

**EVENTS
SEPTEMBER 2004**

St Giles-in-the-Fields Autumn 2004 Lecture Series – Pathways to Prayer

- 18 October Bishop Stephen Cottrell, "Praying through Life"
25 October Bishop Peter Ball, "How to pray"
1 November Margaret Rizza, "Praying through Music"
8 November The Revd Canon Anne Long, "Prayer and Meditation: Streams of Living Water"

6.15–7.15pm at St Giles-in-the-Fields 60 St Giles' High Street, WC2H 8LG. Admission is free. For details, t: 020 7323 1992 or visit www.giles-in-the-fields.org.

John Rutter and the Cambridge Singers

An evening with John Rutter and his original Cambridge singers with Chamber Ensemble. This concert, at St Mary's, Elsworth Road, NW3, will feature Rutter's *Requiem* and works by John Tavener and John Taverner. Tickets are £15 (£10 concessions).

18 September, 7.30pm. To book t: 020 7722 3238, e: office@smvph.org.uk, or send an SAE and cheque, payable to 'SMVPH' to John Rutter Concert, St Mary's Church, Elsworth Road, London NW3 3DJ.

Lick Child Poverty

Ever fancied reliving your childhood? Throwing away your inhibitions and dressing up like a big kid for the day? Forgetting your diet and guzzling on sweeties, cakes and lollipops instead? Or discovering how long you can keep skipping?

These are just some of the surprising things that thousands of people got up to last year in support of ActionAid's 'Lick Child Poverty' Action Day. Together, they raised an amazing £76,000 for work with poor children in developing countries.

This year's Action Day is taking place on 1st October 2004. For an action pack and details of how to be involved, t: 01460 238 000 or visit www.lickchildpoverty.org.

Trailing Clouds of Glory?

Children are spiritual beings! But they are often treated simply as empty vessels to be filled. 'Trailing Clouds of Glory' is a day to think more about children's spirituality and how to nurture their faith creatively.

The day will be run in conjunction with the London Centre for Spirituality and is a mixture of plenary and seminar sessions. Four speakers will lead the day: Dr Rebecca Nye, The Revd Dr Keith White, the Revd Peter Privett and the Revd John Pridmore.

27 November, 10am-3pm. To book, send a cheque (payable to 'London Centre for Spirituality') for £25 to Julie Foster, London Centre for Spirituality, Church of St Edmund the King, Lombard Street, EC3V 9EA. Refreshments and lunch will be provided.

South London to play host to one of the UK's biggest ever evangelistic events

'just10 south london' is a unique opportunity for outreach, bringing hundreds of churches together to impact local communities. Held in a marquee on Clapham Common, 'just10 south london' will consist of 10 talks delivered over 2 weeks, 13-24 September.

For more details, visit www.just10southlondon.org.

An Hallelujah for Thora!

This celebration of the life of Dame Thora Hird, hosted by Canon Roger Royle and Pam Rhodes, is to raise money for the disability charity John Grooms, which promotes the independence and social inclusion of disabled people.

A host of Dame Thora's famous friends including Kathy Staff and Robert Powell recalling their favourite memories of the much loved Dame of British show business.

9 November, 7.30pm, St Martin in the Fields. Tickets are £12.00 with group discounts for ten or more people. t: 020 7839 8362 to book.

Rachmaninov – The Liturgy of St John Chrysostom, op. 31

St Paul's Cathedral will host a performance of the first of Rachmaninov's three major choral works, given by the St Nicholas Choir of the Tretyakov Gallery, Moscow. Tickets are priced £25, £17.50 and £12 (concessions £5).

Contact Academia Rossica, 151 Kensington High Street, W8 6SU, t: 020 7499 8267/020 7937 5001, e: rossica@academia-rossica.org or visit www.academia-rossica.org.

Vote for Trade Justice in Brighton on Sunday 26 September

Please consider encouraging your parishioners to join thousands of people on the opening day of the Labour Party conference. The Church of England is a member of the Trade Justice Movement. Gather at 1pm, Madeira Drive, Brighton.

Visit www.christian-aid.org/campaign/brighton/index.htm. *Come to Brighton* flyers can be ordered (F939) by calling Christian Aid, t: 08700 787 788. Posters are also available.

blah... The Shaping of Things to Come

Innovation and Mission for the 21st century Church with Alan Hirsch and Michael Frost. This day will explore how the Church can recalibrate itself for mission, rebuilding from the roots up. Expect a mix of inspiration, stories, reflection, encouragement, conversation, leadership training, theology and practical advice – all to fuel ongoing mission.

4 October, 10am-4pm, St George's Holborn, Queens Square, WC1N 3AH. £10 in advance or £15 on the door (lunch is not included).

To book, send your name, email address and a cheque (payable to 'Church Mission Society') for £10 to Shaping of Things to Come, Church Mission Society, Partnership House, 157 Waterloo Road, SE1 8UU.