

**EVENTS
APRIL 2006**

The Churches of the City of London

Many of these 'hidden gems' have for years been very difficult to get into. Now there is an opportunity to be guided round a large number of them.

The Friends of the City Churches, a charity dedicated to keeping the churches open and better known, has arranged to have most of the churches in the western half of the City open on Saturday 6 May, and the churches in the eastern half on Tuesday 11 July.

On 6 May the tours will start from St Anne and St Agnes, the lovely red brick church by Wren in Gresham Street. Each 1½ hour tour will include three churches and any gardens graveyards and towers that exist nearby. In the afternoon the tours will be repeated, so one should be able to see at least six churches in detail on the day.

On 11 July the tours will all start from St Michael Cornhill and cover the eastern churches in much the same way.

Full details can be found on www.london-city-churches.org.uk, by writing to the Friends at St Magnus the Martyr, Lower Thames Street, London EC3R 6DN, or by t: 020 7626 1555.

Exhibition of Balkan Icons

Some of the finest contemporary Orthodox Christian icons from the Balkan countries (Bulgaria, Greece, Romania and Serbia & Montenegro) are on view at All Hallows by the Tower at the request of the Bishop of London until 19 May. 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.

A Taste of Cursillo: 6-7 June 2006

A twenty-four hour residential conference for clergy of the Diocese of London at the Royal Foundation of St Katharine.

The Conference, which begins with lunch on Tuesday 6 June and ends with lunch on Wednesday 7 June 2006, has received generous financial support from Sion College and the Archdeacon of London. This allows this event to be offered to clergy at a cost of £15 per person including full board and lodging. Numbers are limited and places will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

The Conference is designed to provide clergy across the Diocese with an opportunity to learn about and gain some experience of the Cursillo movement so that many more parishes can benefit from this resource, which is already up and running in the Diocese. Cursillo is an effective tool for enhancing the life and mission of the church. It offers a proven method by which lay people and clergy are renewed and empowered for mission, and has the support of the Bishop of London and the Area Bishops.

To express interest or for further information please contact the Revd Michael Bolley by t: 020 8574 3839 or e: michael@bolley.freeserve.co.uk.

Gospel and Blues at All Hallows'

Internationally acclaimed singer, performer and writer Barb Jungr sings Brel, Dylan and Gospel and Blues from her forthcoming album. An atmospheric evening of beautiful singing.

All Hallows by the Tower, 27 April, 7.30pm. Tickets are £11 (concessions £9). Contact the box office by t: 01635 522 733. Proceeds to the 'Medical Foundation for the Care of Victims of Torture'. For further information, see www.allhallowsbythetower.org.uk/barbjungr.htm.

Sutton's Hospital in Charterhouse

Sung Requiem on the twenty-fifth anniversary of the death of the Reverend Father Geoffrey Curtis CR, 1902–1981

Sunday 30 April, 5.30pm. Father Curtis marked the Quatercentenary of the Carthusian Martyrs by editing *The Passion and Martyrdom of the Holy English Carthusian Fathers*, published by the Church Historical Society (1935) and by causing a memorial to the Martyrs to be placed in Chapel Court at the Charterhouse. Preacher: the Reverend Father Antony Grant CR.

Evening Prayer with Commemoration of the Carthusian Martyrs
Thursday 4 May, 5.30pm.

If you intend to be present at either of the services at Charterhouse Square, EC1M 6AN, then please t: 020 7253 9503.

Open Day at St Stephen's House, Oxford

St Stephen's House, an Anglican foundation in the University of Oxford, offers formation, education and training for a variety of qualifications and ministries. There will be an Open Day on Saturday 6 May, 10am–4.30pm. Events include Mass and Evensong and Benediction, presentations by vocations advisers, individual consultations and a buffet lunch.

For further information please e: enquiries@ssho.ox.ac.uk, t: 01865 247874, or visit www.ssho.ox.ac.uk.

Sarum College Politics and Theology Programme

Spring Conference: Aid, Trade, Debt and Sustainability - where are we now? 21-23 April. £120. With Robert Pearce (Christian Aid), Dr Wilf Wilde, Jonathan Bartley and Fiona Hulbert.

One-term Politics and Theology Studies:

Places are available for one-term study of four modules, available May-August 2006, for £199: *Christians and the Churches in British Politics, 1850-2000*; *Social Policy*; *Medical Ethics and Public Policy*; *Gender and Public Policy*.

For details or to book a place, contact Fiona Hulbert, Co-ordinator, Politics and Theology Programme by t: 01722 424838 or e: fh@sarum.ac.uk. For details of the Politics and Theology Programme see www.sarum.ac.uk/society.

The Passion of Jesus of Nazareth – Francis Grier

The UK and broadcast premiere of Francis Grier's setting of words by Elizabeth Cook, a member of the congregation at St Dunstan's, Stepney, will be given by the choristers of King's College, Cambridge, the BBC Singers and Enymion. It will be conducted by Stephen Cleobury.

14 April, 7.40pm at King's College, Cambridge. Tickets are available for £26, £23, £18 and £5 (unsighted). The performance will be broadcast live on BBC Radio 3.