

The Diocese of Canterbury

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Bishop Trevor's Video Message

Filmed at the 24/7 Live it! Discipleship Consultation morning, Bishop Trevor sets out his hopes for the next year and asks how can we grow in God's love and learn to share God's love with others.

www.canterburydiocese.org/multimedia/video/bishoptrevor

News from Canterbury Diocese

24/7 Live it! Year of Discipleship

Over 200 people attended the 24/7 Discipleship meeting held on Saturday 27th November in the Chapel of Canterbury Christ Church. Together they explored why discipleship is important and how parishes and communities can get involved.

For details of the event, resources from the presentations and further information about activities for 2011 visit: www.canterburydiocese.org/247liveit/

The Bishop's Morning for the Newly Confirmed

On Saturday 20th November, around 50 people who were confirmed in the last six months came to Canterbury Cathedral for a special morning organised by Bishop Trevor.

More information and photos: www.canterburydiocese.org/confirmation

General Synod Update

New member of the General Synod, ex-Diocesan Secretary David Kemp provides a one page account of the November meeting of the General Synod, reflecting on the inauguration and debates on the Big Society and Covenant:

www.canterburydiocese.org/generalsynodelections2010/Synod%20Report%20-%20Nov%202010.doc

The Archbishop's Presidential Address to General Synod can be viewed at:

www.archbishopofcanterbury.org/3056

The Queen's speech can be heard at: www.youtube.com/user/theroyalchannel

Diocesan Synod News

Diocesan Synod met on 13th November at the John Wallis Church of England Academy to consider items under the theme: How are we to be church today in the diocese? Discussions focused in three areas: Ministry Pathways, Diocesan Structures and the Parish Share Review.

- For a one page summary:

www.canterburydiocese.org/diocesansynodnews/november2010/One%20page%20November%20write%20up.doc

- Full details can be found: www.canterburydiocese.org/diocesansynodnews/index.htm

Lord Wei amongst contributors for extended Winter Outlook Magazine

Lord Wei, a Christian and Government Adviser for the Big Society, writes on the theme 'Re-imagining Society' for the extended 24 page winter edition of Outlook. The magazine, which also includes news from the parishes, What's On, and an interview with CBBC presenter Sid Sloane, will be distributed to parishes from Friday 3rd December.

New Street Pastors schemes for Diocese

New Street Pastor Schemes are being initiated in Ashford, Thanet, Canterbury and Dover. Street Pastors are specially trained and equipped volunteers who patrol town centres at night, helping to keep clubbers and communities safe.

For more information on the commissioning of the Ashford scheme visit:

www.canterburydiocese.org/news/ashfordstreetpastors11nov10.htm

Clergy Terms of Service update

For the latest update on the implementation of Common Tenure, including FAQs and information on the Statement of Particulars visit: www.canterburydiocese.org/termsofservice

Poverty and Hope

Appeal Director for Poverty and Hope, Ali Duguid, has written to all parishes encouraging them to consider making a donation to the appeal this Advent. For further information about the appeal and the children and young people it helps visit: www.canterburydiocese.org/povertyandhope

Cautley House Closure

Many will have heard by now that the Trustees of Cautley House have reluctantly come to the decision that in view of the state of the finances and substantial building work that was required, they were left with no real alternative but to close Cautley House at the end of December 2010 and seek a sale.

Trustee Stephen Hardy commented: "The future ministry of the Trust is still being considered, and this is by no means seen as the end of their emphasis on providing a place for healing and wholeness in the Diocese." On Saturday 22nd January, starting at 10.30am, there will be a 'Table Top Sale' at Cautley House, to sell all the furniture, furnishings and equipment. People may request specific items at Cautley's final Open Day on Saturday 18th December, which ends with a special Eucharist at 5.00pm.

Photo Caption Competition

Winners for last month's photo caption:



1. Unfortunately, the Reverend's invention of a combination roof-box and barbecue did not find favour in Hungary - Rob Falconer
2. Only five of the Disciple's cars were available at Pentecost - Tricia Fogden
3. Ring '5' if your car has been visited by the Holy Spirit - Len Budd

For more entries visit: www.canterburydiocese.org/caption/november2010/index.htm



December competition

The photo for this month's competition was submitted by Dennis Garland of St Francis Ashford who explains: "A large chess piece from a garden set has turned up at St Francis Church, South Ashford. Presumably he's been stolen and has been dumped here."

Please send your caption to: eshepherd@diocant.org

www.canterburydiocese.org/caption/december2010/index.htm If you have any photos requiring a caption, please send them to [Emily Shepherd](mailto:Emily.Shepherd).

People and Vacancies

For latest appointments and notices visit: www.canterburydiocese.org/peopleandplaces

Vacancy

House for Duty Priest, St John the Baptist, Swalecliffe with Chestfield:

www.canterburydiocese.org/vacancies

Organist seeks position

Roger Marvin is an organist who has recently moved from Leicester to New Romney and is looking for a parish who wants a long-term organist/director of Music. In the meantime Roger is available to play for all types of services on any day of the week, and can cope with short notice, distance (within reason), and all types of styles & liturgy, including big occasions. Roger can be contacted by Telephone: 01797 363 578, mobile: 0791 409 5496 or by email:

madrn@btinternet.com

Diocesan Training

Canterbury Diocesan Interim Spirituality Group

'Ways in Prayer'

Saturday 12th March 2011, 10.00am - 3.30pm

Franciscan International Study Centre, Canterbury

To include a choice of three workshops:

- Music and Prayer with Music Therapist and Theologian Janet MacDonald
- Praying with icons with Julia Butterworth, former Diocesan Adviser in Spirituality
- Are there patterns in our personal stories? with Brian Chalmers, scientist and priest
- The Spirituality of Hospitality with Chaplain to the Living Well Amanda Evans
- Sacred Space with Peter Ashman Rector in Elham and Anne Rees, Spiritual Director
- Making Connections Exploring the links between the body, the mind and the spirit in our prayer with Helen Connell, Jacqui Cotteril, and Michael Morris

More information, programme and booking form online at:
www.canterburydiocese.org/waysinprayer/index.htm

Bishop's Day for Clergy

Friday 18th March 2011, 9.30am (for 10.00am start) - 3.00pm

The Chapel, Canterbury Christ Church University

Stephen Wright, lecturer at Spurgeon's College in London, offers helpful ways of preaching key Holy Week and Passiontide narratives in the Year of Matthew. This is when the kingdom Jesus spoke of in his parables breaks in- ironically through this world's rulers and their systems. The day will provide provisions for both our personal journey and our preaching.

Worship and Liturgy Day 'Celebrating Easter'

Saturday 19th March 2011, 10.00am - 3.30pm

The Upper Room, St Mary Bredin, Canterbury

For Clergy, Readers and ALM Worship Leaders

Cost: £15 (CME for Clergy and Readers, no charge for ALM worship Leaders)

The Revd Professor Paul Bradshaw is Professor of Liturgy at the University of Notre Dame, Indiana, and divides his time between America and London. He is an international scholar and author in the field of liturgy, and serves on the Church of England's Liturgical Commission. Christopher Irvine, Canon Librarian at Canterbury Cathedral, has spent most of his ministry in theological education. He is a Consultant to the Liturgical Commission; contributes to the teaching of Liturgy on SEITE, and is Director of KCME. He edited Celebrating the Easter Mystery (Mowbray, 1996) and more recently published The Use of Symbols in Worship (SPCK, 2007).
Booking and information:

www.canterburydiocese.org/whatson/celebratingeasterprogramme19march2011.pdf

Living Well Events

A number of events are planned for the winter: www.the-living-well.org.uk/living-well-programme.asp

What's On in the Parishes

Events in December include:

- Thursdays 2, 9, 16 December 2010, 7.30pm, **Waiting for the God who comes** - Advent talks with the Bishop of Dover, The Right Reverend Trevor Willmott, St George's Church of England Foundation School, Westwood Road, Broadstairs CT10 2LH
- Saturday 4 December, 10.30am - 1.00pm, **Winter Fair**, with stalls, mulled wine and prizes, St Laurence in Thanet
- Saturday 4 December, 10.00am - 12.30pm, **Christmas Craft and Produce Fair**, St Margarets Church, Lower Halstrow
- Saturday 4 December, 7.30pm, **Advent and Christmas Concert** with the Kent Chamber Choir, Westwell Church
- Saturday 4 December, 11.00am - 3.00pm, **Traditional Medieval Christmas Market**, Lyminge Hall
- Saturday 4 December, 10.00am - 2.00pm, **Christmas Fair** with Father Christmas, Elham Village Hall
- Saturday 4 December, 1.00pm, **St Nicholas Parade** through the streets of Canterbury, with short service in the Cathedral Nave afterwards.
- Saturday 4 December, 11.30am - 2.00pm, **Warm Up for Christmas**, gifts and cake stalls at St Mary Magdalene, Ruckinge.
- Saturday 4 December, 10.00am - 5.00pm and Sunday 5 December, 1pm -5pm, **Christmas Tree Festival**, St Peter and St Paul, Ospringe

- Saturday 4 December and Sunday 5 December, **Festival of Christmas Trees**, St Nicholas Sandhurst
- Sunday 5 December, 10.30am - 5.30pm, **St Nicholas Day** with stalls, Ss Cosmas and Damian, Challock
- Wednesdays in December starting 8th December at 12.30pm, **Advent Talks** with soup and hot drinks, St Faiths Maidstone
- Saturday 11 December, 7.30pm, **Concert for Catching Lives**, Selling St Mary
- Sunday 12 December, 4.00pm, **Annual Candlelit Christmas Concert**, St Mildred's in Preston
- Sunday 12 December, 7.30pm, **Concert by Invicta Singers**, St Mary Willesborough
- Saturday 18 December, 7.30pm, **Harp Recital**, St Faith's Maidstone

For full details visit: www.canterburydiocese.org/whatson/parish/index.htm

To include your event on our website and the 'What's On' list, please complete the online form: www.canterburydiocese.org/whatson/parish/submitevent/index.htm

Cathedral Events

Services and events in December: <http://www.canterbury-cathedral.org/assets/files/docs/pdf/worship-and-events/PublicEvents-December-2010.pdf>

Harry Christophers and the Sixteen to give Christmas Concert

Harry Christophers and The Sixteen will return to Canterbury Cathedral to perform in the Cathedral Nave on Saturday 11th December at 7.30pm. The concert, "The Angel Gabriel", celebrates the Christmas message and features music by Praetorius, Byrd, Guerrero, Victoria, and Warlock. The Sixteen, "Voices of Classic FM", are recognised as one of the world's great ensembles, with many awards and recordings to their name. Information from:

tickets@thecanterburygift.com

News from organisations linked to the Diocese

Canterbury Cursillo - Annual General Meeting and Ultreya

Saturday 5th February 2011, 11.30am

The Crypt at Canterbury Cathedral

Eucharist followed by bring and share lunch at St Thomas' Hall, Burgate, Canterbury.

Contact: The Secretary Mrs Gill Neal gill.neal@hollismotors.seat.co.uk

St Peter's Contemporary Theology Group

What is the point of singing hymns?

With The Very Reverend Robert Willis, Dean of Canterbury

Wednesday 19th January 2011, 7.45pm - 9.15pm

St Peter's Methodist Church, Canterbury

St Peter's Contemporary Theology Group is an ecumenical gathering open to all who are interested in lively discussions on contemporary themes in theology and religion.

Details from: ted@tedbishop.co.uk.

For a full programme of meetings:

www.canterburydiocese.org/whatson/parish/conttheology2010programme.pdf

Public Lecture: Ethics for the 21st Century:

A Hero's Journey with Claire Foster

Wednesday 10th December, 6.00pm

Old Sessions House, Og46, North Holmes Campus, Longport, Christ Church University.
Claire Foster is a Lay Canon at St Paul's Cathedral, and was formerly National Policy Advisor on Science, Medicine, Technology & Environmental Issues to the Archbishops' Council of the Church of England. Details from: roger.bone@canterbury.ac.uk.

Centrespace

Centrespace is now well into its 16th year, and continues to provide a place of retreat, renewal, recreation and refreshment in a rural setting not far from Canterbury. Centrespace offers accommodation for individuals, couples (or a small family) and can also cater for small groups, up to 8 residential, and for a parish Away Day, up to 20, offering refreshments and a meal. Information from: The Reverend Richard and Heike Podger, 01227 462038, podger@centrespace.freeserve.co.uk; www.centrespace.freeserve.co.uk

Holy Land Tour Led by Geoff Davis

From 6-16 June 2011, the Reverend Geoff Davis will be leading another group to experience the wonderful sights and sounds of Israel, Palestine and Jordan. Contact Linda Darling the group organiser and administrator for details: 01622 747024 or linda-darling@hotmail.co.uk

Church of England News Round-up

News from the Church of England in November - www.cofe.anglican.org/news

News from the Archbishops - www.archbishopofyork.org/119

Notices from National Organisations

The Nativity on BBC1

Four episodes of a new production by Tony Jordan are to be broadcast mid-evening in the week leading up to Christmas. Spread the word inside and outside your churches. Information and key links can be found at: www.cte.org.uk/nativity

Ecclesiastical Winter Hints and Tips

Ecclesiastical have produced guidance for the protection of churches and church buildings in the winter weather: www.ecclesiastical.com/church

Wolfson Grants available for Fabric repairs

The Church Buildings Council administers applications for grants from the Wolfson Foundation, towards fabric repairs to Anglican Churches. Applications for grants are considered on the grounds of the architectural and historic importance of this building (usually Grade 1), urgency of work required and the ability of the church to contribute financially to the scheme. For more information and the on-line application form please go to: www.churchcare.co.uk/funding.php?IM

Big Lottery Fund launches £75m grants scheme for buildings

The Big Lottery Fund is opening a £75m community buildings grants programme for voluntary organisations and parish and town councils in England. Not-for-profit groups will be able to apply for sums of between £100,000 and £500,000 each from the BLF's Reaching Communities programme from early December. Organisations can register for further information by calling 0845 410 2030 or visiting: www.biglotteryfund.org.uk

Church Times Offer

The Church Times has a special subscription offer for Christmas (order before 31.12.10) - 52

issues for £60 plus a free book, for information visit:

www.churchtimes.co.uk/uploads/documents/CT%20Christmas%20Promo%20for%202010_1_.pdf

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, 18th - 25th January 2011

Materials are now available for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2011, which takes place from 18th -25th January at: www.ctbi.org.uk/521

The theme for 2011, "All things in common", is taken from Acts 2: 42-47 and the worship resources were developed by an ecumenical group in Jerusalem.

Christian Enquiry Agency Re-launched

For over twenty years the Christian Enquiry Agency has been offering information to people who want to explore the Christian faith and the good news of Jesus Christ. In that time about fifty thousand people have been helped to take steps of faith. The Christian Enquiry Agency has been re-launched in a way that will respond to the needs of a new generation, including a new website: www.christianity.org.uk.

Two workshops on Church funding

Two workshops are being held to help churches improve their funding. The workshops take place at Church House Westminster and are run by the Christian Consultancy Action Planning.

'Funding Capital projects for Churches' takes place on 10th December and 'Growing the income of your Church' on 6th December. Each workshop starts at 10.00am and finishes at 4.00pm and costs £80 including lunch.

Bookings via: www.actionplanning.co.uk/churches

Hold a Christmas Service in aid of Shelter

Churches are being asked to hold a special service and collection in aid of Shelter this Christmas.

Visit our website to [download our free Christmas service booklet](#):

http://england.shelter.org.uk/what_you_can_do/fundraising/raise_money_with_your_church?utm_medium=email&utm_source=Shelter&utm_campaign=3325.3++Churches+dioceses++Christmas+2010&dm_i=57U,8URY,12FOII,N4IJ,1 containing ideas and worship materials for all ages to link the nativity story and the modern plight of homelessness.

For more information, please contact Amy Russell, on 0344 515 2130, email at churches@shelter.org.uk.

CMS Resource for Advent - Share the Light

Share the Light is about taking time at Christmas to share the light of Jesus with our local community by literally giving light (a candle) to someone, praying for them, and inviting them to be part of a Share the Light service at your church.

Details at: www.cms-uk.org/default.aspx?tabid=241.

Sarum College - Conference for Spiritual Directors

Friday 30th September - Sunday 2nd October 2011

An invitation to express interest

This conference is being planned by Canon Peter Ball, Canon Keith Lamdin, Anna Desch, The Reverend Jackie Birdseye and Sr Mairead Quigley.

[Download a leaflet on the 2011 Conference for Spiritual Directors](#)