

# BCC News!



**RICHARD'S RAMBLE!** We have just come to the end of the Festival of Life. This week of joint mission with the other churches in Beverley has been a marvellous opportunity in which to demonstrate the common message we all share as churches regardless of our difference in style. I was overwhelmed by just how many activities were held during the week with each church showcasing what they do best. There is just a little sadness that two churches did not feel they could take part in this shared act of witness. What lies at the heart of all such events is the deep down knowledge that our divisions are a stain on the church for which Jesus Christ laid down his life. One of his last prayers to the father before he died was, 'that they may be one as we are one...then the world will believe that you have sent me' (John 17:21). United acts of mission are more than just a good thing to do; they take us back to the heart of our demonstration of what Jesus came to achieve - one united people of God. They are a declaration of such unity, not covering over the cracks but showing that, despite our divisions, we can work together.



These acts of witness are a long way from reuniting the church and I am not sure that will ever be achieved. However, a level of spiritual unity and common purpose achieves more than any apparent organisational unity with all its compromises. It is in such unity that 'the Lord commands the blessing, even life for evermore' (Psalm 133:3).

## Archbishop Sentamu Academy – updates.

Over recent months, the main news from us is that we have become 5 academies, grouping together in the “Sentamu Academy Learning Trust”. This “Multi Academy Trust” consists of ASA, ASPIRE academy (more about that in a minute), and 3 primary academies – St. James’, Newland St. John’s, and Stockwell. We aim as a group to support each other, share resources, and raise standards in our respective academies far more quickly than we would be able to do alone.

One of the resources we all share is our wonderful chaplain, Anne Richards. She is delighted to be able to work across such a broad patch, and feels that she has a very sizeable parish!

Quite apart from setting up the Multi Academy Trust, we have had a very busy year. In September we opened ASPIRE – the largest “Alternative Provision” academy in the country – to cater for up to 150 young people at risk of long-term exclusion for a variety of reasons. Initially we were situated in old premises, but in January, we opened up in our new, purpose-built building. Here is a photo of part of the building, taken at the opening ceremony, led by Archbishop Sentamu himself.

We now have over 100 young people enrolled, who are making good progress in conditions to which they are far better suited. We have seen many miracles to get us to the point of being able to open ASPIRE, and we are excited about the opportunity it presents for many young lives to be turned around.

Back at ASA, in February, we welcomed the band 12/24 from the Message Trust, who came and taught RE lessons, and shared their faith with our students at a concert after school during the week. The band went down a storm with students and staff alike, and everyone is looking forward to seeing them again next year.

Our Eden team continues to work very well with a large number of our students. The team has grown to include some “Eden associates” who now work alongside our two full-time team members – Anna and Laura. A number of our students attend “Eden Club”, where they can explore their faith, and take part in a whole range of fun activities.

Last, but by no means least, we are also piloting a “Youth Alpha” course with our Y7 students, led by the chaplain and another member of staff. This is going well, and at the end of the year we will evaluate the pilot fully to see how we can best extend it.

If you would like to keep up to date with all that is going on, Anne is now producing a prayer-letter for those interested in our developments, and this can be obtained by contacting her on: [work@anne-richards.com](mailto:work@anne-richards.com) Anne will sign you up to the regular prayer-letter which will be sent through mail-chimp.



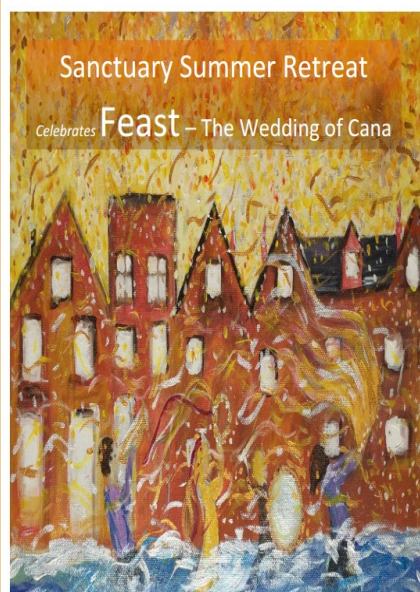
## July at a glance!

Thurs	2nd	8pm Brink Homegroup
Fri	3rd	10am Ladies Bible Study 8pm Purpose Driven Pint
Sun	5th	10:30am Service 6:30pm Prayer Meeting 7:30pm Sunday Night Live
Mon	6th	10am Oranges & Lemons 1:30pm Monday Friendship Group 6pm 18-30's
Tues	7th	6:30pm Lindum House 7:30pm Discovery Course 8pm Homegroups
Thurs	9th	8pm Brink Homegroup
Fri	10th	10am Ladies Bible Study
Sat	11th	11am Sanctuary
Sun	12th	10:30am Service 6:30pm Prayer Meeting 7:30pm Sunday Night Live
Mon	13th	10am Oranges & Lemons (PARTY TIME!) 1:30pm Monday Friendship Group 8pm Wider Leadership Meeting
Tues	14th	7:30pm Discovery Course 8pm Homegroups
Weds	15th	8pm Bible Book Club
Thurs	16th	6:30pm Cedar Grange 8pm Brink Homegroup
Fri	17th	10am Ladies Bible Study 8pm Purpose Driven Pint
Sun	19th	10:30am Service 6:30pm Prayer Meeting 7:30pm Sunday Night Live
Tues	21st	7:30pm Discovery Course
Thurs	23rd	8pm Brink Homegroup
Sun	26th	10:30am Service 6:30pm Prayer Meeting
Mon	27th	1:30pm Friendship Group 6pm 18-30's
Tues	28th	7:30pm Discovery Course
Thurs	30th	8pm Brink Homegroup
Fri	31st	8pm Purpose Driven Pint

**ONE Celebration**  
**Book by July 31st for the last chance**  
**to book to camp with BCC!**  
**Want to help at the BCC 'gatherings'?**  
**See Natalie.**



**Thank you again to all those who played a part in the success of the Festival of Life 2015. A good time was had by all!**



I am very excited about the above event, and hope you can attend. Please RSVP if you need to stay over. The event will start on Fri at 7.30. Supper available from 6. Please bring some food to share and a suggested donation of £10/15 towards food, guest expenses and art materials. If you can only come for part of the event, that is also fine. *Rosie* (01964 541705).

In August, as has become my custom, I will once again be traversing the globe to give support to our Indian brothers and sisters. This year it will be slightly different, however, as I will be taking a team of ladies. The reason for this is twofold: firstly, because many of those I end up praying for are women and I believe it would be good for women to minister to women; secondly, because India is somewhat behind the West in encouraging women to rise up into their calling and ministry – it still tends to be very male dominated – and therefore I want to encourage through some of our own women to do exactly that. To this end I will be taking Carolyn, Lucy and Angie. Katie (my daughter) will also be coming along for some of the trip. We will be leaving on 6th August and returning on 18th August. Please pray for us while we are away. I will issue an itinerary to help with this when I have it available.

*Richard.*

### Groups continuing without interruption:

- Purpose Driven Pint
- Residential Homes Meetings
- Monday Friendship Group

### September Start-up's:

- Brink Homegroup - 3rd September
- Tuesday Homegroups - 8th September
- Ladies Bible Group - 11th September

**Bible Book Group** Weds 15th July 8pm at Richard & Carolyn's House, looking at Daniel. Please let David Miller know you are coming, so he knows how much cake to buy!



**Oranges and Lemons** toddler group meets Monday's 10-11.30am (term time only) at Molescroft Pavilion. It is very well attended by

parents, grandparents, childminders, toddlers and babies. We need more volunteers to help with setting up, pack up, make and serve drinks, welcoming and talking to people. If you are willing to help just one Monday a month it would be great. Please see Yvonne.

Want to be part of a group or volunteer for an activity? You can by speaking to one of the leaders; by email: [info@beverleycommunitychurch.org](mailto:info@beverleycommunitychurch.org) or by visiting our website: [beverleycommunitychurch.org](http://beverleycommunitychurch.org)  
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