

Bundle Notices – December 2009

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Note: Next month's mailing will be distributed week beginning **Monday 14th December 2009**

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

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GENERAL

Church items for sale

Brass lectern (Victorian); Light oak lectern (modified to be movable); Carved oak prayer desk (with/without fitting hassock); Small table with drawer, on castors (in need of restoration). If interested, please contact St. Mark's Church, Colney Heath by email at office@stmarks.info or telephone 01727 825175

MINISTRY

Exploring Chaplaincy in the 21st Century

Chaplaincy to People at Work and Workplace Ministry are organising two half days early in 2010 delivering 5 training modules for anyone interested on the theme "Exploring Faith, Work and Economic Life". Issues such as "Towards a Theology of Work, Christians at Work and Prosperity with a Purpose" are among some of the topics that will be explored in depth.

The course is open to clergy and laity.

Course participants will also be given the opportunity to visit "live" chaplaincy workplaces and those who continue with a Chaplaincy will be offered Commissioning Services in the areas covered by both Workplace Ministry organisations in either Cambridge or Hertfordshire and Bedfordshire.

The course will also be suitable for those working as chaplains who have not yet received formal training or for those who would like a refresher course.

The dates and times for 2010 are: January 16th and February 6th from 10am to 2pm.

Venues to be confirmed but central.

Visits to workplaces will be by mutual arrangement with the Chaplains and the Workplace Ministry Teams concerned.

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For further details and to apply for a place on the course which will be strictly limited -
Contact: admin@workplacechaplancy.org.uk or phone 01223 276657

Have you a Passion for Mission in the Workplace?

Workplace Ministry is a vibrant ecumenical Christian ministry supporting the engagement of the Churches with the economy in Hertfordshire & Bedfordshire.

Workplace Ministry is looking for an energetic individual to be part of a growing ecumenical team. This is a new post is based mainly at 41 Holywell Hill, St Albans, AL1 1HE. The person appointed will be required to set up a new office and administrative procedures as well as provide support to the Director and a small ecumenical team.

The post is part time (max 16 hours per week). The person appointed will need to be auto-directive, competent in Microsoft Office, Word, Excel and Powerpoint. Recent evidence of book keeping and payroll is essential. The hours are negotiable but the person appointed will require sufficient flexibility to attend evening meetings and the occasional mid week or weekend conference.

The hourly rate is between £8 -12ph dependent upon experience.

For a Job Description/Person Specification and further details please E-mail directorepi@yahoo.co.uk together with your CV. **The closing date for applications is December 15th.**

MISSION

Advent

A couple of excellent resources for Advent.

- We are republishing the Wait Look Listen sheets for families we launched last year. They can be downloaded from www.stalbans.anglican.org/Resources/Children/Wait-Look-Listen



We have plenty of folders available. The best thing would be to come and pick them up from the Diocesan Offices, or talk nicely to someone who is down that way and can get them to you.

- There is an excellent website www.whywearewaiting.com designed by the Church of England which offers people a chance to reflect each day during Advent, with the help of a video clip, a text and a prayer. It has an environmental theme and is called Ready, Steady, Slow. It is well worth publicising and is not simply for church goers or committed Christians. St Albans Diocese features on 18th December.



Challenge

The Bishop of St Albans has written to clergy about the Challenge he is putting before the diocese.

What? The challenge is this: *dare to make a difference by living the words of Jesus*

When? The challenge takes place in *Lent 2010*

How? Receive a verse from Luke's Gospel each day and *Read it, Learn it, Pray it and Do it*

Who? The challenge is for everyone, young or old, church goer or not.

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Incumbents and team vicars will find a first Information and Action Guide for Parishes in this bundle. It is also downloadable from www.stalbans.anglican.org/Mission/Challenge as is a magazine article and an introductory powerpoint. (See also www.youtube.com/watch?v=1uXEUhB4Agl)

Please read it and learn more about what challenge is and how it will happen. Begin thinking about how it will work for you and your parish. Begin planning. Begin praying.

If you have any question please do contact John Kiddle john.kiddle@stalbands.anglican.org or Arun Kataria akataria@stalbands.anglican.org or Andy Crooks acrooks@stalbands.anglican.org.

Welcome Conference

You are warmly invited to a morning with Bishop Alan Smith, the Bishop of St Albans and Mark Hope-Urwin, Director of Hospitality and Welcome at Birmingham Cathedral.

The morning begins at 9.00am with registration and a continental breakfast. Coffee will be provided through the day. The morning will finish at 1.00pm.

Subjects include

- the theology of welcome
- the importance of welcome
- the practicalities of welcome

Saturday 27th March 2010, St George's Church, Norton, Letchworth

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All welcome, spaces limited, registration forms and more flyers, www.stalbans.anglican.org/Mission/Welcome. For more information contact John Kiddle john.kiddle@stalbands.anglican.org or Arun Kataria akataria@stalbands.anglican.org

NEWS FROM THE DIOCESAN RESOURCE CENTRE

Resource Centre Opening 2009 - 2010

Our opening times are from Monday to Friday 8.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m, and we continue to open through the year. We are aware, however, that some Church and School Groups can only come in the evening, so we will still open late, as we did on several occasions last year, and on one occasion so far this year, but only by appointment. When a definite date has been arranged we will then publicise it, so that other groups or individuals may also attend. Please call Ron Upton, the Resources Manager, to make an appointment on 01727 818158, or e-mail resources@stalbands.anglican.org

NEW BOOKS FROM THE RESOURCE CENTRE

Essential equipment for churchwardens, this yearbook, as well as being a useful diary, gives all the last minute answers need by a warden at the last minute, for instance 'what colour today' and 'is it a Saints day today?'

The Churchwardens Yearbook 2010

£10.45

An excellent book from BRF just for private reading, but also contains material for group discussion, one of the few readable books on the creeds, by Marshall D Johnson, Biblical Scholar and retired Lutheran Pastor.

The Apostles' Creed

£5.99

It is easy to take the title of this book in quickly, without thinking very much, then it hits you later on! Is the church really going to disappear before our grandchildren have a chance to make up their own minds, if we don't attract, and keep the next generation on children. Mark Griffiths thinks we can do it, but only if we work hard at it. A must for church leaders, particularly those involved with children.

One generation from Extinction

£14.99

On the same subject as the above really, a book to help parents and teachers teach the Bible to their pupils and children. Children today are more culturally savvy than biblically literate because the use of the Bible in public education is disappearing. Dr Gilbert Beers' book will help you to remedy this.

What every child should know about the Bible

£8.99

Bookstalls for 2010

Provisional List for 2010: RTS/CME Training Day Barton le Clay 27th January; Readers Day (Venue to be announced) 20th March; Archdeacon's Visitations -10th May, 11th May, 17th May, 19th May (venues to be announced); Bishop's Conference 15th June, De Havilland Campus Hatfield; St Albans Churchwardens Training Day, 3rd July; Bedford Churchwardens' Training Day 10th July; Heads' Day Putteridgebury 28th July; Readers' Day September 11th.

If you are holding an event for more than 50 people, let us know and we will consider (no guarantees) bringing a bookstall. If you would like to run a bookstall yourself, we can provide everything you need on a 'sale or return' basis with a 10% discount which you can pass on, or use to benefit the church.

Church Requisites

Don't forget that we can now offer 10% discount on all Church Requisites from the Mayhew Catalogue, double the previous discount of 5%. We usually carry, in stock at the Centre, Priests' and Peoples' Communion Wafers (including gluten free), Incense, Baptism and Confirmation Candles and Altar Linen. We can order candles, paschal candles, clerical shirts, sick communion sets, furniture etc, etc., with rapid turnaround delivery. Mayhew have just published a brand new catalogue for requisites; please let us know if you would like one.

All products above available at the Resource Centre at the Diocesan Office, Holywell Lodge, 41 Holywell Hill, St Albans, Hertfordshire, AL1 1HE or by Mail Order:

E mail resources@stalbans.anglican.org or telephone 01727 818158. Regular discounts apply.

Resource Centre Discount Policy

All Priests, Readers, Church Organisations and Schools get an automatic 10% discount on all items except for a very small number of special orders. Ordinands and Trainee Readers get 20% whilst they are in training. Much higher discounts are available for bulk orders.

Communion Wine

Because of the new Licensing Laws, Communion Wine will now be available from the Café at the Abbey in St Albans Cathedral from 10.00 to 4.30 Monday to Friday. They would be grateful if you could telephone with your order first. Minimum order 3 bottles – invoicing can be arranged. Above discounts do not apply, prices on application to the Café at the Abbey

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 Kempston, Church of the Transfiguration

The Bishop of St. Albans wishes to appoint a **Priest-in-Charge** for the Parish of the Church of the Transfiguration, Kempston

- a highly regarded Training Parish for many years
- a thriving diverse community situated close to the county town of Bedford
- good road links to the A1 and M1
- with a purpose-built 4 bed Vicarage opposite the Church

We are looking for someone who

- is willing to be involved in the whole benefice community
- is enthusiastic to build on past achievements in the benefice
- has well developed training skills and experience
- will firmly support the children's programme to assure the future of the Church
- is a good leader but is also willing to communicate, delegate and listen

The closing date for applications is **Friday 4th December 2009**

Interview date, **Wednesday 13th January 2010**

Enhanced CRB Disclosure is required

Further information and application details from:

The Archdeacon of Bedford, The Venerable Paul Hughes, 17 Lansdowne Road, Luton LU3 1EE
Tel: 01582-730722, Fax: 01582-877354 or Email: archdbedf@stalbans.anglican.org

ST. ALBANS ARCHDEACONRY

Benefice of Watford, St. Andrew

(Watford Deanery)

We are seeking to appoint a priest-in-charge (0.5 post) who:

- has good leadership, teaching and communication skills
- will encourage and develop spirituality in all age-groups
- will encourage the involvement of the laity in all aspects of church life
- has an open and liberal approach to faith and an inclusive vision of the church
- will strengthen ecumenical links
- Total population – 7130
- Electoral Roll – 108
- The parish profile can be viewed on the parish website: www.standrewswatford.org.uk
- Enhanced CRB Disclosure is required

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- Application details are available from the Archdeacon of St. Albans' Office, 6 Sopwell Lane, St. Albans, Herts AL1 1RR. E-mail: archdstalbans@stalbans.anglican.org
- Closing date for applications is Tuesday 5 January 2010
- Interviews will take place on Monday 8 and Tuesday 9 February 2010

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| ▶ Visit the Youth Service brand new website | Full circulation |
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| ▶ St Albans Centre for Christian Studies: News And Events: Spring Term January – March 2010 | Full circulation |
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