

**INFORMATION
AUGUST 2006**

Foreign language speakers

The Bishop of London is keen to know who the foreign language speakers are amongst the clergy, and he would be grateful if they could let him know by e: bishop@london.clara.co.uk.

Director of Communications – a message from the General Secretary

After more than six years with the Diocese, Melissa Hutchings, has decided to return to freelance consulting. During her time with us she has transformed diocesan communications for the better. I know, that with me, you will want to wish her well for the future.

She leaves on 11 August with our thanks and good wishes.

Job Vacancies

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

Seeds of Hope – Harvest Festival Resource

Churches are being offered free resources from overseas development charity *Harvest Help*. This charity, which works with poor and isolated rural communities in Africa, has produced Seeds of Hope a resource pack for Harvest Festival, based on readings from Genesis and Mark's Gospel. It contains sermon, service and music ideas as well as details of the charity's work, fundraising and children's activities.

To order your free copy, t: 01952 260699, f: 01952 247158 or e: info@harvesthelp.org, giving your name, address and the name of your church.

Counselling Training with St John's Extension Studies

Places are available on two courses from St John's, Nottingham – Counselling Skills for Pastoral Care; and Postgraduate Certificate in Pastoral Counselling.

More details are available by contacting Marjorie Townsend, St John's Extension Studies, Chilwell Lane, Nottingham NG9 3RL, t: 0115 925 1114 or e: m.townsend@stjohns-nottm.ac.uk.

Free snooker table

Emmanuel Church, Northwood, is offering a 6ft by 4ft snooker table to the first person who wants it so long as they can take it away. It is in reasonable condition and has been used at Emmanuel for some years. If this would be beneficial for your church youth project or similar ministries then please contact e: alastair.middlemist@ecn.org.uk.

Street Pastors in Enfield

This project began in March and 30 volunteers from Enfield have nearly completed their training with the Ascension Trust. They are now looking for more Christians, who have a heart for young people and those needing help after dark, as the next training course begins in September.

For more information, contact Alison Hicks, t: 07962 979547 or e: enfield@streetpastors.wanadoo.co.uk.

BBC Climate Chaos

Have you seen the BBC series on Climate Chaos and are wondering how to respond? Eco-congregation provides a framework for churches to weave environmental issues into every aspect of church life, from worship, through looking at practical issues to do with buildings and land, to reaching out to local and global communities.

All the resources and more information are available from www.ecocongregation.org.

Nominees for the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service 2007

To celebrate her Golden Jubilee in 2002, the Queen announced a new annual UK National Honour to recognise and reward excellence in voluntary activities carried out by groups in the community. The Award is given in recognition of outstanding achievement by groups of two or more people in the United Kingdom, who volunteer their own time to enhance and improve the quality of life and opportunity for individuals or other groups in the community.

Successful groups will receive a certificate signed by The Queen. They will also receive a commemorative piece of crystal for display at their main place of operation.

More information is available from www.london.anglican.org/NewsShow_6278, www.queensawardvoluntary.gov.uk or by t: 0845 000 2002.

Asylum Principles – Handbook for Churches Working on Asylum Issues

This publication provides a resource for Christians who want to offer a welcome to the stranger in their midst.

For more information contact Margaret Pattinson, Churches' Commission for Racial Justice (CCRJ) by t: 020 7654 7241 or visit www.ctbi.org.uk.

Mission in London's Economy

Mission in London's Economy (MiLE) is a new Christian, independent, ecumenical and pan-London organization. It aims, among other things, to coordinate the churches' interventions in discussion of London's economy; to respond on behalf of the churches to consultation exercises on London's economy and to recruit, train, support, insure and supervise workplace chaplains.

To view its newsletter, visit www.mile.org.uk.

'Foundation Stones' Newsletter - Foundation for People with Learning Disabilities

The Foundation has been working on a project to make day services better for people with learning disabilities as well as looking at which services are doing well and which are not.

A new film has also been produced by the Foundation to help faith communities to include people with learning disabilities. The video production team interviewed people with learning disabilities and faith leaders from some of the major religions. For further information, visit www.learningdisabilities.org.uk.

'London Age' Newsletter – Focussing on older people and ageing in the capital

This issue focuses on the many ways in which older people are trying to secure a healthier life for themselves and to be part of a healthier society. For example, Dr Jane Pettifer looks at issues that will be personal to many readers as we all age. Professor Sue Atkinson CBE sets out ways in which policymakers are taking heed of older people's own wishes and so putting healthier lives for older people at the centre of their efforts to improve society's approach to ageing.

For further information on these and other articles, visit www.aclondon.org.uk.

Contact the elderly

Contact the Elderly is a charity that organises groups which arrange regular meetings for tea and companionship. The groups consist of hosts, drivers and guests.

If you know anyone who might be interested in getting involved, more information can be found at www.contact-the-elderly.org.

PEOPLE

Into the Diocese

Two Cities

The Revd Sally Wright, Honorary Curate at St John with St Andrew, Peckham, Diocese of Southwark, is to be Chaplain at Guildhall School of Music and Drama (01/98), from 1 September.

Willesden

The Revd Dean Ayres, Curate at Christ Church, Epsom Common, Diocese of Guildford, is to be Chaplain at Thames Valley University (23/90), from 1 September.

The Revd Giles Pinnock, Curate at Stony Stratford and Calverton, Diocese of Oxford, is to be Incumbent of St Mary the Virgin, Kenton (24/10), from 9 September.

The Revd Graham Watts, Curate at St Paul's, Camberley, Diocese of Guildford, is to be Associate Vicar at Emmanuel, Northwood, with Special Responsibility for Hillside Community Church (24/13), from 28 September.

Within the Diocese

Stepney

The Revd Karen Reeves, Curate at St Peter De Beauvoir Town (05/14), is now Curate at St James with St Paul, Islington (06/12).

The Revd Peniel Rajkumar, NSM Curate in the Upper Holloway Team Ministry (06/18), is to be Stipendiary Curate in the Upper Holloway Team Ministry, from 1 September.

Kensington

The Revd Thomas Gillum, Priest in Charge of St Jude, Courtfield Gardens (12/06), is now Warden of the Community of St Jude.

The Revd Andrew Keighley, Curate at Holy Trinity, Brompton (12/09), is to be Priest in Charge of Holy Trinity, Hampstead (16/13), from 9 October.

The Revd Daniel Eshun, Curate at The Parish of Staines (13/07), is to be Curate at St Thomas with St Andrew and St Philip, Kensal Town (11/12), from 6 August. He will be licensed as Priest in Charge on 1 September.

Edmonton

The Revd Martin Poole, Incumbent of St Matthias, Colindale (15/07), is to be Incumbent of Christ Church and St Mary Magdalene, Munster Square (17/09), from 28 September.

The Revd David Hilborn, Curate at St Mary, Acton (22/12), is to be Director of Studies at North Thames Ministerial Training College from 1 September.

Willesden

The Revd Maggie Davidge-Smith, Honorary Assistant Priest (Part Time) at St Dunstan, East Acton (22/18) and Assistant Chaplain at Ealing Hospital Trust, Meadow House Hospice, West Middlesex University Hospital NHS Trust and Lakeside Mental Health Unit, is to be Chaplain of Ealing NHS Trust (23/99), from 1 September.

The Revd Andrew Corsie, Priest in Charge of St Mary with St Nicholas, Perivale (23/13), is to be Rector of St Mary with St Nicholas, Perivale (23/13), from 31 July.

Out of the Diocese

Two Cities

The Revd Jutta Brueck, Chaplain at Guildhall School of Music and Drama (01/98), is to vacate this appointment on 31 August.

Edmonton

The Revd Jane Markby, NSM Curate at All Saints, Edmonton (18/01), is to be Chaplain at Haberdasher's Aske's Boys School, Elstree, Diocese of St Albans, from 6 August.

Willesden

The Revd Anne Ilsley, NSM Curate at St Mary, Harefield (25/03), is to House for Duty Priest, Dorchester Team Ministry, with Special Responsibility for the Bridge Group of Parishes, Diocese of Oxford, from 18 October.

Retiring

The Revd Alan Chidwick, NSM Curate at St Peter, Eaton Square (03/18), has retired.

The Revd Geoff Garner, Incumbent of St Mary, Bow Road (07/11), is to retire on 31 July.

The Revd Douglas Fletcher, Incumbent of St Thomas with St Andrew and St Philip, Kensal Town (11/12), is to retire on 31 August.