

**EVENTS
MAY 2008**

Faith in Maintenance Training Day - Helping you look after your church building

Faith in Maintenance is an initiative run by the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings (SPAB) which aims to help volunteers who look after historic places of worship. It provides training to help you understand how your building works and how to solve problems caused by leaky gutters and blocked drains. The training courses are free, with lunch provided, and are available to any faith group using an historic building for worship.

Following the running of two highly successful days in the Diocese of London in 2007, another Faith in Maintenance course is taking place on Saturday 17 May 2008 between 10am and 4pm at St John on Bethnal Green. Each church is invited to bring up to two representatives. Places are limited so we would advise early booking. Full joining instructions will be sent to delegates once their booking is confirmed.

To book for the course please contact Kate Minnis, Project Administrator, SPAB Faith in Maintenance, 37 Spital Square, London E1 6DY. t: 020 7456 0913 or e: katem@spab.org.uk. For further information on Faith in Maintenance please see www.spabfim.org.uk/index.php.

Child Protection Training

This session will be led by Bob Cook and will give you a good grounding in the issues surrounding Child Protection. They will be a really valuable session for anyone involved in work with children. 31 May, 10am-4pm at Diocesan House. £15 including lunch. e: sam.donoghue@london.anglican.org for a booking form.

Global Day of Prayer in London

Praying for our communities, our nation & our world. Pentecost Sunday, 11 May at 2pm, at Millwall Football Stadium, with Graham Kendrick. Tickets 0845 652 8500 or www.gdoplondon.com.

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life and work of the Very Revd Alan Webster

All are welcome to attend. Clergy and readers are invited to robe. If you intend to robe, please notify the Revd Laura Burgess, sacrist@stpaulscathedral.org.uk by Tuesday 6 May, following which robing information will be sent out to those attending. 18 May, 3.15pm at St Paul's Cathedral.

Christian Aid 'Circle the City of London' Sponsored Walk 2008

A great day out for all the family. Meet jugglers and clowns, and see some of London's most famous sights. 18 May. Registration from 1pm at St Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, EC2 (where there'll be a short service at 1.15pm to launch the walk). Contact: london@christian-aid.org or 020 7523 2321/2105 for a walk pack.

Violence Reduction – A Strategy for Making Prisons Safer

With speaker Kate Eves, Head of Violence Reduction, Safer Custody and Offender Policy at the Home Office. With the London and Southwark Prisons and Penal Concerns Group. At Southwark Diocesan House: Trinity House, 4 Chapel Court, Borough High Street, SE1. 15 May at 3pm.

Journey to Justice - Breaking the chains of global debt

A celebration to mark ten years since the 70,000-strong human chain in 1998 and to demand that politicians finish the job. A powerful mix of speakers, interviews, music and film at the International Convention Centre, Birmingham. Followed by a public action in Centenary Square. Tickets £10 (£5 concessions) Book online at www.journeytojustice.org. 2.30pm on Sunday 18 May.

Churches Refugee Conference: Walking with Strangers

Saturday 17 May at Carr's Lane URC Church in Birmingham (coach for London participants). Contact Wendy Cooper by t: 020 7916 8632 or e: wendy.cooper@urc.org.uk.

Plume Estates Workshop

If you work/minister on housing estates you are invited to a PLUME estates workshop at St Peter Walworth on Wednesday 7th May from 10.30 till 3.30pm. Giles Goddard, the parish priest, will be speaking about the effect on the parish of the re development of the Elephant and Castle and the local estates, and there is the opportunity to see a church redeveloped for community ministry. Andy Turner will be updating us on the work of the CUF X project, and lunch will be provided.

Please contact Jack Maple on 020 7932 1122 for more information, and e: mary.nada@london.anglican.org to book a place. The cost of the day is £5.

London Festival of Contemporary Church Music

Described by The Church Times as "The church equivalent of the BBC Proms", the Festival runs from 10 to 18 May. Based at St Pancras Parish Church, and continuing to spread across London, this unique Festival is supported by many of the UK's foremost composers, including Michael Berkeley, Diana Burrell, Jonathan Dove, Michael Finnissy, Sebastian Forbes, Jonathan Harvey, Gabriel Jackson, Cecilia McDowall, Francis Pott, Robert Saxton and, with effect from 2008, Sir Peter Maxwell Davies and James MacMillan.

For the full programme, visit www.stpancraschurch.org.

Eucharist to mark the retirement of the Revd Preb Jackie Fox

The Revd Preb Jackie Fox, Rector of St Mary's Acton (former Willesden Area DDO) will be retiring at the end of June. In recognition of her 29 years of ministry in the Diocese of London there will be a Celebratory Eucharist at St Mary's, High Street, Acton at 8 pm on Wednesday 4 June. The Bishop of Willesden will preside and the Revd Canon John A. White, Vice Dean, College of St George, Windsor Castle will preach. All are invited to the service and for refreshments afterwards. Clergy are invited to robe: white stole. Further details available from The Revd Nicola Stanley: nvs@mosaicpublishing.co.uk.

JustShare debate for National Ethical Investment Week

'Ethical Investment: What's Behind It?' Speakers: Seb Beloe, Head of SRI, Henderson Global Investors; Giles Chitty, Partner, Holden & Partners; Stephen Hine, Head of International Relations, EIRIS. Chair: David Harris, Responsible Investment Manager, FTSE4Good.

Tuesday 20 May, 1:05pm at the offices of CCLA Investment Management, 7th Floor, 80 Cheapside, London EC2V 6DZ. Sponsored by CCLA Investment Management.

Where Shall I begin? Downsizing and Decluttering in Later Life

Friday 16 May 2008 11.00am-3.30pm. Coffee from 10.30am. Please bring a packed lunch - drinks provided. St Pancras Church House, 1 Lancing Street, NW1 1NA. Cost £10 (£8 for PSALM members). For more details, contact PSALM, The Gallery, St Pancras Church, Euston Road, NW1 2BA, e: psalm@stpancraschurch.org or t: 020 7388 5658.

Meditation: a Resource for Ministry

A day for those in ordained ministry or church leadership to explore how a practice of Christian meditation and contemplative living can enrich their ministry. It will be suitable for those beginning a practice of meditation as well as those who have been meditating for some time. Led by Fr Robin Burgess and Revd David Green

Thursday 22 May, 10.30-3.30pm at The London Christian Meditation Centre, St Mark's, Myddelton Square, London EC1R 1XX (Angel tube) www.christian-meditation.org.uk. Lunch is provided. A donation is requested in the day. £30 is suggested and cheques are payable to "Christian Meditation Trust (UK)". To book, email uk@wccm.org or phone 020 7833 9615.

Conferences at Holy Trinity Brompton

Alpha Conference (Part of EMEA Week 2008), 19-20 May

Alpha in The Workplace, 23 May

New Dynamic Prayer Conference, 5 June

For more details or to book online, please see www.htb.org.uk/conferences.

Can Communities in the UK Coexist?

Speakers: Professor Michael Keith, Director of Urban Studies, Goldsmiths College

Mr Stephen Douglas, Director, Housing Corporation. Chairperson:

Baroness Julia Neuberger, DBE.

14 May, 7pm, at JZ Young Lecture Theatre, University College London, Gower Street, London WC2. £6 to cover costs. Call 020 7388 8822 to book a place.

Please: Forgive Us Our Debts

JustShare's annual May Day event 2008, on the steps of the Royal Exchange in the heart of the City. This year the theme will be the impact of debt on poorer people both within the UK and globally; highly topical in the current financial climate and with the Jubilee Debt Campaign's Journey to Justice coming up. Ann Pettifor and Larry Elliott will be speaking, and there will be campaigning stalls run by development agencies and music from local schools. All are welcome. Friday 2 May 2008, 12-2pm at the Royal Exchange, City of London.

Contextual Theology Centre Spring 2008 Programme

Visit www.theology-centre.org for details of the spring programme.

Bishop Simeon Trust

A meeting at St George's Church Campden Hill to launch the "Give a Child a Chance" initiative in South Africa. 23 May, Eucharist at 6.30pm followed by the meeting and refreshments. See www.london.anglican.org/EventShow_9728 for more information.