

Welcome to the latest Vision4Life update with news of the website and information about the Vision4Life Prayer Year starting on Advent Sunday 2009 We have a new website and plans for the next year of Vision4Life

We hope the first year of Vision4Life - The Bible Year - has gone well for you and your church. We have had numerous reports of churches engaging in a fresh way with the bible. Materials have continued to be produced throughout the year and the latest series of studies by John Campbell - Encounters in Mark - is nearing completion with just about 3 more studies due to appear in the next 2 months.

Website

The expansion of materials has been such that we have had to completely rebuild the website and it is now on-line at www.vision4life.org.uk The old website will soon no longer be available so if you are still using any addresses other than the one noted here, please delete it and replace your bookmarks with www.vision4life.org.uk All the old materials have been transferred over and you will find the navigation and layout much more user-friendly. We hope you like it! If you have any questions about the website itself, please get in touch with the web manager Paul Snell web@vision4life.org.uk For other more general enquiries, Janet Lees the Vision4Life Co-ordinator may be able to help at admin@vision4life.org.uk

Sign-ups

Nearly 600 churches have signed up as participants of Vision4Life, but we know many more churches are taking part in some way. It has been an exciting year for us all. **But what's next? Coming soon for Prayer Year**

A sneak preview of the Prayer Year During Vision4Life prayer year we hope that we have provided something for everyone. There will be not just one but two booklets available. The first written by the prayer group, should be available and mailed out to all churches during mid November. The second produced for by us by Andy Twilley a director of the Nationwide Christian Trust in support of the Vision4life prayer year has already been mailed to signed up churches. (Further details about ordering these are below.) We hope that you'll find them both helpful and inspiring. Of course these will not be sufficient and as with the Bible year much additional material will be available on the web. Please do take time to have a look. We are offering a mix of things suitable for individuals, groups and churches.





Prayer toolkit [The Prayer toolkit](#) includes resources and ideas to encourage you in your prayer life and offers suggestions to help you in personal, group or church prayer. The toolkit will be added to as the year goes on. The first seven will be:

- Bible Studies for Prayer Year
- Praying with the Bible
- Daily prayer
- Listening prayer
- Telephones, texts and emails
- Bread making prayer
- Setting up a prayer station

Seasonal Prayers [Seasonal Prayers](#) are designed to provide prayer ideas for specific times of the year. Some will also have a wider relevance so could be used at any time e.g. during advent we reflect on the themes of waiting and hope, summer provides input on healing and retreats and Harvest focuses on prayer for evangelism.

Advent

Our first season looks forward to Advent and Christmas, though there is a number of resources already there as the season progresses this will be added to. There will be five resources linked to Advent

- Waiting in Advent
- An Advent reflection
- Advent quiet day/retreat
- Stations for Advent/Christmas
- Imagine a nativity scene



Other resources [Some resources](#) already used by other people have been submitted. Initially these include



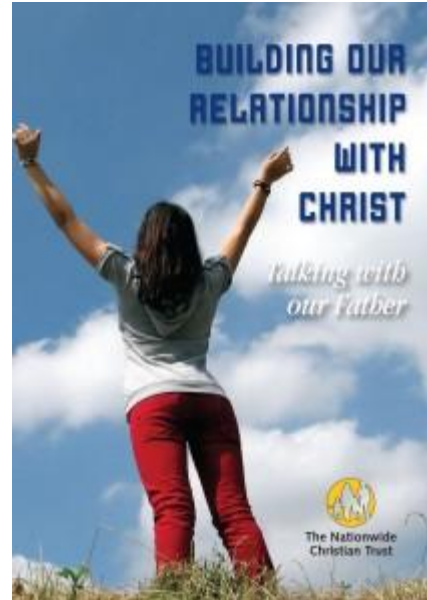
- The Occupational Prayer Cycle of the South Yorkshire Workplace Chaplaincy
- Prayer - the walk of encounter, submitted by Dunamis & GEAR

As well as resources we are aware that prayer year must involve us actually praying **24/7 prayer** We are delighted that our young people are taking the lead in coordinating a [24/7-prayer event](#) over Holy week 2010. This is the first time that the URC has ever been linked through prayer in such a way with a united chain of prayer across the nation day and night for a week. Perhaps you would like to take up the challenge may be for a time of sustained prayer or even just get on board for an hour or two. If you would like to find out more please look at the [events link](#) or contact Heather Latimer at youth@urc.org.uk



Lets make it easier We felt it was right to give ourselves dates by which the core seasonal material should be up on the web. This is to help you with planning, the deadlines are; January 2010 for the Lent and Easter material; April 2010 Ascension and Pentecost; May 2010 for Summer; July 2010 for Harvest.

Building our relationship with Christ In partnership with Vision4Life, The Nationwide Christian Trust have produced a booklet on the subject of prayer. It covers biblical teaching on prayer and includes a number of studies on the theme. All Vision4Life Signed up Churches will receive 1 free copy and further copies are available for purchase through the NCT website by clicking [here](#) or the logo below



Something to share? Don't just leave the material to us! If you have any resources that you are happy to share with others please do e-mail it to Janet Lees admin@vision4life.org.uk Janet will be happy to add it to our something to share section? **Feedback** We would also be delighted to receive feedback on any aspect of Vision4Life to the same address. **Forums** Please also make use of the [forums](#). There are 4 strands at the moment but we can add more or you can add your own thread. You will need to register separately for these but if you click the link on the menu you will be guided through registration. If you want to give any feedback as above, please consider posting it on the forum as well so that others can comment or be encouraged. **This Newsletter** This is our first attempt to send out a general newsletter including graphics. It is a bit of an experiment but if successful, we hope to send out more over the year. You will find a Newsletter Sign up form on this site. Please do not use this if you are already receiving this newsletter directly from us as it means you have already been placed on the email list from your original sign up as a church. However please invite members of your congregation to use the newsletter registration form (NOT the church sign up!) if they wish to receive individual emailings. **Hopes and Prayers** We have really valued the opportunity to discover more about prayer through our search of Vision4Life material and hope and pray that this year for you may also be a real blessing and bring a deepening of your prayer life too. With Best Wishes and blessings for the coming Prayer Year **The Vision4Life Steering Group** We hope that you will want to keep in touch with all that is happening in the Vision4Life process. However if you no longer wish to receive this email newsletter in the future, by clicking the following link You can unsubscribe at <http://www.vision4life.org.uk/wp-content/plugins/wordpress-newsletter/newsletter.php?type=remove&kei=41aa8deeb52305946ff983c1fca4c40>