

Noticeboard



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Events and news "sponsored" by the Diocese

Bishop Trevor Willmott will be installed and welcomed as Bishop of Dover and Bishop in Canterbury

Saturday 6 February 2010, 3.00pm, Canterbury Cathedral.
Further information available in the New Year.

Online Directory

Following the launch of the new online directory, work is progressing on the paper copy of the directory which will be published in January. If you wish to order a copy of the directory (priced £10) please send through your order and payment by 18 December to Mark Binns at Diocesan House or via: <http://www.canterburydiocese.org/directory/order>. Individuals are also reminded to send any amends/updates to their contact details by 18 December by using the online form available from <http://www.canterburydiocese.org/directory> or by contacting Mark Binns: mbinns@diocant.org

Diocesan Synod News - November 14 2009

New members of Diocesan Synod who will stand for the next three years, met for the first time on November 14. The event included presentations on the '3 Ms' – 'Mission, Money and 'Ministry', along with Bishop Stephen's final address to Synod. News and presentations from Diocesan Synod may be viewed at: <http://www.canterburydiocese.org/diocesansynod>

Restructuring plans for ministry and mission with children, young people and the Board of Education

The Diocesan Board of Education is undergoing significant changes as it restructures to encompass the work children and young people. Education Director Revd Nigel Genders has written an article which outlines how the new Board will operate, and also calls for suggestions for a new name for the Board to communicate clearly its broader responsibilities. <http://www.canterburydiocese.org/schools/ministryandmission-withchildrennov09.pdf>

Swine Flu update

In a letter to the House of Bishops dated November 27th, the Archbishops state: "We can now advise that the normal administration of Holy Communion ought to resume. This recommendation is subject to the guidelines issued in June." For more details: <http://www.canterburydiocese.org/swineflu/26thnovember-swinefluadvice.pdf>

Bishop Stephen's message following his Service of Farewell

"I cannot begin to express my appreciation of the wonderful farewells we have been given by the Diocese, and particularly for the Farewell Eucharist on November 28th. It was one of the loveliest and most profoundly emotional services of my ministry, and Judy, the children and grandchildren, and my mother shared my profound sense of gratitude to all who were there ... and to God himself, whose Spirit was so abundantly present among us. We were delighted by the baskets of Kent goodies, some of which we sampled that evening! As for the incredibly generous cheque, I cannot express my gratitude. We have had to give away the piano on which I learned to play as a child (it was simply too heavy and big for our new home), and the money will enable me to buy a digital piano and to enjoy re-learning how to play!

On the prayer card that was given out at the service, I used the words of Dom Anselm Morris: "For the past, thanks. For the future, YES!" That in a nutshell sums up where I am and pray you are. You will forever be in my prayers, as I thank God for our shared journey and pray with confidence that he still has great things in store for me and for you. Judy joins me in sending our love to you all as we bid you God's speed - Fare thee well!"

More information and photos of the farewell service may be found on: www.canterburydiocese.org/stephen-venner/farewellservice.htm

Holy Week Lectures the beginning of the GOSPEL

Reading Mark's life of Jesus

Archbishop Rowan offers these lectures in Canterbury Cathedral each evening at 7.30pm

Monday 29 March - History & Memory

Tuesday 30 March - Unveiling Secrets

Wednesday 31 March - A Lifelong Passion

ALL ARE WELCOME - No tickets required

Download poster and flyer from <http://www.canterburydiocese.org/holyweeklectures>

New Outlook and Noticeboard for the New Year

Outlook will be re-launched in the New Year as a quarterly, features based magazine and Noticeboard will change to a monthly e-bulletin available to all clergy, readers and officers in a move to strengthen communications across the Diocese.

The changes follow a review of diocesan communications undertaken for Archbishop's Council by Communications' Director, Emily Shepherd.

As a quarterly, full-colour, features based magazine, the new Outlook will be aimed primarily at 'people in the pews' and those on the fringes of churches. The new magazine will carry stories of people's faith, features about community work that parishes are involved in along with some local and regional news.

As part of the communications' review, other methods of communication, including the website will be strengthened so that clergy, readers and parish officers are still able to access news and information that is relevant to their roles.

Noticeboard will be re-launched as a monthly email bulletin for all clergy, readers, officers and other subscribers and will include articles that share best practice with case-studies of churches facing common issues (for example restoration projects, promoting discipleship, running holiday clubs, website re-design, fundraising and volunteer recruitment etc....) as well as news from the diocese, national church and parishes, book reviews, notices, events, training dates, and comment.

The new Outlook Magazine will be published four times a year, with the first edition available in early March and subsequent editions available in June, September and December.

Noticeboard will change to a monthly e-bulletin in February.

Contributions and ideas for both publications are welcomed and should be sent to Emily Shepherd at Diocesan House, tel 01227 459401 or email: eshpherd@diocant.org. Parishes wishing to publicise events may also do so by completing an online form: <http://www.canterburydiocese.org/whats on/parish/submitevent>

Diocesan Adult Protection Training Events

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

Wednesday 17 March 2010, 6.30pm - 9.30pm
(please note change of date)

Holy Trinity Church, Sandgate Road, Folkestone.

Please encourage anyone in your parish for whom this training might be relevant to book up for one of the sessions.

BOOK ONLINE:

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

Contact: Sheila Rooke, Diocesan House, Lady Wootton's Green, Canterbury CT1 1NQ. srooke@diocant.org.uk

People and Places

THE REVEREND CANON GORDON MANLEY retired from the post of Retirement Officer on 31.8.2009.

THE REVEREND RAVI HOLY (presently Assistant Curate of Battersea, St Luke in the Diocese of Southwark) has been appointed Priest-in-Charge of the United Wye Benefice, 14.1.2010.

THE REVEREND NICK FINLAY (presently incumbent of Sittingbourne St Mary and St Michael has been appointed as Associate Vicar of Upper and Lower Ithon in the Diocese of Swansea and Brecon, 14.1.2010.

THE REVEREND PAUL ROBERT WORLEDGE (in addition to his present post) has been appointed as Area Dean of Thanet with effect from 19.11.2009.

THE REVEREND LESLEY ANNE HARDY is to be licensed as Assistant Curate of Barham with Bishopsbourne and Kingston in the Deanery of East Bridge 27.11.2009. Lesley's PTO will cease from this date.

THE REVEREND BEATRICE MUSINDI has been given Permission to Officiate in the Diocese for three years with effect from 2.9.2009.

THE REVEREND GILLIAN REED will be licensed as Assistant Curate, Ospringe Deanery, 15.9.2009.

THE REVEREND DIANE WEBB will be licensed as Self-Supporting Priest for the parishes of Throwley, Badlesmere, Leaveland, 6.12.2009.

THE REVEREND JACQUELINE HENRY has moved to Rochester and relinquished her PTO in the Diocese of Canterbury.

THE REVEREND DIANE FAWCETT will be licensed as House for Duty Priest of St Margaret-at-Cliffe, St Margaret of Antioch with Westcliffe, St Peter and East Langdon, St Augustine with West Langdon, St Mary the Virgin, 7.1.2010.

THE REVEREND MARK BALL (in addition to his present post) has been appointed Honorary Chaplain to the Marlowe Theatre, Canterbury.

Deaf Forum East Kent Group: Meetings for 2010

Margate Media Centre, 11-13 King Street, Margate CT9 1DA

21 January, 22 April, 22 July,

21 October 2010, 7.00pm – 9.00pm

Contact: Jo Frazer for more details at Jo.Frazer@kent.gov.uk

or Mary Bucknall, email: mary@churchinsociety.org

Or visit the website: <http://www.kent.gov.uk/deaf>

Leading your Church into Growth

Rochester Diocese

4 Day Residential Course for lay and ordained church leaders

15-18 June 2010 at Ashburnham Place, Battle, East Sussex, TN33 9NF.

The course takes the form of an open seminar with interactive talks, practical exercises and time and space for personal reflection. Our leaders will be available to answer questions and examine the profile of each of the churches represented by the participants of the course.

The cost will be £150 per person, for the first 25 applicants (normally £250), this includes full board and all course resources. Many clergy will find that they can claim part or all of the cost from the CME budget of the diocese.

To reserve a place on the Leading Your Church Into Growth Course. Enclose a cheque for £25 made payable to Rochester DBF as a non-refundable deposit together with a booking form which you can download a booking form from:

<http://www.canterburydiocese.org/leadingyourchurchintogrowthjune2010.pdf>

or contact: Carol Evans, Prebendal House, Kings Orchard, Rochester, ME1 1TG.

tel: 01634 844508
carol.evans@rochester.anglican.org

Closing date for bookings:
14 May 2010.

VACANCIES

House for Duty Priest for Wingham with Preston and Elmstone

Centred on Wingham, where the church sits in the middle of the village, we are used to working together (including alternating services at Preston and Elmstone). We are looking for someone to develop our pastoral team and our work with families and young people and to deepen our relationship with God. Our worship needs are diverse. Links with the community, uniformed organisations, schools and village life are strong.

Seven miles from Canterbury, we are in a historic setting but we can provide a modern vicarage!

Contact: The Archdeacon of Canterbury's Office, 29 The Precincts, Canterbury CT1 2EP; Tel: 01227 865238; Email: andrea.fuggles@canterbury-cathedral.org

Rector for Ringwould with Kingsdown and Ripple with Sutton by Dover

An attractive multiparish benefice between Deal and Dover

Have you :

An ability to make the gospel relevant to the young and not so young?

Leadership skills to develop a committed lay and ordained team?

Empathy for rural ministry and engagement with community life?

Contact Gillian Marsh, Diocesan House Lady Wootton's Green. Canterbury CT1 1NQ Tel: 01227 459401 Email: gmarsh@diocant.org

United Wye Benefice House for Duty Priest: Elmsted, Hastingleigh, Petham and Waltham

Based in Hastingleigh Vicarage with responsibilities in the four small villages, this is also an opportunity to work collegially as part of the wider Wye.

Work is ongoing with local schools and family worship. We enjoy our community spirit and variety of church services. We want help in our mission to work more closely together and to reach out to new people.

It is a significant point in the life of the team with 2 new colleagues joining us.

Do find out if you are called to be one of them

Contact Gillian Marsh, Diocesan House, Lady Wootton's Green. Canterbury CT1 1NQ. Tel: 01227 459401 Email: gmarsh@diocant.org

Further details and application form available for the above vacancies from:
<http://www.canterburydiocese.org/vacancies>

Please note an enhanced CRB disclosure is required for all of the above vacancies

Canterbury Diocesan Spirituality Group

Ways in Prayer

Saturday 20 February 2010, 10.00am to 3.30pm at the Franciscan International Study Centre, Canterbury

Choose three workshops from:

Praying the Rosary - Canon Jeremiah Cronin

Prayer Space - Revd Peter Ashman & Revd Ann Irvine

Stages in Spiritual Growth - Canon Brian Chalmers

Poetry & Prayer - Neville Emslie

Praying in the Father Heart of God - Revd Shiela Porter

Exploring Celtic Prayer - Claire Houston

BOOK ONLINE: <http://www.canterburydiocese.org/whatson/waysinprayer.htm>

Contact: Mrs J Llewellyn 01227 789515 or Rose Dale (Diocesan House) 01227 459401 Email rdale@diocant.org

The Post-resurrection Appearances of Jesus

Canon Mark Pearson

Friday 16 April 2010, Diocesan House, (Time and cost: to be confirmed)

"There have been so many books written over the centuries about the events of Easter Morning. As Scripture tells us, "If Jesus had not been raised from the dead, our faith is in vain." But what about the events over the next forty days? Not much has been written here and yet our Lord spent those forty days before ascending back to the Father. Might I, tongue in cheek, suggest the reason little has been written is because the clergy are all tired out from the very busy events of Holy Week and Easter morn? Yet there are several lessons of great importance to our walk with Christ and our work for Christ that are taught in the various post-Resurrection appearances of our Lord. We will examine these in our time together, not so much from an academic vantage point as from a pastoral one. How do the events of the Easter Season speak to us and to the people we serve?"

Rev. Canon Dr. Mark A. Pearson and his wife Mary, a physician, together with a staff of 14 lead the New Creation Healing Center, a whole person wellness facility with medical people, certified/licensed/professional counsellors, massage therapist and sacramental / prayer ministry. At present this is on "out patient" basis but they are raising funds to build a residential place for people to come stay for in-depth medical/counselling /spiritual ministry; ref. <http://christianrenewal.wordpress.com>

Mark's theological education was at Wycliffe Hall, Oxford 1971-3 graduating MA in theology. He was ordained deacon 1974, priest 1975, and is honorary canon to the Philippine Episcopal Church "in recognition of your international work in healing and renewal." Mark has a doctorate from Boston University, USA in the area of Christian healing and is the author of four books with two more on the way. Most of his ministry is in the area of Christian healing; leading services, workshops, conferences and advising churches in their healing ministries. Mark was a professional organist/choirmaster in a men and boy's choir.

ALM – The Story so Far!!

Since 2001 nearly 190 individuals have benefited from ALM training and have used their ALM experience to enrich their ministry within parishes across the diocese. Some former students have subsequently decided to do further ALM study as their ministry in their parishes has developed, for example Pastoral Assistants taking further training as Healing and Wholeness Ministers. Other ALMs have taken their ministry training further and trained as OLMs or Readers.

This year there are 54 students from 34 parishes / benefices from the four corners of the diocese. Students are currently studying the Core Module in Discipleship and Ministry and after Christmas they will begin to study their chosen electives – Children's leader (11), Healing and Wholeness Minister (10), Pastoral Assistant (15), Worship Leader (12) and Youth Leader (6).

Will you be part of the story? General information on ALM training is available at www.canterburydiocese.org/bmt/localministries/alm, and the 2010/11 application form will be available on-line in February 2010. Contact: slucas@diocant.org

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

Call for Parish News to feature on Radio Kent

Hello there – as producer of the Sunday morning programme on Radio Kent, I write the religious news bulletin. I would like to cover more news from Kent parishes, local stories about local issues. Please contact me Lynn Wallis-Eade: lynn.wallis-eade@bbc.co.uk

Possible concert of Church music from Russia

A small singing group (four people) from St. Petersburg, Russia often go on concert tours abroad and we would be happy to give concert at your church.

If you are interested please contact: Andrey Sysoev, LYRA vocal ensemble, St. Petersburg, Russia.

Email: aasysa@gmail.com or visit the website at: <http://www.lyra-online.org>

Learn to write an Icon

Following the success of the Divine Dimensions exhibition, a number of Courses are being organised in Medieval Art techniques. Download a booking form at: <http://www.canterburydiocese.org/publication/noticeboard/divinedimensionscoursesbookingform.pdf>

St Peter's Contemporary Theology Group

The St Peter's Contemporary Theology Group is an ecumenical gathering that meets on the third Wednesday of each month, from January to June, at St Peter's Methodist Church, Canterbury.

The church is about 100 metres from the Westgate Towers, towards the city centre. The nearest public car park is Pound Lane. All meetings start at 7.45pm.

Our meetings are open to all who are interested in honest and lively discussions on contemporary themes in theology and religion. Whatever your interests or viewpoint, you will be most welcome to join us.

And please tell others about the Group.

Wednesday 20 January 2010

Dr James Appleyard: Formerly Consultant Paediatrician, Kent and Canterbury Hospital, and President of the World Medical Association

Suffer the little children ... Parenting, discipline and the moral development of children

Wednesday 17 February 2010

Canon Christopher Irvine: Canon Librarian, Canterbury Cathedral

The cross as the tree of life in Christian art

For further details about any of these meetings please contact: John Butler, 16 Leycroft Close, Canterbury CT2 7LD. Tel: 01227 760600 email: john@jandgbutler.wanadoo.co.uk