



Dear All

This is my first area mailing having taken over from Olivia in November whilst she is on maternity leave. Thank you all for making me feel very welcome. Please do include any of this information in your church mailings or forward it on to anyone who might have an interest.

The link to the Intranet is:

<http://gabriel.london.anglican.org/open/Area/Kensington/> and all items marked “**” can be found there – you will find folders that match the mailing headings.

CLERGY

Continuing Ministerial Development Events 2011**

A list of these events is available on the intranet.

The2012 - For the 13 to 35s in your congregation

The2012 is an initiative to recognise, encourage, and equip the 13 to 35s in churches across the London Diocese. Please commend this to your younger adults and encourage them to join by going to the website at www.the2012.org.uk.

A key date for parish diaries is **24th April 2012** – the commissioning service at the Cathedral for members of the2012. Tickets are free and available now on the website. To obtain publicity, and for any enquiries please email ruth.bushyager@london.anglican.org

There are two training conferences in January for members of the2012: (both free of charge)**

- 1) Saturday 21st January 2012, 9am-3pm at St Paul's Shadwell. Speakers include the Bishop of Stepney, J. John, Tim Saiet, Erin Clifford and Philip North
- 2) Saturday 28th January 2012, 9.30am - 2.30pm at All Souls Langham Place. Speakers include the Bishop of London, Rico Tice, Dan Strange, and Jago Wynne.

For more details and to register for your place at either conference go to the2012.org.uk

To obtain flyers for either of the January conferences please email ruth.bushyager@london.anglican.net

A leaders Gathering with Bill Hybels & Andy Stanley

Monday, 30th January 2012, 10 am – 5 pm in Bracknell

Bill Hybels and Andy Stanley will spend the morning and part of the afternoon with church senior leadership teams asking and discussing the tough questions and challenges that threaten the effectiveness and development of the local church. Andy Stanley will close the day with a session on 'Communicating for a Change'. This is an opportunity to invest in the leadership of your church, to invest in yourself and other key church leaders. The format of this highly interactive time together is designed to allow you and your team to engage in a concentrated time of dialogue, addressing issues that are relevant and actionable to your ministry. Church leadership teams attending must include the Senior Pastor and may also include Associate Pastor, Elder/Board members and key staff/volunteers. For more information, click [here](#).

Emotionally Healthy Leadership Conference

Tuesday, 31st January 2012, 9 am – 5 pm in Bracknell

Recent studies confirm that pastors and leaders are confronting a crisis: people's lives are not being profoundly transformed in our churches. Moreover, many in leadership are running on empty, neglecting their own inner life with God. This practical seminar takes the steps of implementing a discipleship paradigm laid out in Pete Scazzero's best-selling books, *Emotionally Healthy Spirituality* and *The Emotionally Healthy Church*, into the life of the leader, their family and the leadership of the local church. It explores how to build a church culture, beginning with pastors, where spiritual maturity and emotional health are considered inseparable and where our work for Jesus flows out of a life with Jesus. The goal is for the pastor/leader to seriously engage Christ during this time and to be equipped to take the material back to his/her leadership and, eventually, to the entire church. For more information, click [here](#).

CHAIRING MEETINGS and RUNNING AN APCM**

Tuesday, 28 February 2012, 10.30am – 4.00pm, London Diocesan House

A day for clergy looking at good practice in chiring meetings and exploring how to get the best out of an Annual Parochial Church Meeting led by The Revd Dr Neil Evans, Director of Ministry, Diocese of London

To book a place contact: Dee Bennett: dee.bennett@london.anglican.org, 020 7932 1275

Wisdom in Ministry: Life-giving ministry for the long haul**

Thursday 8th March 2012, 10.30am (coffee from 10am) until 4pm, Lunch provided, London Diocesan House

A day spent reflecting on how to sustain and enliven our ordained ministries over time. Exploring ideas such as: knowing ourselves before God; different patterns of ministry; theologies of priesthood; the images of 'cave, refectory and road' Led by The Revd Ann Coleman, St Mellitus College and The Revd Chris MacKenna, St Marylebone Healing and

Counselling Centre. All London Diocesan clergy very welcome. Booking via Dee Bennett: 020 7932 1275. There is no registration fee.

The Queen's Diamond Jubilee

Six weeks before the start of the Olympics, there is another hugely exciting opportunity for community outreach as the nation celebrates the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

The Big Jubilee Lunch

The Queen has invited the nation to sit down for 'The Big Jubilee Lunch' on Sunday June 3rd 2012 to celebrate together in street parties across the nation. Local churches are ideally placed to take a lead and facilitate these street parties and serve their communities together. Do have a look at the resources and advice available for running your own parish street party at www.thebiglunch.com. There is also helpful information on the Church of England website www.diamondjubilee.churchofengland.org - here you will be able to find resources to help with school assemblies, and games for street parties created by Fusion, who have experience of helping churches all over the world invite their neighbourhood to community celebrations.

Philo Trust Conference 2012 - Life Change Preaching: Why? Who? How? With Dr. Martin Sanders

Wednesday 20th June 2012 from 9.00am - 4.00pm, St. Andrews Church, Chorleywood-

"If you are a Preacher, Speaker or Teacher, I commend this teaching day with my good friend Dr Martin Sanders from the USA. Martin is an inspiring creative communicator – seize this opportunity to review + rethink how you can communicate more effectively" J.John. Dr. Martin Sanders is the Director of Doctoral Programs at Alliance Theological Seminary in Nyack, NY, as well as Professor of Pastoral Theology, teaching courses in homiletics, pastoral leadership, and spiritual formation.

For more information visit the website www.globalleadershipinc.org

The conference day sessions will include: Identifying our Mission, Audience, and Approach; Making Sermons Live; - Connecting with the Soul. Special early discount £30pp including refreshments if booked before 31st March 2012. £40 thereafter. To book your place please go online to www.philotrust.com email admin@philotrust.com or call 01923 287777

Deanery Day of Prayer with the Bishop of Kensington

Bishop Paul will be leading a day of prayer in each of the deaneries during lent. This will include a meeting with the clergy chapter, some visits to certain projects and local initiatives and an evening gathering to which all of the parishes will be invited to participate. The purpose of the day is to give thanks to God for all that He is doing through the ministry of the Church in London and to join together in seeking His presence, purpose and power in our on-going mission.

Further information will be available shortly, but, in the mean time, please note the date for your deanery:

- Hammersmith & Fulham- 8th March 2012
- Hampton - 15th March 2012
- Hounslow - 22nd March 2012
- Kensington - 1st March 2012
- Chelsea - 28th February 2012 (note: not 28th March as previously indicated)
- Spelthorne - 13th March 2012

The Archdeacon's Visitation – Dates for the Admission of Churchwardens 2012:

The Ven Stephan Welch will be holding his Visitations in 2012 on the following dates:

- Tuesday 15 May 2012, 7.30pm @ St. Peter's Notting Hill, Kensington Park Road, W11 2PN
- Sunday, 10 June 2012, 3.30pm @ St. Mary's Spring Grove, Osterley Road, Isleworth, TW7 4PW
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All churchwardens (whether they have served before or are elected for the first time) are required to attend one of the Archdeacon's Visitations where they will be admitted to office by the Diocesan Registrar. Until admitted to office, they are not legally a Churchwarden and this must be done annually following elections. Please do ensure that these dates are noted by all likely to take on the role of Churchwarden in 2012.

AREA MISSIONER NEWS / YOUTH

Riverside Youth Leaders Forum – Feedback

On Saturday 19th November, 35 young people from parishes across the Kensington Area took part in the first Riverside Young Leaders Forum with Bishop Paul. Ranging in age from 14 to 24, the group enjoyed fellowship, discussion and seminars exploring the core tasks of spiritual leadership in the church and world. The aim of the Forum was to help encourage and develop a group of young people who are already involved in ministry and leadership in their churches.



Young Vocations Conference for 16-19 year olds**

13th – 15th February 2012 at Bishop Woodford House, Ely

The Ministry Division organise an annual Young Vocations Conference for 16-19 year olds who want to explore the possibility of ordained ministry. The Conference will take place at Bishop Woodford House in Ely and will start at 4pm on Monday 13th February and finish at 2pm on Wednesday 15th February. There will be talks, worship and discussion as well as the opportunity to visit a theological college and a parish. There will be no cost for the conference, though you will be responsible for the cost of transport to the conference. Please see the intranet for the booking form and further information.

READERS/LLMs

LLM/Readers CMD Training Day

Saturday, 17th March 2012 – Venue TBC

London Diocese Readers Tour to the The Holy Land - Led by Richard Jones

Saturday 20 October - Monday 29 2012

In an exciting new development the London Diocese Reader training programme in partnership with BibleLands is offering a 10 day visit to The Holy Land. It is a visit with a training and educational aim and not a traditional pilgrimage in the normal sense. There will be an emphasis upon meeting people and engaging with the living church. There will also be opportunities to meet with BibleLands partners working in education and healthcare. Flyer is available on the intranet.

For more info, please contact: Rev James Mercer, Reader Training, All Saints' Vicarage, 175 Uxbridge Road, Harrow Weald, Middlesex HA3 6TP

EVENTS

Exploring the Call of God – an opportunity to take a next step in discipleship and ministry**

2nd - 4th March 2012 at Pilgrim Hall, Uckfield, East Sussex

This weekend will be an opportunity for anyone (18+) who wants to take the next step in engaging with the call of God. It will also give participants the chance to consider God's call, to some, to serve Him in the ordained or other authorised ministries of the Anglican Church. More information will be able later in the year. Please register your interest by contacting Ricarda on 020 7932 1182 or ricarda.baldock@london.anglican.org

Anglican Lutheran Society Conference 2012 - Life Together - Christian Ministry in Tomorrow's World

3rd - 7th September 2012.

The conference is intended for 'people who have recently begun a public ministry, either lay or ordained, and for students preparing for ministry'. The programme combines some impressive input with space for reflection, seeking to model its theme of 'Life Together'. More details can be found at <http://www.anglican-lutheran-society.org/Mirfield.htm>

Celebrate Fairtrade!

11 March 2012 at 6pm in St Paul's Cathedral

Together we did it! The Diocese of London is to be awarded Fairtrade Diocese status and the Bishop of London is inviting all the churches in the diocese to join him at St Paul's Cathedral at 6pm on 11 March 2012 for a service of thanksgiving and celebration. Invitations will be sent out in January; put the date in your church diary now.

AND FINALLY

God and Sport Conference

Saturday, 28th April 2012 at St Mellitus College**

This conference is for anyone who is interested in both sport and Christian faith, and wants to know how to relate the two more successfully in their own life. For further details and booking, see: <http://www.stmellitus.org/god-and-sport-conference>.

Life Together: Christian Ministry in Tomorrow's World – an Anglican-Lutheran Society Conference**

Monday 3rd to Friday 7th September 2012 at The College of the Resurrection, Mirfield, W14 0BW

This conference is especially designed for people who have recently begun a public ministry, either lay or ordained, and for students preparing for ministry. For more information, please see the intranet.



FIND A JOB

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Metal Theft

If you have fallen victim to the metal thieves or know someone who has, you may be interested in the following which has been sent out from Church House and I would urge you to consider signing - and to encourage others in your networks to do likewise.. I am sure that many of you will know of the petition on the Downing Street website asking for cash to be removed from transactions for scrap metal. Can you please consider signing this, if you have not already done so, and encourage others to do so to. The theft of metal from churches from January to August 2011 had already exceeded the level of theft in 2010, with as many as ten churches a day being targeted.

The petition is at: <http://submissions.epetitions.direct.gov.uk/petitions/406>. For further advice and guidance over metal theft please visit <http://www.churchcare.co.uk/building.php?CDOD>

With every blessing

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