

**EVENTS
DECEMBER 2007**

St Paul's Cathedral Advent Procession Services

In two identical services, the Cathedral Choir sing by candlelight, moving through a darkened cathedral. Poetry and readings together with evocative music make this one of the most dramatic experiences of the year. Sunday 2 and Monday 3 December, 6-7pm.

PSALM: Taking ageing and faith seriously

PSALM has organised two events for Advent and Christmas. Visit www.psalms.org.uk for full details.

'A Quiet Day for Advent', led by the Revd Elaine Dando, at the London Centre for Spirituality, Lombard Street, EC3, on Monday 10 December, 11am-3.30pm.

'Little Christmas', a day to celebrate Epiphany on Friday 4 January 2008, 11am-3.30pm, at St Pancras Church House, 1 Lancing Street, London, NW1 1NA.

National Climate March - Global Day of Action

Join people all around the world to demand that the world leaders meeting at the UN Climate Talks in Bali act now to prevent the catastrophe that threatens us all and will hit the poorest nations first and hardest.

10am: Cycle Protest – assemble Lincoln Inns Fields, Holborn

11am: Service at St Matthews Church, 20 Great Peter Street (coffee from 10am)

12noon: Main March – assemble Millbank, south of Parliament Square

2.30pm: Rally at US Embassy – Grosvenor Square

Speakers will include Michael Meacher, Chris Huhne, George Monbiot and Caroline Lucas.

For further information about the day's programme t: 020 7833 9311 or visit www.campaigncc.org.

Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Eddie Askew

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Eddie Askew, General Director of The Leprosy Mission 1974-1987, Author and Painter, will take place at 11am on Wednesday 28 November at Bloomsbury Central Baptist Church, 235 Shaftesbury Avenue, London WC2H 8EP.

Discovering St Nicholas: the truth behind Father Christmas and Santa Claus

An exhibition for all ages, daily through December at All Hallows by the Tower, Tower Hill. Admission is free.

Faith in our Media: The Church and the News Agenda

You are invited to The Theos Forum at St Bride's, Fleet St, EC4. As keynote speaker, the Bishop of London will be in discussion with Sarah Sands, Journalist, Broadcaster and former Editor of the Sunday Telegraph.

Tuesday 4 December, 6.30 for 7pm, to be followed by an Advent drinks party. Entry is free. For more information e: info@stbrides.com or t: 020 7427 0133.

Beyond atheism? A discussion with John Cornwell and Mark Vernon

Does science require us to be atheists? Is atheism the only rational and intellectually credible approach to life? Can religion play any constructive role in today's world?

Thursday 13 December, 6.30pm at Waterstones Bookshop, 82 Gower St, WC1E 6EQ. See www.london.anglican.org/EventShow_8817 for more information or t: 020 7636 1577.

Messiah from scratch

Saturday 1 December, 7.30pm at Hornsey Parish Church, Cranley Gardens, N10. If you would like to join the choir for this performance, please bring your score with you. Rehearsal will be 2-5.30pm. Tea/refreshments will be provided for the singers at 5.30pm. A suggested donation of £5 will be welcome. Contact Fred Karlsson (Organist and Choirmaster) on 020 8458 8890 for more information.

Caister@Pakefield 2008 Retreat

Bookings are now being taken for this retreat. The keynote speakers include Canon Martin Warner from St Paul's Cathedral. 31 March-4 April, £185 full board. Visit www.fantheflame.co.uk for full details and to download a booking form.

Scenes from the York Mystery Plays

Performed by the Players of St Peter: 26-30 November at St Clement's Eastcheap. See www.theplayersofstpeter.org.uk for more information.

Home: a new play for churches based on the Exodus

The Rhema Theatre Company is looking for venues for their new production as part of their national tour. Visit www.rhematheatre.org for more information.

Act For Darfur: The 11th Hour

The Tricycle Theatre, The Pears Foundation and the Darfuri Community in the UK invite you to a groundbreaking arts festival fusing film, music, drama, art and photography with cutting-edge debate to inform, inspire and equip you to take action about the crisis in Darfur.

Sunday 2 December, 11am-10pm, The Tricycle Theatre, 269 Kilburn High Road, NW6 7JR. Cost: £5. For more information t: 020 7328 1000 or visit www.actfordarfur.org.uk.