

**INFORMATION
MAY 2008**

The London Diocesan Course in Spiritual Direction

A two-year ecumenical course for all who feel God is calling them to this much-needed ministry. We also offer a follow-up course called 'Enlarging the Space' for experienced directors, which meets monthly on a Friday afternoon.

For information send a C5 s.a.e. to: The Administrator, LDCSD, St Mary Woolnoth Vestry, Lombard Street, London EC3V 9A. t: 020 7621 1392 or e: ldcsd@spiritualitycentre.org. The closing date for applications for the two-year course is 31 July.

Co-ordinator Appointed to Presence and Engagement Network

Susanne Mitchell will be co-ordinating the Greater London Presence and Engagement Network (PEN). PEN is an initiative of the four Anglican Dioceses which cover Greater London. The Co-ordinator will administer and develop this new network, which has been set up to equip the Church of England's parish and sector based ministries for mission and ministry in multi Faith contexts.

PEN is based at the Contextual Theology Centre t: 020 7780 1600 or e: PEN@theology-centre.org. The Centre is housed at The Royal Foundation of St Katharine in Limehouse. The post of Network Co-ordinator is a part-time appointment, and Susanne will usually work Mondays and Wednesdays.

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.

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

Download booklet from www.london.anglican.org/socialjustice. Order a copy, with DVD, by t: 020 7932 1121 or e: chris.brice@london.anglican.org.

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

Please register your event and order your resources by 9 May. Please see the enclosed flyer. Contact Fran Chandler at kensington.wda@dsl.pipex.com or 01932 226935 for more information.

Briefing for London Churches about London and the Local Elections

As the local elections loom and Christians in London turn their attention to their responsibilities for active engagement with the democratic process, this is a very useful briefing for Churches in London. See the attached flyer for specific information about the London Mayoral and GLA Elections; useful London Churches contacts; an outline of the functions and purposes of local government and politics; and a Christian response to political extremism.

Inner-City of God: the diary of an East End parson

John Pridmore writes a captivating, moving, funny and self-deprecating account of life as an inner-city priest in one of the most deprived parts of London.

The Directors of SCM-Canterbury Press have invited members of the Diocese to a reception to celebrate the publication of this book: 15 May April, 12.30pm at Church House Bookshop. RSVP by Thursday 7 May to Margaret Tosh, Canterbury Press: Margaret@scm-canterburypress.co.uk or t: 020 7776 7540.

Counselling courses at St John's Nottingham

Applications are being taken for 2008/9 courses in Pastoral Counselling, Counselling Skills for Pastoral Care and Listening Skills. Visit www.stjohns-nottm.ac.uk/page/show/125 for course details.

Rhema Theatre Company – The Miracle Mysteries

Featuring the stories of Creation, Abraham, Moses, St Peter and St Paul 'The Miracle Mysteries' is a trip through the Bible from the beginning of the world to the beginning of the Church. The company is touring nationally in the Autumn. Visit www.rhematheatre.org 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

- Christian Aid Week, 11-17 May; www.christianaid.org.uk
- Environment Sunday, 3 June; <http://en.arocho.org/ukconsunday/index2.html>
- Refugee Week, 16-22 June; www.refugeeweek.org.uk
- Ordination of Deacons, 28 June at 5pm in St Paul's Cathedral
- St Mellitus Commissioning Service, 2 July at 7pm in St Paul's Cathedral
- London Diocese Fairtrade Big Brew Sunday, 12 July
- ALMA 10th Anniversary Service, Sunday 13 July in St Paul's Cathedral

PEOPLE

Into the Diocese

The Revd Paul Berry, Assistant Curate at St Luke, Halliwell, Diocese of Manchester, is to be Team Vicar of Edgware Team (15/13), from 5 July.

Within the Diocese

The Revd Luke Irvine-Capel, Rector of St Dunstan, Cranford (10/15), is to be Incumbent of St Gabriel, Pimlico (03/14), from 10 September.

The Revd Elaine Dando, Chaplain at University College London (17/93) and Assistant Curate at St Pancras, Euston Road (17/04), is now Assistant Priest at Holy Trinity, Northwood (24/12).

The Revd Stuart Owen, Priest Missioner at St Mary and St John, Dysons Road (18/10), is to be Incumbent of All Saints, Edmonton (18/01), from 7 July.

The Revd Andrew Newcombe, Assistant Curate at St Mary, Landsdowne Road (19/12), is to be Curate at St Alphege, Edmonton (18/02) and St Matthew, Ponders End (18/29), from 28 May.

Out of the Diocese

The Revd Robert Atwell, Incumbent of St Mary the Virgin, Primrose Hill (16/09), is to be Bishop of Stockport in the Diocese of Chester from 24 June.

The Revd Alan Hulme, Incumbent of St Paul, South Harrow (24/06), is to be Team Rector of Ely Team Ministry, Diocese of Ely, from 22 September.

The Revd Jane Hulme, SSM Curate at St Paul, South Harrow (24/06), is to be SSM Associate Minister in the Ely Team Ministry, Diocese of Ely, from 22 September.