

HOPE – the Heartbeat of Mission briefing notes

A gift to the Church

HOPE is a catalyst for mission – a ‘gift to the church’.

Inspiration, ideas and funding sources

The latest part of that gift is **HOPE – the Heartbeat of Mission** – 224 pages packed full of tried-and-tested mission ideas, resources and funding links for foodbanks and village fairs; Passion plays and parenting courses and more.

HOPE – The Heartbeat of Mission is packed with resources

- **practical inspiration** – 150 different tried-and-tested mission ideas that have worked
- theology around mission – **theologian Paula Gooder** on why words and actions go together
- mission theory - including an outline for a year of mission from the **Bishop of Sheffield**
- 18 community projects backed with **funding of up to £2,000** to start each new church-led initiative
- Mission in words and action linked to an annual rhythm of mission running through the church calendar
 - Christmas and New Year
 - Lent & Easter
 - Pentecost and summer festivals
 - Harvest
 - Remembrance

HOPE is responding to church demands for ideas, inspiration and resources

Mission is on the agenda of the Church.

- The newly elected Pope Francis mentioned the evangelisation of Rome in his first few words in the role.
- The new Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby has already said, “The tasks before us are worship and generous sharing of the good news of Christ in word and deed.” In his first sermon in Canterbury Cathedral he preached on courage and being a church that transforms society.
- This month, thousands of church leaders will receive **HOPE – The Heartbeat of Mission** to inspire them and their congregations to share hope together with words and actions.
- 15,000 copies were ordered even before it went to press
- 6,000 copies are being given to guests at the Spring Harvest Easter event
- **HOPE – The Heartbeat of Mission** costs £5.99 a copy – order from www.hopetogether.org.uk
- Denominations, dioceses and groups of churches working together can get **bulk order discounts**
- Members of the HOPE leadership team are available to provide **mission training around the country**

Regions and dioceses are preparing together for 2014

The Diocese of Worcester has ordered 1,000 copies of **HOPE – The Heartbeat of Mission**. They plan to give one to every church in the area. Roger Morris, Archdeacon of Worcester said: ‘We want to **equip**, not just clergy but, all people so they can **participate wholeheartedly** in HOPE 2014. This HOPE 2014 initiative comes at just the right time for our diocese.’

What will mission in 2014 look like?

Inside HOPE’s new resource book **HOPE – the Heartbeat of Mission** – you’ll find that they do mission in Cornwall with village cream teas. In Sheffield they do it with bacon butties for bikers. In Bristol they do it with a weekend of community action, clearing waste ground and painting murals.

HOPE is not prescriptive. The challenge to churches is: How will your church and the churches together in your area do mission with words and actions in 2014?