

# Noticeboard



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*Events and news "sponsored" by the Diocese*

## Bishop Graham's Farewell Service

You are all invited to Bishop Graham's Farewell Service which takes place at Canterbury Cathedral on Saturday 25 April at 6pm. The service will take a fond look at Bishop Graham's eight years of service in Canterbury including his work with Madagascar, Fresh Expressions, Readers, Board of Mission, Prison Chaplaincy and young people. Please invite your parish officers and congregations to this upbeat and celebratory farewell service.



## Diocesan Directory

Each year the Diocese produces a directory of all the parish officers, clergy, readers and staff across the Diocese. Work has started on the 2009/10 Diocesan Directory with a provisional publication date of September 2009. In February forms were mailed to Parish Secretaries who need to complete details of the wardens and officers within the parish. This year additional data protection forms have been sent out which parish officers need to sign and return. If these data protection forms are not returned their information can't be included in the Diocesan Directory.

Please help us by asking your Parish Secretary to return all forms by May 1st 2009. Contact: Diocesan House, Lady Wootton's Green, Canterbury, CT1 1NQ. tel: 01227 459401.

In June entries for all parish officers, clergy and readers will be sent to the Area Deans to check, amend and return.

## Benefice of Minster in Sheppey with Halfway

A House for Duty - Self-Supporting Minister (NSM)

Is required for the busy and community minded people of Halfway on the Isle of Sheppey in Kent.

Full details and an application form are available

on the Diocesan website at:

[www.canterburydiocese.org/vacancies](http://www.canterburydiocese.org/vacancies)

or from Gillian Marsh at: [gmarsh@diocant.org](mailto:gmarsh@diocant.org)

Applications should be forwarded to:

The Archdeacon of Maidstone,  
The Old Rectory,  
The Street, Pluckley, TN27 0QT

## Basic Certificate in Children's Ministry (Foundation Level)

Dates: 21, 28 April, 5, 12, 19, 26 May 2009

Time: 7.30pm - 9.30pm

Venue: St Bartholemew's Church, Herne Bay

Cost: Free

Tutor: Ted Hurst, Children's Ministry Adviser

Contact: Sarah Lucas, [slucas@diocant.org](mailto:slucas@diocant.org)

**6 week practical introduction to Children's ministry**

# the gathering

Tickets for The Gathering, our new style Diocesan Conference which will be held on 4 - 6th September are selling quickly. Full details are available in Outlook and on the Diocesan website [www.canterburydiocese.org/thegathering](http://www.canterburydiocese.org/thegathering). Tickets may be booked on-line - <http://www.canterburydiocese.org/thegathering/booking/form.htm> (including a facility to use CME grant for Clergy and Readers).

The Friday evening session with Ian Hislop 'in conversation' with the Archbishop is proving to be popular, so early booking is recommended. Free tickets for the Festal Eucharist on Sunday 6th September are also limited and must be booked in advance.

   **BacktoChurchSunday**

## Back to Church Sunday,

27<sup>th</sup> September 2009

Churches across the Diocese are taking part in 'Back to Church Sunday' this year – will your church be part of this successful campaign?

Bishop Stephen commented:

*"A few years ago a survey showed that over 70% of people would consider going to church if they were invited. Back to Church Sunday last year gave churches across the country an incentive to take that challenge seriously. It was a successful experiment.*

*This year I would like to suggest that every parish in the diocese asks:*

*how do we invite people to come to church in a way they might find attractive?*

*what do we offer them if they come?*

*how do we build on that experience?*

*Let's work together to make September 27<sup>th</sup> a Sunday to remember!"*

### HOW YOUR CHURCH CAN GET INVOLVED

Churches need to register for Back to Church Sunday with Canterbury Diocese before May 30<sup>th</sup> 2009. Attractive resources are available to help support your event and may be purchased through the Diocese. These include an 'Essential Pack' at £20 which includes 100 invitation/prayer cards, posters and DVD and a 'Welcome Pack' at £25 which includes five fair-trade cotton welcome T-shirts.

The easiest way to register your church and order resources is through the Canterbury Diocese website: [www.canterburydiocese.org/backtochurchsunday](http://www.canterburydiocese.org/backtochurchsunday)

alternatively contact

Emily Shepherd  
Director of Communications, 01227 459401 email:  
[eshepherd@diocant.org](mailto:eshepherd@diocant.org)

### Filing Cabinets

Metal Four-Drawer Filing Cabinets and 1 - 6 foot grey metal cupboard available for collection free of charge from Diocesan House

please contact:

Gill Marsh [gmarsh@diocant.org](mailto:gmarsh@diocant.org)

# EASTER MONDAY youth pilgrimage

## The Emmaus Road

**13 April 2009,**  
12.00 noon  
Canterbury Cathedral

Guest Speaker: Mark Russell (CEO Church Army)  
Drama by: Saltmine Theatre Company

The service will include the Eucharist at which Archbishop Rowan will preside.

*please pass the following on to your Youth Leaders*

### Easter Monday Youth Pilgrimage 2009 – Receiving Communion

Everyone is invited to come and receive either Holy Communion or a Blessing at today's service.

- If you receive Communion at your own church you are warmly invited to receive here.
- If you are baptised then on this occasion you may receive Communion or a Blessing as you wish.
- If you are not baptised, we hope that you will come and receive God's Blessing.

To receive Communion please hold out your hands.  
To receive a Blessing, bow your head.

### Easter Monday at a glance

10.00am	Mini pilgrimage leaves Chartham village hall
10.30am	Mini pilgrimages leave Sturry and Patricbourne parish churches
12.00pm	Pilgrims enter the Cathedral
12.15pm	Easter Monday Service (pt 1)*
1.15pm	Lunch and activity programme
2.15pm	Easter Monday Service (pt 2)*
3.30pm	End of Service*

\* times may vary slightly

For more information  
contact [slucas@diocant.org](mailto:slucas@diocant.org) or visit  
[www.canterburydiocese.org/eastermonday](http://www.canterburydiocese.org/eastermonday)

## People and Places

**The Reverend Patricia Susan Hollins** (presently Chaplain to the Royal Brompton and Harefield NHS Trust) has been appointed Priest-in-Charge of the benefice of Boxley with Detling.

**The Reverend Lesley Anne Hardy** (formerly OLM of Lydd) has been given Permission to Officiate in the Diocese of Canterbury for three years with effect from 30.1.2009.

**The Reverend Dr Mark Letchford Borley** (Presently Curate in the Upper Thames Group in the Diocese of Bristol) has been appointed Priest-in-Charge of the benefice of Allington St Nicholas with Maidstone St Peter, 5.5.2009.

**The Reverend Annette Susan Rose** (presently incumbent of Wingham, St Mary the Virgin with Elmstone with Preston, St Mildred and Stourmouth, All Saints) has been appointed as Priest-in-Charge of All Saints, New Eltham in the Diocese of Southwark, 15.7.2009.

**The Reverend Pamela Ann Clark** NSM of Hythe, St Leonard will resign will effect from 31.5.2009. Pam will have PTO from this date

**The Reverend David Graham Mackenzie Mills** (presently Chaplain of Trinity College, Cambridge) will join the Cathedral formally as The Precentor from 1.9.2009.

**The Reverend Simon Roscoe** (presently Curate of Faversham, St Mary of Charity; Goodnestone with Graveney, All Saints; Oare, St Peter and Luddenham, St Mary) has been appointed Vicar of Christ Church, Southchurch, Southend on Sea in the Diocese of Chelmsford, 23.4.2009. Simon's last Sunday at St Mary of Charity will be 29.3.2009.

**The Reverend Sarah Williams** will be licensed as Priest-in-Charge of the Benefice of Lydd, All Saints with St Peter, Greatstone and The Sanctuary, Dungeness 18.6.2009.

**The Reverend Paul Worledge** has been appointed Assistant Area Dean of Thanet. (This is in addition to his post as Vicar of Ramsgate St Luke.)

**The Reverend James Robert Houghton** has been given Permission to Officiate in the Diocese for three years with effect from. 10.3.2009

**The Reverend Dr Barbara Durkan** (Presently with PTO on the Diocese) has been appointed NSM Minster in Sheppey, St Mary & St Sexburga with Halfway, St Peter with immediate effect. (PTO will now cease).

**The Reverend Dr Stephen Laird** will, in addition to his present posts, be licensed as Priest-in-Charge of Blean, SS Cosmus & Damian, 9.9..2009.

**The Reverend Evelyn Joyce Williams** retires as NSM Bobbing St Bartholomew and Sittingbourne Holy Trinity on 11.6. 2009. Evelyn will have PTO in this Diocese from 12.6.2009

BMT (Local Ministries)

## Developing Pastoral Teams 'Old, New, and Not Yet'

**30 May 2009**, 9.30am - 12.30pm

Nackington Barn, Nackington, Canterbury, CT4 7AD

Formal activities end at 12.30pm. Informal picnics until 1.30pm. Bring own lunch. Hot drinks provided

Free (Sponsored by the Local Ministries Team in the Board of Ministry and Training)

A morning event to encourage lay pastoral teams to have:

- \* A thought out spirituality as a basis for their ministry
- \* Good practice in creating and sustaining teams in ministry
- \* A learning ear to what is happening in other pastoral teams

Neville Emslie, Diocesan Ministry Development Officer will speak on the 'Spirituality of Pastoral Care.' This will be followed up through relevant group work activities and examples of good current practice.

The more members or potential members of your team who can attend the better!!

Sign up early as places are limited.

Contact name: Sarah Lucas, tel: 01227 459401

BOOKONLINE AT:

[www.canterburydiocese.org/whatson/developingpastoral-teams.htm](http://www.canterburydiocese.org/whatson/developingpastoral-teams.htm)

## Headcorn, St Peter & St Paul - Priest in Charge

This benefice is centred on the village of Headcorn in the weald of Kent. The parish is calling a new Priest of broad churchmanship to work with a lively and committed congregation in the context of a vibrant village community. In addition the neighbouring benefice of The Suttons is to merge with Headcorn in a planned pastoral reorganisation.

This is a challenging opportunity to lead both in the development of a thriving partnership amongst the four churches and a dynamic team in collaborative ministry.

Detailed information, application forms and timetable will be available soon on the Diocesan website:

[www.canterburydiocese.org/vacancies](http://www.canterburydiocese.org/vacancies)  
or from: Gillian Marsh - [gmarsh@diocant.org](mailto:gmarsh@diocant.org)  
tel: 01227 459401.

This post is subject to enhanced disclosure from the CRB

Closing date: 8<sup>th</sup> May 2009;  
Interviews: 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> May 2009

# Training Workshops Parish Officers 2009

**Venue:** Diocesan House, Lady Wootton's Green,  
Canterbury CT1 1LA, unless otherwise stated.

## Introductory Training for Churchwardens

- **Tuesday 30 June 2009**, 6.00pm - 9.30pm
- **Thursday 16 July 2009**, 12.30pm - 4.30pm
- **Saturday 12 September 2009**, 9.30am - 1.00pm

## Experienced Churchwardens

- **Tuesday 7 July 2009**, 6.00pm - 9.30pm
  - **Wednesday 16 September 2009**, 12.30pm - 4.30pm
- Venue: St Mildred's, Tenterden

## PCC Secretaries

- **Tuesday 21 July 2009**, 6.00pm - 9.30pm
- **Saturday 17 October 2009**, 9.30am - 1.00pm

## Basic Book Keeping

- **Tuesday 5 May 2009**, 6.00pm - 9.30pm

## PCC Treasurers

- **Tuesday 16 June 2009**, 6.00pm - 9.30pm
- **Saturday 19 September 2009**, 9.30am - 1.00pm

## Experienced Treasurers

- **Tuesday 28 April 2009**, 6.00pm - 9.30pm
  - **Tuesday 6 October 2009**, 12.30pm - 4.30pm
- Venue: St Mildred's, Tenterden

**BOOK AND PAY ONLINE at** [www.canterburydiocese.org/whatson/bookcourse.htm](http://www.canterburydiocese.org/whatson/bookcourse.htm)

## Aim

- To help
- **Churchwardens**
  - **PCC Secretaries**
  - **PCC Treasurers**

learn about their roles and legal responsibilities in the context of current legislation and Diocesan policies. Parish Officers will also receive information about the Diocesan structure and the availability of Central Services which can support them in their roles. It is also an opportunity to meet fellow parish officers from around the diocese and to share ideas and experience.

Course fee is £8 and includes a buffet supper or lunch

Booking and enquiries please contact:

Rose Dale  
Diocesan House  
Lady Woottons Green  
Canterbury CT1 1NQ  
Email [rdale@diocant.org](mailto:rdale@diocant.org)  
tel: 01227 459401

Clergy are asked to make their parish officers aware of these training days

## Pastoral Care By and Of the Clergy A seminar for Clergy

Speaker: The Revd Dr Douglas Turton

Venue: The Board Room, Diocesan House -

**Wednesday 6 May 2009**, 9.00am -12.30pm Cost: £7 (Clergy may use CME grant)

Two 1½hour sessions

Session 1;  
'Pastoral Care by the Clergy'

Session 2;  
'Pastoral Care of the Clergy.'

### Douglas Turton

Before ordination Douglas qualified and worked as a social worker. He then went to university and obtained an honours degree in theology. During his ministry (in Canterbury and Southwark Dioceses) he

obtained a masters degree in counselling psychology.

After retiring 9 years ago utterly exhausted, he signed up for a research degree in empirical theology and obtained his PhD when he was 65. He worked in the University of Bangor theology department as a researcher and also as Director of Programmes, a project that encouraged non-academic people to study academic theology from home. He has written

and published papers' arising from his research activities and, in recent years, has taken a special interest in clergy work related health.

He continues to teach as a visiting lecturer at Ulster University and is currently engaged in research into the effect of supportive relationships for clergy in their early ministry years.

Douglas is married, has four children and seven grandchildren.

*Information from individuals, interest groups and organisations inside and outside the Diocese*

DemSSIG

Dementia & Spirituality Special Interest Group  
**'Belief in Dementia' Market Place**

Canterbury Cathedral, Chapter House  
**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2009**, 10.30am to 4.30pm

The day will conclude with a themed Evensong in the Cathedral at 5.15pm

The Market will be a place of information on dementia, support services and spirituality with input from local, regional and national organisations.

For further details and information contact:

Reinhard Guss (Kent & Medway NHS Trust)  
Tel. 01634 382080 email: reinhardguss@kmpnt.nhs.uk

Chris Bostock (Church in Society)  
Tel. 01622 755014 email: chris@churchinsociety.org

Sister Julia Crathorn (Abbeyfield Kent Society)  
Tel. 01634 723007  
email: julia.crathorn@abbeyfieldkent.org

*A Praxis South event*

## **Worship on the Threshold**

Wednesday 29 April 2009, 11.00 am – 4.00 pm

Old Alresford Place, Alresford, Hampshire, SO24 9DH  
Led by: Giles Goddard and Brian Draper

Praxis South is hosting a day with two skilled exponents in the art of liturgical creativity to explore worship on the threshold.

How do we craft liturgies and create experience of worship that connects worship with the agnostic, the curious, the bored, the outsider or the sceptical?

How do we cross the threshold of the church to make connections between the shrine and the street?

How do we use our imagination to break through the stereotype and create inclusive worship for an inclusive church?

*Contact:*

The Revd Simon Tatton-Brown, St Andrew's Vicarage,  
54a St Mary St, Chippenham, Wilts SN15 3JW  
Tel: 01249 656834 Email: stbrown@ukip.co.uk

## **THE CANTERBURY VIGILS**

The New English Orchestra will be holding a series of vigils in churches within Canterbury Diocese during the summer and autumn of 2009. The 'Canterbury Vigils' include music, silence and prayer built around the Kyrie, Gloria, Sanctus and Agnus Dei and offer an opportunity for communities to come together to express compassion, solidarity and hope.

For further information or if you are interested in hosting a Canterbury Vigil, please contact Rev. John Richardson on 01233 812450 or email [wychurch@ic.ac.uk](mailto:wychurch@ic.ac.uk)

Download a poster from:

[www.canterburydiocese.org/whatson/canterburyvigils.pdf](http://www.canterburydiocese.org/whatson/canterburyvigils.pdf)

## **Published by the Church in the 40s and 50s**

Jo Wade, a researcher at the BBC, is looking for old pamphlets published by the Church in the 40s and 50s, which offer clues as to how the church advised families in those decades; a documentary is being made called The British Family.

If you have anything you think she might be interested in, her details are:

Jo Wade, tel: 0208 0083760  
[jo.wade@bbc.co.uk](mailto:jo.wade@bbc.co.uk)

## **Courses for clergy**

St Mary's University College, London

St Mary's University College, is offering the following courses for clergy:

### **25 / 26 June 2009**

"Discerning a secular culture: what hope for faith?"  
Focussing on how faith is affected by a secular society, it will be led by Michael Paul Gallagher SJ, from the Gregorian University in Rome and is sponsored by the Pastoral Review.

### **30 June - 3 July 2009**

A Conference exploring how different traditions of Christian spirituality can be reinvigorated in the 21st century taking the theme of sources of Transformation: Revitalising Traditions of Christian Spirituality for Today.

Further information is available from:

Marie Fernandes 0208 240 4183

[fernandesm@smuc.ac.uk](mailto:fernandesm@smuc.ac.uk)

[www.smuc.ac.uk](http://www.smuc.ac.uk)

**For enquiries relating to 'Noticeboard' contact:  
Noticeboard, Diocesan House  
Lady Wootton's Green, Canterbury CT1 1NQ  
[noticeboard@diocant.org](mailto:noticeboard@diocant.org)**

## Information from individuals, interest groups and organisations inside and outside the Diocese

The Oast Houses Christian Conference Centre

### Vacant Weekend

Ewhurst lane, Northiam, East Sussex TN31 6GA

**We have a vacant weekend..... 22 - 24 May 2009**

Please look on our web site [www.theoasts.co.uk](http://www.theoasts.co.uk) and see what you could enjoy if you came to stay!

Normally our minimum number is 27 adults but we will accept a group as small as 15!

Full board cost per adult is £80 and £40 for (4 - 16) yrs!

Don't miss out on this great opportunity!

Indoor heated swimming pool, sauna, all weather tennis court!

If you would like to come and stay please tel: 01797 253311 or 0777 166 2587

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Conference Chaired by Bishop Michael Nazir-Ali

### hitting the target: missing the patient

in response to the Kings Fund Report  
"Seeing the person in the patient"

**Friday 3 July 2009, 10.00am - 3.00pm**

at Burrswood Christian Hospital, Groombridge,  
Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN3 9PY

Tickets £10 (to include lunch)

Guest Speakers:

Rt Revd Dr Michael Nazir-Ali

Revd Dr Russ Parker

Prof Judy Shelley

Prof Richard Vincent

**"An opportunity to share visions for whole person care"**

For information contact: tel: 01892 863637

Email: [sophie.minoprio@burrswood.ork.uk](mailto:sophie.minoprio@burrswood.ork.uk)

[www.burrswood.org.uk](http://www.burrswood.org.uk)

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Medway Maritime Hospital

### Hospital Chaplain

This post is permanent, part-time, 17½ hours per week

Applications are open to ordained ministers from any church which is a full member of 'Churches Together in England', and must live within thirty minutes travel time from the hospital because of an on-call commitment.

Full details can be viewed on [jobs.nhs.uk](http://jobs.nhs.uk) and arrangements for an informal visit and / or discussion can be made through: Rev Steve Spencer 01634 830000 ext 5414, or 07901 684000. Email: [steve.spencer@diocese-rochester.org](mailto:steve.spencer@diocese-rochester.org)

### ISRAEL/PALESTINE PEACE & JUSTICE GROUP

Meetings are held on Thursdays at 7.30pm at St Paul's Church Centre, Church Street, Canterbury

**2 July 2009,**

an Open Evening with John Nicholls of Christian Aid, giving a Christian Aid Presentation of Beyond Belief.

**24 September 2009**

Glenn Bowman, Senior Lecturer in the Department of Anthropology, University of Kent, will speak on "From Post-Traumatic Stress Syndrome to Pre-Traumatic Stress Syndrome: the Holocaust and the Israeli State."

**12 November 2009**

Michael Lewis, Bishop of Cyprus & The Gulf, will speak on "As unknown, yet known by all": Christian presence and witness in the Middle East."

*Contact:*

Tony Crowe, Convenor. tel: 01227 273046

email [ailsaandtonyc@aol.com](mailto:ailsaandtonyc@aol.com)

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### Is There an Unsung Hero at Your Church?

The Church of England has teamed up with Country Life magazine to hunt for an elusive species: the unsung hero! Rural churches are often the thriving hubs of their communities. Together, Country Life and the Church of England are looking for the unsung volunteers who keep them alive.

The competition - to be launched in the magazine's Easter edition (8 April) - will be seeking the volunteers who keep rural churches, chapels and churchyards thriving and at the centre of their communities. The aim is to highlight the wide range of voluntary activities taking place in and around those buildings - from maintaining the fabric against all odds to developing and taking forward an imaginative community use of the building.

Full details will shortly appear on-line

<http://www.countrylife.co.uk/>

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### Storykeepers

'I Remember When' is a DVD designed for families to watch together at home. Ideal for baptism in families where there are children of 4 upwards, and for any clergy keen to reach young families through church schools or any other means.

Cost £17.44 for 4 DVD set.

Full details are at

[www.storykeepers.com/iremewhen\\_uk.html](http://www.storykeepers.com/iremewhen_uk.html)

*Contact*

Ross Coad, Coad Media,  
tel: 01460 242405

## *Information from individuals, interest groups and organisations inside and outside the Diocese*

### **Church of England clergy wanted for war-torn Sri Lanka**

Clergy from the Church of England are being invited to provide respite for Sri Lankan priests in the war-torn country.

CoE clergy will be asked to take over from Sri Lankan clergy in safe regions, so that those clergy can provide respite for their countrymen in conflict zones.

Lanka Nesiah, speaking on behalf of Bishop Duleep de Chickera, in the Diocese of Colombo, explained: 'There is a great need to provide relief to our clergy in the north and east. We will not place visiting clergy in conflict areas or expose them to any kind of danger. Instead, Bishop Duleep proposes to send some of our clergy from other parts of the country to provide respite to clergy in the north and east.'

The Anglican mission agency USPG has offered to sponsor volunteer clergy from the Church of England to serve in Sri Lanka for periods of between one and three months.

In 2005, USPG sponsored three Church of England clergy to provide respite for Sri Lankan clergy in areas affected by the tsunami of Boxing Day 2004.

Sri Lanka's Buddhist Sinhalese government is currently attempting to eliminate opposition from the so-called Tamil Tigers, who want an independent Tamil state in north-east of the island.

The Church of Ceylon – which is the Anglican church in Sri Lanka – includes people from both Sinhalese and Tamil communities. It is working for peace and providing what support it can to those affected by the fighting.

A missionary in Sri Lanka wrote this week that the Tamil Tigers have been confined to a small area in the north-east of the country, where they were hiding behind a 'human shield' of civilians, estimated varyingly at between 80,000 and 200,000 people.

The missionary stated: 'The Sri Lankan army is continuing its offensive, and intense fighting is reported. A Tamil Tigers request for a ceasefire was considered 'hilarious' by the government newspaper. Meanwhile, a remote Sinhalese village in the south was attacked this week by the Tamil Tigers, and 13 civilians were killed.

'The true death toll of this war may never be known. Figures given by the government usually tell of the army inflicting huge casualties on the Tamil Tigers; there are rumours of lorries full of bodies. The need to keep the true human cost of the war from the people, and to keep up the morale of the army, partly explain the diminishing press freedom and a deteriorating human rights record that is regularly criticised by foreign governments.'

The Revd Jessie Anand, USPG's Regional Desk Officer for South Asia, said: 'Sending clergy to partner churches is not a new mission for USPG. By doing this, USPG is helping to raise a prophetic voice for affected partner churches at the right time with the right people. This will in turn bring Christ into the situation.'

Clergy interested in serving in Sri Lanka should contact the Revd Jessie Anand on 020 7378 5669 or email [jessiea@uspg.org.uk](mailto:jessiea@uspg.org.uk)

### **The Village Organ**

St Nicholas, Pluckley, Ashford

**Saturday 9 May 2009, 2.00pm - 5.00pm**

Organists share with Ministers and Readers the responsibility of leading the worship in our parish churches. Sadly, there is a shortage of experienced organists particularly in the villages. Worship in many of our churches would be so much the poorer without the devoted work of those unsung heroes - the "reluctant organists" - who gamely cope with unfamiliar stops and pedals whilst trying to accompany the services. If you have wondered where help and advice can be found then read on!

On Saturday 9 May 2009 the first Village Organist workshop will be held at St Nicholas, Pluckley. This is part of a regular series of workshops and classes organised by the St Giles International Organ School, the leading organ educational institution in the country. Based in the Barbican, London, pupils include people of all levels of ability - from 8 to 80!

The workshop will be led by Tom Bell, one of the School's tutors, who has earned a reputation as one of the finest players of his generation in the country and someone who is a committed and inspiring teacher. In the first of what is hoped will be a series of local workshops, Tom will focus on hymn-playing and the choice and preparation of voluntaries. It will be specifically aimed at helping develop practical skills. Accompanying hymns in a lively and sensitive way makes a vital contribution to worship. Services can also be enhanced by the organists' voluntaries, their personal contribution which can set the scene or theme of the service and express its mood of praise or contemplation.

This event is the first to make use of the exciting new Robin Jennings pipe organ in St Nicholas, dedicated by Archbishop Rowan last April and opened by Tom Bell in a concert the following month. There will be opportunities to play this wonderful instrument or, if you prefer, just to watch, listen and learn. It promises to be an encouraging and enjoyable day. The cost will be £12 including refreshments, so book your place soon.

Full details, including booking form, on [www.organschool.com](http://www.organschool.com). Otherwise please send £12 (cheques payable to 'St Giles International Organ School') to St Giles International Organ School, St Giles Cripplegate Church, Fore Street, Barbican, London EC2Y 8DA.

Contact [AMT@organschool.com](mailto:AMT@organschool.com) or 020 7638 8285 for further details.

Individual organ lessons are also available by arrangement, contact: Tom on [tombell.organist@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:tombell.organist@hotmail.co.uk) or by telephone 07900 123 500.