

**INFORMATION
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Bishop's Council Report

A report of the recent Bishop's Council meeting is now available on the diocesan website: www.london.anglican.org/NewsShow_6072.

Clergy Safety

The Clergy Safety Group has updated and augmented information on this subject on the Diocesan website. Please visit www.london.anglican.org/Regulations/clergy-safety for further information.

Communications Training

A suite of new documents: 'Media Enquiries', 'Writing a News Release', 'Gaining Media Attention', 'Parish Websites' and 'Filming in Churches' is now available at www.london.anglican.org/Regulations/media.html. Clergy are also reminded that a wide range of communications training courses organised by the National Church are available. For full details please visit www.commstraining.cofe.anglican.org.

Subscribe to the Social Justice Newsletter and Community Ministry Newsletter

The latest editions of these newsletters are available electronically at www.london.anglican.org/SocialJustice. If you want to subscribe to either please email Nikky Wiggins at caroll.potter@london.anglican.org.

Job Vacancies

Vacancies around the Diocese for a variety of jobs, including priests, organists, pastoral assistants and parish administrators, are advertised on the diocesan website. Visit www.london.anglican.org/JobVacancies for the complete listing or to advertise your vacancy.

Church of England Energy Audit – 'Measuring our Footprint'

This year the Diocese of London will be joining the Church of England environmental initiative 'Measuring our Footprint'.

Over the coming months a simple recording form will be sent to all parishes. The information will be collected electronically and will be used to review how the Diocese currently uses energy.

Over the next two years, parishes and diocesan offices will be encouraged to work at energy reduction measures with a view to reducing consumption. A follow-up audit of our 2007 consumption will indicate how successful we have been.

More information can be obtained from Chris Brice, t: 020 7932 1121, or Michael Bye, t: 020 7932 1243.

The climate of Poverty – Christian Aid Climate Change Report

Climate change is now threatening development goals for billions of the world's poorest people, with a clear danger that recent gains in reducing poverty will be thrown into reverse in coming decades. But the report also offers the vision of a different future – a revolution in development thinking that could see poor regions using renewable energy to power a new, and clean, era of prosperity.

The full report can be found at www.christianaid.org.uk/indepth/605caweek/index.htm.

Anglicans are feeding the poor in Myanmar

This Harvest, the mission agency USPG is inviting churches in Britain and Ireland to be inspired by the work of the Anglican Church with impoverished communities in Myanmar (formerly Burma).

A free all-age Harvest worship booklet - available now from USPG - tells the story of the Revd Saw Stylo, a priest in Toungoo Diocese, Myanmar, who has set up a fish farming programme and is teaching agricultural skills in rural communities. The Revd Stylo received funding from USPG to attend a 10-month agricultural training course in Japan, where he learned the valuable skills that he is now passing on to his neighbours.

For a free copy of USPG's Harvest resources booklet containing an all-age service, prayers from Myanmar, children's activities and posters, t: 020 7803 3422,
e: enquiries@uspg.org.uk, or visit www.uspg.org.uk.

Youth Worker Vacancy

All Saints, Islington, is looking a youth worker, half time, JNC level 2. They are offering cross-cultural mission opportunities and work with churched young people in a lively evangelical church.

For more information contact the Revd Martyn Saunders by t: 020 7837 0720,
e: martyn.saunders@london.anglican.org or visit www.churchonthecorner.org.uk/jobs. The closing date for applications is 10 July and interviews will be held on 15/16 July.

St John's Extension Studies – Study Theology from home

Certificate of Higher Education in Theology and Vocation
Diploma of Higher Education in Theology and Vocation

Each course lasts between one and four years and combines distance learning with three short residential periods at college. You work at your own pace with support from tutors and have the opportunity to meet other students at summer schools and weekend events. Both courses start with an Induction Weekend 8-10 September 2006.

St John's has been running the Certificate successfully for a number of years and has developed Diploma level studies in response to student demand. This new course is equivalent to the second year of a degree programme. It is designed primarily to help lay Christians work out their faith in the everyday world, but is also being used for ministry training in some sections of the church.

Normal progression is from Certificate to Diploma but applications will be considered from students who have completed a Cert HE with another educational institution.

Further details of these and other resources in theology, vocation, counselling and healing from St John's Extension Studies, Bramcote, Nottingham NG9 3RL, t: 0115 925 1114,
e: ext.studies@stjohns-nottm.ac.uk or visit www.stjohns-nottm.ac.uk.

The American Memorial Chapel Travel Grant

Each year the English-Speaking Union, and educational charity based in London, offers up to £1,800 to British clergy for travel in the USA. The aim of the AMCTG is to foster understanding and the exchange of ideas between clergy of all denominations in this country and in the USA. Past scholars have used the grant for a wide range of projects.

For more details contact Natasha Planter, The English-Speaking Union, t: 020 7529 1550.

PEOPLE

Into the Diocese

The Revd Stephen Divall, Regional Team Leader for the Universities and Colleges Christian fellowship, Diocese of Ely, is to be Incumbent of St Helen with Holy Trinity, Kensington (11/04), from 6 July.

Within the Diocese

Edmonton

The Revd Paul Nicholson, Curate at St Mary the Virgin, Primrose Hill (16/09), is to be Priest in Charge of St Saviour, Hampstead (16/11), and Priest in Charge of St Peter, Belsize Park (16/10) from 9 July and 16 July respectively.

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The Revd Derath Durkin (nee Carter), Curate at Christ Church, Harlington (25/04A), is to be Team Vicar in the Brentford Team Ministry (10/01), with special responsibility for St Faith's, Brentford, from 1 June.