

**INFORMATION  
MARCH 2006**

**New Area Deans**

The Revd Jeremy Crossley, Rector of St Margaret, Lothbury, has been appointed as the next Area Dean of London, succeeding Preb David Paton who is to be the new Master of the Royal Foundation of St Katharine. Jeremy will take up the role on 1 April, 2006, with a commissioning service to take place towards the end of April.

The Revd Alistair Thom, Priest-in-charge of Emmanuel, Harrow Road and St Luke, West Kilburn is to be the next Area Dean of Paddington, to succeed the Revd William Wilson, Vicar of St James, Sussex Gardens. Alistair takes up the position on 1 March.

The Revd Gary Piper, Incumbent of St Matthew's, Fulham, was appointed Area Dean of Hammersmith and Fulham on 21 February 2006 to succeed the Revd Stephan Welch.

**Letter to PCC Secretaries**

The annual letter from the Synodical Secretary to PCC Secretaries is included with this mailing for information.

**Switching to renewable electricity and saving money**

As part of the 'green strategy' of the Diocese endorsed by the Bishop of London at November's Diocesan Synod, Diocesan House has made the switch to renewable electricity and made a saving at the same time. It is also possible to make this change at home and in our churches.

A letter from Michael Bye, Head of Property, explaining this change can be viewed by visiting <http://gabriel.london.anglican.org/open/PublicInformationIndex.shtm>.

**ALMA Contacts**

A message from the Bishop of Kensington, Chair of ALMA:

"After years of faithful and wise service to the ALMA link with the Church in Mozambique and Angola, Hugh Watkins retired last month as the ALMA Link Officer. Many people in the Diocese will be grateful for the advice that Hugh has given in relation to school and parish links as well as visits and all that needs to be done to obtain visas! We are very grateful for all that he has done.

"Hugh has been replaced as Link Officer by Peter Southwood who is a Reader in the Kensal Rise Team Ministry in the Willesden Area. Peter comes with a strong interest in the work of ALMA and is already getting a firm hold on the reins. His contact address is: [p.southwood@btinternet.com](mailto:p.southwood@btinternet.com).

"Another Reader from the Willesden Area, Sheenagh Burrell, has taken on the role of ALMA Communications Officer. Sheenagh is already a member of the ALMA Task Group and has certainly hit the ground running! She can be contacted on: [sheenaghrichard@burrell1980.freeserve.co.uk](mailto:sheenaghrichard@burrell1980.freeserve.co.uk).

"Also, we are thrilled that the next Archdeacon of Northolt, Rachel Treweek, will be joining the group as the member of the Senior Staff carrying the portfolio for World Church and Inter-Faith. Rachel was part of a group that visited the dioceses of Lebombo and Nyassa along with me in 2002 and her parish in Bethnal Green has a parish link in Lebombo. Again, Rachel joins us with enthusiasm and experience for the ALMA link.

"For your information, these are the other members of the Task Group and the areas for which they take responsibility:

"Sue Parks: Visits and Exchanges; Simon Sheldon: Fundraising; Chuli Scarfe: Mission Agency Liaison; Mike Clark: Advocacy; Chris Brice: Diocesan Global Development Group; Andrew Wilson: Parish and School Twinning; Sheenagh Burrell and Ann Peterkin: Parish Representatives Liaison."

### **New resources published to help churches bring baptism to life**

*My Baptism Book* and *The Baptism Cube* have been produced in response to demand from children's work specialists in dioceses and parishes across the Church of England and follow the success of previous publications such as *The Communion Cube* (and accompanying book) and *The Lord's Prayer Cube*.

The new resources, written by the Church's National Children's Officer, Diana Murrie, explore the life-giving nature of water, the biblical background to the sacrament, and the symbolism of the baptism service. The cube unfolds to reveal a series of vivid illustrations using clear language to appeal to young ears and eyes and, together with the book, the resources create a complementary package unparalleled in the current Christian marketplace.

The books are available from all Christian bookshops and Church House Bookshop, 31 Great Smith Street, London SW1P 3BN, t: 020 7898 1300, e: [bookshop@c-of-e.org.uk](mailto:bookshop@c-of-e.org.uk), or visit [www.chbookshop.co.uk](http://www.chbookshop.co.uk).

### **Psalters and hymn books needed**

A member of the congregation of Holy Trinity, Mile End, who will be returning home to The Gambia later this year wonders if anyone has an unwanted set of Psalters or hymn books which they might donate to the choir of her home church.

The Revd Michael Peet, Vicar of Holy Trinity, would be very grateful to pass on any offers. He can be contacted by t: 020 8980 2074 or e: [michael@mpeet.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:michael@mpeet.fsnet.co.uk).

### **Shelter's Easter Appeal**

Shelter is running an Easter Appeal and asking churches to consider holding a service and collection to help homeless or badly housed people. Resources including prayers, hymns and a case study are available at <http://england.shelter.org.uk/howtohelp/howtohelp-2717.cfm>.

### **Update on the Diocese of London Lent Appeal 2005 for Health Projects in Southern Africa**

The wanton loss of life that accompanies extreme poverty impinges on all of us. Our desire, as Christians, to be present to the suffering body of Christ is real, but finding mechanisms to alleviate this suffering and tackling its root causes can be daunting. In Lent 2005 the Diocese of London worked alongside five mission and development agencies who are part of our Diocesan Global Development Group and who have partners in Southern Africa. £75,000 was raised (in a Lent that came soon after the generous response to the tsunami) for five health related projects run by CMS, Christian Aid, the Mothers' Union, CrossLinks, and USPG. The Diocesan global Development group has published an article/leaflet expressing the agencies huge appreciation for the money raised and giving up to date information on the way each project has been helped by our efforts. This is now available on the Diocesan website at [www.london.anglican.org/resources/LentAppeal2005/2006DraftReportOn2005LentAppeal.pdf](http://www.london.anglican.org/resources/LentAppeal2005/2006DraftReportOn2005LentAppeal.pdf).

## **PEOPLE**

### **Into the Diocese**

The Revd Richard Carter, Missionary Priest with the Melanesian Mission, is to be Associate Vicar at St Martin-in-the-Fields (03/04), from 1 May.

The Revd Nigel Asbridge, Missioner for the Children's Society and Licensed Preacher Under Seal, is now also NSM Curate at St Alphege, Edmonton (18/02) and NSM Curate at St Matthew, Ponders End (18/29).

The Revd Sqn Ldr Nicholas Pneumaticatos has replaced the Revd Andrew Jolly as Station Chaplain at RAF Uxbridge (25/96).

### **Within the diocese**

#### **Stepney**

The Revd Rachel Montgomery, Incumbent of St James the Less, Bethnal Green (07/05), is to be Archdeacon of Northolt from 14 May 2005.

The Revd Robert Wright is now NSM Curate at St Katherine, Westway (08/16).

The Revd Gary Piper, Incumbent of St Matthew, Fulham (08/09), is now also Area Dean of Hammersmith and Fulham.

#### **Edmonton**

The Revd David John, NSM Curate at St Cuthbert, West Hampstead (16/04), is to be NSM Priest in Charge of St Cuthbert, West Hampstead, from 28 March.

The Revd Simon Grigg, Incumbent of St Mary Magdalene, Munster Square (17/09), is to be Rector of St Paul, Covent Garden (03/08), from 10 May.

The Revd Andrew Dangerfield, Incumbent of St Paul, Tottenham (19/15), is to be Incumbent of St John, Kensal Green (02/06), from 14 June.

#### **Willesden**

The Revd Jacob Owusu Kyei-Baffour, formerly holding permission to officiate, is now NSM House for Duty Curate at St Andrew and St Francis, Willesden Green (21/13).

Revd Will Donaldson, Incumbent of St John with St James, West Ealing (22/05), is now also Willesden Area Director of Ordinands.

The Revd Greville Thomas, Priest in Charge of St Mary, Northolt (23/09), is to be Rector of St Mary, Northolt, from 2 May.

### **Out of the diocese**

#### **Retiring**

The Revd John Townsend, Incumbent of Jesus Church, Forty Hill (18/24), will retire on 30 April.

#### **Resigning**

The Revd Jack Harris, Incumbent of St Peter, Belsize Park (16/10), has resigned from 31 March.

The Revd Mark Young, Priest in Charge of St Cuthbert, West Hampstead (16/04) and Priest in Charge of Holy Trinity, Hampstead (1613), has resigned from 28 February.