

**INFORMATION
OCTOBER 2007**

Lent Appeal 2008

Next year there will be a Diocesan Lent appeal by which we are hoping to raise £75,000 to build a primary school in each of the dioceses of Lebombo, Niassa and Angola. Please remember this when your PCC is discussing next Lent: materials are being produced and will be sent to all parishes. This will help us to work towards Commitment 6c in London Challenge 2012: www.london.anglican.org/London-Challenge-Commitment_6. For more information about the work of ALMA visit www.almalink.org.

Organist available

Ian Shaw F.L.C.M., L.L.C.M., organist of St John, Greenhill, Harrow is free to deputise for midweek weddings and funerals etc. but is not available Sunday mornings. t: 020 8908 2339, 07828 159032 or e: ernesalln@aol.com.

The Churchwarden's Yearbook 2008

This is now available for £10.45. Contact Churchwarden Publications Ltd, PO Box 420, WARMINSTER BA12 9XB, t: 01985 840189, f: 01985 840243 or e: enquiries@churchwardenbooks.co.uk.

London Churches Christmas Appeal For Destitute Asylum-Seekers

The London Churches Hardship Fund for Refugees was established by the London Churches Refugee Network to raise funds for Church and Community Projects working with destitute asylum-seekers, primarily for travel, food and emergency accommodation. Entitled "The Flight into Egypt(no!)..London" the 2007 Christmas Appeal asks Churches and Christians to give generously to help those 'strangers in our midst' who are without a home, benefits, food, accommodation, travel and legal aid. Further info is available from Chris Brice, t: 020 7932 1121 or e: chris.brice@london.anglican.org.

"Whose World" – A free environmental study guide for parishes

These five easy to use discussion guides are by Professor Sam Berry, University College London, and member of the London Churches Environment Network. They aim to show that creation care is an integral part of the Christian faith and to demonstrate that we all have a part to play. Download this and more from www.londonchurchesgroup.org.uk.

Diocesan Fair Trade Website – Helping us Achieve Fair Trade Status as a Diocese

Achieving Fair Trade Diocese status is one of the London Challenge commitments. Increasing numbers of parishes across the Diocese have already registered as Fair Trade Churches and others are starting to use Fair trade tea, coffee and other products. If you want to get involved, visit the diocesan Fair Trade website at <http://fairtrade.london.anglican.org> for helpful resources - including a map of the Fair Trade status of every parish in the Diocese.

Dates for your diary

- International Day for Eradication of Poverty, 17 October; United Nations Association of Great Britain and Northern Ireland www.un.org
- One World Week, 21-28 October; www.oneworldweek.org
- Interfaith Week of Prayer for World Peace, 21-28 October; www.nfpb.gn.apc.org
- United Nations Day, 24 October; www.un.org
- Landmine Action Week, 29 October – 11 November; www.landmineaction.org
- Confirmations at St Paul's, 11am, 3 November
- Prisons Week and Prisons Sunday, 18-24 November; www.prisonweek.org
- World Aids Day Service, 25 November; 6.30pm at Southwark Cathedral

PEOPLE

Within the Diocese

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The Revd Rene Jarrett, Honorary Curate at St George, Bloomsbury (17/08), is also to be Chaplain to the Sierra Leonean Chaplaincy (17/78), from 2 October.

Out of the Diocese

The Revd Peter Rabin, Incumbent of St Peter, Cricklewood (15/08), is to be Team Vicar of St Nicholas, South Ockendon, Diocese of Chelmsford, from 12 November.