

**EVENTS
MARCH 2005**

Sung Eucharist with the Blessing of the Oils and the Renewal of Ordination Vows

The Bishop of London, along with the Area Bishops, will consecrate the oils for use in Baptism, Confirmation, Healing and Ordination in St Paul's Cathedral at the Eucharist at 10.30am on Maundy Thursday, 24 March. All Diocesan Clergy, Readers and Religious are welcome to robe for this service. Robing (white stole for clergy) will take in the chapel of St Faith in the Crypt of the Cathedral. Please be robed by 10.10am for a briefing. Oils will be distributed after the service to those with suitable containers.

Any enquiries about arrangements for the service should be directed to the Sacrist of St Paul's, the Reverend Laura Burgess on t: 020 7246 8331 or e: sacrist@stpaulscathedral.org.uk.

Lent and Passiontide music at St Paul's Cathedral

The St John Passion (J.S. Bach), 16 March at 6.30pm. St Paul's Cathedral Choir and Chorus and the London Mozart players, with soloists, conducted by Malcolm Archer. The performance of a Bach passion, in Passiontide, is offered by the Cathedral to the City and Diocese as a devotional preparation for Holy Week and is one of the few free performances in the world. There will be a retiring collection.

The Seven Last Words, 21 March at 6.30pm. A Meditation led by the Sacrist, the Reverend Laura Burgess, with organ improvisations by Malcolm Archer, Organist of St Paul's Cathedral.

The Solitary City, 22 March at 6.30pm. A Meditation led by the Succentor and Warden of the College of Minor Canons, the Reverend Simon Reynolds, with seasonal European music sung by the acclaimed consort The Cardinal's Musick, directed by Andrew Carwood.

Stabat Mater, 23 March at 6.30pm. A Meditation led by the Chaplain, the Reverend Claire Robson, With Stabat Mater (Pergolesi) sung by Janet Coxwell and Patrick Craig, with instrumental accompaniment.

All three meditations, which will last an hour and take place in the Quire, are offered as an enrichment of Holy Week. There will be retiring collections.

Inciting Insight: the Holy Spirit

Bishop Tom Wright and Jane Williams speak at the Fulcrum Conference at St Mary's, Upper Street, Islington, N1.

29 April 2005, 10am-4pm. Registration is £7. Book by sending a cheque, payable to 'Fulcrum', to Simon Cawdell, The Vicarage, Lodge Park, Claverley, Wolverhampton WV5 7DP or online at www.fulcrum-anglican.org.uk/events.cfm.

Resources from the Society of Mary and Martha

The Society offers a wide range of retreats and breaks for Christians, including 'Get Grounded with God', a week of work and worship for Holy Week, and 'Post Easter Time Out', which is a break after Easter.

Details can be obtained from The Society of Martha and Mary, Sheldon, Dunsford, Exeter EX6 7LE, t: 01647 252 752, e: smm@sheldon.uk.com or by visiting www.sheldon.uk.com.

Negative effects of dispersal policy on treatment of asylum seekers with HIV/Aids

Dr Sarah Creighton of University College Hospital & Camden Primary Care Trust, lead author of a recent article on this issue in British Medical Journal, will speak on this subject.

1 March at 6.30pm (refreshments from 6pm) at the Parish Church of St John-at-Hampstead, Church Row, Hampstead, London NW3. For further information contact Chris Brice, t: 020 7932 1121 or e: chris.brice@london.anglican.org.

60th anniversary of the end of the Second World War

Major publicity is expected for this commemoration including a service at Westminster Abbey, a lunch for veterans at Buckingham Palace and an event of reminiscence and reflection on Horse Guards Parade on Sunday 10 July (with BBC television coverage). The week prior to this commemoration has been designated the first 'Veterans Awareness Week' and is likely to include events, including church services, to highlight veterans' value and continuing contribution to society as well as publicising the support available to veterans. Substantial financial support is being made available from the Big Lottery Fund for events commemorating World War Two.

Full details are available at www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/programmes In addition, an online archive of veterans' memories is being prepared by the BBC at www.bbc.co.uk/ww2. A web-based calendar of 60th anniversary and Veterans Awareness Week events will shortly be available at www.veteransagency.mod.uk.

Weekend breaks at St John's, Nottingham

The weekend conferences are open to anyone. Take part in a stimulating programme and meet like-minded people. Full-board and single-room accommodation from evening meal Friday to Sunday lunch. Come alone or bring your church group.

Fit for the Purpose, 1-3 April or 16-18 September, £99.50.

An opportunity to explore vocation for anyone who knows God is calling them (not necessarily to ordination!). Led by Revd Eileen Turner, Director of Extension Studies and a team representing different strands of ministry.

In Search of Wholeness, 8-10 April, £115.

For those involved in the caring professions, volunteer hospital visitors, and the healing ministry of the local church. Led by Russ Parker Director of the Acorn Christian Foundation.

For further details of these and distance learning courses in theology, RE or counselling from St John's Extension Studies, contact St John's College, Chilwell Lane, Bramcote, Nottingham NG9 3DS, t: 0115 925 1114 or e: ext.studies@stjohns-nottm.ac.uk.