

**EVENTS
AUGUST 2006**

The London Challenge

You will shortly be receiving a communication about The London Challenge 2007 to 2012. Meanwhile, please note that this is to be launched at a service in St Paul's Cathedral on 8 February 2007 at 7pm. All diocesan clergy, readers and churchwardens will be invited to that service. Details will follow.

Get OUT More – Church Army Sunday

'Get OUT More' is Church Army's campaign to encourage churches to reach beyond their walls and engage with the local community. They have provided a number of action ideas and group study guides to help with this.

Church Army Sunday is on 24 September. More information and resources, including ideas for prayers and readings, are available from www.churcharmy.org.uk/gom.

Jesus and the Human: The Mystery of the Son of Man

Professor Emeritus Walter Wink will guide people in a reflection on the central mystery of the Christian faith, the affirmation that in Jesus people encounter the Divine in the human. He will be asking why Jesus preferred to refer to himself as 'Son of Man', why God is referred to as 'human' in Ezekiel and Ezekiel as 'child of the human'; and how this might affect our understandings of our own journeys, and of our own struggles to make and keep life really human.

Walter Wink is the author of the widely acclaimed trilogy 'Engaging the Powers'.

Wednesday, 30 August at London Mennonite Centre, 14 Shepherds Hill, London, N6 5AQ. For more information on this and other events, t: 020 8340 8775 or e: crosscurrents@menno.org.uk.

Contextual Theology Centre Events

Faithful Cities: Ann Morisy, Director of the Commission of Urban Life and Faith (www.culf.org.uk), will speak about the recently-launched report on 28 July on Westminster Abbey.

Engaging with Faith Communities: The Centre's new Congregational resource pack is online and there will be Study Days on 9 and 23 September.

Urban Theology Forum: July's meeting with Uzo Agyare-Kumi has been postponed. The next Forum meeting on 'Liturgy in a Changing Context' will be on 26 October with Canon Lucy Winkett, Precentor of St Paul's Cathedral.

For more details about events at the Contextual Theology Centre, visit www.theology-centre.org.

Becoming an intentionally multi-cultural Church

This conference, at St James, Alperton, is held in association with CPAS and is for church ministers who want to grow multi-cultural fellowships in multi-faith environments. The conference will aim to inspire those already involved and to encourage others to become involved; to cast a vision for future ministry in a multi-cultural context; and to consider the setting up of an informal network of all involved with or interested in ministry in a multi-cultural context.

For more information, contact John Root by t: 020 8902 1729 or e: stjames.john@gmail.com.

A N Wilson – John Betjeman’s Journey of Faith

A N Wilson will talk about his new work, a biography of John Betjeman at 7pm at All Saints, Margaret Street.

The talk will be preceded at 6.30pm by a Low Mass of Thanksgiving for the 75th anniversary of the translation of the Image of Our Lady of Walsingham to the restored Holy House.

Experiencing Sacred Britain – Churches Tourism Association National Convention

This convention, concerning attracting more visitors to churches and sacred places and helping people to experience them, will be held 20-22 November at The Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick, Derbyshire.

The cost is £150 for CTA members, £170 individual church concession and £225 standard rate. For an application form or further information, contact Verity Stroud, CTA Convention 2006, c/o The Churches Conservation Trust, 1 West Smithfield, London EC1A 9EE.