

Noticeboard



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Events and news "sponsored" by the Diocese

Swine 'Flu

The Archbishop of Canterbury and the Archbishop of York have published a letter with guidance about how the Church of England's worship might best take into account the interests of public health during the current phase of the swine 'flu pandemic, which includes a recommendation to suspend the administration of the chalice.

More information on: www.canterburydiocese.org/swineflu

Calling Tenor and Bass Singers!

On the Saturday of The Gathering, a new choir will be formed with the purpose of singing Evensong in the afternoon of that day. The Gathering choir, who will comprise 45 people of all ages and voice parts, will receive tuition and practice under Canterbury Cathedral Organist and Master of Choristers Dr David Flood during the morning and afternoon before singing Evensong.

More male singers (both tenor and bass) are required to complement the sopranos and altos who have already registered to sing in The Gathering Choir. Remember to ask members of your parish choirs if they would like to take part.

Participants will need to book a ticket for Saturday 5 September before they can join The Gathering Choir – further details www.canterburydiocese.org/the-gathering.

the gathering

Friday 'Conference Day' - Seminar choices filling up

Tickets for all events at The Gathering are selling quickly. Spaces on the various seminars taking place on Friday 4 September are filling up and soon it may not be possible to guarantee people their preferred choices. From the c. 300 bookings for Friday 4 September made to date, the most popular seminars are 'Leading your Church into Growth' with Revd Robin Gamble and 'Celebrating Mission' with the Venerable Philip Down. Places on all of the other seminars are also filling quickly. To secure your place and seminar choices for Friday 4 September, book on-line: <http://www.canterburydiocese.org/thegathering> or use a form available in recent editions of Outlook.

Families – invited on Saturday 5 September

Many families across the Diocese are booked to attend The Gathering on Saturday 5 September and more are welcome. Please keep mentioning The Gathering to your congregations and encourage them to attend.

On Saturday 5 September from 10am-6.30pm:

Activities include: silk painting, a labyrinth prayer walk, African drumming, and an opportunity to form a new choir with the purpose of singing Evensong in the Cathedral

Workshops include: 'Exploring Faith' with ex Manfred Mann Singer and former 'Joseph' Paul Jones, 'Children as Theologians' with Dr Sandra Millar 'Pilgrimage' with Bishop Lindsay Urwin, 'Ten things every Christian needs to know about Islam' with Dr Laird and a Christian Magician offering 'Magic with Meaning'.

For young people: five-a-side football tournament, a chill zone for teens, creative prayer, art and craft, brass rubbing, games and a treasure hunt.

The event concludes with a lively all age worship in the Cathedral with the Archbishop and Revd Nigel Genders at 5.30pm.

Further details are available on Canterbury Diocese website (www.canterburydiocese.org). Tickets in advance: adults £10, children £5 and family tickets (4 people) £20, under 3yrs go free. No further charge is made for admission into the Cathedral.

Festal Eucharist – Resources for Parishes

The Festal Eucharist on Sunday 6 September is open to people from across the Diocese. To enable every parish in the Diocese to share in the Festal Eucharist, even those parishes unable to attend, the following resources will be made available in August:

- A special hymn written by Dean Robert Willis,
- Intercessions,
- Collect
- Readings,
- Special message from Archbishop Rowan – by video, podcast and as a transcript

Notification will be sent to all parishes in the next fortnight when these resources are available or visit: www.canterburydiocese.org/festaleucharist for more information.

The Year Ahead: Looking at Luke

A seminar day on preaching the Gospel According to St Luke
Course Leader: Revd Dr Michael Thompson.

Saturday 24th October 2009. Registration from 9.30am,
first session begins 10.00am sharp, finish 4.00pm.

St Mary Bredin Church, Nunnery Fields, Canterbury.

Cost: £15.00 (**CME available for Clergy and Readers**)

Please bring your own lunch/tea and coffee provided

BOOK ONLINE at:

www.canterburydiocese.org/whatson/yearaheadbooking.htm

Mike is Vice-Principal of Ridley Hall and has taught New Testament and Greek for the Cambridge Theological Federation since 1995. Before that he spent seven happy years on the staff at St John's College, Nottingham. His doctorate at Cambridge was on the influence of Jesus' teaching and example on Paul as reflected in the letter to the Romans. Mike is an ordained Episcopal priest, and served in parish ministry in eastern North Carolina before coming to the UK in 1983. Although he has published academic work Mike's heart is in preaching and writing for clergy and lay people at a more popular level. He recently served as the biblical consultant for the award-winning BBC Radio 4 series 'Witness', which dramatised Luke's gospel in five acts. He also chairs the Grove Books Biblical Series Group. Mike is married to Susanne (the office manager of Grove Books), and became a UK citizen in 2006. They have two grown daughters and a golden retriever.

Mike Thompson's biblical lectures were so popular in the Cambridge Theological Federation that they sometimes ran out of chairs and people sat on the floor! He combines attention to detail and careful study of an academic theologian with a passion for the gospel and a real desire both to communicate it to others and to empower fellow preachers as they seek to do the same.

(Revd Hannah Hobday; Assistant Curate, Holy Trinity, Margate)

The strength of Mike Thompson's commitment to opening up the riches of the New Testament comes across with conviction and passion. He is an energetic communicator who speaks from a long and deep engagement with the founding texts of our faith.

(Revd Philip Hobday; Assistant Curate, St Peter-in-Thanel, Broadstairs)

Contact: courses@diocant.org

HOW TO ENCOURAGE YOUR PCC

Encourage them to apply for training courses which will be of great support to them in this important ministry.

Feedback from previous courses invariably includes the phrase 'greatly exceeded my expectations', and in general participants find the courses to have

- improved understanding of my role and responsibilities
- provided an opportunity to raise and have questions answered
- alerted me to the resources in Diocesan House
- allowed me to network with others in the same role but very different environments
- been hugely informative

There are still vacancies on the Saturday morning courses for Secretaries and Treasurers as below.

The final Introductory course for Churchwardens is now fully booked but there is a workshop for Experienced Churchwardens in the west of the diocese.

Experienced Churchwardens

Wednesday 16th September 09
1.00pm - 3.30pm, lunch from 12.30pm
St Mildred's Tenterden
Philip Down and Julian Hills

PCC Treasurer

Saturday 19th September 09
9.30am - 1.00pm, lunch from 12.30pm
Diocesan House, Canterbury
Rob Trice, Diocesan Accountant

PCC Secretaries

Saturday 17th October 09
9.30am - 1.00pm, lunch from 12.30pm
Diocesan House
Julian Hills, Diocesan Secretary

Courses cost £8 and can be booked by contacting Rose Dale email rdale@diocant.org phone 01227 459401, online at www.canterburydiocese.org/whatson/bookcourse.htm

Poverty and Hope 2009/10

Revd Ali Duguid. Appeal Director writes . . .

In the past we have held an autumn event to launch our Annual Poverty and Hope Appeal. Instead this year the new appeal will be represented at The Gathering in the Chapter House close to the registration points for delegates.

Displays about the appeal will be on display and representatives will be on hand to discuss the appeal.

As a cost cutting exercise, materials will NOT be sent to parishes as before,

but will be readily available at that stand at The Gathering. We are asking that a representative of each parish to collect the required number of leaflets, posters and gift aid envelopes for their Church.

Excluding the Gift Aid envelopes all material will also be downloadable from Canterbury Diocese website after The Gathering, but please do collect packs from the stand.

People and Places

THE REVEREND CHRISTOPHER JOHN SHIPLEY (presently Team Leader of Science at The Isle of Sheppey Academy) has been appointed Focal Minister, House for Duty Priest of Halfway, St Peter.

THE REVEREND JOHN LEWIS will be licensed as Area Dean of Sittingbourne on 8.9.2009.

THE REVEREND PHILIP MUSINDI will be licensed as Parish Priest of St Andrews Reading Street, 2.9.2009.

THE REVEREND NICHOLAS COOPER (presently Curate of Tenterden St Mildred with Smallhythe St John the Baptist in the Deanery of Tenterden) has been appointed Priest-in-Charge of the benefice of Saltwood, date to be notified.

VACANCY

Westgate On Sea: St Saviour - House for Duty

The parish profile is available online at:
www.canterburydiocese.org/vacancies

Please contact:

Andrea Fuggles on
01227 865238 or
[andrea.fuggles@
canterburycathedral.org](mailto:andrea.fuggles@canterburycathedral.org)

Finance Surgery

Saturday 26th September 2009
9.30am - 12.30pm

St Mildred's, Tenterden (Cost: free)

This free workshop aims to help PCC Treasurers and clergy, learn more about their roles and legal responsibilities.

There will be information on registration, parochial fees, reserves policies and public benefit plus an opportunity to meet fellow Treasurers from around the Diocese and share ideas and experience.

BOOK ONLINE www.canterburydiocese.org/whatson/bookcourse.htm
or email Rose Dale
rdale@diocant.org

Diocesan Adult Protection

Training Events

Saturday 19th September 2009, 9.30am - 12.30pm
Seasalter Christian Centre, 49 Faversham Road,
Seasalter, Whitstable CT5 4AX

Friday 13th November 2009, 6.30pm - 9.30pm
St Paul's Church, Boxley Road, Maidstone ME14 2AH

Saturday 23rd January 2010, 9.30am - 12.30pm
Ashford Christ Church School, Millbank Road, Kingsnorth,
Ashford TN23 3HG

Wednesday 3rd March 2010, 6.30pm - 9.30pm
Holy Trinity Church, Sandgate Road, Folkestone

BOOK ONLINE AT:

www.canterburydiocese.org/adultprotection/training/adultprotectionconf09.htm

Cost: These training events are free of charge.

Contact: Sheila Rooke, srooke@diocant.org.uk, tel: 01227 459401
www.canterburydiocese.org/adultprotection

Exploring a Calling to Spiritual Accompaniment

Rob Mackintosh, Director of Ministry & Training writes . .

There is a need to support both ordained and lay ministers in a deeper awareness of the presence of God in their lives, a growing discernment of God's will, and a clear link with the greater mission of God in the world.

Responding to this need, a pilot programme will begin in January 2010, offered jointly by Canterbury and Rochester dioceses. The aim is to develop a group of both lay and ordained practitioners who are called to this ministry, and who are skilled in the spiritual accompaniment of others.

Year 1 of the two-year programme will take place over six Saturdays (Jan 30, Mar 20, May 15, July 17, Sep 25 and Nov 27).

An application form, supporting letters and brochure which describes the course, with dates and venues is available at:
www.canterburydiocese.org/spiritualaccompaniment.

If you would like more information please contact:

Rose Dale: rdale@diocant.org; tel. 01227 459401.

(Applications and supporting letters must be received by 18th September 2009)

How Welcoming is your Church?

Over 130 people attended two seminars held in July on how to improve the welcome a church provides. Notes from 'The John Lewis Welcome' sessions, led by Mark Hope-Urwin (Director of Hospitality and Welcome at Birmingham Cathedral and former John Lewis Executive) and further information for 'mystery worshippers' plus the results of some research carried about by Lichfield Diocese may be found on <http://www.canterburydiocese.org/backtochurchsunday>

Parish Child Protection Coordinators Conference 2009

Grooming Behaviour and Support for Victims

10th October 2009, 9.00am-12.30pm (followed by buffet lunch)

St Paul's Church Centre, Church Street, (St Paul's), Canterbury, Cost: Free (lunch included)

This year's conference will provide an opportunity for co-ordinators and others interested and involved in the protection of children within the Diocese of Canterbury to spend time together and to discuss common concerns. Simon Tapp and Elaine Rose the Child Protection Advisers

for the Diocese will be attendance throughout the day.

During the first part of the morning there will be a discussion about how to recognise grooming behaviour which some sex offenders use when trying to gain access to children.

We will talk about the issues involved when working with survivors of sexual abuse later in the morning.

During the session there will be an opportunity for attendees to raise anything from your work in the Parishes involving child protection.

To book a place contact Sarah Lucas (slucas@diocant.org or 01227 459401) or **BOOK ONLINE** at: www.canterburydiocese.org/whatson/childprotectionconf09.htm

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

The Living Well – Autumn Study Programme

A number of study/training days for clergy and laity are on offer (CME funding available). All events are held in the beautiful surroundings of "The Living Well" in Nonington, East Kent. For further details of these courses and other autumn events visit <http://www.the-living-well.org.uk>

Saturday 12 September:
Quiet/Study Day
'Prayerful Wholeness'
with Revd Michael Fulljames

Saturday 19 September:
Study Day 'Parish Nursing'
with Mrs Linda Richards

Saturday 24 October:
"Healing from Inside Out"
with guest speaker and author,
Jennifer Rees-Larcombe

Saturday 31 October and
Wednesday 4 November:
Study Day
**'Healing Wounded
History in our Churches'**
with Revd Amanda Evans

Saturday 7 November:
Study Day
'Healing and Mental Health'
with Revd Chris McKenna

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For information pack please write to: Waymark, 1 Link Lane, Canterbury CT1 2AF, tel 01227 781891

or email: waymarktrust@tiscali.co.uk

For an informal discussion with the Director phone: 01227 781891

applications close on
15th August 2009

registered charity no 1022628

Norman Churches in the Canterbury Diocese

newly published

One or more of the churches in the Diocese may be featured in 'Norman Churches in the Canterbury Diocese' which has just been published. One of the authors Mary Berg promised to let parishes know when the book was published - since some of the research visits were three or four years ago. Mary Berg says: "Thank you to everyone who helped us during our research. I hope that the result is of some interest. In particular, I hope that it will encourage people to visit the Norman churches. I would be happy to try to answer any questions and, if it is appropriate to give a talk to parishioners.

Please contact me either by email mary.petermaryberg@tiscali.co.uk or by telephone (01227 450426)".

You can read the review in The Telegraph: www.telegraph.co.uk/comment/columnists/christopher-howse/5869960/A-pub-and-church-worth-the-journey.html

and more info at www.canterburydiocese.org/normanchurches

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Second Ecumenical Kirchentag

Munich, 12-16 May 2010

Come and join 150,000 people in Munich, gathering next May for the second Ecumenical Kirchentag, planned jointly by the Protestant and Catholic Churches in Germany. Kirchentag means Church Congress, and is one of the most significant Christian events in Europe. It's been described as "a mixture of an University summer school, a Bible convention, Taizé, a synod meeting, the Edinburgh Festival, a brass band festival for 500 bands, an Ideal Homes exhibition and a cup final - all rolled into one and all at the same time."

Revd. Robin Blount will be organising a group from south-east England, covering registration and accommodation but not travel.

The cost will be around £70 plus travel and some meals.

Find out more from their website - kirchentag.org.uk - or by email from robin.blount@virgin.net.



Pasch with Pizzazz

Liturgy for Holy Week and Easter with Flair and Imagination

Guildford Cathedral
Stag Hill
Guildford, GU2 7UP

Thursday 8th October 2009
11.00am - 4.00pm

Led by The Very Revd Victor Stock and Canon Jeremy Davies

www.praxisworship.org.uk

Further information and booking form www.canterburydiocese.org/paschwithpizzazzpraxisbookingform.pdf

Or contact:

The Revd Simon Tatton-Brown,
St Andrew's Vicarage
54a St Mary St
Chippenham
Wilts SN15 3JW
Tel: 01249 656834

Vertical ladders guidance

In the last year there have been a number of accidents involving falls from height in churches in the UK, including two fatalities where volunteers fell from vertical ladders in the bell tower. The Health and Safety Executive advise that it is good practice, and very strongly recommended that people working as volunteers are given the same level of protection as employees.

The following advice is provided to assist parishes.

All work at height must be risk assessed, taking into account the nature of the task, the age and capacity of the volunteer, as well as the layout of the building and any unusual features.

The use of fixed ladders as a means of access between floors should only be considered where a conventional staircase cannot be accommodated and their use is considered safe, based on risk assessment.

Ladders should be maintained in a good state of repair and securely fixed in position.

Rungs should be firmly secured in a horizontal position and provide a good foothold. They should extend at least 1.1 metres above any floor accessed by the ladder.

Where ladders pass through floors, the size of the opening should be as small as practical, fenced and a gate provided where necessary to prevent falls.

Where possible, safety hoops or a permanently fixed fall arrest system should be fitted to the ladder, as determined appropriate from risk assessment. If hoops are installed they should start at a height of 2.5 metres from the bottom of the ladder and be spaced at a maximum of 900mm intervals. The top hoop should be in line with the top of any fencing on the floor served by the ladder.

Expert advice on work at height related issues is available from Ecclesiastical Risk Services Ltd (*a company in the Ecclesiastical Insurance Group*) or other suppliers who have no connection with the Ecclesiastical Insurance Group. If you wish to contact Ecclesiastical Risk Services Ltd their contact details are as follows: Tel: 0845 602 4065 Email: ers_ltd@eigmail.com

Meeting Venue for Hire

St Mary's Church Wingham - can offer a meeting venue to rent, with seating for up to 30 people, disabled access and self catering facilities.

Contact:

David Mears, 01227 720470,
email: lj.mears@btinternet.com

or

Steve Sheath
email:
stephen.sheath@btinternet.com

Pilgrimage to Syria 2009

There are a few places available for a pilgrimage to Syria from October 3rd-11th led by Canon Bruce Duncan, former Principal of Sarum College, Salisbury.

The cost of this full-board tour, including flights between Heathrow and Damascus, is £1,395.

For further details contact Canon Bruce Duncan,
email: churchpath1@ntlworld.com or telephone 01722 502227.

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