



**SOMERSET CHURCHES
TOGETHER
ANNUAL GATHERING 2008**

**Churches in
Community
From Vision to Action**

**Saturday, 8 November 2008
10.00 am – 3.45 pm**

**Locking Castle Church, Bransby Way,
Weston Super Mare
BS24 7BW**

**Keynote Speakers:-
Rt Revd Declan Lang,
Bishop of Clifton
Rt Revd Peter Price,
Bishop of Bath & Wells

**Presentations, Workshops,
Displays and Resources.**

Aims and Objectives of the Day

- To maintain a supportive network for local ecumenism among the churches throughout Somerset.
- To enable local ecumenical groups in Somerset to share their successes and discoveries.
- To explore the potential role for our churches to work with government policies that want our help to develop the social capital.
- To explore the opportunities available for churches to work in partnership with statutory, private and voluntary organisations in order to make a real impact on the quality of life in our communities.
- To discover ways in which the churches can work with other faith groups to provide a faith reference point for public bodies to consult with.
- To develop an understanding of the concept of the spiritual health and well being of the whole community and the churches' role in supporting it.

Programme for the Annual Gathering

- 10.00 am Welcome and Worship
(Revd Nigel Coles—Chair of Somerset Churches Together)
- 10.10 am The Ecumenical Scene – An Overview (Bishop Declan Lang)
- 10.35 am Churches in Community (Bishop Peter Price)
- 11.15 am Coffee
- 11.45 am Churches in Community -Some Good Practice
- The Lynx Project
 - The Churches in Yeovil
 - The Genesis Trust, Bath
 - More to Life 08
- 1.00 pm Lunch
- 2.00 pm Workshops
- Fresh Expressions of Church (Revd Roger Medley)
 - Hope 08 – Looking Back, Looking Forward (Roger Allen)
 - Working with Young People (Tony Cook)
 - The Church in New Housing Areas (Jim Currin)
 - Working with Local Authorities (Alistair Beattie)
- 3.00 pm Workshops (repeated)
- 3.45 pm Closing Worship and Depart

Please note: Refreshments, including lunch, will be provided. Donations welcome

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