

**EVENTS
OCTOBER 2004**

Day of remembrance and hope for road crash victims

RoadPeace, an organisation supporting those bereaved or injured in a road crash and "Working for Real Road Safety", is preparing for the annual Day of Remembrance and Hope for Road Crash Victims.

Special services will be held in many cathedrals and churches throughout the country, but they also hope that 21 November will be marked in all parishes in the usual morning or evening services. Below is a short prayer which they offer for inclusion in parish intercessions on that day:

Lord, on this remembrance day for road crash victims, we pray for all those who have been killed on our roads and for those who grieve for the loss of a loved one. We remember also all who have been injured in body and mind, and those who care for them. Loving God, use us, as we are able, to comfort and support those who suffer; and what we cannot do for them be pleased yourself to do, so that in the mystery of your love they may find peace and healing.

If any church would like to arrange a special service, please contact the RoadPeace office for assistance: PO Box 2579, London NW10 3PW, t: 020 8838 5102, f: 020 8838 5103, e: info@roadpeace.org or visit www.roadpeace.org.

Prisons Week 21-27 November: Justice that Restores

Prisons Week was formed to pray for and raise awareness of the needs of prisoners and their families, victims of offenders, prison staff and all those who care. Resources for Churches to use during Prisons Week 2004 are available on a dedicated web site www.prisonweek.org. They include prayers, posters, worship resources, useful contacts and books. Resources, including prayer cards for pews, can also be obtained from: The Secretary, Prisons Week, PO Box 2733, Lichfield WS13 6GZ.

For further details contact Chris Brice on 020 7932 1121. The Prisons Conference, as advertised in September's mailing, may also be of interest.

Second Ecumenical Pilgrimage to Walsingham

The *Ecumenical Marian Pilgrimage Trust*, with the support of the *Ecumenical Society of the Blessed Virgin Mary* and the *Fellowship of St Alban and St Sergius*, has organised a programme of liturgies, devotional services, meditations and talks at the Catholic, Orthodox, Anglican and Methodist venues in Walsingham.

8-11 March 2005. The approximate cost with full board accommodation is £148. For further details and booking arrangements contact The Revd Peter Marr, 31 Kingsley Road, Plymouth PL4 6QP, t: 01752 228 426, e: pbmarr@dircon.co.uk or visit www.ecump-trust.co.uk for a detailed programme.

Communications Training

Every year many clergy and laity from the Diocese of London benefit from Church of England Communications Training courses run at Church House. The 2005 course range has just been launched. Professional tutors provide high quality training in subjects ranging from magazine editing and web design to giving a successful television interview. Courses, for no more than eight people, allow for greater attention to individual needs and teach transferable skills in a day. Fees are extremely competitive with most courses costing around £100. Full details are available at www.commstraining.cofe.anglican.org.

For more information please call Melissa Hutchings, Communications Director, Diocese of London on 020 7932 1240.

Spiritual Cinema at St James' Piccadilly

A new season of nine cinema screenings commences with Tarkovky's *Nostalgia*: A unique film, full of haunting and extraordinary images. The story of a Russian academic researching an obscure musician in Tuscany, but equally one of cinema's greatest spiritual explorations.

28 September at 7pm. There is a suggested donation of £7 to cover costs. For more details contact Simon Keyes, t: 07968 440 684, or visit www.spiritualcinema.org.uk.

The Society of Mary and Martha, Sheldon

There are various resources available for all this autumn in addition to a '12,000 mile service' for people in ordained or full-time ministry (3-8 October).

Visit www.sheldon.uk.com for a full programme.

Counselling Skills for Pastoral Care at St John's Nottingham

A course in basic counselling skills, theology and personal growth, designed for those who want to be better listeners in the church, family and workplace and can also be the first step to further training as a counsellor. 6-8 January, 10-14 June: tutor-supported distance learning sandwiched between two periods in college.

For further details of this and other courses t: 0115 925 1114, or e: m.townsend@stjohns-nottm.ac.uk.

Mission Impossible? Ecclesiastical Law Society Residential Conference

An exploration of the interplay between ecclesiastical law and mission. The conference will comprise a series of conversations to explore some current legal issues, from the perspective of the clergy and legal Members of the Society. In areas such as employment, collaborative ministry, buildings, and a mission-shaped Church the Conference will draw out aspects of the current law and identify those that may require revision for the Church's mission.

28-30 January 2005, The Waterside Hotel, Bath. £200 for Members, £227.50 for non-members. Contact Canon Michael O'Connor for more details. t: 01865 882 776, e: canonmichaeloc@aol.com.