

**INFORMATION
NOVEMBER 2006**

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.

Diocesan Lent Appeal 2007 – ‘Take the Shackles off my Feet so I can Dance’

Sabina was only 12 years old when she ended up in a brothel in India. Sabina is just one of the many children and adults the London Diocesan Lent Appeal 2007 aims to support by raising money to help trafficked and oppressed people in the world's poorest countries. Appeal material will be sent out in early January. They will help connect your church to the current issues of slavery and trafficking as well as giving us all a way to do something about it – to be 21st Century Wilberforces

Go to www.london.anglican.org/LentAppeal for a sneak preview of the appeal. For further details contact Chris Brice by t: 020 7932 1121 or e: chris.brice@london.anglican.org.

The Big Lottery Community Buildings Fund

This £50 million fund exists to give communities the chance to improve their quality of life through the development of buildings to provide greater community services and activities. Grants will range from £50,000 to £500,000 and the entire £50 million fund will be committed by 30 June 2008.

Pointers on how to apply are available at www.london.anglican.org/BigLottery.

A history of the Bible in English

Channel 4 is researching a documentary about the history of the Bible in English, one part of which will try to express how important it is to modern Christians to have the Bible in their language.

More information is available at www.london.anglican.org/NewsShow_6595.

Theft of building materials from churches

There have been recent reports of churches being broken into to allow the removal of central heating pipes, lead and other materials.

Will Aid 2006

PCC Treasurers have been sent details of 'Will Aid' as part of a legacy drive. Will Aid will run throughout November and provides a way to promote the giving of legacies to parishes and at the same time give a donation to the Will Aid parishes instead of paying a solicitor. Nine leading charities have recruited solicitors who will give their time for free to draw up basic wills. In return, the will-maker is invited to make a donation to a charity, which could be their own parish. More information is available from www.willaid.org.uk or t: 01460 271 178.

Churches Refugee Network Website - Resource for Parishes

The Churches Refugee Network started from very informal beginnings: Church members, in response to their Christian calling, began to minister to asylum seekers they met in their daily life. This website brings news from churches and faith groups nationwide on work being done with and for asylum seekers and refugees, as well as of important sign-posting to information in the legal and statutory areas of Asylum and Immigration. Visit www.ctbi.org.uk and search for 'Churches Refugee Network'.

PEOPLE

Into the Diocese

The Revd Nathaniel Yisa is to be NSM House for Duty Curate at St Olave, Woodberry Down (05/19) and St Andrew, Bethune Road (05/16), from 1 December.

The Revd Charles Card-Reynolds, Curate at The Most Holy Redeemer and St Mark, Reading, Diocese of Oxford, is to be Incumbent of St Bartholomew, Stamford Hill (05/28), from 7 November.

Within the Diocese

Edmonton

The Revd Mark Elliott-Smith, Incumbent of St Paul, New Southgate (14/11), is to be Incumbent of St Paul, Tottenham (19/15), from 2 February 2007.

The Revd Tarjei Park, Incumbent of St Alban, Golders Green (15/14), is now Assistant Priest at St Pancras, Euston Road (17/04).

Out of the Diocese

The Revd Martin Seeley, Incumbent of Christ Church, Isle of Dogs (07/09), is now Principal, Westcott House, Cambridge.

The Revd Anne Ilsley, NSM Curate at St Mary, Harefield (25/03), is now House for Duty Priest, Dorchester Team Ministry, with special responsibility for the Bridge Group of Parishes, Diocese of Oxford.