

**INFORMATION
APRIL 2008**

St Mellitus Commissioning Service

The Bishops of London and Chelmsford will launch the new St Mellitus College on Wednesday 2 July at 7pm in St Paul's Cathedral. This service is open to everyone in the Dioceses of London and Chelmsford and especially to those who have an interest in theological training for both laity and clergy. It will provide an opportunity to celebrate this important new venture in theological and ministerial training in the two dioceses and to commend the staff and students to God in prayer and worship. This will also be the occasion for commissioning the Dean of St Mellitus, the Revd Dr Graham Tomlin, and the Directors of the two constituent bodies: the Revd Dr David Hilborn, Director of North Thames Ministerial Training Course (NTMTC) and the Revd Dr Andy Emerton, Director of St Paul's Theological College (SPTC).

No Hands But Ours: a new social justice resource for London churches

'No Hands but Ours' is a 28 page booklet packed with information, resources, ideas and spiritual inspiration to help local churches engage with issues of social justice; plus a step by step guide to setting up a local justice and peace group. It includes an interactive DVD of specially filmed 'beacons of hope' videos about social action projects in local churches addressing homelessness, refugees, fair-trade, peace and other issues; and interviews with some of London's church leaders. To order t: 020 7932 1121 or e: chris.brice@london.anglican.org. Sample some of the pack at www.london.anglican.org/SocialJustice.

London Diocese Fairtrade Day: a warm welcome and a fair trade cuppa

A poster and order form about the Diocese of London's 'Big Brew' on 12 July has been sent to every PCC secretary and chaplain in the Diocese. Parishes and chaplaincies are encouraged to get involved and to order their Fairtrade Big Brew pack of tea, coffee, sugar and biscuits for their local event. Contact Fran Chandler at kensington.wda@dsl.pipex.com or 01932 226935. Please use the order form to register your event and order resources by 9 May.

House swap opportunity with clergy family in New England

Four bedroom house in Vermont, close to lakes, walking trails and within reach of Boston, New York and Montreal, located within walking distance of the centre of a small town, and less than a mile from Shelburne Farms (beautiful walking trails, working farm, world famous cheese, and active summer programs for kids and adults), Shelburne Museum (one of the most extensive art collections in New England), and beautiful Lake Champlain. 2+ hours from Montreal, 3+ from Boston, 5+ from New York City. For more information, contact bobmacauley@msn.com.

St Lawrence, patron saint of archivists

The Society of Archivists are interested to hear from any parishes that intend to hold services or other commemorations on 10 August for St Lawrence, patron saint of archivists. Please e: james.lowry@nmc-uk.org with details.

Book keeper required

Sandford St Martin (Church of England) Trust seeks part time, qualified book keeper to arrange payments, maintain and prepare accounts for annual independent audit. Hours and payment by agreement but not less than two days a month. Apply in writing to Honorary Secretary (David Craig), Sandford St Martin Trust, Room 202, Church House, Great Smith Street, London SW1 3NZ.

Greek in a week!

A crash course at St John's College, Nottingham, led by Dr Mark Bredin. This taster will introduce you to the basics of New Testament Greek in a non-threatening environment. The

course is open to anyone. 14-18 July. For more details contact Teresa Harrison Withe on 0115 925 1117 or by e: t.harrison@stjohns-nottm.ac.uk.

BBC Choir Wars

This is billed as BBC One's search for the Nation's Favourite Choir. The closing date for applications is 11 April. Visit www.bbc.co.uk/choirwars for more information.

Job Vacancies

Vacancies around the Diocese for a variety of jobs, including priests, organists, pastoral assistants and parish administrators, are advertised on the diocesan website. Visit www.london.anglican.org/JobVacancies for the complete listing or to advertise your vacancy.

Dates for your diary

- Oscar Romero Commemoration Service, 29 March at 12noon at St Martin-in-the-Fields
- Christian Aid Week, 11-17 May; www.christianaid.org.uk
- Environment Sunday, 3 June; <http://en.arocha.org/ukconsunday/index2.html>
- Refugee Week, 16-22 June; www.refugeeweek.org.uk
- St Mellitus Commissioning Service, 2 July at 7pm at St Paul's Cathedral.

PEOPLE

Within the Diocese

The Revd Vernon Fray, SSM Associate Vicar at St Mark, Teddington and St John the Baptist, Hampton Wick (09/13), is now SSM Associate Vicar at St Philip and St James, Whitton (09/10).

The Revd Jack Knill-Jones, Incumbent of St Peter and St Paul, Teddington and St Michael and St George, Fulwell (09/14), is now also Chaplain of Teddington Memorial Hospital (09/99).

The Revd Pamela Heazell, SSM Priest in Charge of All Hallows, Greenford (23/03) is to be SSM Incumbent of All Hallows, Greenford, from 13 April.

The Revd Simon Evans, Incumbent of St Martin, Ruislip (25/12) is also to be Area Dean of Hillingdon Deanery (25/00) from 1 April. He is now also Canon Commissary in the Diocese of Wiawso, Ghana.

Out of the Diocese

The Revd Russell Ogston, Trust Chaplain at Homerton University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust (05/99), is to be Chaplain at Pilgrims Hospital, Thanet, Diocese of Canterbury, from 11 April.

The Revd Don Smith, Associate Vicar at St John with St James, West Ealing (22/05), is to be Rector of St Mary Magdalene, Frinton, Essex, Diocese of Chelmsford, from 10 June.

The Revd Sarah Hobbs, Assistant Curate at St John with St James, Ealing (22/05), is to be Incumbent of the Church of the Saviour, Blockhouse Bay, Auckland, New Zealand from 31 August.

Retiring

The Revd James Funnell, Incumbent of St John of Jerusalem with Christ Church, South Hackney (05/10) will retire on 31 March.

The Revd Jackie Fox, Incumbent of St Mary, Acton (21/12), will retire on 30 June.