

**EVENTS
MARCH 2006**

Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday and Easter Eve at St Paul's Cathedral

Details of these services are included with this mailing as a separate sheet.

Exhibition of Balkan Icons

This exhibition will be at All Hallows by the Tower from 20 March to 19 May. It is a display of the finest contemporary Orthodox Christian icons from the Balkan countries (Bulgaria, Greece, Romania and Serbia & Montenegro). The exhibition is open 10am-6pm, Monday-Friday and 10am-5pm, Saturday and Sunday.

For more information visit www.balkan-icons.com or www.london.anglican.org/NewsShow_5546.

Iona Community Big Sing at All Hallows by the Tower

An opportunity to sing your heart out in this period of Lent, with songs from the world church and the Iona Community. The evening will be led by former musicians from Iona Abbey. Free entrance with retiring collection for the Iona Community Growing Hope Appeal.

23 March, 6.30pm for 7pm start. Refreshments provided. The exhibition of Balkan Icons will be open during the course of the evening.

JustShare Debate - 'Should Directors be made Legally Accountable?'

In current company law, directors are not legally accountable for the impact of their companies on people and the environment. Many non-governmental organizations fear that this lack of transparency can result in a negative impact on the areas in which companies operate. This debate will examine the implications of amending the Company Law Reform Bill to make directors legally accountable.

Speakers at this debate are Deborah Doane, Chair, CORE Coalition, and Alun Michael MP, Minister of State for Industry and the Regions.

28 March, 1.05pm. All are welcome to come to this debate at St Mary le Bow Church, Cheapside. The debate will last for just under one hour.

For more information, contact Hannah by e: JustShare@stmarylebow.org.uk, or t: 07970695781.

Choral Evensong for Parish Singers at St Paul's Cathedral: preliminary notice

It is anticipated there will be a rehearsal on Saturday 29 July, 10am-2.30pm and on Sunday 30 July at 1pm for a 3.15pm service.

Even if your choir is small or does not sing evensong you will be most welcome to take part. Last year the choir of 120 singers drawn from around the diocese was acclaimed as a resounding success by the singers and the Dean and Chapter. It also featured in the Church Times.

An early indication of interest, in principle from you or your choir's members would be appreciated. Please do this by e: Mervyn.Hogg@blueyonder.co.uk.

Ian Hislop to speak at St Michael's, Cornhill

Ian Hislop, editor of Private Eye, will give the Address at Choral Evensong on Ash Wednesday, 1 March, at 5.30pm. The music will include Allegri *Misere* and Purcell *Thou Knowest, Lord*. Malmsey wine will be served after the service. For more information, t: 020 7248 3826.

PSALM events: For those who take ageing and faith seriously

Old and Young – Building Relationships Across The Generations. 16 March, 10.00am–3.45pm (coffee/tea from 9.30am) at St Pancras Church House, 1 Lancing Street NW1. The focus will be on sharing conversations and interests; talking about faith; the special contribution of older people to young people and how to develop special links and events for old and young. The day will be of interest to both those who are grandparents and those who aren't.

Cost: £10 to include a light lunch.

Preparing for Retirement. 25 March 10.00am–1.00pm (coffee/tea from 9.30am) at St Pancras Church House.

The focus will be on money matters (accessing tax relief, grants, and other forms of assistance); Time (opportunities in retirement) and relationships (looking at the changing nature of relationships). This seminar will be helpful for those approaching retirement, those who are already retired, and all with an interest in the subject

Cost: £5 to include information pack.

For more information or to book a place on either event contact Ann Morisy by t: 020 7388 5658 or e: PSALM@stpancraschurch.org.

Day of Renewal: The Holy Spirit and The Annunciation of the Lord

This day, hosted by St Margaret's Church, Lothbury, will be led by the Revd Gerard W Hughes, SJ. All are welcome. Please bring sandwiches; coffee and tea will be provided.

10.30am–4.15pm, 25 March. For more information, contact Rosemary Radley, 4 Beechwood Road, Sanderstead, Surrey CR2 0AA, t: 020 8657 1285.

Rock or Sand? Giving voice to the Word in an age of uncertainty

This conference is an opportunity for preachers of all denominations to hear what leading speakers have to say, to learn from each other and to share in worship and reflection.

5-8 June at the Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick, Derbyshire. The cost is £275 for full residential or £150 for non-residential.

For more information t: 01778 422 929, e: enquiries@collegeofpreachers.org.uk or visit www.collegeofpreachers.org.uk.

Anne Frank Cycle Challenge

The Anne Frank Trust UK is offering this opportunity to cycle from London to Anne Frank's home town, Amsterdam. The challenge is a chance to experience Holland at its best, from quiet picturesque villages to dramatic coast lines and vibrant cosmopolitan Amsterdam. You will also be given an exclusive VIP visit and reception at the Anne Frank House in the company of a survivor of the Holocaust and a tour of the Jewish Quarter of Amsterdam.

The Cycle Challenge will raise money for the vital work of the Trust in bringing communities together in a spirit of mutual tolerance and respect through exhibitions and educational programmes inspired by the short life and writings of Anne Frank.

26-29 August. For more information t: 020 7284 5858 or e: events@annefrank.org.uk.

Vocations Conference – ‘Where do I fit into the picture?’

This weekend conference provides an opportunity for participants to explore God's call on their life in the workplace and in the church. Talks and small group sessions will examine the meaning of vocation and the nature of personal gifts and skills, as well as giving information about different opportunities for service in the church and secular occupations, in the UK and overseas. The programme will include talks, discussion, worship and prayer, with time and space for reflection.

21-23 April. For information, contact Mrs Fran Brealey, Trinity College, Stoke Hill, Bristol BS9 1JP, t: 0117 968 2803, e: fran.brealey@trinity-bris.ac.uk or visit www.trinity-bris.ac.uk.

Retreats and events at Wydale Hall, near Scarborough

20-23 March: Mary in 21st century Life – a Retreat conducted by The Revd Canon Martin Warner

29 May – 1 June: Creative arts workshop week for all the family, includes music, art, photography and pottery

24–27 July: Christian Heritage Pilgrimage Retreat, includes visits to some of North Yorkshire's pilgrimage sites and finishes with a special Eucharist in York Minster

29-31 August: Praying with icons – a Retreat conducted by Antonia Lynn

A special rate for people wishing to stay for the weekend of 10-12 March is also available.

For more information contact Wydale Hall, Brompton by Sawdon, Scarborough N Yorks YO13 9DG, t: 01723 859270 or e: retreat@wydale.org.

Resources from the Society of Mary and Martha

Sheldon specialises in providing resources for people in ministry and/or their spouses, but many resources are open to everyone. Cluster of converted farm buildings, 45 acres of grounds with field and woodland walks, cosy accommodation, good food unobtrusive hospitality.

Myers Briggs Basic, 13-14 March and MBTI & Spirituality, 15 March. Led by Gordon Jeff and Dorothy Nicholson. The Basic workshop provides an introduction to other MBTI workshops such as the opportunity to explore its application to spirituality on the 15th. There is also a Quiet Day on Thursday 16 March. Basic £112 (includes Monday night), all 3 days £160 (includes Monday and Tuesday nights). Additional nights also available.

Enneagram Basic, 2–4 May. The Enneagram is best learned through the oral tradition, and Karen Webb is one of the country's leading teachers. Understand your unconscious habits of perception and how they create typical emotional and mental concerns and behaviour patterns. £196 includes Tuesday and Wednesday nights.

Book now for Sheldon's religion-free Clergy Family Holiday Weeks: 30 July – 5 August and 6–12 August. Typical costs for 2 adults and 2 children: £370 camping, £520 indoors fully inclusive.

Highways, Byways and Cul de Sacs: a retreat/workshop on mapping the journey led by Gordon Jeff and Dorothy Nicholson. Finding the best guidebooks and equipment, learning how to take bearings and read the signposts. Rocky paths and resting places, dragons and terra incognita – our tradition is rich with journey literature and metaphor. Exercises for individuals plus small group reflection. 17-21 July.

For more details t: 01647 252 752 or e: smm@sheldon.uk.com.