

March 2009

Dear Colleague

Back to Church Sunday – 27th September 2009

We would like to encourage you to take part in this year's *Back to Church Sunday* Campaign. Last year more than 3,000 churches took part and found it a simple, yet very effective way of generating a culture of invitation amongst their congregation. The really encouraging news is that when churches engage in this project, with planning and prayer, people do come back to church! In 2008 more than 37,000 people invited someone they know to something they love. That's how Christianity has spread over the centuries, and it still works. What's new is this: when churches everywhere unite to invite on one special moment in the year, something really good is added. It feels like one big church with one big welcome

Here is how your church can take part this year:

1. Booking and registration needs to be done through the Diocese. In order to be part of this and receive the packs you will need to fill in the tear off slip and send it in to us. This needs to be done at the **very latest by Monday 18th May 2009.**
2. An **Essential Pack 1** (£20) includes: 1 x A1 poster; 2 x A3 Posters; 4 x A4 posters; 100 invitations/prayer cards; 100 gift postcards; *Back to Church Sunday* 2009 DVD.
The Welcome Pack 2 (£25) includes: 5 x Fairtrade organic cotton t-shirts only.
The Hospitality Pack 3 (£10) includes: 100g jar Café Direct Instant Coffee; 80 Indian Ocean Fairtrade Tea bags; 100 Traidcraft White Sugar Sticks ; 5 packets 150g Fairtrade Fairbreak cookies.
3. We will be holding *Back to Church* training sessions on making the most of the event during June and July – more information on this in the coming weeks. At these events we will be passing on good practise from other dioceses and helping you with tips on 'welcome' and liturgy. We'll also discuss publicity and using the local media. You will be able to pick up the packs you ordered at the training sessions. If you are not able to come yourself then please send along a representative.

Do call on us if we can assist you in formulating your plans for this project.



Rachel Farmer and Nigel Spraggins

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Name of Church and full contact details

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Our church would like to take part in BTCS **Yes / No**

No. of Pack 1 (Essential) : **No. of Pack 2 (T-shirts only):** **No. of Pack 3 (Hospitality):**

Enclosed - Cheque to the value of: £
(Please make payable to Southwell & Nottingham Diocesan Board of Finance)