

**INFORMATION
FEBRUARY 2006**

February ordination

Your prayers are requested for Linda Dean, to be ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Edward Holland on 1 February at St Mary's, Primrose Hill.

Church Music in London

The findings from the recent Royal School of Church Music survey in the Diocese are now available at www.london.anglican.org/NewsShow_5419.

Website as outreach initiative

Phil Groom, webmaster at St Matthew's, Yiewsley, has launched a website designed to assist the local community. More information on this outreach initiative is available at www.yiewsley.org.uk.

Further news about this project is available on the diocesan website, at www.london.anglican.org/NewsShow_5418.

Job vacancy: Parish Administrator

St Mary's, Stoke Newington, is a busy parish with two churches, church rooms and a community centre used by a wide variety of local groups. Someone with energy, commitment and good organisational and inter-personal skills is needed to co-ordinate the use of the buildings and to help with the administrative needs of a growing congregation. The job-holder will be a member of the ministry team, and should therefore be a communicant member of the Church of England. The post is half time (17.5 hours per week); salary in the range £18,250 - £23,000 pro rata. The closing date for applications is 24 February.

They will also be looking to appoint a part-time verger, who will work to the Parish Administrator. Suitably versatile candidates who feel they could combine both posts into one may apply now for the verger's post.

Further details are available from the Revd Jonathan Clark, The Rectory, Stoke Newington Church Street, London N16 9ES. t: 020 7254 6072 or e: rectorofstokey@btinternet.com.

Buildings & Events Administrator - £16,500 Pro Rata

All Hallows on the Wall has church and office space, and is the home of several small organisations supporting justice and the arts. We need a Buildings & Events Administrator for 20 hours a week to deal with practical aspects of running the building, including letting of meeting space.

Experience in administration is desirable; computer skills are essential. Also important are common sense, the ability to be flexible and a broad sympathy with the ethos of the church and organisations within it.

For an application form and full job description please contact The Guild Council, All Hallows on the Wall, 83 London Wall, London EC2M 5ND, t: 020 7588 2661 or e: info@amostrust.org. Closing date 2 February for interviews on 9 February.

New Zealand House Swap

A priest in the Diocese of Wellington, New Zealand, is offering his house for a swap whilst he undertakes seven months' study at Heythrop College, from mid-September to early April 2007. He is currently vicar of the Parish of Eastbourne, a seaside community 25 miles from Wellington. His vicarage is fully furnished and a car would be available.

If you or any parishioners can help, please contact the Revd Damon Plimmer, 11 Ngaio Street, Eastbourne, Wellington, New Zealand or e: redflipper@xtra.co.nz.

Organist for mid-week services

Daniel Moulton is a freelance professional organist living in central London. He is available for midweek occasions for fees based on Incorporated Society of Musicians recommendations. If he isn't free, he can recommend one of his various professional colleagues to you. Daniel regrets that he is seldom free for weekend engagements. For more details, t: 07866 688 179 or e: music@dmoulton.freeserve.co.uk.

Television documentary – A Different Life

Channel Five is making a short documentary about what it is like to grow up in a vicarage, and have an active life in Church life as a child, for their 'A Different Life' programme.

Every documentary in the 'A Different Life' series follows a different child who has a specific life experience that young viewers will be able to learn from, in order to educate viewers about diversity in the UK. These documentaries are generally shown on Sundays and aim to give the children, who are the subjects of the documentaries, the chance to have a voice and express themselves.

The programme's researchers are looking for an appropriate child and his/her family who would be interested in taking part. Ideally they would like a chatty 7-11 year old who lives in a vicarage with his/her family, one parent being a member of the clergy. Basically, the idea is to film a child whose life is affected in a number of ways, on a daily/weekly basis, by her parent's religious role in the community – a child who is part of an active Church.

For more details, contact Melissa Hutchings by t: 020 7932 1240 or e: melissa.hutchings@london.anglican.org.

London Marathon training partner wanted

The Revd Stephen Leader, Vicar of St James, Enfield Highway, is to run in the next London Marathon. He asks whether there are any other clergy who would like to train with him. t: 020 8804 1966 or e: therevstelea@waitrose.com if interested.

St Paul's Textile Project – Volunteers Needed

St Paul's Cathedral is embarking on a project to create a new and much needed set of Eucharistic Vestments, 50 Copes and four Altar Frontals. St Paul's will be working in conjunction with the Royal College of Art, St. Martin's College and the Gainsborough Weaving Studio to produce contemporary designs and cloths, which will be specifically made for St Paul's Cathedral.

A workroom has been set up in the Crypt with work due to begin in May 2006 and a completion date set at December 2007. To meet this completion date St Paul's needs to recruit volunteers, ideally with professional or high standard dress-making, textile or embroidery skills and experience, willing to work 2 days a week. Volunteers must also be willing to work as an integral member of a small team dedicated to creating the new Vestments, as well as helping on smaller jobs maintaining the present textile collection.

If you are interested in being part of a fun team integrated into the life of the Cathedral, please send details of your relevant experience to Kate Sinton (Textile Project Supervisor), t: 020 7246 8333 or e: kate@stpaulscathedral.org.uk.

Request for accommodation in return for assistance

A young Christian couple (20 and 21) from Germany, studying Protestant theology and English & History, plans to be in England from September 2006 to March 2007. They are looking for a parish that is willing and able to host them and provide some kind of social work. They have knowledge and experience in dealing with youths, but are also open for a new kind of work within the community. Their aims are to improve their language skills and to get to know the English way of life, especially the Anglican Church.

If you are able to help, please contact Michael and Stefanie Ahner by e: stefanie.ahner@gmx.net.

Cassock-u-like: a website for used and nearly new clerical wear

This non-profit making exchange site lists clerical wear and theological books that people want to sell.

For more information, visit www.cassock-u-like.org.uk.

Study pack for Lent

Churches are offered a free study pack devised by two national overseas development charities to use as a resource for Lent. Harvest Help and the Methodist Relief and Development Fund (MRDF) have jointly produced *Our Common Ground.*, The pack offers resources to encourage learning, praying, giving and practical action in support of some of the world's poorest people. It contains illustrations from MRDF and Harvest Help's work in Uganda and Zambia, stories of some of the most vulnerable people in the world.

For more information, contact Harvest Help, t: 01952 260699, e: kevin@harvesthelp.org or visit www.harvesthelp.org.

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Within the Diocese

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The Revd Leslie Lawrence, Priest in Charge of St Mary the Virgin, Norwood Green (23/12), is to be Rector of St Mary the Virgin, Norwood Green, from 1 February.

The Revd Michael Bolley, Priest in Charge of Holy Trinity, Southall (25/13), is to be Incumbent of Holy Trinity, Southall, from 1 February.

The Revd Mark Poulson, Priest in Charge of St John, Southall (25/14), is to be Incumbent of St John, Southall, from 1 February.

The Revd Arani Sen, Priest in Charge of the Conventional District of Emmanuel, Southall (25/15A), is to be Incumbent of the newly-created Benefice of Emmanuel, Southall, from 1 February.

The Revd Christopher Ramsay, Priest in Charge of St George, Southall (25/16), is to be Incumbent of St George, Southall, from 1 February.