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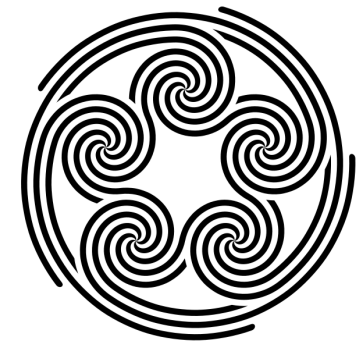
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Roadshows 2010



Dates and Venues

7pm—9.30pm

**8th February Crossways
9th Gainsborough, Lincolnshire
10th Sherwood, Nottingham
15th Sleaford, Lincolnshire
16th Marlpool, Derbyshire
17th Abbots Road, Leicestershire**

Invitation

You are invited to come to an evening to share worship and prayer together, to participate in discussion, and to contribute to our life together as the United Reformed Church in the East Midlands.

The Programme

7.00pm Arrivals and refreshments

7.15pm Worship and Prayer, to highlight the Vision4Life year of Prayer and Spirituality.

7.45pm A choice of topics to explore in groups:

- **Financing the Mission of the Local Church.**
- **Profiles4Mission**
- **Prayer & Spirituality**
- **Discipleship**

8.45pm A plenary session to share insights from the groups, discuss how we can communicate better, and introduce Pastoral Consultants.

9.20pm Prayer

Prayer & Spirituality

"In prayer we try to draw closer to God, and learn how to let God come closer to us. Praying in this way is about recognising how God is with us all the way on our life's journey. It is also about tuning in to the ways in which God communicates with us and listening for God's guidance. Many of us worry that we don't do this well and never 'get it right'." (Vision4Life "Praying our days") The Vision4Life Prayer Year is about encouraging individuals and congregations to grow in their relationship with God through prayer, to recover confidence in what prayer is, what it can do, why it is important, and to explore ways in which through prayer we can be re-energised in life and mission. At each Roadshow there will be a "prayer & spirituality" workshop, aimed at helping individuals (and through them their congregations) in the life of prayer, through practical exercises, sharing and the provision of resources to take away.

Financing the Mission of the Local Church

We will discuss the arrangements for moving to an income based M&M assessment, including how accounts are collected, the role of finance officers in your area, feedback on how information is used, trends in income, fund raising and legacies, and an appeal system. We will share stories on church buildings, mission and ministry. This is an opportunity to ensure the new systems take account of your concerns. Treasurers are urged to attend.

Profiles4Mission

The chances are that your last Pastorate Profile was created when your Minister left, and the purpose of the document was to attract another Minister. Pastorate Profiles are changing. Whether your church is looking for a Minister or not, all churches are going to be asked to produce them - not simply as a snapshot of what the church is like at a particular moment, but as a working document for mission. Mission Enablers and Pastoral Consultants will help. This group will look in more detail at why the change is happening, and how the new system - known as Local Ministry and Mission Review - will work. LMMR replaces the pastoral consultation of the past.

Growing in Faith

The Training Team would like to develop a programme to encourage and equip all our congregations in their journey in faith. This will include a restructuring of the relevant parts of the website, but also workshops, bible studies, fun-days and anything else that you would find relevant and useful. Please come and talk to us so that we offer what you would like, rather than what we think you might like!

