

**INFORMATION
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London Challenge 2012

Please let people know about www.londonchallenge2012.org.uk, the website with all the information about London Challenge, including an online version of the brochure and the introductory film, which you are welcome to copy. Parishes are invited to share news of their work through the London Challenge bulletin boards.

Diocesan website: Church Finder

The Church Finder (www.london.anglican.org/ChurchFinder) facility on the diocesan website is often the first place people look for information about parishes, whether to find out which is their parish church or because they are visiting. To make the most of this facility it is important that the information is kept up to date – even if it is just basic contact information and a link to the parish's own website.

Every parish has a person assigned to edit these pages, usually the parish priest. All these people were sent log-in details by email in February as part of the London Challenge mailing. Forgotten passwords can be retrieved through the log-in link (www.london.anglican.org/Login) on the home page.

For Creed and Creation

The Bishop of London has launched with the Mayor of London, 'For Creed and Creation: A simple guidebook for running a greener church'. The guide is fun and full of useful information. It is written by Dr Gillian Straine, one of our ordinands who has a doctorate in climate science, and Nathan Oxley from the consultancy, Futerra, and is designed to help all parishes understand and act on cutting their energy use.

More information about the guide is online at www.london.anglican.org/NewsShow_7362. The guide can be downloaded from the Mayor's website: www.london.gov.uk/gla/publications/environment.jsp#creedcreation.

Diocesan Lent Appeal - Take the Shackles off my Feet so I can Dance

Resources to support this year's Lent Appeal have been distributed to all parishes and many have already raised thousands. Please visit www.london.anglican.org/LentAppeal to find out more and to donate.

Preparation of New Electoral Roll and Annual Meetings

Electoral rolls are due to be renewed in 2007. Letters have been sent to all incumbents and priests in charge, as well as 'starred' churchwardens and PCC secretaries. Electoral roll application forms and other documents for annual meetings can be downloaded from <http://gabriel.london.anglican.org>.

The Bereavement Register

This is a helpful way of preventing junk mail being sent to those who have died which often causes great distress for family members. You can find out more at www.the-bereavement-register.org.uk and can be sent leaflets if you register on the website.

Social Justice Newsletter – sign up for your free monthly copy

The latest edition of the Diocese of London Social Justice Newsletter is available online at www.london.anglican.org/SocialJustice.

- Information about Events, Campaigns, Publications, and Special Sundays of interest to all those concerned with building a better world.
- An Editorial exploring topical issues such as: Economic Inequality; Prayer and Fasting for Justice; Sex and the Environment; Destitute Asylum-Seekers in London; Racism; The Five Marks of Mission and Fair trade
- For free monthly e-mail version contact: Nikky Wiggins at t: 020 7932 1127 or e: nikky.wiggins@london.anglican.org.

Pastoral Care & Counselling: Launch of new national website

The Anglican Association of Advisers in Pastoral Care and Counselling has launched a new website with resources for Dioceses, Clergy and others in ministry: www.aaapcc.org.uk.

The website gives names and contact details for advisers in local areas, information about support for those in ministry, news of the association and new publications and links to other organisations providing support for those in ministry.

Let Children Speak Out

The Children's Society launches its 'Leaves of Life' initiative this Easter in parishes throughout the country, from 8 April - 27 May. 'Leaves of Life' is a worship resource for churches, children's groups and schools running between Easter and Pentecost, to help make the community a better place for children.

To find out more about Leaves of Life or to order free resource material, t: 0845 600 8585 or visit www.childrensociety.org.uk/leaves.

Ecclesiastical Insurance offers £1,500 prize for creative church fundraising

Cash prizes are being offered for the top twelve most innovative church fundraising ideas, and a chance to appear in a nationally-distributed calendar.

Entrants are asked to say what they are raising funds for; how they have organised a fundraising team; and what unusual ideas they have used to attract interest and support from the local community.

The top prize is £1,500, with second and third prizes of £750 and £500 respectively. Visit www.ecclesiastical.com/churchcomp for more details. The deadline is 31 May 2007.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Amazing Grace Sunday, 25 March; www.amazinggracesunday.com
- Chrism Mass and renewal of Ordination Vows, St Paul's Cathedral, Maundy Thursday, 5 April, 10.30am
- Christian Aid Week, 13-19 May; www.christianaid.org.uk
- Environment Sunday (formerly Conservation Sunday), 3 June
- Refugee Week, 18-24 June; www.refugeeweek.org.uk
- Ordination of Deacons, St Paul's Cathedral, Saturday 30 June, 5pm.

PEOPLE

Within the Diocese

The Revd Tom Haley, NSM Curate in the Hackney Marsh Team (05/09), is now NSM Team Vicar of the Hackney Marsh Team with special responsibility for The Risen Christ and All Souls, Clapton Park.

The Revd Lesley Perry, NSM Curate at All Saints, Fulham (08/01), is to be NSM Curate at St Mary Abbots with Christ Church and St Philip, Earls Court (11/16), from 26 March.

Out of the Diocese

The Revd John Itumu, Curate at St Gabriel, Cricklewood (21/17), is to be Associate Priest at St Paul and St Saviour, Herne Hill, Diocese of Southwark, from 30 April.

Retiring

The Revd Canon David Skeoch, Incumbent of St Gabriel, Warwick Square (03/14), is to retire on 31 March.

The Revd Preb William Booth, Sub Dean of the Chapels Royal, is to retire on 31 March.