

**INFORMATION
OCTOBER 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.

Social Justice Calendar

The Social Justice calendar has been updated for 2007 and is available to view at www.london.anglican.org/SocialJustice.

Preparation of New Electoral Roll

Please note that the preparation of new Electoral Rolls is due to take place next year in 2007.

This, in fact, allows for only a five year interval since the last renewal of the Roll in 2002, and was based on a decision made by the General Synod to fall in line with the cycle of synodical elections.

Future renewals of the Electoral Roll will continue on the usual six-yearly cycle.

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 or to subscribe to receive notification of new vacancies.

Promoting Climate Change Bill

Christian Ecology Link is supporting the Friends of the Earth 'Big Ask Big Month Big Lobby' campaign. It has created a message board whereby activists can exchange tips, network and arrange to visit MPs together. You can find it at www.foe.co.uk/lobby.

The New Episcopal Vacation Exchange

The New Episcopal Vacation Exchange is now open for 2007 Vacation Exchange listings.

For more than two decades, the Episcopal Vacation Exchange has operated as a non-profit service intended to facilitate the exchange of homes among Anglican/Episcopal clergy for vacation purposes. It is a simple online service. Proposals for exchanges are received during autumn, to be published in Advent.

For NEVE information or an application form, visit www.saintnicks.com/NEVE.php.

Churches and their patron saints: an appeal to congregations

Dr Graham Jones, of St John's College, Oxford, is preparing a book on church dedications, the first comprehensive study of the subject for a hundred years, to be published next year by Tempus. Its title is 'Saints in the Landscape: Heaven and earth in season and locality'.

He would be like to hear from any church which has a story connected with its dedication, particularly if the medieval dedication is known from wills or other documents, or if the patron saint is depicted in ancient painting, stained glass or sculpture. Sometimes the name of the patron saint becomes popular as a baptismal name in the locality. Perhaps a particular custom is observed on the patronal festival. Patron saints occasionally have their names attached to features of the landscape. Photographs and line drawings will be most welcome.

The best of the information will be used in the book and any illustrations used will be gratefully acknowledged. The book is due to be finished and handed to the publishers at the end of December.

Dr Jones can be contacted by e: graham.jones@sjc.ox.ac.uk.

The Archbishops' Certificate in Public Worship

This course, led by the Revd Canon Jeremy Haselock and organised by the Guild of Church Musicians in conjunction with Sion College, is for all who lead public worship.

For more information, see the flyer in last month's mailing or visit www.churchmusicians.org.

PEOPLE

Into the Diocese

The Revd Sami Watts, Curate at St Paul's Camberley, Diocese of Guildford, is to be NSM Curate at Emmanuel, Northwood (24/13), from 28 September.

Within the Diocese

Edmonton

The Revd Jim Linthicum, Chaplain to the Barnet and Chase Farm Hospitals NHS Trust (14/84) and NSM Curate at St Mary the Virgin, Monken Hadley (14/16), is to be Senior Chaplain to Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children NHS Trust (17/99) from 11 December.

Retiring

The Revd John Pridmore, Incumbent of St John at Hackney (05/01), is to retire on 31 October.

The Revd Noel Walter, Chaplain at Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children NHS Trust (17/99), is to retire on 31 December.