

Rachel Richards, Lay Worker at Christ Church Halton invites you to join the Prayer meeting on Wednesday June 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at Christ Church, Chapel Street, Leeds 15.

## **JOINT CIRCUIT NEWSLETTER MAY 2011**

From

**The Prayer, Pastoral Support and  
Communication Group**

*'Holy God, We continue to pray for the fulfilment of your vision for our new Circuit.*

*Help us as we seek to serve our local communities in the name of Christ. Continue to build us up in faith, boldness and obedience as we approach many fresh changes.*

*For you are our creator, redeemer and sustainer and we give you the glory for all that we strive to achieve.*

*Amen.'*

## A NEW CIRCUIT: WHAT ARE WE DOING AND WHY?

We're moving towards a new Circuit - 'LEEDS NORTH AND EAST'.

*(What do you think of the suggested name?)*

Why are we doing this? Is it because there's a vision of churches doing what God wants **better together**? Is it because there aren't enough ministers to go round? Is it because of financial problems? Because we're being asked to, nationally?

Yes - all of those! But mainly a vision of doing things better, and sometimes differently, which will only work if we're in it together, whole-heartedly.

So what's the vision?

- to **continue the best** of what we're doing (not necessarily everything we're doing);
- to **look outwards** for more effective service and mission that connects with the community (and the century!) we're in - taking the good news beyond our churches in word and action;
- to **refresh** what we do **with new ideas** ( in worship, in caring, in sharing together);
- to focus on **deepening discipleship** for people who are part of our churches at the moment (opportunities for courses, groups, training, conversation);
- **RELEASING RESOURCES TO DO ALL THIS!**

We ask you to use the words of the Hymn, Christ be our Light to focus your prayers:-

Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts.  
Shine through the darkness.  
Christ be our light! Shine in your Church gathered today.

'We remember the Steering Group, working to bring all information together to form a new Circuit.'

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.  
Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people,  
Light for the world to see.

'We pray for all Ministers, lay workers and worship leaders as they guide our worship.'

Many the gifts, many the people,  
Many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another,  
Making your kingdom come.

'We pray for all groups who have worked so hard towards our vision for the future.'

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Amen.