

Bundle Notices – November 2009

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Note: Next month's mailing will be distributed week beginning **Monday 23rd November 2009**

Bundle Notices are now grouped under the relevant headings for Vision for Action. We hope that this will make their dissemination easier.

For the latest news and events around the Diocese sent every month to your computer by e-mail, subscribe to e-round. Over 1,000 people receive e-round. If you would like to join this growing list send an e-mail to comms@stalbins.anglican.org E-Round is also available from www.stalbans.anglican.org

MISSION

New ways of doing old spirituality

Friday 6th November 2009 at 7:30pm The Mayflower, Hertingfordbury

Glass of wine at 7.15pm.

An evening with Ian Mobsby, Priest-Missioner at The Moot Community, based in the City of London at St Edmund the King, Lombard Street Ian is part of the Church of England initiative Fresh Expressions and the Moot Community aims to take the resources of the past and reframe them creatively into positive action. In particular he is looking at New Monasticism as a missional model, drawing on alternative worship and a spiritual rhythm of life. In a culture which is increasingly post-secular and seeking spirituality rather than religion, how does the Church respond to this new situation drawing on the ongoing tradition, but reframing it for the now.

The evening will include extracts from the Fresh Expressions DVDs, focussing particularly on new initiatives in the sacramental tradition. All are welcome, and there is no charge for the evening or the refreshments.

St. Mary's, Hertingfordbury. More details from jim.thornton@hscpm.co.uk

Lent 2010: Going deeper into God

An invitation from Bishop Alan, Bishop Christopher and Bishop Richard

2010 Lent Course

The three bishops have written a *Lent Bible Study Course*, based on the gospel readings set for each Sunday. The course will be available shortly, free of charge, to be downloaded from the Diocese of St Alban's website.

Please pass it on!

CIRCULATION LIST

Recipient

PCC Secretary

Churchwarden 1

Churchwarden 2

PCC Treasurer

And finally please pin on your Notice Board

Challenge

As well as the Lent course, the bishops are launching an initiative called *Challenge*. They are asking as many people as possible to join them during Lent in 'Living the words of Jesus'. Taking a verse from Luke's gospel each day and seeking to *Read it, learn it, pray it, do it!*

The verses will be downloadable from the internet and can be distributed to members of the youth group or congregation (or in the case of schools, to the pupils). Alternatively you can opt to receive them by text message or by email. It's a challenge for people in the churches, as well as seekers and enquirers who would like to explore the words of Jesus Christ.

The Challenge website www.challenge2010.org is online now and gives some initial information. In November people will be able to register for the Challenge through the website and there will be further details and resources available.

During Lent the website will also offer a facility so that anyone can write a blog, send an email message or record a short clip, explaining (in no more than 60 seconds) what the passage means to them and how they have lived it out that day.

Look out for more information, video clips and resources. If you have any questions please do get in touch with Arun Kataria (arun.kataria@stalbans.anglican.org) or John Kiddle (john.kiddle@stalbans.anglican.org).

CHILDREN

Advent Resources for Families and Churches

Wait, Look, Listen is available again through the Diocesan website- www.stalbans.anglican.org. Last year this successful set of stories was welcomed by families around the diocese. If you didn't try it now's your chance! Stories, prayer and activities help families to mark Advent together. Complete folders with stories available from the Diocesan Offices for £2 per copy, or the basic folder £1 for the stories to be downloaded at home and slotted into the folder.

If you want to try something different the following might be of interest for families and churches:

From Redemptorist Press: www.rpbooks.co.uk

For families- a magazine for Advent called *Your Journey to Christmas*.

Reflections for every day of Advent. *Your Journey to Christmas* is split into four sections – one for each week of Advent. As well as the daily reflections, the magazine includes fun things to do for all the family, and articles of interest from a varied line up of writers: All of this neatly packaged into an A5 magazine – ideal for your pocket or handbag.

Every Day of Advent & Christmas Year C

Children will love the games, puzzles, mazes, and activities designed to help them focus on the themes and traditions of the Advent season. Packed with colourful illustrations, 'Every Day of Advent and Christmas' includes an Advent calendar to help children focus day by day on the meaning of Advent and Christmas in a way they are sure to enjoy and remember.

Author: RP Books Code: 14452

ISBN: 9780764813368

Price: £2.95

Advent is for Children by Julie Kelemen

Gives children a better understanding of how and why they celebrate Advent. It helps children remember that Christmas isn't all glitter and wrapping — Christmas is about Christ! Ideal for classroom use, home-schooling or just for fun at home. ISBN 9780892432929

Let's go to Christmas

Let's Go to Christmas is a "colour in and wipe-off" book which in a simple, clear and colourful style introduces children to the main Advent themes in preparation for celebrating the birth of Christ on Christmas Day. ISBN: 9780852312186 Price: £2.25

We want to see Jesus

Author: RP Books Code: 39173 ISBN: PR-E Price £0.75

Symbols Tell the Story

Daily devotions, a 3-dimensional tree, and stickers for every day will give children a meaningful way to count the days of Advent.

RP Books Code: 39205 ISBN: AT-C Price £1.25

From BRF there is Pray and Play through Advent

A family resource: Stories and activities for the Advent and Christmas season by Lynn Chambers, Kay Warrington and Nia Catrin Williams. At £9.99 a more expensive book- but also available as a download from BRF. A very useful resource for churches and families to integrate their celebration of Advent. Highly recommended.

Finally... for an exciting video, web based way to follow the Christmas story try

<http://www.paperlesschristmas.org.uk>

Video stories of the Christmas story set in a modern environment - activities for children and for schools also available.

GENERAL

New Vocations Officer for St Albans Archdeaconry

The Revd Charles Burch has been appointed as the Vocations Officer in place of Rus Westmacott.

Diocesan Youth Service launches new website

The Diocesan Youth Service has recently launched a new website for youth workers and young people - you can check it out at: www.albandys.org.uk. Also, their email address has now changed - please now use *youthoffice@stalbans.anglican.org* when emailing the Youth Office.

AVAILABLE

For sale – five servers casock-albs, various sizes, £15 each and a cope, £100. Contact Canon Michael Sansom on 01727 833777 or by e-mail ddo@stalbans.anglican.org

Approximately 100 brown Sing Praise hymn books, with music, available to anyone who can give them a good home. They are in good condition but surplus to requirements. Publishers: Kevin Mayhew. Available from St Mary Magdalene Church, Roxton, north Bedfordshire. Please contact PCC Secretary, Yvonne Stevens, 01234 871226 or email: Yvonne.roxton@talktalk.net

St Paul's Church Bedford has about 200 royal blue kneelers available for a small sum. Please contact the office for details at admin@stpaulschurchbedford.org.uk

Christmas Sale - Shop Early for Christmas!

The Resource Centre is holding a sale of all Advent and Christmas books for adults, children and school and church groups. Most of the Christmas stock is discounted by 50%. Come along and browse and perhaps pick up a few bargains. The books will be on display from half term week. Resource Centre opening hours are 8.30am – 4.30pm Monday to Friday

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.

Board for Church and Society Administrator

Our present Administrator, Val Geldard, retires at the end of this year. Many people across the diocese will know the love, care and good humour that Val has brought to this work. We are very very grateful to Val for all that she has done to help support the mission of the church through the diocese. We need to find someone to replace Val. Might you know someone?

We are seeking someone to be a key part of the diocese's mission team. A range of communication and IT skills is required. Although the position is administrative in nature, it will require initiative, creativity and understanding of the mission of the church local and global. You will find an A5 leaflet advertising this key post. Please display this. If you know anyone who might be the right person for this job please mention it to them. Thank you. Please see the Diocesan website or contact Canon John Kiddle for more details on 01727 818146 or john.kiddle@stalbans.anglican.org.

HERTFORD ARCHDEACONRY

Benefice of Northaw and Cuffley			[Deanery of Cheshunt]
Population	5,190	Electoral Roll	203
Patron	Mrs S Peasley	Number of Churches	2
Setting	Rural/Suburban/Urban		

This post will be advertised early next year. The post will also have a deanery dimension which could be **either** developing chaplaincy at the Hertford Regional College (with sites in Turnford and Hertford) **or** retail chaplaincy to the Brookfield Centre in Cheshunt, depending on the interests of the person appointed.

The Diocesan Mission and Pastoral Committee is consulting on a proposal to suspend presentation.

The benefice has a deployment indicator of 104 where the benchmark for a full-time stipendiary incumbent is 125 projected for the year 2011, rising to 135 for the year 2016

Further details contact: Archdeacon of Hertford, Glebe House, St Mary's Lane, Hertingfordbury, Hertford SG14 2LE. Telephone: 01992 581629, Fax: 01992 535349, E-mail: archdhert@stalbans.anglican.org

ST ALBANS ARCHDEACONRY

Workplace Ministry is interested in helping contribute to new ways and fresh expressions of ministry. It is seeking to appoint to two part time fixed term posts, one which has as its primary focus and providing Administrative support, based primarily in St Albans. The second has a Business Development focus. Anyone interested should in the first instance contact: Director, Workplace Ministry either by telephone on 07710 465548 or email directorwmhb@stalbans.anglican.org by 20th November 2009.

Benefice of Wheathampstead, St Helen's and St Peter's: Priest-in-Charge

The Bishop of St. Albans wishes to appoint a dynamic and visionary leader with a genuine feeling for those living in the parish who will lead them on their journey of faith.

- Wheathampstead is a village of some 7,500 inhabitants in rural surroundings but convenient to St. Albans, Harpenden and Welwyn Garden City
- The electoral roll is currently 222
- The Bishop is the patron
- Both churches enjoy a welcoming and open evangelical tradition, supported by an assistant curate and three retired clergy, two readers and talented lay involvement.
- The parish profile can be viewed on the parish website www.wheathampstead.net
- Application details can be obtained from the Diocesan website www.stalbans.anglican.org or from the office of the Archdeacon of St. Albans, 6 Sopwell Lane, St. Albans, Herts., AL1 1RR. E-mail: archdstalbans@stalbans.anglican.org
- Enhanced CRB Disclosure is required
- Closing date for applications is Friday 13 November 2009
- Interviews will take place on Monday 14 and Tuesday 15 December 2009

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