

**INFORMATION
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Young People & Families Development Worker

St James-the-Less, Bethnal Green, is a small parish church in Tower Hamlets seeking to share God's good news with the local community. It is now in a position to appoint someone from October 2005 for 16 hours per week to manage and develop several existing small midweek community activities for families and young people (e.g. toddler group, after-school event for parents and children together, midweek forum for teenagers) and from these to develop faith forums and fresh expressions of being church.

The person appointed to the job will become part of the worshipping community and be involved in helping to shape the vision and delivery of the children's Sunday morning groups. An emphasis will also be placed on encouraging and nurturing the teenagers within the church. Applicants must have had some experience of running groups and be able to encourage and nurture volunteers.

The newly-created post is funded initially for one year with the hope of further funding for subsequent years.

Salary for 16 Hours per week: £10,514.28 per annum (based on a fulltime salary of £23,000 per annum). Annual Leave: 13 days.

For a job description and application form, please either e: Rachel.Montgomery@london.anglican.org or send an SAE to Revd Rachel Montgomery, The Vicarage, St James's Avenue, Bethnal Green. London E2 9JD. For enquiries please t: 020 8980 1612. The post is subject to enhanced CRB disclosure

Meeting the needs of musicians and singers in the parishes of London

The RSCM is looking for new ways to help parish musicians grow and develop in the London area. Examples of such events are training evenings for RSCM awards, local area festivals and sessions to explore new church music.

The Cathedral music department is also keen to establish new links with parish musicians. The forthcoming service where an invited choir of around 100 singers from the parishes will provide Choral Evensong on Sunday 31 July is the first in a new style of participation.

Twelve years on from the Archbishops' Commission on Church Music, a survey is to be undertaken to update the findings. Contact details and other data from the survey will be held on a database and the results of this new survey will be fed into the planning for future events for parish musicians run by the RSCM or St Paul's Cathedral music department. A summary of the survey results will be made available to responders.

For more information, to receive a copy of the survey form please contact Mervyn Hogg, 40 Bury Street, Ruislip, HA4 7SU, t: 01895 638069 or e: mervyn.hogg@blueyonder.co.uk. Alternatively, send the name and email address of your music leader to Mervyn Hogg and he will make contact with them.

Unwanted Hearing Aids needed

If you know of anyone who has a hearing aid or accessory that they no longer use, a scheme is in operation to have them cleaned and refurbished to be sent to the developing world. Please send them to William Rennox, RENCO Audiology Services, 177 Morar Drive, Cumbernauld, G67 4LH.

Additionally, if you know of any organisations operating in the developing world requiring hearing testing equipment, hearing aids or requiring the services of an audiologist on a volunteer basis to test hearing and train local staff then please pass the details on to RENCO Audiology Services.

More information is available by t: 01236 739146 or e: rencoaudiology@hotmail.com.

Ethical Investment Advisory Group

The EIAG has published its Annual Report for 2004/2005. More information and copy of the report can be found at www.cofe.anglican.org/info/ethical.

Wanted: A Large Nativity Set

If you have a spare or are getting rid of your Church nativity set (regardless of its condition), please call the Revd Mark Hargreaves, Vicar of St Peter's Notting Hill, on 020 7792 8227 or 020 7221 9841.

Overhead projector wanted

Has your church moved over to PowerPoint and do you have an OHP you no longer need? If so please reply to geoffandhope@yahoo.com who will be glad to hear from you.

'Dancing their Dreams' by Helen Van Koevering

Helen has recently had her MPhil dissertation (from Bristol) printed through Zomba University in Malawi. It is about the Anglican women on the Lakeshore in Niassa – a theological and historical reflection of five generations since missionaries first came.

Helen, besides being married to Bishop Mark of Niassa (Northern Mozambique), is a priest and is particularly well qualified to write on this subject. It will be of great interest to ALMA and non-ALMA parishes alike - a very suitable acquisition for a church library.

The book costs £14.95 (plus postage). It can be purchased through African Books Collective (ABC), Unit 13, Kings Meadow, Ferry Hinksey Road, Oxford, OX2 0DP. Search for the book title on www.africanbookscollective.com. For more details contact Krisia Cook, e: krisia.cook@africanbookscollective.com or t: 01865 726686.

SPCK Harvest Resources

These resources that show how the Church in poor communities world-wide is being equipped to serve are still available from SPCK and Feed the Minds (free of charge). The pack contains everything needed for a harvest service. For a free pack email your full name together with church name and address to e: harvest@spck.org.uk, or t: 08451 21 21 02 or visit www.feedtheminds.org/harvest.

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Into the Diocese

Edmonton

The Revd Narinder Tegally, Curate at St Francis of Assisi, Welwyn Garden City, Diocese of St Albans, is to be Assistant Chaplain at the Royal Free Hampstead NHS Trust (16/98) from 10 August.