

**INFORMATION
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The Bishop of London's Mission Fund

Information about the Mission Fund – what type of work is supported and how to apply – is now available online at www.london.anglican.org/BLMF.

Churches Rally in Support of Refugees and Asylum-Seekers

The latest news section of the Diocesan website contains useful information and resources for churches concerned with the needs of refugees and asylum-seekers, including the Church Action on Poverty 'Living Ghosts Campaign', a recent enquiry by churches in partnership with South London Citizens into the Immigration and Nationality Directorate Service Provision at Lunar House, Croydon, and a statement 'Faith in Asylum' by the Churches Refugee Network calling for a high level enquiry to be set up to examine the working of the entire asylum system.

The news article is online at www.london.anglican.org/News.

Society of Our Lady of Pew in Westminster Abbey

The Chapel of our Lady of Pew is situated in the North West of the Abbey and the Society exists to maintain the Chapel (with the Dean's approval), to promote devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary and to meet for prayer.

An intercession paper is circulated to all members six times a year. Requests for prayers or for information about our Lady of Pew should be sent to: The Warden, c/o The Dean's Verger's Office, Westminster Abbey, 20 Dean's Yard, SW1P 3PA. Alternatively contact maureen@jupp17.fsnet.co.uk regarding membership or davidmott@freeuk.com for intercessions.

Meetings in the first half of 2006 will be:

25 Mar	1000–1400	Quiet Day in St Edward's Chapel and the Chantry
26 May	1800	Eucharist in the Lady Chapel
24 Jun	1615	Pilgrimage in the Abbey
21 Jul	1815	Sung Eucharist in the Abbey

Questionnaire on Freemasonry – a thank you message

Caroline Windsor would like to thank all the clergy in the diocese who either completed her questionnaire 'Attitudes to and Experiences of Freemasonry within the Church of England' last year, or who sent her their personal experiences of Freemasonry for inclusion in her book. The overall response rate to the questionnaire was 64.3% and an analysis of the results, together with all the comments received, is included in the book, 'Freemasonry and the Ministry', which will be published in early December. Further analysis of the questionnaires is currently being undertaken by the Revd Professor Leslie Francis of Bangor University for later publication in journal form.

Copies of the book may be obtained from Caroline Windsor, 15 Harbour View Crescent, Penzance, Cornwall TR18 2AZ. The price is £7.99 (plus £2 post and packing), and please make cheques payable to Caroline Windsor. Any profits arising from the book will be divided between two charities concerned with care for clergy: The Society of Mary & Martha in Devon and The Lydia Trust in Cornwall.

Books available

A variety of hymn and song books, psalters, chant books and bibles are available from Marsha Providence, St Stephen's Church, 17 Canonbury Road, London N1 2DF. The books are available for collection for free. Email Marsha@StSC.org.uk for a list.

Second-hand vestments needed

Veronica Kakaza is a deacon and trainee priest in her 3rd year with the Ebenezer Congregational Church in Soweto, which is part of the United Congregational Churches of Southern Africa, which is allied to various Methodist, Presbyterian and other Protestant churches in South Africa, New Zealand and elsewhere.

If you are able to help, please contact Tom Cook at St James's, Piccadilly, by e: tcwild@blueyonder.co.uk.

Come wind, come weather

This 55 minute play for two actresses follows the development of a relationship between Catherine a young woman priest and Sybil Baxter, a 77 year-old atheist who wants nothing to do with the Church Its theme is best put in the form of a question: "Is today's widespread contempt for Christian belief justified?" Katherine finds it very hard work making friends with Sybil who is a genuinely unpleasant person with a great deal of real bitterness in her mind. Gradually, however, and partly because of outward events, real affection develops between them and blossoms out into love.

Katherine does not convert Sybil to Christian belief hut she does help her to recognize that her scornful atheism is a species of sectarianism.

For more details, contact the Revd John Ward, 6 Lower Forge, Bridgnorth WV16 5TQ or t: 01746 764758.

PEOPLE

Into the Diocese

Two Cities

The Revd Lindsay Meader, Curate at Cherry Hinton, Cambridge, Diocese of Ely, is to be Associate Vicar at St James's, Piccadilly (03/09), from 27 November.

Stepney

The Revd Angela Melaniphy, Team Vicar at St Paul, Harlow, Diocese of Chelmsford, is to be Team Vicar in the Hackney Marsh Team Ministry with responsibility for Christ Church on the Mead (05/09), from 12 February 2006.

Within the Diocese

Two Cities

The Revd Sue Gent, Chaplain to the Law Firms in the City (01/96), is also to be Priest in Charge of St Martin, Ludgate (01/33), from 1 December.

Kensington

The Revd Lawrence Smith, NSM curate at St Francis, Isleworth (10/21), is to be NSM Priest in Charge of St Francis, Isleworth (10/21), from 6 December.

Willesden

The Revd Derath Carter, Minister in Charge of Christ Church, Harlington (25/04A), is to be Team Vicar in the Parish of Brentford (10/01), from 1 June 2006.

Resigned

The Revd Roderic Ballentine, Incumbent of St Andrew, Stoke Newington (05/16), has resigned.