

**EVENTS
FEBRUARY 2007**

St Ethelburga's Centre for Reconciliation and Peace

St Ethelburga's organises and hosts a vast programme of events each year, that explore the relationship between faith and conflict, as well as inter-faith dialogue and training.

The programme of events is available to view and download at www.stethelburgas.org.

Priesthood of all believers: Retreat at the Society of Mary and Martha, Sheldon

This retreat is led by Clare Herbert, Rector of St Anne's Soho. Gathering, reconciling, bearing and understanding our humanity – the tasks of our common shared priesthood, of which the ordained ministry is one sign. A silent retreat for men and women, ordained and lay. 5pm 26 February to 10am 2 March. £200.

More information about this, and other retreats organised at Sheldon, is available from www.sheldon.uk.com.

Forthcoming JustShare Debates

'Global Poverty: the Empire Strikes Back'. Tuesday 27th February at 1.05pm. This JustShare debate will examine the root causes of poverty in the world today; do they lie in unjust debt and trade structures or is the deeper cause global capitalism and empire? Speakers at this debate are Wilf Wilde, political economist and author, and Andrew Britton, former director of the National Institute of Economic and Social Research.

'Treasure in Clay Jars: the Church and Her Money'. Tuesday 6th March at 1.05pm. The Church of England's approach to investment and the ethics that surround it, both historically and at present, will be explored. Speakers will be Eve Poole, academic, and Neville White, Manager of SRI funds CCLA and secretary to the Ethical Investment Advisory Group. This will be chaired by Christina Rees, Chair WATCH.

All are welcome at these debates which will take place at St Mary le Bow Church, Cheapside, London, EC2. The nearest Tube stations are Bank, St Paul's, and Mansion House. The debate will last just under one hour and finish by 1.55pm. If you have any queries please contact Hannah by e: JustShare@stmarylebow.org.uk or t: 07970 695 781.

JustShare is a coalition of churches and other agencies seeking to promote global economic justice to the City of London and its institutions, in order to bring about change to benefit the poor. www.justshare.org.uk.

There's Something about Mary - An Ecumenical Insight

Presented by The Cell of Our Lady of Walsingham and All Saints, Margaret Street.

Wednesday 28 February at 7.45pm. Speakers: The Rt Revd Dr Michael Nazir-Ali, Bishop of Rochester, and The Revd Canon Donald Bolen, Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity, with music from All Saints Choir and the participation of the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham; followed by refreshments.

Further information is available by e: allsaintscell@yahoo.co.uk or t: 07947 139 263.

Post Trauma Pastoral Care

Churches Together in North Thames have organised three single day courses for people who may be called upon to give pastoral care to people affected by a traumatic event. These complement the training offered to those involved with action at major incidents in offering effective help in giving pastoral care following a range of traumatic experiences.

The courses run from 9.30am to 4.15pm. 8 March, Totteridge Union Chapel (United Reformed Church), Northiam, N12 7ET (please bring your lunch). 27 March, The Guy Chester Centre, Pages Lane, N10 1PR (lunch provided). 26 April, All Hallows by the Tower, Byward Street, EC3R 5BJ (please bring your lunch). Tea and coffee will be provided at all venues.

For information and to book, contact Mrs Mandy Adams, Thames North Synod, Ipalo House, 32-34 Great Peter St London SW1P 2DB or t: 020 7799 5000.

National Walk of Witness

The Archbishops will lead the Walk of Witness from Whitehall Place and over Lambeth Bridge; while a separate party will begin a procession from William Wilberforce's church, Holy Trinity, by Clapham Common. The two simultaneous walks will culminate in a large-scale act of worship at Kennington Park to reflect on the lasting legacy of the slave trade and to pledge action to end modern forms of slavery.

For further information, or to register, contact the Walk of Witness team by t: 0870 321 2005 or visit www.makingourmark.org.uk.