

**INFORMATION
APRIL 2006**

St Ethelburga Fellow in Christian-Muslim Relations

Dr Chris Hewer has been appointed as the St Ethelburga Fellow in Christian-Muslim Relations. He comes from a background in Christian theology, education and Islamic Studies and has worked in the field of Muslims in Britain and Christian-Muslim relations since 1986. During much of this time, he was attached to the Centre for the Study of Islam and Christian-Muslim Relations at Selly Oak in Birmingham and from 1999 to 2005 worked as the Adviser on Inter-Faith Relations to the Bishop of Birmingham. He is the author of two important books in this field: *The Essence of Islam*, Redemptorist Publications, 2002; and *Understanding Islam: the first ten steps*, SCM Press, 2006.

Dr Hewer is available for courses and occasional talks to help people understand Islam and think about Christian-Muslim relations, and also for consultation in these areas. He can be contacted at the St Ethelburga Centre, 78 Bishopsgate, EC2N 4AG or by e: ChrisHewer@stethelburgas.org.

John Slater Scholarship Fund

A John Slater Scholarship Fund has been established in memory of Fr John Slater (Curate of All Saints' Margaret Street (1970-77), Vicar of St Saviour, Warwick Avenue (1977-83), Vicar of St John's Wood (1983-2001), Rector of St George, Hanover Square (2001-4)). The Fund will make one or more substantial grants each year to clergy of the diocese, intending to travel abroad in the course of their continuing professional development and theological education. Because John was especially grateful for his own experiences at Union Theological Seminary in New York and at St George's Jerusalem, priority will be given to applicants intending to travel in the USA or to the Holy Land. All clergy beneficed or licensed in the diocese of London, or having the Bishop's Permission to Officiate, are eligible to apply.

Details and application forms are available by e: office.stjohnswood@london.anglican.org or t: 020 7586 3864. Applications for grants to support travel up to the end of 2007 need to be received by 5 June 2006. In this first year, one or more grants may be made to a total value of £2000. (It is expected that this sum will increase in future years).

Confirmation Gift Booklet written by Mike Starkey

The latest in a series of devotional booklets published by the Bible Reading Fellowship is on confirmation, by Mike Starkey, Vicar of Holy Trinity, Twickenham. It contains daily Bible readings and thoughts for those preparing for confirmation and those recently confirmed. Mike is a former news journalist, and the booklet is written in a lively and engaging style. A good way to help teen or adult candidates explore the meaning of their confirmation. Published in April, it's available from Christian bookshops and online distributors for £1.99.

MIB Travel

MIB Travel specialises in group travel to Israel, Jordan, Christian sites in Turkey and other places of Christian interest and heritage. Run by a clergyman, it is a Christian company operating on Christian principles and so some of what they make is ploughed back into the Church or Diocese from which the pilgrimage originates.

For more information, contact the Revd Mark Madely, 41 Ing Terrace, Halifax HX3 7LBY, t: 0871 6660 262 or e: mark@mibtravel.co.uk.

The Organists' Benevolent League

For nearly one hundred years the Organists' Benevolent League has been helping organists or their dependents through difficult times with financial assistance. The current President, Dr Martin Neary, chairs a committee of Trustees from all over the country, who consider each application for assistance. The League is non-denominational and is not connected with any other institution.

Requests for help for organists or their families should be addressed to The Secretary, The Organists' Benevolent League, 10 Stratford Place, London W1C 1BA.

Meissen Library Appeal

The Meissen Library, housed at Durham Cathedral, is a prestigious collection of German theology across the spectrum of theological disciplines. It was established as part of the Meissen Agreement between the Church of England and the Protestant Churches in Germany.

The appeal's initial fundraising target is £80,000 to make the Library's resources easier to access. The first step will be to employ a professional cataloguer to bring the catalogue up to modern standards by integrating with Durham University's online catalogue.

To make a donation contact Professor Ann Loades CBE, Secretary, The Meissen Library Appeal, Durham Cathedral Library, The College, Durham DH1 3EH.

PEOPLE

Into the Diocese

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

The Revd Leo Bacleon Varquez, Assistant Priest at St Luke, Kingstanding, Birmingham, is now Assistant Chaplain at University College Hospital Trust (17/94).

The Revd Antony Homer, Assistant Priest at Christ Church and St Mary Magdalene, St Leonard's on Sea, Diocese of Chichester, is to be Associate Vicar at Hornsey Parish (20/05) and Chaplain to Bishop Stopford School (1/886), from 19 May.

The Revd Stephen Collier is now NSM Curate at All Hallows, Greenford (23/03).

Within the Diocese

Two Cities

The Revd Elizabeth Griffiths, Curate at St Martin in the Fields (03/04), is to be Associate Vicar at St Martin in the Fields, from 14 May.

Edmonton

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 Gillian Tuffin, NSM Associate Priest at St Barnabas, Northolt (23/11), is now NSM Curate at St Barnabas, Northolt.

The Revd Gareth Jones, Chaplain (Maternity Cover) of Ealing NHS Trust (23/99), is to be Chaplain of Ealing NHS Trust from 18 May.

The Revd Steve Newbold, Curate in the Christ Church Roxeth Team (24/05), is to be Associate Vicar in the Christ Church Roxeth Team, from 1 July.

The Revd Bill White, NSM Permanent Deacon at St John, Hillingdon (25/08) and Hospital Chapel Deacon at Hillingdon Hospital, is now NSM Permanent Deacon at St Laurence, Cowley (25/01) and will continue as Hospital Chapel Deacon at Hillingdon Hospital.

Out of the Diocese

The Revd, Jonathan Triffitt, Curate at St Luke, West Kilburn (02/04), is to be Associate Vicar at Sherborne Abbey and Chaplain of the Gryphon School, Diocese of Salisbury, from 3 April.

The Revd Jonathan Wilkes, Priest in Charge of St Peter, Elgin Avenue (02/12) and St Mary Magdalene, Paddington (02/10), is to be Team Rector of All Saints with St John, Kingston, Diocese of Southwark, from 29 April.

The Revd Stella Green, Curate at St Thomas, Stamford Hill (05/05), is to be Priest in Charge of Horsford, Felthorpe and Hevingham, Diocese of Norwich, from 9 June.

The Revd Robert Mackley, Curate at Holy Redeemer, Clerkenwell (06/30) and St Mark, Myddleton Square (06/32), is to be Curate at Our Lady and St Nicholas, Diocese of Liverpool, from 19 July.

The Revd Simon Howell, Curate at Emmanuel, Northwood (24/13), is to be Team Vicar in the Keynsham Team Ministry, Diocese of Bath and Wells, from 13 September.

The Revd Alan Stewart, Curate at St John, Great Stanmore (24/19), is to be Priest in Charge of Hertford, St Andrew and Hertingfordbury, Diocese of St Albans, from 16 April.