

Faith and Work

"I spend an hour a week teaching Sunday School and they haul me up at the front of the Church to pray for me. The rest of the week I'm, a full time teacher and the Church has never prayed for me. That says it all."

Doesn't it just? One of the great traps of Church life is that it can become just that "Church Life" and not just "LIFE". Over the course of the coming year we're going to try to check that tendency by having a series of "Faith and Work" consultations. The idea will be that a number of members of the congregation who all work in the same or similar areas should come together to reflect together on the issues facing them in their working lives and particularly in the light of their faith. Having shared our thoughts we'll then have an opportunity to bring them to God in prayer and, if we want, to carry on meeting to see if we can benefit from giving each other some ongoing mutual support and encouragement.

I plan to invite people individually to these but I'm sure to miss someone out so if you don't get an invitation and you think you should fit into a particular category, please come anyway. If you fit into more than one category, come to both, or all if appropriate.

Here's the schedule of meetings. All on Tuesdays. I hope this works for people

Health and Social Care professions	12 September
Education	21 November
Legal and Financial Services	23 January 2007
Retirees	8 May
Local and National Government and Police	10 July
Self employed and home workers	11 September

Do contact me if you have any thoughts about this. Maybe the categories aren't quite right, or you don't feel you fit into any of them Please let me know.

Michael Camp

Smile International – Job Vacancies

Smile International is a UK charity whose aim is to promote the Christian Gospel around the world through practical support and relief from war poverty and illness. They are passionate about helping to relieve suffering through the distribution of humanitarian aid and long term development projects and work in twenty countries around the world.

Gap Year/Schools Worker (full time)

The post will be based at their Head Office in Kent and will involve speaking to local schools and colleges to promote Smile International's Gap Year opportunities and their work. Candidates must be able to work independently as well as being an effective and efficient team player. The successful candidate must be willing to travel. The post will involve contact with children and the recruitment process will include specific checks relating to the Child protection Act.

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