

**EVENTS
JUNE 2006**

Faithful Cities: A Call for Celebration, Vision and Justice

A Symposium to mark the launch of this key report by the Churches Commission on Urban Life and Faith

A half day Seminar organised by the London Churches Group for Social Action for church leaders and social activists to hear about some of the key issues identified by CCULF on social policy issues.

Speakers include The Revd Baroness Richardson of Callow, Chair of the Commission, and other members of the Commission.

Thursday, 15 June, 12.30-5pm at Methodist Central Hall, Westminster. For more information contact Elizabeth Simon, Executive Officer of London Churches Group for Social Action by t: 020 7222 0281.

ALMA Sunday

ALMA Sunday, 9 July, is an opportunity to celebrate and promote the London Diocesan Links with Mozambique and Angola. Why not arrange a preacher from ALMA for that Sunday or have a collection for one of the ALMA charitable funds (e.g. ALMA's Children)?

For more information about ALMA contact the Link Officer, Peter Southwood, by e: peter.southwood@london.anglican.org or visit www.london.anglican.org/ALMA.

Moot: Blah Spiritual Formation

Many emerging churches/fresh expressions have emphasised 'belonging without necessarily believing' and faith as a journey of life. But the question remains - how do people in new forms of Church find and continue to grow in faith? And what instruction or resources need to be in place to facilitate this important spiritual journey?

This study day, with John Drane, Andrew Roberts and Ben Edson, seeks to explore practically the issues and potential solutions for contemporary forms of Christian formation.

10am-4pm, 17 June, at St Matthew's, Westminster. To book, visit www.mollyguard.com/event/25706890. Payment can be made by credit card, via PayPal or by cheque (made payable to 'St Matthews Church' and sent to the Revd Ian Mobsby, St Matthews Church, 20 Great Peter Street, London, SW1P 2BU).

The day includes lunch and drinks. The learning days are hosted by moot and run in partnership with blah...

Racial Justice Sunday

Racial Justice Sunday, 10 September 2006, is an opportunity to learn, think and pray about racial justice; celebrate human dignity and diversity; make a commitment to work for racial justice; and raise money for the Racial Justice fund. The Racial Justice fund supports projects around Britain and Ireland which are working to challenge injustice, improve opportunity and create better community relations. The fund relies on donations made on Racial Justice Sunday to continue its work. Please consider helping by organizing a collection or fundraising event at your church.

For more information or for Racial Justice Sunday materials t: 020 7654 7254 or e: ccrj@ctbi.org.uk.

Keeping faith with the Environment

A presentation and discussion led by Tony Whitten, Senior Biodiversity Specialist for the World Bank, Washington DC, in celebration of World Environment Day.

8pm, Tuesday 6 June, at All Saints Church, Carnegie St N1 9QW.

Glimpses of light out of the darkness of mental illness

London is a place of extremes, and for many reasons, London is also a place where mental health problems are rife. From stress caused in the workplace, strains of expectations at home, to life on the streets and inadequate counselling and listening facilities offered by the NHS.

In response to the many mental health problems that we face either in our communities, our churches or ourselves, St Mary's Church in Eversholt Street near Euston Station is organising a workshop on the use of music and singing in the alleviation of mental health problems.

The workshop is on Sunday 18 June, and it will be led by John Bell from the Iona Community. Information about John can be found at: www.giamusic.com/artists/Bell-John.cfm.

John will preach at the morning service at 11am, and then at 2pm he will lead the music workshop, to finish at 4pm with an act of worship in which all who suffer from mental health problems of one sort or another will be prayed for.

The workshop forms part of the St Mary's 180th birthday year celebration, as they seek new ways of supporting home and family life, and it is open to all who have an interest in supporting those who suffer from mental health problems – both clergy, laity, medical practitioners and anyone else who feels led to join them.

For more details please contact the Revd Rob Wickham or the Revd Christopher Cawres by t: 020 7387 7301.

A call to musical and creative Two Cities clergy

Are you a keen singer or do you play a musical instrument? Would you be interested in contributing to the worship during the Two Cities Conference (Merville, 10-12 October)?

If so, please contact the Revd Bertrand Olivier, worship coordinator, by e: bertrand@ahbtt.org.uk with details of your instrument/voice/other talents by the end of June. A planning meeting will be organised in July (date and venue to be confirmed).

10th National Conference on the Deanery

This is a conference at which people involved in deanery work can share experiences of practical initiatives for serving the community and developing mission and ministry.

Speakers will include the Revd Steve Chalke, Ann Morisy, Jim Cotter and the Rt Revd Michael Bourke, Bishop of Wolverhampton.

29 September to 1 October at the Hayes Conference Centre. For more information visit www.chdg.org.uk.

Witness Seminar: Faith in the City

The Centre for Contemporary British History is organising a half-day conference to discuss the content and impact of Faith in the City: The Archbishop of Canterbury's Commission on Urban Priority Areas. Faith in the City, was significant not only for its observations on the state of Britain's inner-city poor, but also the agenda it put forward for the revitalisation of the urban Church.

The Centre for Contemporary British History regularly organises such witness seminars, which may be described as group interviews whose aim is to revisit key through the recollections of those who were closely involved. These seminars are recorded, transcribed and finally published. The aim is to provide a unique oral history account that will be a resource for researchers, academics and laity.

The seminar will cover four crucial areas: the establishment of the Commission, the researching and writing of Faith in the City; the reaction to Faith in the City by other faith groups, by the press, government and opposition parties; what Faith in the City reveals about the state of the Anglican Church and the Church's relationship with the State in the 1980s; and the long-term impact of the report for government, the Church and the inner cities.

5 July, 1.30-5pm, Beveridge Hall, Senate House, Malet Street WC1E 7HU. Tickets £10 (£5 concessions), including the reception after the seminar. More information from Liza Filby, e: liza.filby@sas.ac.uk, t: 020 7862 8751 or visit www.icbh.ac.uk.