

### **Introduction :-**

*Christchurch was opened in 1969 following the coming together of Brand Street and Nightingale Road Methodist Churches and Queen Street Congregational Church. It is now part of the Beds, Essex and Hertfordshire District of the Methodist Church and the Thames North Synod of the United Reformed Church. Membership in March 2008 stood at around 300.*

*THIS Leaflet is just one in a series of eight giving a brief insight to the many daily activities that take place at Christchurch Hitchin. If you are unable to find what you are seeking in this leaflet do take a look at one of the others. Or you can leave a message on the Church Answer-phone 01462 451720, or have a*

*word with the Minister or Deacon on 01462 646326/621776 or visit us on the web:-*

*www.christchurchhitchin.org.uk*

*Email: [info@christchurchhitchin.org.uk](mailto:info@christchurchhitchin.org.uk)*

### **Mission and Outreach :-**

The Church has a Mission & Outreach Team that meets every month to help in coordinating the Mission & Outreach activities of the church. Anyone interested in getting involved can contact the

Team Leader, Alison Bryan (01462 835721)



### **Christchurch Eco Group :-**

The group was set up in January 2002 in order to raise awareness, within the Christchurch community, of environmental issues. We strongly believe Christians have a responsibility to treat God's Creation with care and respect. Members meet several times a year to plan various activities/schemes which encourage and involve the rest of the church membership in "how to be green". These have been varied and successful as in 2007 Christchurch received the Eco-Congregation award. There is a group noticeboard in the corridor (near the crèche) new members and new ideas are always welcome.

Contact:- Viv Dent (01462 436476)



Our latest venture that went towards our Eco-congregation award has been to promote the awareness of the range of Ecover household cleaning products.

Contact:- Sara Box (01462 623076)

### **Traidcraft :-**

Traidcraft is a fair-trade organisation which uses reps to sell its goods around the country. Fair trade is about redressing the imbalance of power between the developed and developing worlds, and giving third world producers of the things we buy a fairer deal. We have a monthly stall at Christchurch on the second Saturday of each month, from 10.30 to 12.00noon and on the following day after the morning service. Fairly traded tea and coffee are also served. We also prepare monthly orders for a number of customers which are collected from the stall. We keep in stock a variety of cards and gifts, and also some paper and food items. Anything else from the catalogue can also be ordered.

Contact:- Pippa Arnold (01462 436804)



### **Operation Noah :-**

Operation Noah is a project of Christian Ecology Link and the Churches Together in Britain and Ireland, which empowers individuals and Churches to act on climate change. The operation Noah Group at Christchurch has presented Operation to Churches Together in Hitchin and to the Methodist Circuit. We have carried out an energy audit of the Christchurch building, organised a 'climate challenge' and taken part in the Climate Change Rally in London. We meet approximately three times a year.

Contact:- Vivien Dent (01462 436476)