

**INFORMATION  
JANUARY 2006**

**Two New Archdeacons Announced**

The Bishop of London has appointed the Revd Rachel Montgomery, Vicar of St James the Less, Bethnal Green, as the next Archdeacon of Northolt. Rachel will take up the post in May 2006. By then she will be known as the Ven Rachel Treweek, following her marriage in March to Guy Treweek, who is himself training for the priesthood.

Rachel has strong links with South Africa, having served a placement there just before the first elections. She has also been involved in the work of ALMA, the link between the Diocese and dioceses in Portuguese-speaking Africa. In this connection she has visited Mozambique.

The Revd Stephan Welch, Priest in Charge of St Peter, Hammersmith, and Area Dean for Hammersmith and Fulham, has been appointed as the next Archdeacon of Middlesex. He will take up the post in May 2006.

The role of all the Archdeacons in the Diocese of London has been revised to give each one a particular responsibility extending across the whole Diocese. Archdeacon Treweek will carry the brief for overseas links and relations with other faith communities in London.

Archdeacon Welch will carry the crucial brief for the 148 Church of England schools in London which educate some 46,500 children daily. Stephan has enjoyed a close association with Church schools, in contexts ranging from the agricultural to the urban. He has chaired Boards of Governors in both primary and junior sectors and has served on several Standing Advisory Councils on Religious Education (SACRE's).

Following the A Time for Decision consultation, the possibility of reducing the total number of Archdeacons in the future remains on the agenda.

**Appointment of a Chaplain to Deaf and Deafblind people**

The Revd Anne Richardson has been appointed Chaplain among Deaf and Deafblind People in the Diocese. Anne was previously part-time Assistant Chaplain to the Deaf in the Diocese of Exeter and is an ordained minister in the Methodist Church. Her appointment is a welcome move in the developing relationship between the Church of England and the Methodist Church. She will be linked with London's specially designed church for deaf people, St Saviour's in Acton.

She can be contacted by t: 020 7932 1253 or e: [anne.richardson@london.anglican.org](mailto:anne.richardson@london.anglican.org).

**Appointment of an Organist and Choirmaster**

St Mark's, Dalston, wishes to appoint an Organist and Choirmaster to develop their choral and congregational music used in the principal Sunday services at 11am and 6.30pm. They are looking for someone who is equally at ease with both traditional and modern church music, who is competent as an organist and has the necessary 'people skills'.

For more details, contact the Revd Rob Wall, St Mark's Vicarage, Sandringham Road, Hackney, London E8 2LL, t: 020 7254 4741 or e: [rob.wall@care4free.net](mailto:rob.wall@care4free.net).

**Old St Pancras Job Vacancies**

The deadline for applications for the jobs advertised in December's mailing has been extended to Monday 16 January 2006.

More details can be found at [www.london.anglican.org/JobVacancies](http://www.london.anglican.org/JobVacancies).

### **Distinctive deacons**

The diaconate is one of the three historic orders of ministry in the Church: deacons, priests and bishops. Deacons are men and women in holy orders, undertaking liturgical, teaching and pastoral work, in the spirit and pattern of Christ's servanthood and with the particular responsibility and authority associated with ordained ministry.

The diaconate has often been regarded as a transitional order, pertaining typically to the first year of ordained ministry, and as an apprenticeship for the priesthood. A renewed appreciation of the order's ancient character and function, and the encouragement of vocations, means that there is a growth in the number of permanent or distinctive deacons in the diocese. In light of this, the Bishops have approved new guidance on the diaconate as part of the diocesan regulations and policies, to help with questions about what a deacon is and does, and how he or she relates to other ministers. This can be seen at [www.london.anglican.org/Regulations/diaconate](http://www.london.anglican.org/Regulations/diaconate).

### **Special Sundays 2006 - Justice and Peace Calendar**

A new "Special Sundays 2006 - Justice and Peace" Calendar is now available at [www.london.anglican.org/SocialJustice](http://www.london.anglican.org/SocialJustice). It contains dates throughout the year when Special Sundays are celebrated and marked in relation to a variety of Justice and Peace issues such as: ALMA Sunday, United Nations Day; Christian Aid Week; Prisons Sunday; Racial Justice Sunday.

Excellent resources for churches and schools are available for most Special Sundays by the sponsoring organisations - contact details and website addresses are provided on the calendar. Should you wish to mark a Special Sunday or an issue that is not listed on the calendar please contact Chris Brice, the Diocesan Adviser for Social Justice, who will be able to help identify resources and other details.