

**EVENTS
JULY 2004**

Prayer for London

Prayer for London's roots were planted several years ago as a response to pray for the nationwide Alpha initiative that is held each September. Alpha UK encouraged people around the country to hold prayer meetings for the Alpha initiatives in their own churches. This grew to approximately 500 prayer meetings in the UK. Last year, for the first time, Holy Trinity Brompton decided to host a London Regional prayer meeting – called Prayer for London – at St Paul's Cathedral with 2400 people in attendance. The evening was a powerful night of worship and prayer for London and the nation. It encompassed not only prayer for the Alpha initiative – The Alpha Invitation – but also prayer for other re-evangelisation initiatives taking place in London.

This year they have an exciting agenda. The Festival of Life – a large gospel choir – will welcome worshippers to the marquee as they arrive and get the evening off to a lively start. Worship will continue with Matt Redman and Soul Survivor. Nicky Gumbel will be interviewing Pastor Agu Irukwu, J John and Mike Pilavachi – all of whom have exciting ministries contributing to the re-evangelisation of London. People whose lives have been transformed as a result of attending an Alpha course will also be speaking. The evening will then move into prayer and worship – led by Jeremy Jennings and Al Gordon of the Holy Trinity Brompton worship team – to pray for London and all that God is doing in the city. The evening will finish as it began with a full stage of worship singing to God's glory.

10 September, 7-9pm (doors open at 6pm, worship commences at 6.30pm), Clapham Common. The evening is free with a collection towards costs.

For general information, visit <http://uk.alphacourse.org>. For promotional material please contact the Prayer Department at Holy Trinity, Brompton, t: 020 7052 0235, e: rachel.abraham@htb.org.uk.

The Road Home: A journey in art and music, St Paul's Cathedral

This will be the first time that Daniel Bonnell's paintings have been exhibited in Britain; these beautiful, striking and very deep paintings, all based on stories from the Gospel, have had songs and prayers written around them by Garth Hewitt. In the 6pm services on Sundays 4, 11, 18 and 25 July, Garth and Canon Lucy Winkett will focus on a particular painting each week, with songs, prayers and meditations. This will also be repeated at the Greenbelt Festival in August (Cheltenham Racecourse): 27/28/29 August 2004, 8-9pm in 'The Field'.

Garth Hewitt says, 'When I first came across the paintings of Daniel Bonnell, I was struck by their depth but also the struggle of humanity. There seemed an integrity, and although some paintings taken from the gospel can be almost polemic, wanting to point only to answers, in Daniel's paintings there is hope, but there are also shadows - there is the reality of the pain of life, and the powerful humanity of Jesus comes through as a reminder of the one who walks beside us.'

Daniel Bonnell says of his paintings, 'Each painting for me became like a devotion. I would take a bit of Scripture that spoke to me and meditate on it for weeks or even months. And then I would just start painting. If you really study the parables, like 'The Prodigal Son,' you'll find there are anywhere from four to ten dimensions to the story.'

St Paul's Cathedral, 2 – 25 July 2004, 8.30am - 4pm, Monday – Saturday. Whilst the exhibition is free, the usual Cathedral entrance fees apply.