

Noticeboard



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Events and news "sponsored" by the Diocese

RAIN TAX

The Church of England has unanimously voted to ask the Government to scrap the 'rain tax' against churches, charities and clubs. You can sign the petition or find out more at www.dontdrainus.org

SURVEY

Church of England website

The Church of England has created a user survey to appraise the national website. The web authors are keen to find out what you, the users of the site think so that the site can become even more useful and usable in the future. This survey gives you a chance to have your say. It should only take about 7-10 minutes to complete. All questions are optional. <http://www.survey.bris.ac.uk/cofe/cofeweb>

STREETBRAND

Magazine Community

martin short writes . . .

STREETBRAND Magazine Community are promoting a new Christian social networking site. Having heard concerns raised about it in the communications community, I have consulted our Child Protection Advisers.

This site would appear to present a significant risk to the young people who use it in that non-logged-in people can access, the names, dates of birth, photos and home towns of young female members aged 10-16.

Whilst the idea of the site is to provide a safe space for Christian young people, the open access it currently offers, in our view, makes them vulnerable.

National Appeal for Zimbabwe

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York launched on Ash Wednesday a national appeal for Zimbabwe. This is in response to a statement from the meeting of the Primates of the Anglican Communion earlier this month, who called for a fresh effort across the Communion to raise funds to help the Anglican dioceses in Zimbabwe to address the mounting humanitarian crisis in their communities. The appeal poster and flyer are available on the website <http://www.canterburydiocese.org/zimbabwe> and donations may be made through USPG Anglicans in World Mission: <http://www.uspg.org.uk>

Bishop Stephen Announces Retirement Date

The Rt Revd Dr Stephen Venner who has been Bishop of Dover and Bishop in Canterbury since 1999 has announced his intention to retire at the end of November this year.



Bishop Stephen's early announcement of his intentions follows conversations with Archbishop Rowan and will enable immediate moves to be made towards the appointment of his successor. The diocesan Vacancy in See Committee will oversee the drafting of a Statement of Needs, and a group representing that Committee and the National Church will work with the Archbishop to identify a successor. It is hoped that the new Bishop will be named later this year and take up his duties in the first half of 2010.

Because of the special relationship that the Archbishop has with the Bishop of Dover, he has decided to give priority to filling this vacancy. The process will then continue with the appointment of a new Bishop of Maidstone to replace Bishop Graham Cray who begins a new post as Archbishops' Missioner and leader of the Fresh Expressions team in May.

EASTER MONDAY
youth pilgrimage

The Emmaus Road

13 April 2009
12.00noon
Canterbury Cathedral

Eucharistic Service with Lunch Time activities
Guest Speaker: Mark Russell (CEO, Church Army)
Drama by Saltmine Theatre Company

To download posters, flyers and a pilgrim pack visit: www.canterburydiocese.org/eastermonday
contact: Sarah Lucas slucas@diocant.org

New! Resources for Parish Magazine Editors

Parish Magazine Editors are the unsung heroes of many communities. Over the next few months, the communications team will be building an on-line resource called 'The Editor' with news, stories, funnies, and links to help you fill your parish magazines with engaging and interesting material. In addition we plan to send out a monthly e-newsletter with the best items to all parish magazine editors. The site launches with a heartfelt piece by Bishop Stephen written to the whole diocese on his announcement to retire.

Check out: www.canterburydiocese.org/parish/TheEditor

We need your help to track down the details of all our 150 or so parish magazine editors. Please take a moment to provide details of your parish magazine editor on www.canterburydiocese.org/parish/magazine/editor alternatively, please send the link to your editor.

We welcome comments and contributions – please contact Emily Shepherd, Director of Communications email: eshepherd@diocant.org or telephone 01227 459 401.

Growing in Prayer

what the saints tell us about
the spiritual journey

HOLY WEEK LECTURES

in Catherbury Cathedral
by Dr Rowan Williams, Archbishop of Canterbury

Monday 6 April 2009

The Early Church

Tuesday 7 April 2009

Performers, Catholic
and Protestant

Wednesday 8 April 2009

The Quest for God
in the Modern Age

Lectures start at 7.30pm - No tickets required

Chrism Eucharists and Renewal of Ordination Vows and Blessing of Oils

Canterbury Cathedral

The dates of the Chrism Eucharists in 2009
are as follows:

Tuesday 7 April 2009, 12.00noon
Bishop of Richborough

Thursday 9 April 2009, 11.00am
Archbishop of Canterbury

please complete the form online at:

www.canterburydiocese.org/oils

Collective Worship in Schools

from Nigel Genders and Virginia Corbyn

One of the key factors in supporting, promoting and developing the Christian character of a Church of England school is the quality of the worship that takes place within the normal context of a school day. We recognise that there are a lot of different people involved in leading worship in schools (Clergy, Readers, church members, headteachers, teachers and other staff) and so the diocesan education team are offering two training sessions to help those who are involved in this vital ministry. Whist we will be thinking particularly about this in the context of Church of England primary schools, the first session will also be of help to those working in a community primary school setting.

These training sessions are available free of charge but we do need you to book in advance to help us with planning the arrangements. For these initial sessions we are having to restrict the numbers to 3 people per church or school so please complete the form at www.canterburydiocese.org/schools/collectiveworshipform.pdf and return it to Jean Ireland as soon as possible to guarantee a place.

■ **Monday 29 June 2009**, 1.00pm to 4.30pm
at Chartham Village Hall
For Clergy, Readers, Church Members

■ **Wednesday 1 July 2009**, 1.00pm to 4.30pm
at Chartham Village Hall
*For those who work in schools –
headteachers, teachers, other staff*

We look forward to welcoming you to take part in one of these training sessions.

Nigel and Virginia

the gathering

Canterbury Cathedral -
4, 5, 6 September 2009

'The Gathering 2009' is a new style conference designed for clergy, readers, wardens, PCC officers, and all members of congregations in the Diocese of Canterbury.

Friday 4 September:

Conference style day with an address by the Archbishop, Bible exposition and a range of workshops and seminars.

Friday evening – 'Ian Hislop and the Archbishop In Conversation' also youth service with band and drama.

Saturday 5 September :

Further workshops and seminars, Bible exposition and creative sessions. Family Praise in the Nave

For children: craft, magician, games, art and treasure hunt

For young people: five-a-side football, African drumming and music

Sunday 6 September:

Bible exposition and Eucharist with the Archbishop

Full details and booking forms will be available on the website

www.canterburydiocese.org/thegathering2009

and in Outlook later in March.

People and Places

THE REVEREND SARAH ROSITA WILLIAMS (presently Assistant Chaplain, Tervuren, Belgium in the Diocese of Europe) has been appointed Priest-in-Charge of the benefice of Lydd, All Saints with St Peter, Greatstone and the Sanctuary, Dungeness.

THE REVEREND DR STEPHEN LAIRD (presently Anglican Chaplain and Lecturer in Theology and Religious Studies, University of Kent; and Honorary Assistant Curate of St Stephens, Canterbury (Hackington)) has IN ADDITION been appointed to succeed Canon Noelle Hall as Priest-in-Charge of the benefice of Blean, SS Cosmos & Damian in the Deanery of Canterbury, date to follow

THE REVEREND GERARDO ROMO-GARCIA has been given Permission to Officiate in the Diocese of Canterbury for one year with effect from 13.2.2009.

THE REVEREND PATRICK HENRY AMOS (formerly Clergy Widows Officer for the Maidstone Archdeaconry) died on 9.2.2009.

Diocesan Registrar

OWEN CAREW-JONES will become Diocesan Registrar on 1 April 2009. He succeeds Richard Sturt in this role. Owen Carew-Jones is currently Registrar and Bishop's Legal Secretary in the Diocese of Rochester and is solicitor to St Paul's Cathedral. He is also a Partner in the firm of Winckworth Sherwood, one of the leading ecclesiastical law practices. The firm is currently based in Westminster but moves after Easter to offices next to Southwark Cathedral at London Bridge.

The Registry team consists of Roger Clayton Pearce, Adena Harrison and Kevin Sims. Clergy and parishes are welcome to contact the team on 020 7593 5110 or by email to registry@wslaw.co.uk

Filing Cabinets

Metal Four-Drawer Filing Cabinets - available for collection free of charge from Diocesan House.

please contact Gill Marsh at gmarsh@diocant.org

The Marriage Measure 2008

A seminar for Clergy, Churchwardens and Parish Secretaries

Speaker: Dr Richard Sturt,
Diocesan Registrar

Venue: St Mary Bredin, Canterbury

Date: **Thursday 26 March 2009**

Time: 10.00am - 12.00noon

Cost: £5

(Clergy may use CME grant)

Recent changes made by the Church of England Marriage Measure 2008, to the law of marriage according to the rites and ceremonies of the Church of England ("Anglican marriage"), have added considerably to the options open to couples intending to be

married. The options concern the venues where an Anglican marriage may take place and the preliminaries to that marriage. There are also some restrictions and additional requirements.

For further information and to book for this seminar please contact
Rose Dale rdale@diocant.org phone 01227 459401

or book online at www.canterburydiocese.org/whatson/mmbooking.htm

Basic Certificate in Children's Ministry

21, 28 April, 5, 12, 19, 26 May 2009
7.45pm - 9.30pm (coffee from 7.30pm)

Venue: St Bartolemew's Church,
King Edward Avenue, Herne Bay

Ted Hurst
(Diocesan Children's Ministry Adviser)

Cost: Free

A six session, practical and experiential course for those working with children and teenagers. Will include input on Using the Bible with Children, Telling Stories, Craft, Prayer etc

Contact: Sarah Lucas slucas@diocant.org
01227 459401

Advance Notice Children's Pentecost Party

Date: **30 May 2009** Venue: Canterbury Cathedral
To register for information updates
email slucas@diocant.org

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 are available on the Diocesan website: www.canterburydiocese.org/vacancies or from: Gillian Marsh - gmarsh@diocant.org or tel: 01227 459401.

This post is subject to enhanced disclosure from the CRB

Closing date: 13 March 2009;
Interviews: 23 and 24 March 2009

50 Ideas To Refresh Your Children's Ministry

21 March 2009, 10.00am - 1.00pm
(coffee from 9.30am, lunch will follow at 1.00pm)

Venue: St Francis Church, Ashford

Tutor: Mr Ted Hurst
(Diocesan Children's Ministry Adviser)

Cost: £8.00 (including a light lunch)

Is your children's work getting stale, boring, same old thing week after week. Looking for fresh ideas – something different.

In this workshop will explore lots of different ways of working and ideas for doing work with children in a church backed group. Whenever and wherever that is: mid week; after school / before school; Saturday; Sunday; any day or time of day.

- Large number of ideas suitable for use by children's workers
- Suitable for new people and those with experience
- Explore useful resources
- Have a go
- Have fun

Good Practice in Safeguarding Children Workshop

23 March 2009, 7.30pm - 9.30pm

Venue: Kingsnorth Parish Church

Tutor: Mr Ted Hurst
(Diocesan Children's Ministry Adviser)

Cost: Free

A practical workshop dealing with how we put the theory of child protection and safeguarding into practice in church backed children's groups and clubs.

For: Anyone working with children or thinking about working with children.
People who children confide in
Sides people; welcomers
Anyone with a leadership role where children are involved

What is safeguarding / child protection
What to expect / look out for
Dealing with confidentiality
who needs to know [and who doesn't]
Answering children's questions worries

Book for the above courses online at:
www.canterburydiocese.org/whatson/booking.htm
or contact Sarah Lucas
slucas@diocant.org 01227 459401

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 ONLINE at 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
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

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

Two one and a half hour sessions will cover how clergy perceive and feel about their ministry and what effect that has upon their lives, relationships and the steps they take to look after themselves.

Session 1;
'Pastoral Care by the Clergy'

Session 2;
'Pastoral Care of the Clergy.'

Douglas Turton is a retired parish priest. Before ordination he qualified and worked as a social

worker then went to university and obtained an honours degree in theology. Then in parish ministry, he retired 9 years ago utterly exhausted. During his ministry (in Canterbury and Southwark Dioceses) he obtained a masters degree in counselling psychology. After retiring 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.

To book for this seminar please contact Rose Dale rdale@diocant.org
phone 01227 459401

Book online at www.canterburydiocese.org/whatson/pastoralbooking.htm

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

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. 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 or 020 7638 8285 for further details.

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

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Lady Wootton's Green, Canterbury CT1 1NQ
noticeboard@diocant.org**

'Who owns Fairtrade?'

Thursday 5 March 2009 at 6.00pm in Seminar Room 17 of Keynes College University of Kent.

Guest speakers: Pauline Tiffen, founder of Cafédirect and Divine Chocolate; Adam Brett, co-founder of Tropical Wholefoods.

Fairtrade is still in the process of evolution. It has progressed rapidly out of its original niche market, but it does not always sit comfortably in the mainstream retail sector. Its success has created tensions, not least when companies such as Nestlé apply for certification. These tensions and challenges will be addressed on Thursday evening. Questions to be discussed include: Who controls and influences Fairtrade? How much say do producers themselves have in the Fairtrade system? What happens when big retailers and multinationals start using the FAIRTRADE Mark? Who benefits?

The event is free and open to everyone, There is free parking in Keynes College car park.

VISUAL ARTS

PILGRIMS WAY ARTISTS 2009 -
12th ANNUAL EXHIBITION

Saturday 16 May to Monday 25 May 2009
Lenham Tythe Barn 10.00am - 6.00pm daily

30 local artists including potters and sculptors – exhibiting over 300 works

Demonstrations – Workshops –
and on the spot portraits.

Parking & Admission Free.

Canterbury City Centre Parish Lent Lectures 2009

*The Reverend Justin Lewis-
Anthony*
*author of this year's Mowbray
Lent Book*
*Circles of Thorns: Hieronymus
Bosch and Being Human*



exploring the message of
Bosch's Christ Mocked
"500 years old but passionately modern"

Tuesdays in March 2009 - 12.30pm -
followed by a light lunch

St Peter's Church - St Peters Street - Canterbury