

**INFORMATION
FEBRUARY 2005**

Archdeacon of Middlesex named as new Archdeacon of Hereford

After serving eight years as Archdeacon in the Kensington Area, the Ven Malcolm Colmer will take up his new appointment after Easter.

Archdeacon of Northolt to be new Bishop of Woolwich

Downing Street has announced that the Ven Christopher Chessun, currently Archdeacon of Northolt, is to be the new Bishop of Woolwich, in the Diocese of Southwark, to take up the appointment after Easter. Commenting on the appointment, the Bishop of London said, "Christopher's appointment as Bishop of Woolwich will strengthen the Church in London as a whole. Christopher has the prayerfulness, the pastoral gifts and the firmness of purpose to make a great Bishop".

St Luke's Hospital for the Clergy

In order to comply with new regulations, St Luke's Hospital is to close temporarily to allow building work to take place. They will start to reduce procedures in May, before closing in June. It is hoped that a reduced service will have begun again by November but the hospital is not expected to be open fully before April 2006.

Some things will not change. Should a patient require a second opinion or a consultation quickly then that can be provided. St Luke's will maintain its phone lines and medical secretarial facilities to arrange consultations, but these will be run from other venues. The psychiatric support the hospital provides will remain unaffected.

It is important than anyone who is proposing to have treatment within the next year – perhaps for a nagging hernia or a suspect mole – has it done before May 2005. The hospital will try to create extra capacity in March and April to solve as many problems as possible prior to its short-term closure.

St Luke's Hospital can be contacted at 14 Fitzroy Square, London W1T 6AH.
t: 020 7388 4954, e: stluke@stlukeshospital.org.uk or visit www.stlukeshospital.org.uk.

Retirement of Sheila Gibbs

After 29 years of service to the Diocese as Executive Assistant in the Ministry Department, Sheila is retiring on 24 February. Many clergy will be grateful for her help when they were ordinands and for her hospitality at hundreds of Diocesan courses. If you would like to contribute towards her farewell gift or send a card please write to Nick Mercer, London Diocesan House, 36 Causton Street, SW1P 4AU. (Cheques payable to LDF.)

Organist seeking work

Simon Perreira, a music graduate of the University of Birmingham, is interested in finding an organist/choirmaster post in London. He is currently assisting the Music Director at Witham parish church in Essex. He can be contacted by e: SimonPerreira@aol.com.

Office Manager/Membership Secretary vacancy at A Rocha UK

This UK project is part of an international organisation of Christians working in nature conservation and based in Southall. A highly motivated individual is sought, who has a good understanding of the day to day running of an office and a desire to encourage others to be more involved in the stewardship of the world and its resources. This will include the development of work by providing services and information to members and supporters, and in providing database information to assist the Development Director.

For more information and a full job description contact Robert Thomas, t: 020 8574 5935 or e: robert.thomas@arocha.org.uk.

Accommodation available for Huguenot descendants

The French Hospital, "La Providence", provides over 60 flats in the middle of Rochester for older or needy people of Huguenot or French Protestant descent who require accommodation but can look after themselves. There is a warden to assist in emergencies. Each flat is self-contained with an emergency call system. Heating and hot water are provided and contributions/rents are £280-£320 per month. There is a common room, which also acts as a chapel, for the weekly service of Holy Communion taken by the Chaplain.

Applications should be made by writing to the Clerk to the Corporation, J A McGregor, 41 La Providence, Rochester, ME1 1NB. Applicants must be able to prove that they are of direct Huguenot or French Protestant descent.

Affordable accommodation in London

Do you know of any Christians looking for affordable accommodation in London and with a willingness to be involved in parish life? In return for subsidised accommodation, people are sought who will worship with a growing congregation and give a number of hours to the parish in children's work, pastoral care or administrative support.

The house is a good sized and modern three-bedroom house and in West Hampstead, Zone 2 and in the heart of one of the most popular areas for young people in West London.

For further information contact Fr Andrew Cain, t: 020 7624 5434 or e: vicaragekilburn@btopenworld.com.

USPG Lent course looks at the experiences of Sudanese refugees

The Anglican Church is working with Sudanese refugees in Ethiopia. A new Lent course published by the Anglican mission agency USPG tells the stories of these refugees and asks churches in Britain to pray for the refugees and learn from the experiences of the Sudanese Anglican Church in Ethiopia's refugee camps.

This Lent course – Strangers in a Strange Land – is a 32-page booklet containing a five-week Bible study course, the stories of Sudanese refugees, photographs, prayers, and pointers for action and discussion. For a free copy write to USPG Distribution, Partnership House, 157 Waterloo Road, London SE1 8XA, t: 020 7803 3413 or e: ruthn@uspg.org.uk.

Free furniture available

The Lutheran Student Centre would like to find a good home for up to 20 large, good quality, though aging, armchairs, with wooden frames and original, reupholstered cushions. Suitable for parish sitting or meeting rooms. There is no charge for the chairs, but interested parties would need to be able to take them away. To view, or for more info, please contact Ms Adelaide Nolan on 020 7388 4044 or e: nolan@lutheran.org.uk.

Communion table available

A Communion Table, measuring 32" high, 91" wide and 28" deep, is on offer for free. It is rather old and extremely heavy, and would benefit from some renovation. The table is available for collection from Brunel University Chaplaincy in Uxbridge.

Contact Sue Hepworth, e: sue.hepworth@brunel.ac.uk, for more details.

Free altar available for collection

A modern pedestal altar, measuring 38" tall, 72" wide and 26" deep, with altar linen included is available for free. Contact Fr Peter Rabin, e: frrabin@dsl.pipex.co.uk.

A song for the people of the tsunami disaster

John Curtis and Carolyn Mowbray have written a song for everybody involved in the Southern Asian tsunami. A copy of the song is included with this mailing. They hope that as many churches as possible would join in singing it on Sunday 30 January. They suggest that some congregations may be moved to record the song and have it played on local radio.

PEOPLE**Into the Diocese****Two Cities**

The Revd Jeremy Allcock, Vicar of St Paul, East Ham, Diocese of Chelmsford, is to be Incumbent of St Stephen, Westbourne Park (02/14), from 10 May 2005.

Kensington

Captain Trevor Clarke is now Youth Worker at St Richard, Hanworth (09/16).

Edmonton

The Revd Elaine Dando, Curate at Luddenden with Luddenden Foot, Diocese of Wakefield, is to be Part time Chaplain at University College London (17/94) and Assistant Priest at St Pancras, Euston Road (17/04), from 27 February 2005.

The Revd Trevor Critchlow, Permission to Officiate, Diocese of Ely, is now Team Vicar of the Wembley Park Team (21/05).

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The Revd Terence MacMath, Associate Vicar at St Peter's, Diocese of St Alban's, is to be Incumbent of All Saints, Harrow Weald (24/02), from 26 April 2005.

Within the Diocese

The Revd John Cullen, Priest in Charge of St George in the East (07/15), is now Caretaking St George, Hanover Square (03/11) using Permission to Officiate.

The Revd Matthew Woodward, Curate at St John at Hampstead (16/01), is to be Priest in Charge of St Saviour, Pimlico (03/20), from 11 April 2005.