

LASER
At VAUXHALL UK , LUTON
THURSDAY 13th October 2011
10am-3.30pm



At the invitation of the Chairman and Chief Executive of Vauxhall UK, Bill Parfitt, CBE LASER and Deanery Clergy and Laity visited the **Vauxhall Manufacturing Plant**, the **Heritage Centre in Luton** the home of the **Vauxhall Vivaro** and **HQ of the revived Vauxhall Opel brand in Europe.**



Vauxhall Total Car Market Share was up 0.08 percentage points to 12.31% in July 2011 and were number 2 in the Fleet Passenger Car Market with 15.43% Market Share (up 0.14 percentage points over July 2010.) Vauxhall Total Light Commercial Van sales were up an impressive 36.38%,

resulting in a Vauxhall Total LCV Market Share up 3.18 percentage points to 11.64% in July 2011. As a result Vauxhall LCVs were number 1 in the Retail market.

The Vauxhall Heritage Centre was established to provide a tangible link with the past, as well as offering a valuable service to Vauxhall Retailers who often display vehicles from the collection in their showrooms. Here, in purpose-built surroundings, the company maintains a collection of rare and historic Vauxhall and Bedford vehicles from nearly 100 years of motor manufacturing history. One of the very first cars ever built by the company in 1903, as well as famous names like the Prince Henry and the 30/98, form part of this collection which numbers around fifty vehicles. One of the Heritage Centre's vehicles, a 1904 6hp single-cylinder model has competed regularly in the world-famous London to Brighton run since 1950.



Vauxhall are also leading the way with the launch of the new electric car of the future the Vauxhall AMPERA. Come along and you might catch a rare glimpse of this futuristic car to be launched in March 2012.

Workplace Chaplaincy was established at Vauxhall immediately after the second world war in 1945 and had strong links with the Methodist Industrial Training centre set up by Revd Bill Gowland in 1950. www.workplaceministry.org.uk

The current Chaplain, Revd David Alexander, Assistant Area Dean of Luton, will be on hand to provide a warm welcome and also speak about his Chaplaincy at Vauxhall.