

**INFORMATION
SEPTEMBER 2006**

St Paul's Confirmation Service

There will be a Confirmation Service in St Paul's Cathedral on Saturday 4 November at 11am at which the Bishop of Stepney will preside. Clergy are welcome to present candidates for Confirmation only; or for Baptism and Confirmation.

It would be appreciated if presenting clergy would provide the following information for every candidate they present: name, address and date of birth; date and place of Baptism; name and occupation of parents (for candidates for Baptism); and name of presenting priest and parish.

This information should be sent to Mrs Susan Charles, the Liturgical Administrator at the Cathedral, by Friday 20 October at the latest, at The Chapter House, St Paul's Churchyard, London EC4M 8AD, or e: susanc@stpaulscathedral.org.uk.

Due to the administrative requirements associated with this service, it will only be possible to receive details of candidates by letter or email and only those candidates who have been notified to the Cathedral by 20 October can be included in the service.

Presenting clergy are very welcome to robe (surplice and white stole). There will be a rehearsal for candidates and presenting clergy in the Cathedral at 9.30am on 4 November, during which the Bishop of Stepney will meet with the candidates informally. Any enquiries relating to the liturgical arrangements or to the rehearsal can be made to the Succentor, the Revd Simon Reynolds, at the above address or by e: succentor@stpaulscathedral.org.uk.

London Diocese Lent Appeal 2007 – Being Wilberforce!

The 200th Anniversary of the abolition of the slave trade in Britain provides a great opportunity for us to give and pray for people round the world who are working to end modern-day slavery. Next year's Lent Appeal will help us do just that. Essential details are given in the attached message from the Bishop of Willesden, with more to follow in the autumn.

Job vacancies and a legal note

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 or to subscribe to receive notification of new vacancies.

Parishes are welcome to use the website to advertise vacancies although it is important for all concerned that legislation and best practice are followed. For example, the advertised position should not be filled before the closing date for applications. This practice could be deemed to be discriminatory by not affording an equal opportunity to all applicants.

If anyone would like further details on recruitment best practice, please contact Paula Bailey, Personnel Manager by e: paula.bailey@london.anglican.org or visit the ACAS (Advisory Conciliation and Arbitration Service) website: www.acas.org.uk/index.aspx?articleid=744.

Bats in the Belfry

If you would like to see the law about bats in churches change, visit www.nectonallsaints.com.

Archbishops' Certificate in Public Worship

Sion College is heavily subsidising this course, which Jeremy Haselock is leading in the City of London. There are also some free places for NSMs. Please see the attached flyer.

Book-keeper available

The Financial Assistant (part-time) at St James the Less Church, SW1, seeks further employment with Church or Charity - salary negotiable.

For CV and references please contact Tony Pinkney, t: 020 7828 8427 or e: tonypinkney@lineone.net.

Through the Bible Through the Year – new book by John Stott

This book, by Rector Emeritus of All Souls, Langham Place, offers reflections on the books of the Bible from Genesis to Revelation. These daily readings take the reader through the Scriptures with an emphasis on both the 'big picture' of the story of God and the nature of God as Trinity.

'Through the Bible Through the Year' is published by Candle Books. For further details, or to request a review copy, please contact Caroline Nicholls at Candle Books by t: 01865 302 750 or e: carolinen@lionhudson.com.

Wanted: Theatre Chaplains

There are vacancies for chaplains to theatres in central and outer London. If you enjoy the world of theatre and are interested in finding out more about this work please contact Lorraine Spenceley, Administrator, Actors' Church Union, St Paul's Covent Garden by t: 020 7240 0344 or e: actors-church.union@tiscali.co.uk.

Multi Faith Chaplaincy in the Courts

Over the last few years, as a result of local initiatives, a number of chaplaincies have been set up in court centres. Although the developments so far have taken place on an ad hoc basis, the Lord Chancellor has now approved the production of a brochure concerning multi-faith court chaplaincy with a view to promoting and encouraging further growth in this area. For more information contact Garry Winder, HMCS HQ Customer Service by t: 020 7189 2194 or e: winder.garry@dca.gsi.gov.uk.

Green Matters – Freecycle

Freecycle groups match people who have things they want to get rid of with people who can use them. The goal is to keep usable items out of landfills. The main rule: everything posted must be free and legal. For more information and to join the local group visit www.freecycle.org.

SEA – RENU: Helping You Reduce Your Environmental Impact

This is a not for profit and environmental charity working with businesses, local authorities, schools and the wider community to deliver practical and affordable solutions to London's environmental challenges. This booklet reports on various case studies that they have done. For more information t: 020 7582 9191 or visit www.sustainable-energy.org.uk.

Prisoners' Families & Friends Service Newsletter

Articles and other contents include 'A unique service for prisoners' families in London', Launch of new publication, Court Project News, Training report, Greetings from Charlotte Collard, A Court Volunteer's View, Easter at the Swan Centre and PFFS News. For more information, visit www.prisonersfamiliesandfriends.org.uk.

PEOPLE

Into the Diocese

The Revd Nicholas Papadopoulos, Senior Chaplain and Press Officer to the Bishop of Salisbury, Diocese of Salisbury, is to be Incumbent of St Peter, Eaton Square (03/18), from 18 January 2007.

The Revd Thomas Pyke, Incumbent of St Paul's, Birmingham, and Industrial Chaplain to the Jewellery Quarter, Diocese of Birmingham, is to be Incumbent of Christ Church with St John and St Luke, Isle of Dogs (07/09), from 16 November.

Within the Diocese

Two Cities

The Revd Julian Browning, NSM Curate at St Saviour, Paddington (02/13), is to be NSM Curate at St Cyprian, Clarence Gate (04/06), from 15 September.

The Revd David Cherry, Chaplain at University of Westminster (04/95), is to be NSM Priest in Charge of St Cyprian, Clarence Gate (04/06), from 15 September.

Kensington

The Revd Julie Gittoes, Curate at St James, Hampton Hill (09/04), is to be Incumbent of All Saints, Hampton (09/02), from 5 September.

The Revd Mark Hargreaves, Incumbent of St Peter, Notting Hill (11/09), is also to be Area Dean of Kensington from 6 September.

Edmonton

The Revd Christopher Cawrse, holding Permission to Officiate, is to be House for Duty, Priest in Charge of Holy Cross, Cromer Street (17/10), from 17 September.

The Revd Robert Wickham, Team Vicar in the parish of Old St Pancras (17/20), is to be Rector of St John at Hackney (05/01) from 15th March 2007.

Out of the Diocese

The Revd Simon Patch, Curate at St Dunstan and All Saints, Stepney (07/19), vacated his appointment on 31 July.

The Revd Sonia Arnold, Associate Vicar at St Simon, Rockley Road (08/21), and Dean of Women's Ministry, will vacate her present appointment on 6 September.

The Revd Michaela Wood, NSM Curate at St Augustine, Whitton (09/11), is to vacate her appointment on 31 August.

The Revd Will Gibbs, Curate at St Mary Abbots, Kensington (11/01), is to be Incumbent of Redbourn, Diocese of St Albans, from 6 September.

The Revd Raymonde Robinson, Incumbent of St Mark, Noel Park (19/11), is to retire on 31 October.

RIP

The Venerable Dr Brian Kirk-Duncan, Incumbent of St Mary at Hill, Eastcheap (01/16), died on 4 August.