

Noticeboard



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Events and news "sponsored" by the Diocese

THE DIOCESE OF CANTERBURY *presents a series of* **CLERGY PENSION CONSULTATIONS**

- **Tuesday 15 September 2009**, 2.30pm, St Paul's Church Hall, Canterbury
- **Monday 21 September 2009**, 7.30pm, St Paul's Church Hall, Canterbury
- **Wednesday 23 September 2009**, 7.30pm, Kingsnorth Church, Ashford

The Church of England Pensions Board has announced a consultation period for considering a wide range of options for reducing the cost of the current statutory Clergy Pension Scheme. This scheme is currently experiencing huge pressures in the present financial climate and a National Task Force has been set up to consider the Church's response to these challenges.

We are pleased to announce a series of meetings across the diocese to publicise these proposals and to hear feedback so that the diocese can prepare a widely considered response by the 31st October deadline. The meetings will also provide information for individuals to make their own responses to the Pensions Board should they wish.

The eventual outcome of this matter will have profound implications for the church's finances and ministry and thereby its mission. Accordingly the meetings are open to all clergy and parish officers who feel they have an interest.

Please feel free to attend the meeting that is most convenient to you. This may or may not necessarily be the one closest to you.

Each meeting will be presented by Julian Hills - Diocesan Secretary.

PLEASE PUBLICISE THESE MEETINGS AS WIDELY AS POSSIBLE

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, tel: 01227 459401
www.canterburydiocese.org/adultprotection

Poverty and Hope

**Materials for the 2009/10
Poverty and Hope appeal
will soon be available.**

To help with cost cutting,
Appeal Director Ali Duguid asks:

"Please ensure that a representative from your parish collects your Poverty and Hope material from the Chapter House at some time during The Gathering (4-6 September). Posters, leaflets etc will all be packed neatly for you to carry away. Very many thanks."



People and Places

THE REVEREND RICHARD STEVEN will resign as Chaplain to HMP Blantyre House, 21.9.2009.

THE REVEREND ROBERT PENROSE PRANCE, (Presently Chaplain Shiplake College, Henley-on-Thames Oxfordshire in the Diocese of Oxford) has been appointed Chaplain to St Edmunds School Canterbury, 1.9.2009.

THE REVEREND CANON ROBIN GILL relinquished his role as Area Dean of North Downs Deanery with effect from 31.7. 2009. (Robin remains Priest-in-Charge of Hollingbourne & Hucking & Leeds w Broomfield).

THE REVEREND NICHOLAS COOPER will be licensed as Priest-in-Charge of Saltwood SS Peter & Paul, 14.10.2009.

THE REVEREND CANON DAVID ROPER will resign as Area Dean of Thanet with effect from 30.9.2009. (David continues as Priest-in-Charge of Broadstairs).

PREBENDARY DR BRIAN LESLIE CURNEW (Presently Team Rector, Ludlow Team Ministry in the Diocese of Hereford) has been appointed Priest-in-Charge of Headcorn; and Sutton Valence with East Sutton and Chart Sutton, 10.12.2009.

THE REVEREND BRIAN PHILIP SHARP has been appointed Priest-in-Charge of Margate All Saints (Westbrook) in addition to his present post, 1.8.2009.

OBITUARY

THE REVEREND SHEILA SMALLMAN (formerly PTO from Benenden) died on 15.7.2009.

the gathering

Calling all the young people in your churches

Why not gather the young people in your parish for these events at The Gathering:

- Youth Event with band Doxology – Friday 4 September, 7.30pm, ISC £5 per person year 6 and above. Forms and details from: www.canterburydiocese.org/thegathering/youthevent/flyerbooking.pdf
- Five-a-side football tournament – Saturday 5 September from 10am. Teams in two age groups. Contact Tony Washington for more details: twashington@diocant.org
- 'Family Day' Saturday 5 September from 10am-6.30pm: Teens' chill zone, art and craft, mystery trail, African drumming, silk painting, creative prayer and much more..!

Stewards needed Saturday 5 September

A number of 'Welcome Hosts' are required to volunteer at The Gathering on Saturday 5 September. Volunteers may act as a volunteer for either a morning or afternoon session and will receive free entry for events taking place during the rest of the day. Please ask your congregations for volunteers. Further information or to register a volunteer contact Charles Dawes: cldawes@tiscali.co.uk or call: 01233 860267.

Festal Eucharist

During the next few days, a DVD with a special message for the Festal Eucharist from the Archbishop will be sent to all parishes. The pack will also contain other resources for use by parishes for their Sunday 6 September services.

Further details are available on:
www.canterburydiocese.org/thegathering/festaleucharist

Diocesan Confirmation

The date of the next Diocesan Confirmation in Canterbury Cathedral is

Wednesday 18 November 2009

If you want to submit the name of candidates for Confirmation in the Cathedral please complete this form online at:
www.canterburydiocese.org/confirmation

or contact: Sue Bowles
sue.bowles@bishcant.org
at the Bishop in Canterbury's office

Bishop Stephen and Judy's Farewell Service

Bishop Stephen and Judy's Farewell Service will take place on **Saturday 28 November** at 3.00pm in the Cathedral.

All are most welcome.

The service will include a presentation.

If you would like to contribute to Bishop Stephen's leaving present you can do so online at: www.canterburydiocese.org/cardpay/bishopstephen.htm

If you would like to leave a farewell message for Bishop Stephen you can do so online at: www.canterburydiocese.org/stephenvenner/message.htm

If you prefer you can send a cheque to Julian Hills at Diocesan House (made payable to Canterbury DBF – please write 'Bishop Stephen's leaving present' on the back of the cheque).

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The Year Ahead: Looking at Luke

A seminar day on
preaching the Gospel According to St Luke

Revd Dr Michael Thompson.
Saturday 24th October 2009., 10am to 4pm
(Registration from 9.30am)
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

Finance Surgery

Saturday 26th September 2009, 9.30am - 12.30pm
St Mildred's, Tenterden

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. (Cost: free) Book online:
www.canterburydiocese.org/whatson/bookcourse.htm

or email Rose Dale rdale@diocant.org

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 a 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)

VACANCIES

- **St Margaret at Cliffe w Westcliffe and East Langdon with West Langdon -**
This post will be advertised on 4th September and details will be available from:
andrea.fuggles@canterbury-cathedral.org
- **Rector for Ringwoud 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?
Please contact: andrea.fuggles@canterbury-cathedral.org for further details.
- **Petham, Waltham, Elmsted and Hastingleigh**
- **Wye w Brook & Hastingleigh w Boughton Aluph & Eastwell**
These posts will be advertised on 28th August and details will be available from:
andrea.fuggles@canterbury-cathedral.org

www.canterburydiocese.org/vacancies

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

Pastoral Teams Workshop

Developing Pastoral Teams 'Old, New and Not Yet'

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 the previous course was over subscribed. Maximum of 50 places**

Date: 21 November 2009, 9.30am – 12.30pm

Venue: St Paul's Church Centre, Canterbury CT1 1NH

Cost: Free (sponsored by the Local Ministries team in the Board of Ministry and Training).

Contact: Sarah Lucas, slucas@diocant.org (01227 459401)

Online Booking: www.canterburydiocese.org/whatson/developingpastoralteams.htm

Basic Child Protection Training Facing the Unthinkable

3rd October 2009, 9.00am – 1.30pm

Whitstable Community Centre, Oxford Street, Whitstable

Tutor: David Pearson, CCPAS

Cost: £19.50 (to include the workshop booklet)

An intensive morning workshop on Child Protection aimed at church leaders, youth leaders, children's workers, Parish Child Protection Coordinators and anyone else in the parish who works with Children and Young people.

Topics covered include

- How to deal with allegations of abuse
- When to contact Social Services / Police
- Making Churches safer for children and young people
- Recruiting workers and volunteers

To book a place contact Sarah Lucas, slucas@diocant.org, 01227 459401 or book on-line at

www.canterburydiocese.org/whatson/facingunthinkable.htm

Cheques should be made payable to CDBF.

FRESH EXPRESSIONS

Bishop Graham Cray, until recently Bishop of Maidstone, is looking forward to the autumn when his work as Archbishops' Missioner and Leader of the Fresh Expressions team will begin in earnest. He offers some thoughts at this important juncture for Fresh Expressions which you can find at:

<http://www.canterburydiocese.org/freshexpressions/bishop-grahamcray.htm>

ALM Training 2009/10

In June 2009 over 70 students completed the 1 year ALM training programme for Healing and Wholeness Ministers (13), Mission Enablers (11), Pastoral Assistants (19), Worship Leaders (30), Youth Leaders (3).



In 2009/10 we are again offering the ALM programme at the following locations:

Children's Leader,
(See Children's Leader advertisement below)

Healing and Wholeness Minister,
Canterbury, Wednesdays (7pm–9pm)

Mission Enabler,
Maidstone, Thursdays (7pm–9pm)

Pastoral Assistant,
Ashford, Thursdays (7pm–9pm)
Ramsgate, Wednesdays (7pm–9pm)

Worship Leader
Canterbury, Thursdays (7pm–9pm)
Maidstone, Thursdays (7pm–9pm)
Ramsgate, Wednesdays (7pm–9pm)

Youth Leader
Canterbury, Tuesdays* (7pm–9pm)

* Core module will be on Wednesday evenings.

If you think that ALM training may be suitable for someone in your parish and talk with them about it. Download the information / application pack documents from www.canterburydiocese.org/bmt/localministries/alm (or call Sarah Lucas on 01227 459401).

Deadline for applications is 7th September 2009

New, Flexible ALM Training for Children's Leaders



Are you:

- involved in Children's Ministry in your church?
- Unable to commit to one year's training at this time?
- Find it difficult to make evening meetings?

Then the new style Children's Leader ALM could be just what you are looking for. We can offer

- Variety of session times (evening, Saturday morning, afternoon)*
- Opportunity to spread study over 1-3 years
- Practical, hands-on training in children's ministry

As an ALM Children's Leader you will study an 8 session Core Module alongside other ALM students and then 3 Children's Leader modules each of which consists of 6 sessions.

Interested? For more information on ALM training and the new ALM Children's Leader format visit www.canterburydiocese.org/bmt/localministries/alm

University Validations Awarded

In July, two new programmes were accepted by Canterbury Christ Church University.

The Foundation Degree in Ministerial Theology will, from September this year, replace the existing 3-year part-time Diploma programme for training our Ordained Local Ministers and Readers.

While a Foundation Degree has exactly the same academic standing as a Diploma, it allows us to have almost all of the students' practical work taken into account as part of their academic marks, and to ensure that both practical and written work is relevant to their future roles in ministry in their parishes.

The programme in Ministerial Theology is designed and delivered by the Diocese through the Faculty of Licensed Ministries Training Scheme (LMTS). The Scheme is one of the areas of ministry provided by the Board of Ministry & Training.

The Principal Tutor is Dr Ivan Khovacs, Dr Wendy Dackson is the Director of Studies, and Rosemary Fletcher, the Administrator for LMTS.

For further information, contact rfletcher@diocant.org

The BA (Hons) and Post-Graduate Diploma in Ministerial Theology is a programme jointly developed by Canterbury and Rochester Dioceses and more commonly known as KCME (Kent Continuing Ministerial Education). This is a Scheme for training curates in their first three years in ministry across Kent.

New students (those who were ordained as deacons in June/July) will enrol from September this year on to the new programme. Over the next three years the existing programme will be phased out.

The new programme both brings post-ordination training up to date and also, for the first time, brings Canterbury's OLMs and NSMs into the same training that is provided for stipendiary clergy. This provides up to date training for all our curates and in both dioceses. KCME is accountable to the Board of Ministry & Training, and our Canterbury Director of KCME is Canon Dr Christopher Irvine.

For further information, contact Teresa Harrison Theresa.Harrison@Rochester.anglican.org

Vocations Day

'Changing Places'

Saturday 24th October 2009, 9.30am - 12.30pm

St Paul's Church Hall, Church Street, Canterbury CT1 1NH.

Facilitator Sara Bimson (Vocations Officer)

Contact: Sarah Lucas slucas@diocant.org 01227 459401

Online booking www.canterburydiocese.org/whatson/vocations.htm

The morning will be an invitation to:

- Stop and see where we are on our vocational journey
- Look at some biblical responses to God's call.
- Explore and acknowledge our own sense of giftedness
- Reflect on our response to what God might be calling us to be and to do.
- Consider how to take the 'next steps'.

If possible, bring some free time for the afternoon so that when you leave, you can think through the morning while it is still fresh in your mind

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

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."

Rev. 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 our website - kirchentag.org.uk - or by email from robin.blount@virgin.net.

Israel/Palestine Peace and Justice Group

Thursday 24th September at 7.30 pm
St Paul's Church Centre, Church Street, Canterbury.

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."

Thursday 14th November 2009 at 7.30pm

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

Quiet Day with Meditations with Carvings and Music

Canon Christopher Lewis, former vicar, returns to All Saints, Church Street, Whitstable to lead a quiet day involving wood carvings and music on Saturday 31st October – cost £10. 10am to 4pm. Bring packed lunch. Numbers limited - please send stamped addressed envelope and cheque for £10 payable to "All Saints DCC" to All Saints Church Office, Church Street, Whitstable CT5 1PG.