

Dear All

I hope that you will find some interesting information in this month's mailing. A reminder that the link to the Intranet is <http://gabriel.london.anglican.org/open/Area/Kensington/> and all items marked "\*\*\*" can be found there.

## CLERGY

### Short Course "Science and Religion for Church Leaders"\*\*\*

*13-15 September 2010, Westminster College, Cambridge*

This course aims to equip church leaders and those training for ministry to answer some of the questions about science and religion which they might well face during the course of their work. Are science and religion in conflict? How do we understand the foundational Christian doctrines in the light of science, and how are ethical issues raised by science to be handled? For more details please see [www.faraday-institute.org](http://www.faraday-institute.org) or contact [faraday.administrator@st-edmunds.cam.ac.uk](mailto:faraday.administrator@st-edmunds.cam.ac.uk).

### "Your next move" – Application writing and interview skills for clergy

*Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2011, 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. at London Diocesan House, 36 Causton Street, London, SW1P 4AU*

A workshop for those considering a move in the Church of England, covering issues including preparing a CV database, presentation skills, researching posts and churches, preparing for interviews and advertising & recruitment in the Church of England. For more information, contact the Revd Dr Neil Evans ([neil.evans@london.anglican.org](mailto:neil.evans@london.anglican.org)) or to book a place, please contact Dee Bennett ([dee.bennett@london.anglican.org](mailto:dee.bennett@london.anglican.org)).

## CHURCH OFFICERS

### Annual Returns

Some parishes have still not filed their Annual Returns, including copies of their Annual Report, Financial Accounts and Churchwarden's Fabric Reports. These should have been completed by the 1<sup>st</sup> June so, If this is your parish, please deal with this as soon as possible. If you have any problems do get in touch with me ..

### Deanery Synod

Please ensure that all your Deanery Synod representatives are correct. This can be checked by clicking on the Parish Officers part of the online Annual Return <http://raphael.london.anglican.org/Annual%20Return.aspx>. You should however, have received an email from Monica Bolley, Synodical Secretary asking you to confirm this. Any queries, please contact me on 020 8891 3969. It would be preferable if these could be confirmed by Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June as this is a key stage in the General Synod Election process.

### Archdeacon's Visitation dates

The final visitation for Churchwardens is taking place at St Augustine's Church Whitton (Hospital Bridge Road TW2 6DE) on Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> July at 3.30 p.m. If you still haven't confirmed your attendance, please do so with Linda Woods on 020 8742 8308 or [linda.woods@london.anglican.org](mailto:linda.woods@london.anglican.org) .

### New Church Officers' evening – a date for your diary\*\*

*Wednesday, 15th September 2010: 8pm – St Mary's Church Hall Osterley*

It is important that new PCC members and especially churchwardens, secretaries and treasurers attend this training. Please ensure it is widely circulated among your PCC and encourage those who have not previously come to one of these evenings to attend as it will be an informative evening. Please see the intranet for the [flyer and booking form](#).

## CHILDREN AND YOUTH

### CRB Disclosure Applications

Please note that current CRB application forms will not be accepted for processing after 7<sup>th</sup> July. **Please destroy any old forms as you'll need to order new ones.** The CRB will begin processing new applications from 28<sup>th</sup> July.

Although the new forms refer to ISA registration, this scheme has been halted by the Government so all questions on the new forms pertaining to ISA registration should be ignored.

### Children's Advocates Training

*28<sup>th</sup> September for current advocates: 6 – 7 pm, Diocesan House, 36 Causton Street, London, SW1P 4AU*  
Please contact Catherine Ward on 020 7932 1189 or [catherine.ward@london.anglican.org](mailto:catherine.ward@london.anglican.org) for more information.

## Section X Checkers

*Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> September at 6.00pm - 7.30pm and Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September at 11.30am - 1.00pm*

Please put these dates in your diaries. This training will take place at London Diocesan House, 36 Causton Street, London, SW1P 4AU. More information will follow.

## READERS

### Reader Training Day – Engaging with the Text\*\*

*Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> July 2010: 10am – 4pm, St James' Church, Hampton Hill, Middx TW12 1DQ*

This day will be led by the Revd Peter Vannozi. **All Kensington Readers-in-Training are expected to attend this day as part of their training.** Candidate Readers are also invited to attend and the day is open to all Licensed Readers who may wish to attend as part of their in-service training. There is no charge to attend but you must book by sending your details (name, address, parish and email address) to Olivia Malhotra.

## TRAINING

### Fire Safety Training\*\*

*London Diocesan House, 36 Causton Street, London, SW1P 4AU*

*23rd & 30th July, 2nd & 3rd August; and 10th August*

These dates have been provisionally booked and the training will be held in the mornings 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Please do register your interest in attending and date preference with me. More information on Fire Safety can be found on Ecclesiastical's website at [http://www.ecclesiastical.com/ourproducts/insurance/churchinsurance/church\\_fire\\_guidance/index.aspx](http://www.ecclesiastical.com/ourproducts/insurance/churchinsurance/church_fire_guidance/index.aspx) or the Diocesan website <http://www.london.anglican.org/DACInDepthAdvice>

### Pastoral Assistants Course\*\*

*September 2010 – June 2011: Friday mornings 11a.m. – 1p.m. or Thursday evenings 7.45p.m. – 9:45p.m.*

The course tests and resurces the participant's calling to pastoral ministry in the parish from which they have been sponsored, or in a hospital. The course aims to explore understanding and experience of pastoral ministry, and to encourage the development of pastoral skills, in the context of a faith that is relational, and an awareness of the wider mission and ministry of the church. One will take place on Friday mornings, in the Blackwell Hall, 90 Uxbridge Road, Harrow, Middx HA3 6DQ from 11am until 1pm and the other will be held on Thursday evenings, in Holy Trinity Church, Suez Ave, Perivale UB6 8LN from 7.45 to 9.45pm. There will be two taster sessions for an opportunity to find out more about the course, ask questions and meet the tutors and people who have attended the course as follows: Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July (Blackwell Hall 11am-1pm) or Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> July (Holy Trinity Church 7.45pm-9.45pm). More information is available on the Intranet.

### Course in Christian Studies (CCS)\*\*

*September 2010 – 2012: Mondays 7:45pm - 9:45pm (Uxbridge); Wednesdays 10:30am - 12:30pm (Eastcote) and Thursdays 7:45pm - 9:45pm*

CCS is a course that began in the Diocese of Chelmsford in 1987 and since then over 2500 lay people have taken part in it. The first group in the Willesden Area began to meet in September 2009. It offers an opportunity to explore Christian life and thought with others and aims to provide members with excitement at discovery; knowledge of the Bible and Christian tradition; delight in the riches of that tradition; constructive response to the Bible, tradition and the contemporary church and world; and formation and development of groups and their individual members. Please see the Intranet for more information.

## EVENTS

### 'Tune thy Musicke to thy Hart': Fundraising concert for a new kitchen

*Friday 9th July 2010 at St Andrew's Church, Park Walk, London SW10 0AU at 7.30pm*

Tickets cost £15 (£10 concessions). The concert is entitled 'Tune thy Musicke to thy Hart' – Tudor and Jacobean music for private devotion, and will be performed by Stile Antico. Stile Antico is an ensemble of young British singers who perform unaccompanied and without a conductor. They will be appearing in the Proms this year for the first time and have toured extensively with Sting. Details of the choir are available at [www.stileantico.co.uk](http://www.stileantico.co.uk) and details of the concert will be on the church website [www.standrewschelsea.org](http://www.standrewschelsea.org).

### India's Forgotten Women – directed by The Venerable Michael Lawson, Archdeacon of Hampstead\*\*

*Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> July 2010 at 6.30 p.m.: Vue Cinema Leicester Square, London*

**India's Forgotten Women** explores the outrageous plight of millions of women oppressed in India today because of

their caste identity ... astonishing, never-seen-before evidence of domestic violence, dowry crime, sex selective abortion, female infanticide, bonded labour, rape, temple prostitution, and human trafficking.

For more information, see the Intranet and to book tickets go to <http://www.pipevillagetrust.org/tickets>

## VACANCIES

### Crossway Pregnancy Crisis Centre: looking for volunteers

The Crossway Pregnancy Crisis Centre is a registered charity offering emotional and practical support, including free pregnancy tests, information and support for unplanned pregnancy, help following abortion, help following miscarriage, stillbirth and failed IVF and sex & relationships lessons for teenagers.

They need volunteers to train as listeners, befriend clients and teach in schools as well as promoting their activities and to pray for their work. They give full training and support, including an ACC accredited Called to Care listeners training course beginning in September 2010. To find out more, visit their website at [www.crosswaypregnancy.org.uk](http://www.crosswaypregnancy.org.uk) or telephone Anne or Lesley on 020 8892 8483.

## WORLD DEVELOPMENT MATTERS 35\*\*

● Who should you cheer in the World Cup? ● Which MDG needs most attention? ● Will your church 'Stand Up and Take Action' for the MDGs? ● Who is challenging the big business-as-usual approach and proposing social change as a solution to climate change? ● Will our clergy be ready to show off their Fairtrade label? ● What did Christ do and how did He do it?

All this and more in World Development Matters 35.

## AND FINALLY

### Ministry Bursary Awards

Applications for Ecclesiastical's Ministry Bursary Awards will be accepted between 1 April and 30 September 2010, the judging will take place in November 2010 and awards will be issued in December 2010 and January 2011. To find out more about the awards and how to enter, follow this link:

<http://www.ecclesiastical.com/ourproducts/insurance/churchinsurance/mba/index.aspx>

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With best wishes

