

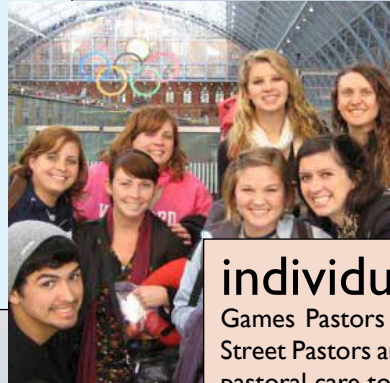
WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

Mission opportunities for churches during the Olympic and Paralympic Games, July - Sept 2012

showing hospitality

at home

- >> Host an **athletes' family** through More than Gold.
- >> Host **neighbours**, colleagues and friends to watch key sporting events together.
- >> Host **mission teams** who will serve across London.



individual volunteering

Games Pastors receive specialist training from Street Pastors and CNI to welcome and provide pastoral care to visitors during the Games.

unity and community

in regular activities

Olympic-related events can provide an incentive to invite friends, to youth groups, seniors activities or services with a theme that's current and relevant.

in public celebration

The Olympics and Paralympic Games create an environment where people want to come together to celebrate. At Fusion Open Crowd Festivals, people meet in a fun and safe environment and join in community-building activities.

at church

- >> Join walking routes linking churches of Heritage interest, and use your buildings to tell our faith story.
- >> Host cultural events with Christian artists through More than Gold.
- >> Open to the public, to offer Compline, interactive spaces for prayer, or space to relax.

For more info, updates and support, follow the Olympics blog on Ministry Matters and get in touch with the **London Diocese Olympic Mobiliser** (details overleaf).

sports links

- >> Run a sports quiz, with a quizmaster from **Christians in Sport**.
- >> Invite **Ambassadors in Sport** to run sports projects for local children and youth, or clinics with top professionals.
- >> Visit sports clubs, to find out their plans, work together, and build links.



children & schools

Engaging with children through sport and teaching, using related faith resources to develop faith and promote discipleship.

Olympic-themed resources with faith content for holiday clubs, assemblies, sports days or school services will be available in the autumn, produced by Scripture Union and LDBS.



prayer

- >> 50 Days of Peace
- >> Prayer walks
- >> Entries on the Diocesan Prayer Calendar
- >> Resources for regular meetings and services

did you know?

80% of us watch, play or follow sport every week. Pioneering work in Sheffield has started informal chaplaincy with local clubs. ?

Liturgical and prayer resources will be available during 2012.

youth & young adults: the2012



Investing in 13-35s, this Diocesan-wide initiative aims to equip two thousand and twelve young Christians to know, live and share the gospel.

- >> Register your summer outreach events with the Olympic Mobiliser for support from members of the2012.

social action

The LCGSA are working with More than Gold to target issues of social justice. Get involved in campaigning, fundraising or service.

Thought of other ways to use the Olympics as an opportunity for mission? Get in touch to share your idea and inspire others. ?

Could this be your parish?

Making the most of the 2012 Games as a strategic step in long-term mission

? The busy rail station in our parish means we're opening as a Hospitality Centre. Working with volunteers from other churches, we'll offer visitors a warm welcome, prayer, drinks and internet access, and be a base for Games Pastors.

Legacy: building on ecumenical relationships, and showing the church as a place of hospitality.

Our building has particular heritage interest, so we're using its features to tell our faith story. As part of a faith tour, tourists follow a walking route between four or five churches in the area. We're hosting a local photography exhibition too.

Legacy: empowering lay-people to share their faith, including our local community, and encouraging curiosity about the Christian faith.

? The Olympic Park is on the other side of London to us, but through More than Gold, we plan to invest in existing mission, and begin to focus on sports ministry. With their help, we're running a football project, a summer holiday club and a sports quiz.

Legacy: encouraging children in their faith, providing easily accessible ways to join the church, increasing our community presence.

What next?

>> Contact the Diocesan Olympic Mobiliser

Elizabeth Harrison has been appointed to facilitate churches in engaging with opportunities for mission. She can help you to:

- > explore which options are right for your church
- > connect with others to share best practice
- > work together on bigger projects

Follow her Ministry Matters blog to hear the latest stories and ideas. Contact her on 020 7932 1251 or elizabeth.harrison@london.anglican.org.



>> Register with More than Gold

With experience from major sporting events worldwide, and partnerships with 60 Christian organisations, More than Gold are a key link in enabling mission. Recognised by LOCOG as the representatives of the Christian faith, they provide access to training, resources and mission teams.

Visit www.morethangold.org.uk.



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Engaging with the Olympic and Paralympic Games

A guide for parishes



“ 2012 is a once in a lifetime opportunity to share our faith

in words and actions. London, our amazing city, will have the world even more on its doorstep.

Imagine. Dream. Plan. Act. Respond.

Mobilise for the Olympics!

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The Rt Revd Pete Broadbent, Bishop of Willesden