

**EVENTS
FEBRUARY 2008**

Youth Alpha Conference

The Youth Alpha Conference, hosted in partnership with Youth for Christ, Soul Survivor and Youthwork Magazine, is designed for teenagers and youth leaders who want to see young people reached with the good news of Jesus Christ.

The conference will be hosted by Matt Costley & Rachael Heffer. There will be some great speakers from Youth for Christ, Soul Survivor, Youthwork Magazine and Alpha, including Mike Pilavachi, Roy Crowne, Gavin Calver, Matt Costley and Martin Saunders. There will be a second track of teaching for people who have attended the conference before. Book online at www.youthalpha.org.

21-22 February 2008. For more information contact HTB by t: 020 7052 0440 or e: htbconferences@htb.org.uk.

Desert in the City

Talks on the early desert fathers and mothers; meditation for the fast lane and reflective Celtic worship and music. With the Rt Revd Christopher Chessun and Ray Simpson. 13-15 February at the Royal Foundation of St Katharine.

For more information t: 01289 389249 or e: admin@ca-and-h.demon.co.uk.

Is a Just War Possible?

This one-day event has been designed for people who are professionally engaged in the study of warfare, involved in the operation of war, or active within a peace initiative, as well as for anyone who wishes to understand and debate one of the fundamental dilemmas or possible paradoxes of modern life: can war ever be just in the twenty-first century?

Monday 17 March, 10am–7pm at Cumberland Lodge, The Great Park, Windsor. For a registration form contact Janis Reeves by t: 01784 497794 or e: janis@cumberlandlodge.ac.uk.

Priorities in Pilgrimage

A day of reflection and study on Pilgrimage today. Speakers: Bishop David Hope (Being: Pilgrimage in the Holy Land); Dr Gavin Wakefield (Journeying: The Celtic Tradition); Canon Martin Warner (Prayer: Reflections from Walsingham).

Wednesday 12 March at St Mary Abbots Centre, London W8, 10.30am-3.45pm. Day fee including lunch £20. Send postcard with contact details, dietary requirements and a cheque for £20 made payable to LTG to 5, Brampton Court, Brough HU15 1DZ (0845 601 9567).

Debate: A Debt Too Far.... Will the Credit Crunch Hit the Poorest Hardest?

Ever wondered what exactly is 'the credit crunch'? What causes a debt crisis and what are the consequences? Does debt hit the poorest hardest, both within the UK and globally? Is there such a thing as irresponsible lending? Come and hear these issues discussed by Trish Rogers, head of the Jubilee Debt Campaign, and Rebecca O'Connor, Personal Finance Reporter at The Times. John Preston, author of 'Matter of Life and Debt' and the Church's National Stewardship and Resources Officer, will chair the debate.

Tuesday 19 February, 1.05pm-1.55pm, St Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside EC2V 6AU.

Beyond the Wilderness – Lenten Journeys

Identify your hidden desires, your soul's yearnings and your long held hopes and dreams in the heart of the city. From 12 February at the SW1 Gallery, Victoria. Visit www.moot.uk.net/communityarts for more information.

'What's the Point of Fairtrade?'

Does Fairtrade really help the poor? Is it a sop to the consciences of rich consumers in the West, or an opportunity for individuals to shop with principles? Is 'trade not aid' the answer? Does Fairtrade represent an increasingly powerful challenge to the prevailing international trading structure? Or is it actually postponing real systemic change?

Professor Paul Palmer (Cass Business School), Mark Boleat (Consultant specialising in trade associations), Chris Davis (Fairtrade Foundation), Sophie Tranchell (MD of Divine Chocolate), Kojo Aduhene-Tano and Paul Ayepah (both of Kuapa Kokoo Fairtrade Society, Ghana). The Chair will be Canon Ed Newell (St Paul's Institute).

Monday 25 February, 1.05pm-1.55pm, St Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside EC2V 6AU.

PSALM – Taking ageing and faith seriously

To learn more about the work of PSALM and events they organise, visit www.psalms.org.uk.

Opening Doors, Opening Hearts

A week of local events and poverty hearings across the UK, putting issues of poverty and homelessness on the agenda for churches and policy-makers everywhere. The packs are available from Housing Justice. t: 020 7723 7273 or e: hs@housingjustice.org.uk for further information. Visit www.church-poverty.org.uk.

Connecting Voices - an event for Poverty & Homelessness Week

An evening of poetry, music and the visual arts. Poet Laureate, Andrew Motion, with supporting cast of Streetwise Opera, First Base Arts Project, and Survivor's Poetry from Big Issue.

31 January at St Pancras Parish Church, Euston Road NW1. £10/£5 unwaged (includes glass of wine or juice) on the door. t: 020 7723 7273 or e: a.murray@housingjustice.org.uk.

Making Poverty History

The gap between rich and poor in the UK is wider than ever. A coalition of organisations concerned with poverty issues – housing, jobs, benefits and so on – have come together to get 'poverty at home' on the national agenda. Come and have your say. With keynote speaker Judith Maizel-Long, Deputy Director of Housing Justice.

3 February at 5pm. St Thomas More parish, 9 Henry Road, Manor House, N4 2LH. t: 020 8888 5188 or e: justiceandpeace@rcdow.uk.

The Challenges Facing Prisoners' Children and Families

A presentation about the research underpinning a new campaign spearheaded by four prison charities aimed at persuading the government that the maintenance of family ties is vital for the effective resettlement of prisoners and for the welfare of their children and families.

14 February, 3-5pm, at London Diocesan House. For more information, contact Chris Brice by t: 020 7932 1121 or e: chris.brice@london.anglican.org.

Workplace Chaplaincy launch

Advance notice of this new venture which extends a welcome to all those seeking to offer sector ministry to people working in transport, retail, the theatre, national and local government, the media, the construction industry and more.

16 April, 11am-3pm, at Trinity House, Southwark Diocesan Office, 4 Chapel Court, Borough high Street, London SE1 1HW. Contact David Driscoll by t: 020 7790 3540, e: info@mile.org.uk or visit www.mile.org.uk.

Travel Light: Following Jesus in a Consumer Culture

A day conference for those seeking to break out of consumerism and into a more generous lifestyle. It will include worship, teaching, Q&A panel and break out groups sharing realistic and practical inspiration for: shopping & fashion; generous finances; TV & technology; simple parenting; sustainable lifestyle; simple in the city; rediscovering community; connecting with the poor. The day is run by Breathe, a Christian network for simpler living (www.ibreathe.org.uk).

1 March, 10am-3pm, at St Paul's Hammersmith. Register on the day from 9:30am. £5 (£3 unwaged, unless money is a problem). Bring lunch or buy locally.

Opus 3 Concert

Works by Beethoven and Brahms, including Piano Quartet in C minor. Opus 3 ensemble with Martin Cropper, Viola, and Joanna Tomlinson, Mezzo Soprano.

7 February, 7.30pm, at St James's Piccadilly. £15, £12 concessions. Contact t: 020 7381 0441 or e: sjp.concerts@virgin.net.