

**EVENTS
NOVEMBER 2004**

Visit to St Petersburg

The London – St Petersburg Group is organising a working visit to St Petersburg. The aim is to foster the growing relationship between the Diocese of London and the Russian Orthodox Diocese of St Petersburg and Ladoga. The 2005 visit will coincide with the celebration of Russian Orthodox Easter.

The visit is from 27 April to 4 May 2005 and there will be places for about 15 people. The aim of this visit is to experience the richness of Orthodox worship at the Easter season, visiting a variety of churches in the city; to share in the life of the Orthodox Seminary; to meet Russian Christians who are working in church-based social projects; and to explore the possibility of making parish and other links.

The approximate cost of the trip will be £650-700 per person (some subsidies may be available). The cost was less in 2004 and is dependent on booking early.

For more information, contact Patricia Morton, 54 Roe Green, London NW9 0PJ, t: 020 8204 7531, e: cp.morton@virgin.net.

Youth Extravaganza for ages 16 – 30

A dynamic and free Christian youth event is taking place in the heart of London. It is open to all young people between the ages of 16 and 30. The theme for the three evenings is 'Jesus Christ the Fullness of Life'.

21 January, 7.30pm: Procession and Prayer around the Cross

A large icon of the Holy Cross, commissioned for St Andrew's Holborn Circus, will lead the procession from St Paul's Cathedral for an evening liturgy of song and meditative prayer inspired by the Word of God.

22 January, 7.30pm: Lectio Divina & Evening Prayer Vigil at Holy Apostles, Pimlico

Abbot Tarcisio Benvenuti (founder of the Monastic Family Fraternity of Jesus) will preach on how we can put Sunday's Gospel into practice in our lives. This will be followed by a time of reflection and adoration with songs and readings inspired by the Word of God.

23 January, 7.30pm: Candle-lit Procession and Prayer Celebration

This youth event will unite Christians together celebrating the Resurrection of the Lord - the victory of life over death. A candle-lit procession will bring the Cross from Westminster Abbey to Westminster Cathedral for a colourful and lively prayer celebration of song, praise and thanksgiving.

The event is being led by the Fraternity of Jesus, a young and vibrant monastic community. The initiative is being supported by Roman Catholic, Anglican, Methodist and URC leaders as well as a number of Christian agencies.

For more details e: info@jesusthefullnessoflife.org or visit www.jesusthefullnessoflife.org.

Beyond Belief, Connecting with our Culture

A talk by Nick Spencer from the London Institute of Contemporary Christianity followed by discussion. This evening is aiming to help understand the culture of unchurched people in order to communicate the Gospel more effectively.

Thursday 11 November, at St Michael's, Chester Square. A light supper is available from 7.30pm for £3.50. The meeting starts at 8.00pm. To book a place for supper, contact Hilary Higgins, t: 020 7486 0006 or e: rhiggins@onetel.com by Monday 8 November. This is a meeting of the London Diocesan Evangelical Fellowship and is open to clergy and laity.

Becket

From 20 October, the Theatre Royal Haymarket plays host to Jean Anouilh's timeless and enthralling play, capturing the friendship, duty and conflict between Saint Thomas à Becket and King Henry II.

Tickets are priced £11-£40. Monday-Saturday, 7.45pm; Wed & Sat, 3pm. Free Q&A session on 17 November with Alison Weir, historical consultant on Becket. For more details contact Ruth Waters: rwaters@akauk.com.

Contact the box office on 0870 901 3356 or visit www.trh.co.uk.

Becket Competition

We have a pair of tickets to give away (worth up to £80). The winner will be selected at random. The winning tickets are valid for performances up to 20 November, Monday-Thursday evenings and matinees.

To enter, send an email with 'Clergy Becket Competition' as the subject to communications@london.anglican.org by 1 November.

14th and 15th Century English Mystery Plays

The Hampstead Players are presenting a modern translation and re-creation, in two acts, of the 14th and 15th Century English Mystery Plays, drawn from the various existing cycles and compressed from nineteen hours to two and a half hours.

25-27 November at Hampstead Parish Church, Church Row, London NW3, 7.30pm with a 2.00pm matinee on the Saturday.