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New website brings rural churches' resource centre fully online

Christian rural charity, the Arthur Rank Centre, launched its new website: www.arthurrankcentre.org.uk today (Monday 3rd October 2011). The site connects rural churches, ministers and lay people of all denominations and provides them with a huge range of free information, tools and resources.

The website, funded by the Jerusalem Trust and the Mercers Charitable Trust, brings all the services provided by the ARC, as the churches' rural resources unit, online and makes them accessible to even the most isolated rural churches.

'I would thoroughly recommend that anyone connected with the rural church visits the site to find out what we can offer,' commended Revd Dr Gordon Gatward, Director of the ARC. 'It is a place for information, support, training and resources as well as somewhere you can connect and share using social networking like Facebook or LinkedIn.'

Visitors to the site can browse the library of good rural practice, signposts for rural mission and ministry, Country Way magazine (as an online publication for the first time), RuSource briefings, an online image library and a separate section containing resources for worship. Or they may wish to join in on the ARC's Facebook, Twitter or LinkedIn pages. The website will continue to grow and develop, as more and new materials continue to be produced by the ARC.

Go to www.arthurrankcentre.org.uk for more information.

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You can find pictures to go with this story on the ARC photostream:

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/arthurrankcentre>

Notes

The **Arthur Rank Centre** is a Christian charity supported by the National Churches and the Rank Foundation, which supports rural churches and their communities through a programme of community and social projects, resourcing and training; all of which is now available on the ARC website: www.arthurrankcentre.org.uk