we hope to interest some young farmers in Tanzanian activities. Sir Ben Gill (ex-chair of NFU) and Nick Wallis (ex-World Bank adviser on agriculture) continue to be a source of support and ideas.

## **4. Rio+20**

In August the Bishop suggested that I prepare a paper for the All Party Parliamentary Group with responsibility for making arrangements for the British contribution to the next international environment conference in 2012. Officially, the paper is confidential until/if it is accepted by the APPG, but I have copied it for Board members as it has some implications for long-term strategy.

## **5. Theology for a fragile world**

The Diocesan Mission fund awarded CWPD £1,500 for the development of a theology, in conjunction with priests and schools, here and in Tanzania, to review our relationship with the earth. This project will complement our work on food, farming and environment. I have yet to contact schools about this but Archdeacon Paddy Benson has suggested some people who might be interested in taking this forward.

## **6. Nuremberg/Hereford link partnership**

Key points from the minutes of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> October are:

- The Remembrance Resource Pack has been completed. Three hundred copies will be printed of which 167 will go by post to clergy from the Diocesan office. Copies of the booklet can be purchased for £5.99.
- Work is in progress on a youth questionnaire to assess attitudes to remembrance.
- Plans are being made for a joint presentation with Nuremberg colleagues to the Diocesan conference in July 2012.
- The Joint History Project is going well with co-operation between schools on shared activities and production and exchange of materials.
- Bishop Mike Bourke will address the Deanery Chapter about progress on the Hereford Deanery Project on 21<sup>st</sup> November.

- Jo Bennett is developing some publicity material to widen understanding of the work of the partnership.
- The new Bishop of Bavaria will be installed on 30 October at the Lorenzkirche in Nuremberg. Mike Plunkett will represent Bishop Anthony.
- Three parish partnerships are in operation.

### **7. The Holy Land Group**

This group continues to meet regularly and offers a thoughtful programme under the guidance of David Roberts on difficult subjects.

### **8. Proposed Sabbatical**

In August I wrote to the Bishop, explaining that my family in London was taking increasing amounts of time and energy – as was the work with CWPD. I proposed a 3 month sabbatical from 1<sup>st</sup> October. I offered to continue to take forward food, farming and environment issues as these are critical just now. I suggested that he might like to consider replacing the Agricultural Chaplain (recently departed to Bulmers) with a full-time international/environment post. He was not averse to the idea.

### **12. New post in the Diocese?**

Before he left in July, the Agricultural Chaplain wrote a paper outlining the scope of his duties, with suggestions as to how his multiple roles could be considered in deciding on a replacement of his post. That paper is due to be considered at the Board for Church and Society on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October. I suggest that we ask for the work of CWPD, which overlaps with some of the work of the agricultural chaplain, especially in the field of environment, be considered in reviewing alternative propositions for this post. Rather than take an analysis of roles as a starting point, it may be a good idea to look at the overall purpose of the post.

Jenny Barnes  
Adviser, CWPD  
16<sup>th</sup> October 2011

## Evangelism Committee

At the last committee meeting a number of issues were discussed including the Easter Egg Project, The Wedding Project, Back to Church Sunday; Healing, The Olympics the Three Counties Show and Mapping

**Easter Egg Project** raised £25k for charity and will continue next year and the Company that produces them are now producing Chocolate Christmas Tree hangings at £3.95 for 6

Q: Can we help to publicise this : and involve Board of Education and maybe get Jacky Boys to raise some money from her budget in order to provide them for deprived families

### **Wedding Project:**

There is a need to ask John Clark for statistics on Weddings and if the Weddings Project has given any significant rise to the number of weddings in the Diocese

**Back to Church Sunday:** It was reckoned to be worth doing but that the serious question was how to keep it going and fresh

**Healing:** 9<sup>th</sup> October 9.30 to 12.30 Leominster Priory with Anita Cleverly followed by Eucharist

**Olympics:** Archdeacon Paddy has not yet come back on Tanzanian links.

Esther Gregory; Lots of holiday clubs written around the theme, Esther is to follow up on 'Torch' around schools

Much Wenlock are running a special 8<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> May

Riding Lights on an Olympic theme.

It was noted that many places are mainlining on the Queens Diamond Jubilee

2<sup>nd</sup> July Wenlock Olympics – a protest at fact that the Torch is not coming through

Perhaps we can get schools on board for an alternative Torch route as the official Torch is not coming into the Diocese at all – Paul Trenberth to discuss this idea with the Wenlock churches next month for running up through 18<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> June.

### **Archbishops Three Priorities:**

Very good but not taken up or properly known – they are worth promoting

- 1] To take forward the spiritual and numerical growth of the Church of England – including the growth of its capacity to serve the whole community of this country;
- 2] To re-shape or reimagine the Church's ministry for the century coming, so as to make sure that there is a growing and sustainable Christian witness in every local community
- 3] To focus our resources where there is both greatest need and greatest opportunity.

**The Three Counties Show:** There is a strong possibility that the Village Green idea may be re-established with Church as part of it – Bishop Alistair said mission money could be made available for this ; a question raised as to how this could be linked in with other churches.

Could we do more in promoting the Gospel = Yes

Watch this space!

**Mapping:** Aim for Deanery Maps to be sorted by Autumn 2012 and 50% of Parishes by the end of the year; and using 'Map Light' for smaller parishes

**One point made strongly around the table was that there is a need for a designated Mission Officer for the Diocese to carry many of these projects through**