

# Bundle Notices – February 2012

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Note: Next month's mailing will be distributed week beginning **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2012**

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## GENERAL

**Aldenham, St. John the Baptist:** Wooden altar table measuring 2'3" by 6' available. Parish are not looking for payment. Enquires to Christopher Treves Brown who can be contacted at [christopher@trevesbrown.org.uk](mailto:christopher@trevesbrown.org.uk)

## MISSION

### Learning for Discipleship - Equipping God's People



Clergy and Readers will have received an email recently inviting them to return a form if they are able to offer help with training and learning in the Diocese as part of the expanded diocesan programme of learning for clergy and lay people called 'Equipping God's People', which we are planning to launch later this year.

If you, or others you know, have skills, knowledge or experience, perhaps from secular employment, which you may be willing to offer in helping others to grow in their discipleship – be it in practical ways such as leading intercessions, pastoral care or working with children, or more theological knowledge such as biblical studies or spirituality, or issues relating to contemporary society such as other faiths, ethics and social justice, please contact Laura Hart (01727 818151, [lhart@stalbands.anglican.org](mailto:lhart@stalbands.anglican.org)), who will be pleased to send the forms to you. Many thanks.

### Mission Action Planning

Parishes are beginning to send their MAPs in – thank you! If you are still working on yours, that's great – we look forward to receiving it.

If you'd like any more help with your MAP, advice on the process or how to fill in the MAP Summary form, please get in touch with John Kiddle (01727 818146, [jkiddle@stalbands.anglican.org](mailto:jkiddle@stalbands.anglican.org)) or Jeanette Gosney (01727 818141 or 01442 239428, [jgosney@stalbands.anglican.org](mailto:jgosney@stalbands.anglican.org)). We're happy to come and talk to clergy, PCCs or the wider congregation, as appropriate, or simply talk something through on the phone.

If you'd like a Mission Accompanier, please send in a Parish Information Form (available on [www.livinggodslove.org/about/mission-accompaniers/](http://www.livinggodslove.org/about/mission-accompaniers/)) to Jeanette Gosney ([jgosney@stalbands.anglican.org](mailto:jgosney@stalbands.anglican.org)).

Don't forget there's lots of information, including how to do church and community audits, shape vision and priorities and do the detailed planning, on the Living God's Love website under MAP resources [www.livinggodslove.org/resources/resource/mission-action-planning](http://www.livinggodslove.org/resources/resource/mission-action-planning).

Please pass it on!

### CIRCULATION LIST

Recipient

PCC Secretary

Churchwarden 1

Churchwarden 2

PCC Treasurer

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And finally please pin on your Notice Board

A gentle reminder that parishes are being asked to send in their MAPs after their APCMs. The MAP Summary form can be found on the Living God's Love website at [www.livinggodslove.org/resources/resource/mission-action-planning](http://www.livinggodslove.org/resources/resource/mission-action-planning) and can be sent in via email, by hand or online [www.livinggodslove.org/maps/](http://www.livinggodslove.org/maps/).

## Lent Challenge

# *Live the Challenge*

### Thank you

Thank you for helping to make Challenge into a really fruitful initiative; it's much appreciated by many within the Diocese and beyond.

### Lent begins in 6 weeks

I am writing to let you know about the developments for this Lent – which starts in about four weeks.

### Weekly options

First, in addition to the daily email, texts and tweets, there will be a range of weekly resources which can be downloaded and used in a variety of ways. A short liturgy, a recipe for a meal to share with others, a reflection and a challenge. Part of the idea is to offer the opportunity to explore something of the monastic way of life and its elements of rhythm and prayer, community and hospitality, study and action.

### A link with Belize

Second, we are taking this forward in partnership with the Diocese of Belize, one of our link dioceses in the Caribbean. This is an exciting development and one which we hope to build on with our other link dioceses.

### Spread the word

Can I also ask you to help publicise the Challenge? Please use the posters in this bundle; you can download other publicity material at [www.livethechallenge.co.uk/download/lent\\_publicity/](http://www.livethechallenge.co.uk/download/lent_publicity/)

Or simply put a paragraph on your weekly sheet. Something like this:

*Live the Challenge* this Lent.

A six week opportunity to explore something of the monastic way of life in your own context and among your friends and contacts.

Find out more at [www.livethechallenge.co.uk](http://www.livethechallenge.co.uk)

### Lent Course

Finally, if you haven't decided on a Lent Course yet, you can download the St Albans Diocesan Course, written by our three Bishops, at [www.livethechallenge.co.uk/download/lent\\_course\\_2012/](http://www.livethechallenge.co.uk/download/lent_course_2012/)

### Living God's Love

Visit the Living God's Love website to find resources and ideas. It's worth exploring [www.livinggodslove.org](http://www.livinggodslove.org).

## NEWS FROM THE DIOCESAN RESOURCE CENTRE

We are doing our best to keep the Diocesan Resource Centre open during Ron Upton's absence on sick leave. If you are making a special visit, it's worth ringing the Diocesan Office reception on 01727 854532 to check that it is open.

## APPOINTMENTS

Below are listed notices of appointments and vacancies. Full details of advertised posts will be found on the diocesan website. Many of those listed here are notices of vacant benefices and in some cases they are subject to pastoral reorganization. For further details contact the relevant archdeacon.

## BEDFORD ARCHDEACONRY

### **Benefice of Totternhoe, Stanbridge and Tilsworth**

**[Dunstable Deanery]**

The Bishop of St Albans wishes to appoint a vicar for the benefice of Totternhoe, Stanbridge and Tilsworth

The Benefice, comprising 3 Green Belt villages with a population of 4,000, is situated to the North West of Dunstable and forms part of the North Chilterns Group Council. The villages are mainly rural/commuter with good road links via the M1, M25 and A5 plus excellent rail connections to London and the Midlands from nearby Leighton Buzzard and Luton. The modern detached vicarage is situated in Stanbridge overlooking the village.

We are looking for someone with energy and passion with an eagerness to drive the benefice forward and who will

- be a strong spiritual leader in worship and parish life
- be committed to pastoral care
- possess team building skills and people skills to grow and maintain the congregation
- have the ability to develop/further ties between the Church and schools
- be committed to working as part of the North Chilterns Group
- possess good administration skills

For enquiries, the Parish Profile and application form contact Mrs Maureen James, PA to the Archdeacon of Bedford, 17 Lansdowne Road, Luton LU3 1EE. Tel: 01582-730722, Fax: 01582-877354 or email: [archdbedf@stalbans.anglican.org](mailto:archdbedf@stalbans.anglican.org)

Closing date: 30<sup>th</sup> January 2012 • Interviews: 14<sup>th</sup> February 2012

Appointment subject to enhanced CRB disclosure.

### **Benefice of Luton, St Hugh, Lewsey**

**[Luton Deanery]**

The Bishop of St. Albans wishes to appoint a Vicar for St Hugh's Church, Lewsey, Luton.

The Parish of Lewsey is a suburb of Luton, close to the M1 motorway, with a good detached 4-bedroom Vicarage. Curates looking for a first post would find this a rewarding and challenging position. Significant parts of the parish are deprived and we are seeking a Priest with a true vocation who

- Is Spirit-filled and led, with a strong personal relationship with Jesus and knowledge of the Bible
- Can lead the staff team and church members to develop and release their gifts and ministries, and empower others to lead and take responsibility.
- Is able to ensure that the whole of St Hugh's congregation whatever their age is pastored and disciplined.
- Has a servant heart, is approachable, not too formal, knows how to have fun and has a good sense of humour.
- Is committed to seeing numerical growth through relevant evangelism to the local community.

The closing date for applications is **Monday 27 February 2012**; Interview date: **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2012**

Enhanced CRB Disclosure is required

*Further information and application details from:* The Archdeacon of Bedford, The Ven. Paul Hughes, 17 Lansdowne Road, Luton LU3 1EE Tel: 01582-730722, Fax: 01582-877354 or email: [archdbedf@stalbans.anglican.org](mailto:archdbedf@stalbans.anglican.org)

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