

**INFORMATION
MAY 2005**

The Big Curry Party

All around Britain and Ireland, supporters of USPG will be holding Big Curry Parties to support deprived communities around the world. Groups of friends and whole congregations will share a curry meal and learn to tie a sari while they raise funds for life-changing projects. The Big Curry Party was inspired by the work of the Nagalapuram Training Centre in Tamil Nadu, South India which is supported by USPG through the Church of South India.

A free Big Curry Party pack is available, containing original curry recipes, illustrated instructions on how to tie a sari, a quiz, invitation and party ideas. Partygoers can see from a 'takeaway menu' what a difference their donation will make.

To donate to this appeal or to register your Big Curry Party and receive a Big Curry Pack, t: 020 7803 3422 or e: email enquiries@uspg.org.uk.

Faithworks Awards 2005

Applications are now being accepted for the 2005 Faithworks Awards, sponsored by Spring Harvest and Christian Resources Exhibitions (CRE). Three community projects will be offered £5,000 and free consultancy support for a year.

The Faithworks Awards aim to reward the excellent community work being undertaken by faith-based projects in the UK and inspire more Christians to get involved in meeting the needs of their local community.

This year's scheme includes two awards for projects that are demonstrating innovation in their community work and one award for a project that has a track record of best practice in its local community.

To apply for the 2005 Faithworks Awards, download an application form from www.faithworks.info/awards2005 or t: 020 7450 9088. The deadline for all applications is 29 July.

60th Anniversary of the End of World War Two

Liturgical resources are available at www.invitationtoprayer.org/ww_two.html.

8 May: VE Day; national commemoration of the ending: 10 July; 21 August: VJ Day.

Job Vacancy

St Dunstan and All Saints, Stepney, has a vacancy for a Rector's Personal Assistant and Parish Administrator. The post is part-time (12 hours: Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 10.00am-2.00pm).

The salary is negotiable. For more information please contact The Revd Christopher Burke, The Rectory, Rectory Square, London E1 3NQ, t: 020 7791 3545, e: rectorofstepney@btopenworld.com. This post is subject to enhanced CRB disclosure.

Songs of Fellowship

Several hardback copies and lots of pew copies are available. All are in good condition. Offers please to Phil Hughes, St Mary the Virgin Church, High Street, Harmondsworth, Middx UB7 0AQ, or t: 020 8897 2385.

Training courses to empower faith groups to increase and improve their media coverage

3 May (national media) and 4 May (regional media). The courses cost £70. Information is available by t: 01727 833 209 or e: info@tolerancelimited.com

Counselling Certificate, St John's College, Nottingham

This unique course integrates professional counselling training at certificate level with theological understanding of human process and development. Students engage in skills development, self-awareness and theological reflection within a framework of experiential and academic learning.

Based at St Johns College, Nottingham, renowned for its extensive experience in theological and pastoral counselling training, this new programme combines modular teaching with independent studies, replacing the former distance learning course, in line with the demands of contemporary professional standards.

The course is designed to be of interest to people working in the caring professions, clergy, church pastoral workers, and those considering a career in pastoral counselling. This part-time course (20 taught days at college) starts in September 2005. It will be accredited with Nottingham University at Postgraduate level. A parallel version of the course is also available for non-graduates. Applicants must have some previous experience of basic counselling skills.

Further details are available from Marjorie Townsend, St John's Extension Studies, St John's College, Bramcote, Nottingham NG9 3DS, t: 0115 925 1114 or e: m.townsend@stjohns-nottm.ac.uk.

Tsunami Appeal Concert—the CD

On 29 January, members of London professional choirs and orchestras, including many professional church choir members, took part in a fundraising concert of sacred music for the Disasters Emergency Committee Tsunami Appeal. Hyperion has now released a limited-edition CD of the Mozart Requiem recorded live at that concert at St Luke's, Chelsea.

Performers are drawn from BBC Symphony Orchestra, London Philharmonic Orchestra, London Symphony Orchestra, Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, Glyndebourne Festival Opera, The Monteverdi Choir, The Sixteen, Westminster Abbey, The Guildhall School of Music and Drama, The Royal Academy of Music, with Elizabeth Franklin-Kitchen *soprano*, Anna Wall *mezzo-soprano*, Paul Hopwood *tenor*, Giles Underwood *bass*, Jeremy Summerly *conductor*.

The cost is only £10, *every penny* of which will go straight to the DEC to help survivors in areas hit by the Boxing Day Tsunami. Copies are available from Mhairi Ellis, St Botolph without Bishopsgate, Bishopsgate EC2M 3TL, and cheques should be made out to 'DEC Tsunami Appeal'.

On the Up!

It's Your Move! is Scripture Union's best-selling book for helping primary school leavers move on to secondary school. Containing practical advice, funny stories and a positive Christian message, the book has proved a huge success. In four years, churches across the UK have helped almost half a million children receive the book. But what's more, the initiative is helping these churches build lasting links with their local schools. This summer, Scripture Union wants to work with more churches to help the *It's Your Move!* project continue to grow. A special *It's Your Move!* newsletter, containing in-depth information about the book, stories of how it has helped churches build relationships with schools, as well as money-off and free sample offers, is now available.

For a copy of this newsletter, t: 01908 856 161 or e: joannas@scriptureunion.org.uk.

PEOPLE

Into the Diocese

The Revd Richard Frank, Senior (Mission) Curate at St Luke, Cranham, Diocese of Chelmsford, is to be Priest in Charge of All Soul's, St Margaret (10/24), from 28 June.

The Revd Richard Bartlett, USPG Missionary, Brazil, is to be Honorary Canon of Brasilia Cathedral from 1 June and Incumbent of Holy Trinity, Northwood (24/12), from 30 August

Within the Diocese

The Revd Christopher Fuller, Incumbent of St Matthias, Stoke Newington (05/17), is to be Incumbent of St George, Freezywater (18/21), from 10 June.

Correction: The Revd Martyn Saunders, Curate at Christ Church with St John and St Luke, Isle of Dogs (07/09), is to be Associate Vicar at St John the Evangelist, Brownswood Park (05/20), and Associate Vicar at St Mary, Stoke Newington (05/15), from 28 April.

The Revd Virginia Thomas, Associate Vicar at St Luke and Christ Church, Chelsea (12/01), is to be Priest in Charge of St Mary the Boltons (12/08), from 11 May.

The Revd Richenda Leigh, Assistant Chaplain at the Royal Free Hampstead NHS Trust (16/98), is to be Chaplain at London Metropolitan University, London Campus (01/99).

The Revd Lyndon North, Interim Stipendiary Priest at St Andrew, Roxbourne (24/07), is to be NSM Curate at St Andrew, Sudbury (21/01), from 30 April.

The Revd Andrew Sillis, Priest in Charge of St Nicholas, Hayes (25/06A), is to be Incumbent of St Nicholas, Hayes, from 17 May.

Out of the Diocese

The Revd Gillian Maude, Curate at St Mary of Eton, Hackney Wick, (05/11) is to be Priest in Charge at St George, Goodrington, Diocese of Exeter from 16 June.

The Revd Leanne Roberts, Curate at All Saints, Hampton (09/04), is now Chaplain to Hereford College, Oxford.

The Revd Simon Douglas Lane, Incumbent of The Good Shepherd, Hounslow West (10/14), is now Team Vicar of Horton and Wraysbury, Diocese of Oxford.

The Revd Canon Peter Elvy, Incumbent of All Saints (Chelsea Old Church), Chelsea (12/02), is to retire on 31 July.

The Revd David Johnson, Part time Chaplain with Barnet Primary Care Trust (15/98), will retire on 16 June.

The Revd Andrew Rawding, Curate at St Andrew, Enfield (18/08), has taken up a post with the CROSSFIRE charity, Armagh, Northern Ireland.

The Ven Malcolm Colmer, Archdeacon of Middlesex, is to be Archdeacon of Hereford and Canon of Hereford Cathedral, Diocese of Hereford, from 13 May.