

**EVENTS  
JUNE 2005**

**Sea Sunday 2005**

On 10 July, congregations can give thanks for the contribution that seafarers make in all our lives by remembering and praying for seafarers, their families and those who serve them. Sea Sunday is jointly organised by The Mission to Seafarers and its kindred societies, the Apostleship of the Sea (Roman Catholic) and the British & International Sailors' Society (interdenominational).

Sea Sunday has an extra significance as this year is SeaBritain 2005, a national celebration of our maritime heritage, and also the bicentenary of the Battle of Trafalgar which will be the highlight of the festivities.

The Mission's pack of materials to help congregations plan Sea Sunday services is available and contains a parish magazine article, sermon notes and suggestions for worship and dated and undated posters and a special page on Trafalgar. The pack also includes a children's magazine, 'Ship to Shore'. To order, contact Kathy Baldwin, The Mission to Seafarers, St Michael Paternoster Royal, College Hill, London EC4R 2RL, t: 020 7248 5202 or e: [pr@missiontoseafarers.org](mailto:pr@missiontoseafarers.org). More details about the Mission are available at [www.missiontoseafarers.org](http://www.missiontoseafarers.org).

**An audience with Vartan Melkonian**

Vartan Melkonian spent his earliest days growing up at the Christian Birds' Nest home for orphans in Lebanon. On 1 July he will tell the story of the home's founder, Maria Jacobsen. Maria was the Danish missionary who felt called by God to leave her comfortable home in Denmark at 19 and go out into the dangerous country of Anatolia to care for Armenian children orphaned by the ravages of genocide in 1915. He will also conduct the London Chamber Orchestra with a programme which will include: Fauré Pavane (for orchestra) and Beethoven Symphony No 6, (Pastoral).

The event is unique as Vartan will be telling this story of faith and hope to a mostly secular audience, accompanied by rare archive photographs of Maria's journey and of the Armenian holocaust. This is a wonderful opportunity to invite friends from outside the church who normally shy away from overtly Christian events to join your group for an evening of entertainment with a subtle Christian message. A number of church groups are organising minibuses or coaches to attend the event; discounts are available for parties of 10 or more.

Queen Elizabeth Hall, 1 July, 7.45pm. The concert is in support of the Birds' Nest Home. Tickets are priced from £10 to £25. For more information contact Louisa Nunn, t: 01923 283 716 or e: [info@melkonian-foundation.org.uk](mailto:info@melkonian-foundation.org.uk).

**Make Poverty History: Edinburgh Rally**

The Diocese of London is supporting the Make Poverty History campaign. The organisers want more than 100,000 people to gather in Edinburgh at the Make Poverty History rally on 2 July and urge world leaders to take action to tackle poverty through their passion and commitment.

Visit [www.makepovertyhistory.org/g8.html](http://www.makepovertyhistory.org/g8.html) to find out more about the rally, to book transport to Edinburgh, and for accommodation ideas.

Also, visit [www.london.anglican.org/NewsShow\\_4587](http://www.london.anglican.org/NewsShow_4587) for further details of this and other 'Make Poverty History' news and events. For further details contact the Revd Chris Brice, t: 020 7932 1121.

### **Philippines Evening: an evening of music and worship with Beth Nacion**

Beth Nacion is the Executive Director of the Samba-Likhaan – Asian School of Music, Worship and the Arts. This ecumenical Christian Arts Centre encourages indigenous worship and liturgy using local arts, writing, song and dance. Beth will be teaching songs from the Philippines, and talking about her work and the work of the church. The evening will end with shared worship.

Sunday 12 June 7-9pm at The Forum, Trafalgar Rd, Greenwich SE10. For more information, contact Alison Saunders, World Mission Adviser, Diocese of Southwark, USPG, 157 Waterloo Road, London, SE1 8XA, t: 020 7803 3429 or e: [alisons@uspg.org.uk](mailto:alisons@uspg.org.uk).

### **Annual Glastonbury Pilgrimage**

The annual pilgrimage takes place on 8-9 July. There are a number of coaches coming from parishes all over the country and it might be possible to arrange for groups of people to be picked up en route. The programme for the day is at <http://glastonburypilgrimage.com>. Further information and service books are available from the Pilgrimage Office, Well Cottage, Short Street, Champmanslade BA13 4AA, t: 01373 832767 or e: [robinrthwaites@btinternet.com](mailto:robinrthwaites@btinternet.com).

### **Resources from the Society of Mary and Martha at Sheldon**

Sheldon specialises in providing resources for people in ministry and/or their spouses, although resources are open to everyone unless otherwise stated.

Lord of Creation: 18–22 July. Retreat/workshop led by Canon Brendan O'Malley, Chaplain and Lecturer at University of Wales, and author of "A Celtic Primer", "God at every Gate" and "A Celtic Eucharist". Embodied prayer – inscape, escape, landscape – within a Celtic spirituality framework. Sitting, standing, walking and dancing forms of meditation, exploring inner and outer journey towards oneness of body, mind and spirit. £192.

Westcountry Pilgrimage: 26 August – 1 September. Guided walks with good hospitality back at home base. Walks taking in wayside Dartmoor Marychapel, Exeter Cathedral, Buckfast Abbey and medieval churches in the Teign Valley. £196.

12,000-mile Service weeks: 2–7 October or 6–11 November. These speciality weeks for clergy and/or spouses enable you to join in as much or as little as you please, including workshops, guided walks and daily prayers. One to one time available. £325 fully inclusive.

Further details are available from the Society of Mary and Martha, Sheldon, Dunsford, Exeter EX6 7LE. t: 01647 252752, e: [smm@sheldon.uk.com](mailto:smm@sheldon.uk.com) or visit [www.sheldon.uk.com](http://www.sheldon.uk.com).

### **Mark's Gospel Live**

A one-performer, 'non-denominational', dramatic presentation of St Mark's first-century story of compassion and healing by the Revd Joseph Morris.

This performance is an energetic two hours with a brief interval of all 16 chapters of this wonderful story. The first half of Mark is often funny, light-hearted, and gentle, whilst the second half includes the horror of crucifixion. All of St Mark's characters are portrayed as the story is narrated right from Biblical text. There are no other actors. It is not a reading or a talk. It is the actual words of the Gospel memorized and performed like story telling.

15 June, 7.30 pm at All Hallows by the Tower, Byward St, and 16 June, 6.30pm at St Paul's, Covent Garden. There will be a free-will offering.

More details can be found by visiting [www.gospelofmark.us](http://www.gospelofmark.us).

### **The Church of Ceylon Association**

The Church of Ceylon Association is meeting at St James Church, Stanley Avenue, Alperton, HAO 4JB on Friday 17 June at 7 pm. The main speaker will be Bishop Kumara of Kurunagala, and the meeting will include first-hand reports of those who have seen the reconstruction efforts after the tsunami disaster.

For further details, contact Bob Campbell-Smith, t: 01752 872559. All are welcome.

### **A City to Dwell In**

The London Diocesan Fund is co-hosting an event this summer with English Heritage, the Shaftesbury Society, and Matthew Lloyd Architects that will try to answer the question, "What should happen to all of the underused urban church buildings?"

This will be a unique event, drawing together six speakers from diverse fields. You will hear from architects, church ministers, social entrepreneurs, as well as the LDF's head of property Michael Bye.

The speakers will be Michael Bye, Diocese of London; Chris Erskine, The Shaftesbury Society; Matthew Lloyd, Matthew Lloyd Architects; Revd Emma Loveridge, Wind, Sand, and Stars Ltd; Gordon MacLaren, Wyatt MacLaren; and Ian Serjeant, Methodist Church. The facilitator will be Rob Gregory, Architect and Assistant Editor of The Architectural Review.

22 June, 2-7pm (lunch from 1pm at the St Paul's Community Cafe at your own cost: about £3), The Gallery, St Paul's Bow, St Stephens' Rd, London E3 5JL. Tickets are £25, and are selling quickly. To book, contact Kim Pearson at The Shaftesbury Society t: 0845 330 6033, or e: [kpearson@shaftesburysoc.org.uk](mailto:kpearson@shaftesburysoc.org.uk). For more information, visit [www.shaftesburysociety.org](http://www.shaftesburysociety.org) or [www.architectureweek.org.uk](http://www.architectureweek.org.uk).

### **What is Islam?**

All Souls, Langham Place, and Arab Word Ministries are offering a course for Christians who want to be informed. The course is for those wanting to learn about Islam and who want to speak to Muslims about Jesus. In particular, Church Ministers and leaders, Evangelism co-ordinators, those with Muslim friends, teachers, students and student workers, and Bible College students.

5-7 July. The course will be held in central London and the location will be confirmed upon receipt of bookings. The price will be £20. For more details, contact AWM, PO Box 51, Loughborough LE11 0ZQ, t: 01509 239 525 or e: [awmuk@awm.org](mailto:awmuk@awm.org).

### **Communications training**

Communications courses are being held at Church House in coming weeks. For further details about the dates and cost of courses, t: 020 7898 1465 or visit [www.commstraining.cofe.anglican.org](http://www.commstraining.cofe.anglican.org).

Courses include Visual Liturgy, Introduction to Radio Interviews, Writing for Publication, Dealing with Challenging Interviews, Creating Web Pages using Dreamweaver, Working with Digital Images, Desktop Publishing, Introduction to Television Interviews, Creating Web Pages using MS Word 2000, Desktop Orders of Service, and Effective Communication Skills.

### **Healing and Empowering Lone Parents**

Lone parents everywhere, their achievements and their positive contributions to society will be acknowledged at a unique celebration service to be held on 11 June at 2pm at St Mark's Church, Dalston, East London. It has been organised by the support group Healing and Empowering of Lone Parents (HELP) in conjunction with the Bishop of Stepney. More details are available in last month's mailing, available at [www.london.anglican.org/clergyinfopast](http://www.london.anglican.org/clergyinfopast).

### **Singing Evensong at St Paul's Cathedral**

Singers from parishes in the Diocese are invited to join together to sing Evensong at St Paul's Cathedral on Sunday 31 July.

The choir will be directed by Huw Williams, the cathedral's Sub-organist. The proposed music includes Responses by Ayleward, Stanford in B-flat Magnificat & Nunc Dimittis, and Handel's Zadok the Priest.

For participants there will be a rehearsal at St Paul's on 30 July, 10.30am-2.30pm. On Sunday 31 July the choir will meet at 1.30pm before the 3.15pm service. Afterwards tea will be served in the crypt.

To assist with the planning of the event and to ensure a balance between the voice parts please make contact as soon as possible if you would like to take part. To register for this event please send your name, voice part, email and postal addresses to [music@stpaulscathedral.org.uk](mailto:music@stpaulscathedral.org.uk) or The Music Administrator, Chapter House, St Paul's Churchyard, EC4M8AD.

### **A Midsummer Evening at Covent Garden**

Amos Trust is 20 years old this year and a celebratory summer fundraising event is being held on Wednesday 22 June in the garden of St Paul's, Covent Garden, to celebrate.

The celebration will start at 6pm. There will be a mix of refreshments, live music and other entertainment. The Trust wants to continue its efforts to support the work of reconstruction in India following the tsunami, and hopes that the Devadason family will be able to attend to meet supporters and share informally some more of their concerns and hopes for the Dalits of Tamil Nadu.

Please indicate if you wish to be there by t: 020 7588 2638 or e: [info@amostrust.org](mailto:info@amostrust.org). Donations are requested in the region of £15.