

**EVENTS
NOVEMBER 2005**

London Bishops to Join Mass Lobby for Trade Justice

The Bishops of Kensington and Edmonton will be representing all the bishops of London at the Mass Lobby for Trade Justice on 2 November at the Houses of Parliament and are hoping that many parishioners and clergy will join them.

The Bishops of the Diocese are writing to all London MPs to let them know Bishop Michael and Bishop Peter will be there and to invite them to meet with church representatives in constituency groups. Please think about bringing your church banner so that our presence is clearly visible.

The London bishops will be focussing especially on poverty in our link dioceses of Angola and Mozambique.

Individuals and groups are encouraged to arrive by 12.30pm in time to be directed into your constituency lobby group for 1pm when a two-minute silence will be held. Please bring something white to hold up as the organisers are aiming to circle Westminster with the white MAKEPOVERTYHISTORY band.

For further information please visit www.christianaid.org.uk/campaign or contact Chris Brice, t: 020 7932 1121.

Exploring Christian Spirituality: an introductory course

This course is open to anyone who wants to develop or expand their awareness of the scope of Christian Spirituality. Meeting on Wednesday evenings from 6-8.45pm, it will cover amongst other areas: our faith journey; differing forms of prayer; an introduction to Spiritual Direction; traditions of Christian Spirituality; and integrating prayer and life.

18 January to 28 June 2006, at The London Centre for Spirituality, Lombard Street, London EC3V 9EA. The cost of the course is £250. For further information, please contact Margaret Wallace, St Mary Woolnoth Vestry, Lombard Street, London EC3V 9AN or t: 020 7621 1392.

Homelessness Sunday

'Build happiness, stop homelessness'. That's the bold call of Homelessness Sunday, 29 January 2006. Homelessness Sunday is the annual opportunity to remember in worship and teaching the problems of people pushed to the margins, and to re-dedicate our work on their behalf. In 2006, the focus will be on stopping homelessness in the first place.

A resource pack is available which provides materials for worship that provoke thought and strengthen resolve. It gives ideas and resources for work with children and young people. It offers ideas for preventing homelessness – the approach we need to take to avoid having to mend broken lives. It offers examples of action which has worked – getting advice to people before the point of crisis; preparing people for leaving institutions; dealing with problems of anti-social behaviour.

For further information visit www.homelessness-sunday.org.uk.

Talks at St Giles-in-the-Fields

Forever England? Patriotism and the Poets of the WW1. 7 November, 6.15pm.

Who was Churchill's God? Uncovering the Authorised Version of Political Rhetoric in Churchill, Lincoln and Luther King. 24 November, 6.15pm.

London–St Petersburg Group 2006 Visit

The aim of this visit is to experience the richness of Orthodox worship by visiting a variety of churches in the city, to share in the life of the Orthodox Seminary, to meet Russian Christians who are working in church-based social projects, and to explore the possibility of making parish and other links.

Visits over the past five years have led to three strong links with parishes and social projects and we hope that next year's visit will strengthen the link between London Diocese and the Russian Orthodox diocese of St Petersburg and Ladoga.

This will be a working visit rather than a holiday and the programme can at times be demanding. The proposed dates are 17–24 May 2006.

The approximate cost of the trip will be £650-700 per person (although there may be some subsidies). For further information and booking form please contact Patricia Morton, 54 Roe Green, London NW9 0PJ, t: 020 8204 7531 or e: cp.morton@virgin.net.

Assisi: A 'Virtual' Pilgrimage

An illustrated talk given by the Revd Jules Cave Bergquist, Priest in Charge of Holy Trinity with All Saints, South Kensington and Director of Ordinands for the Two Cities Area, and Bishop of St Albans' representative on the UK-Italian Church Link.

Thursday 17 November, 8.00pm in St Andrew's church, Alexandra Park Road N10. Refreshments available following the 7.00pm Eucharist. Suggested donation of £5 to St Andrew's Development Campaign. Further details from Alexandra Park Parish Office, t: 020 8444 6898, e: office@alexandrapark.org.

St Paul's Cathedral Organ Spectacular presented by Aled Jones

Explore the organs of St Paul's with the cathedral organists and Aled Jones. Follow them on a magical mystery tour around the organ and the building's history brought to life with musical interludes and illustrations. Learn what an organ is, how it works, how many pipes there are and see the organist at work courtesy of a large screen projector. You will also hear Bach's famous Toccata and Fugue in D minor BWV 565 played by 6 hands and 4 legs!

Thursday 26 January, 2006 at 6.30pm. Tickets £10 (£7 concession) available by t: 020 7236 6883 or e: music@stpaulscathedral.org.uk.

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.

Quiet Week: 12–17 February. If you need space for a retreat, don't want input or too much structure, and prefer not to be completely on your own, then perhaps a Quiet Week is for you. Sociable mealtimes, and you can join the daily Community prayers if you wish, but otherwise your time is your own. Optional Quiet Day in silence with addresses on the Wednesday. £160 for the whole event, or £36 per night.

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

The Friendship of Science and Religion

The Chaplaincy to Imperial College is hosting this lecture and dialogue presented by the Revd Dr John Polkinghorne KBE FRS, physicist, theologian and Templeton Prize winner.

Wednesday 9 November, 5.30pm at Lecture Theatre 1, Physics, Prince Consort Road (opposite Holy Trinity Church). More details are available from Chaplaincy Centre, East Basement, Beit Quad, Prince Consort Road, SW7 2BB, t: 020 7594 9600 or visit www.chaplaincy.imperial.ac.uk.