

**EVENTS
JANUARY 2006**

Rivers in the Desert – Ash Wednesday at St Paul’s Cathedral

A day of prayer with silence, music and poetry to begin the season of Lent at St Paul's Cathedral. 10am-4pm, Ash Wednesday, 1 March 2006.

The day includes Eucharist and Ashing at 8am and 12.30pm and a Choral Eucharist with Ashing, including Allegri's Miserere, at 5pm. All are welcome for any part of the day.

Homelessness Sunday 2006: Build Happiness, Stop Homelessness

Homelessness Sunday 2006 will be held on 29 January. It brings together thousands of churches across the UK, drawing attention to the devastating effects of homelessness.

In 2005, churches marked Homelessness Sunday with special services, sleep outs, bed-hops, art exhibitions, collections of sleeping bags, blankets and starter pack items and by raising money through sponsorship and appeals.

The Homelessness Sunday Partnership has produced a pack of facts, examples, worship materials and ideas based on the Bible readings for the day. To order please download the flyer from www.justhousing.org.uk/homelessness-sunday/ and return it, with payment, to the Homelessness Sunday Partnership.

St John’s Extension Studies

Tuesday 18 to Saturday 22 April 2006: two parallel courses sharing meals and worship. The course fee of £225 includes full board and accommodation

‘Kick Start in Greek’ is a fun way to start learning Greek, for people who have never had the opportunity or who started and gave up! A tutor-supported distance learning module is available for those who want to continue their study afterwards.

‘Listening Skills’ is a substantial listening course for anyone involved in pastoral care at church or in the workplace. This is a useful introduction to counselling training, and can be used as an entry requirement for the Postgraduate Counselling Certificate in autumn 2006.

Further details of these and other resources in theology, vocation, healing and RE, are available from St John’s Extension Studies, Bramcote, Nottingham NG9 3RL, t: 0115 925 1117, e: ext.studies@stjohns-nottm.ac.uk or visit www.stjohns-nottm.ac.uk.

Diocesan Visit to St Petersburg May 2006

If you are planning to join the next visit to St Petersburg, the closing date for application is 31 January 2006.

For more details contact Patricia Morton, t: 020 8204 7531.

Re-pitching your tent?

Richard Giles is the controversial author of two best-selling books on creating space for worship. Canterbury Press has organised this event at which Richard Giles will be in conversation with Timothy Brittain-Catlin of the Pugin Society. The discussion will be chaired by the Rt Revd Stephen Platten, Bishop of Wakefield and Chairman of the Liturgical Commission.

6 February 2006, St Matthews House, 20 Great Peter Street, Westminster London SW1P 2BU. Entry is free and refreshments will be served. For more information, contact Michael Addison, t: 020 7354 6214 or e: michael@scm-canterburypress.co.uk.