

**INFORMATION
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Diocesan Website: new buildings section

A major new section has been added to the Diocesan Website, entitled 'Buildings'. Designed to be a user-friendly resource for parishes, it includes simple guidelines for those seeking to make changes to their church, practical information about what to do in the case of a buildings emergency, and links to a wide range of useful websites related to property matters.

The new section is accessible from the website's front page or direct at www.london.anglican.org/buildings.

Please do take a moment to have a look through the new pages so you know what information is available there and are able to recommend them to others. Just click on www.london.anglican.org/Buildings.

Diocesan Lent Appeal 2005: Please send collection/donations in now

If your Church or school organised a collection for the Diocesan Lent Appeal 2005, or distributed envelopes, or intends to make a donation, please send the money collected or donated, as soon as possible to Lent Appeal 05, London Diocesan Fund, 36 Causton Street, London SW1P 4AU. Please make cheques payable to 'London Diocesan Fund (Lent Appeal '05)'.

Donations can also still be made via the 'Give Now' page on the Lent Appeal's section of the Diocesan website: www.london.anglican.org/ministry. For further assistance contact Chris Brice, t: 020 7932 1121. Thank you - every penny counts, and helps to save lives.

Harvest Festival Resources

SPCK Resources: a harvest with a difference

For the third year running SPCK and Feed the Minds are making harvest resources available free of charge to churches (while stocks last). These new learning resources show how the Church in poor communities world-wide is being equipped to serve. The pack contains everything needed for a harvest service and includes menus and ideas for a fun harvest supper. Training and books can transform churches and the communities they serve.

For a free pack, email your full name together with your church's name and address to harvest@spck.org.uk, or t: 08451 21 21 02, or visit www.feedtheminds.org/harvest.

USPG Resources: Planting hope in a drought-stricken land

USPG, the Anglican mission agency, has launched a free new booklet of resource materials for use at Harvest. It focuses on a successful Christian development project that is transforming lives in South India and includes prayers, reflections, stories, ideas for songs, a dramatic reading, children's craft ideas and fun activities.

The resources tell the story of a training centre that USPG supports through the Church of South India - the Nagalapuram Training Centre in Tamil Nadu, South India. In this community, 80% of the population live below the poverty-line. They rely on agriculture for their income, but the land is drought-stricken and poisoned by pesticides.

Copies of the resource booklet are available from USPG, Partnership House, 157 Waterloo Road, London SE1 8YZ, t: 020 7803 3422 or e: enquiries@uspg.org.uk.

Keyboard player sought

St Mary's, West Twyford, Brentmead Gardens, NW10 (by the Hanger Lane Gyratory) is looking for a keyboard player to share their gifts. St Mary's is a small church looking for help to develop the music at the monthly all age services as part of a commitment to growing bigger.

St Mary's is looking for someone who can play a keyboard and is interested in helping the congregation to learn modern, meaningful and lively music. A small fee could be made available.

Contact the Revd Linda Smillie, t: 020 8838 2542.

Dare you aerial slide for RNIB?

Details about this fun way to raise money for RNIB are available at

http://rnib.org.uk/xpedio/groups/public/documents/PublicWebsite/public_fraerialslide.hcsp.

Extension Studies at St John's, Nottingham

Want to study Theology but haven't time to go to College?

Certificate of Higher Education in Theology and Vocation 2005-2007

Starts 9-11 September. Distance learning combined with three short residential periods in college. Accredited with Open University. If you cannot commit to the full course then a non-accredited version is also offered.

Want to do something for God but not sure what it is?

Fit for the Purpose Weekend

16-18 September 2005 or 31 March-2 April 2006

An opportunity to explore vocation for anyone who knows God is calling them – not necessarily to ordination.

Further details of these and other distance learning courses in theology, counselling and RE from St John's Extension Studies. t: 0115 925 1114 or e: ext.studies@stjohns-nottm.ac.uk.

Job vacancies: Youth Development project in the Diocese of London

Two vacancies have arisen as part of a new and innovative project of The Children's Society, working in partnership with the Diocese of London, to develop a youth strategy within the Diocese, with participation of young people at its heart. Promoting social inclusion and embracing the diversity of London's youth communities, the work in particular will look to increase the inclusion of disabled children, those at risk on the streets, in trouble with the law and young refugees.

Project Manager, £27,087 - £34,197 (Inner London Weighting included), 37 hours per week. Ref: S009/JC.

Administrator, £8,925 - £11,119 (Inner London Weighting included), 17.5 hours per week. Ref: S010/JC

For both posts, comprehensive induction, quality supervision and opportunities for continuing professional development are offered. For an informal discussion contact Pauline Kennedy, Regional Head of Operations, t: 020 8690 2564.

For more information and to apply, visit www.playyourpart.co.uk/jobs or t: 0121 362 8637, quoting the job's reference number. The closing date for applications is 6 June.

Parish Administrator Vacancy

St Anne's, Soho, wishes to appoint a Parish Administrator. The post will include Site Management. 30 hours per week, pay £21,000 pro rata.

If you would value being part of an open, supportive team who administer this busy Community Centre and Church in a colourful part of London please send for details to Katy Owston, St Anne's Church, 55 Dean Street, London W1D 6AF, t: Tel: 020 7437 8039 or e: info@stannes-soho.org.uk. Interviews will be held on 26 July, to commence September.

How about something a bit different?

Many churches use The London Community Gospel Choir concerts as out-reach tool for evangelism and others use them as fundraising events, attracting large crowds. The Choir provides gospel music workshops prior to concerts to teach people how to sing gospel music.

To find out more, contact The London Community Gospel Choir, Brookdale House, 75 Brookdale Road, London E17 6QH, t: 020 8509 7288, e: choirconnexion@btinternet.com or visit www.lgcg.org.uk.

PEOPLE

Within the Diocese

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

New Prebendaries

The Bishop of London is delighted to announce the appointment of three new Prebendaries of St Paul's Cathedral:

The Revd Dr Peter Elvy to occupy the stall of Maplesbury
The Revd Dr Brian Leathard to occupy the stall of Reculversland
The Revd James Funnell to occupy the stall of Oxgate

They were installed on Sunday 22 May at St Paul's Cathedral.