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**BISHOP NIGEL'S
THOUGHT FOR
THE MONTH**



Women bishops : The next step

THE group I chair has now produced its proposals (in what is dubbed the Manchester Report).

Representing the main viewpoints on the matter, we have worked together very well.

Our analytical report breaks new ground, moving the debate beyond "whether" to "how".

We have done exactly what was asked of us - indicating the possible ways forward for legislation, and setting out the choices that the Church of England now has to make.

We have not offered a preferred option. It will be for the House of Bishops to offer a steer and for the General Synod to decide.

The central issue is the extent to which the Church of England wishes to accommodate the breadth of theological views that it currently encompasses (not least in Manchester Diocese) in relation to women priests and bishops.

Our report sets out the broad approaches the General Synod could take if it wishes to move towards ordaining women bishops - and we have dates for preparing detailed legislation if required.

Of course, the General Synod may decide not to go ahead. That would be regrettable, solve nothing, and further divert energy from urgent mission beyond the Church.

New building for All Saints Elton

THE long-awaited building of a new church for All Saints, Elton is complete. The parish raised over £650,000 to build a new church after the previous building was made redundant in 2000.

Since then, the congregation has been worshipping in St Francis House, an old residential property that was hardly fit for purpose.

The new church building will be consecrated by the Bishop of Manchester on Sunday 22 June (a ticket-only event) and the church will hold a special Open Weekend from 26-29 June.

Visitors are invited to look around the new property, view a slide show and enjoy the hospitality of parishioners.

The church is open from 6pm to 9pm on Thursday and Friday, 10am to 5pm on Saturday and until 4pm on Sunday, concluding with a service of celebration.

Vicar Stuart Millington said: "We feel ready to spread the word that our long-awaited, long worked for and prayed for church is finally a reality".

Redeeming our Communities

REDEEMING our Communities is a ministry of City Links, promoting partnerships between churches, the police and local authorities, to address the causes of crime and bring hope to local communities throughout the UK and abroad.

Join them on Tuesday June 3 at Manchester Velodrome to pray for our nation, in particular for the police and gang crime in our cities.

Admission is free and the doors open at 6.30pm (exhibition and pre-event entertainment) for 7.30pm start.

The evening will include powerful stories of transformation from initiatives like Street Pastors, Street Angels, Reflex, CAP, The Lighthouse Group and interviews with senior police officers and church leaders, including the Bishop of Manchester. It will also include updates of Hope 08 in our region.

Archdeacon John to be north west training director

THE Archdeacon of Bolton, Dr John Applegate, has been appointed Course Director for the north west's regional clergy training programme.

The Southern North West Training Partnership (SNWTP) was heralded as a groundbreaking partnership at its launch 2006.

It was one of the first regional training partnerships to be established in the UK, covering Manchester, Liverpool and Chester dioceses, and it has developed new programmes in theological education and ministerial formation. The course is validated by Chester University and Liverpool Hope University.

Archdeacon John will become Course Director of the Learning for Mission and Ministry Course which prepares men and women for accredited and authorised ministries. He brings rich experience to the post in parish ministry, healthcare chaplaincy,



ARCHDEACON JOHN :
"Looking forward"

senior management and higher education.

John said of his appointment: "I am looking forward to this exciting change of post. The Southern North West Training Partnership has the potential to be the largest training course in the country.

"It offers a new model of non-residential dispersed training, and is unique in developing its own course specifically for the churches of the north west."

The Bishop of Manchester said: "Archdeacon John will

be an outstanding leader of our Regional Training Partnership. His appointment is enormously good news for this part of the north west.

"He has been a highly effective and greatly valued Archdeacon of Bolton. His contribution to Manchester Diocese has been huge, and we will miss him."

University tribute service for body donors

THE Bishop of Middleton has attended the first ever University of Manchester thanksgiving service for those who have donated their bodies to the Anatomy School at the university.

Each year the university accepts around 40 human bodies for medical and scientific teaching and research. They are mostly those of people who have indicated prior to their death that they wish to donate their bodies for this purpose.

The Bishop of Middleton, the Rt Revd Mark Davies, said: "For the first time we

are saying a public thank you for the lives, the courage, and the opportunity the body donors have given to students.

"We are also giving thanks for the part they have played in helping to train doctors and contributed to the wellbeing of the nation."

Alan Crossman, Professor of Anatomy at the University, said: "The bequeathals benefit the education of 2,000 or more students each year, so we intend to introduce an annual Service of Thanksgiving in remembrance of these individuals."

A towering tribute to peace

A 100-year-old church tower in Old Trafford has become the unlikely canvas for a truly spectacular work of art.

'Words for Peace' is the work of Stephen Raw, who enlisted around 300 members of the public to help create a giant print, bearing the word 'PEACE' in 20 different languages spoken by members of multicultural Old Trafford.

The work is now displayed on the tower of St John's Church on Ayres Road, which celebrates its centenary this year.

Stephen said: "In the current climate the nature of peace is a good discussion to have, but for me it's not just a simple idea, simply suggesting if we were just more kind to each other then we could have peace. It is actually inspired by the quote that 'Peace is the fruit of justice, and can grow on no other tree.'"

John Hughes added: "It is a gesture that is designed to stimulate conversation so that we can hopefully begin to have discussions about where there isn't peace - in Old Trafford as well as around the world."

*RIGHT : John Hughes and Stephen Raw in front of St John's 'Peace Tower'.
Photo: 'Old Trafford News'*



Finding God through 'The Lost Son'

EIGHT East Bolton churches are supporting a free family fun day affiliated to Hope 08 on Saturday June 14 at Leverhulme Park Athletics Arena.

The day will be promoted in local primary schools served by the Phoenix East Bolton, a project which connects Benchmark Churches and East Bolton school communities, lead by Revd Sue Forrest-Redfern.

School assemblies will be based on the story of the Lost (Prodigal) Son. Sue told CRUX: "The story of the Prodigal Son tells us about a loving, forgiving, generous God, who

loves to welcome people home, and share his great riches with everyone.

"Benchmark Christians want to give East Bolton families a taste of what God has offered freely to us all. It's the greatest privilege to share a taste of something so good with the community!"

Free activities include bouncy castles, face painting, hair braiding, 'Tin-Pan Alley', 'Hook-a-Duck', craft and a magician, plus a variety of football activities, and Withins School drama department will perform a piece based on the story of the Lost Son.

Our vicar's a Wally!

THE vicar of St Andrew's Higher Blackley is not afraid to dress like a Wally for the Gospel.

Rev'd Ian Fellows, took to the city centre streets dressed as Wally from the popular children's 'Where's Wally' books. He could be seen strolling around the city's landmarks to publicise a Fresh Expression of Church organized by St Andrew's at its church hall.

The disguise asked whether God really is harder to find than Wally, or whether God is waving at us and hoping to be spotted so that he can find us!

"The recognition was amazing" said Ian. "Never have so many people gathered around me shouting "Wally!" We even managed a bit of street evangelism with teenagers who were thrilled to meet their hero!"



WHERE'S WALLY? Ian Fellows surprises city teenagers

The Fresh Expression event saw people sitting in a cafe with free refreshments, exploring stuff about faith from new and unexpected angles. It involved clay model-making, a bit of Family Fortunes and a short film made by St Andrew's youth group called 'Chimpchillers'.

How clean is your kitchen?

IS YOUR church unwittingly breaking Health and Safety rules when it serves up lunches? A number of parishes have seen their luncheon clubs close when they've had an unexpected visit from an environmental health officer.

Current legislation requires training commensurate with the duties carried out. The Church has a legal as well as a moral duty to ensure the law is complied with. This is particularly important if a parish wishes to run regular events such as lunch clubs.

To make sure it met legal requirements, Oldham Deanery held training events on food hygiene and the basic requirements that need to be met. They were organised by Andrew Barr from St Margaret's



ANDREW Barr with Tracy Kayley and Anne Standring at St Margaret's Hollinwood

Hollinwood, and resulted in attendees gaining a Level 2 Food Safety qualification from The Royal Institute of Public Health.

Deaneries can apply to the diocese for assistance in funding similar courses which Andrew will run. The cost is £35 per person for a full training day including the RIPH exam fee. Courses can be one full day or broken up into units. To find out more, ring Andrew on 0161 681 4541 or e-mail : wayward@barrone.fsnet.co.uk

Bishops, kangaroos and Hawaiian hulas

BISHOPS from all over the globe are set to descend on Manchester this summer. Among them are bishops from Hawaii, Melbourne, Africa and Pakistan.

They gather in Manchester before heading off to the Lambeth Conference, the meeting of worldwide Anglican bishops held every ten years.

During their stay in Manchester, from 11 to 15 July, they will lunch at the Town Hall, visit Chetham's School and have a walking tour of the city centre.

They will all attend services across Greater Manchester and on Sunday July 13 will be officially welcomed at a service in the cathedral where a special exhibition will be unveiled at 3pm.

All are invited to attend both the exhibition and service, which starts at 4pm. The Archbishop of Melbourne will preach.

Bishops visiting Manchester include those from Australia, Namibia, Pakistan; Hawaii, the USA and Kenya.

No food on Mike's menu for 100 days

THE Revd Mike McGurk of St Mary's, Haughton Green, Denton, has just finished a fast of biblical proportions. 100 days of no food - just water and three vitamin drinks - and it has had remarkable effects on him and on the local church.

For many years Mike, 39, had battled with his weight. He tried every diet and medication, and knew the only way forward was to put his faith in Jesus and tackle the problem once and for all. With the help of the NHS he started his 100-day fast. His doctors, along with Hope Hospital, have kept a careful weekly check on his progress and also prescribed vitamin drinks to supply basic nutrients.

Mike says: "The hardest part was not the lack of food but standing in front of the church, acknowledging I had a weight problem and asking for help. I had to recognise this was something I couldn't do on my own, but only with the support of my family and the love and care of the local church over the following weeks."

As the weeks went by and the weight started falling off, the challenge of getting to the 100 days drew closer. Many people asked him 'What is the first thing you would like to eat?' Mike says: "It's not what I will eat that is important; it's about offering our-



MIKE McGurk : As he is now - and as he was then

selves to God for what he wants us to be. I am now healthier, fitter and over seven stone lighter than when I started. The battle will continue, with medical help and a sure confidence in the One on whom I place my trust."

Mike has used his diet to raise money to support the UK visit of an Anglican Minister from Uganda whom the church already supports.

PETERTIDE ORDINATIONS

DIOCESE OF MANCHESTER

Please pray for those to be ordained **Priest** at Petertide on **Saturday June 28** :

Jane Beswick, the Radcliffe Team; **Catherine Binns**, St Mary's Hospital and All Saints, Stand; **Jackie Brandreth**, St. John the Evangelist, Pendlebury; **David Cattle**, St. Hilda, Firswood with St. Peter, Gorse Hill; **Jane Grayson**, St. Mary, Moston; **Vicky Johnson**, St. John the Divine, Brooklands; **Paul Jump**, Holy Trinity, Rusholme; **Audrey Kay**, Ramsbottom and Edenfield Team Ministry; **John Livesley**, parish of Swinton and Pendlebury; **Mike McGurk**, St Mary the Virgin, Haughton Green; **Gary Miller**, Wythenshawe Team Ministry; **Paul Monk**, Oldham Team; **Jenny Penn**, St. Peter, Halliwell; **Daniel Richards**, St. John with St. Mark, Bury; **Eddie Roberts**, St. Mary, Droylsden; **Falak Sher**, Radcliffe Team Ministry; **Reg Sinclair**, Atherton & Hindsford with Howe Bridge Team; **Helen Tomlinson**, All Saints, Stretford; **David Thomson**, Five Saints Team; **Marcia Wall**, benefice of St George, Oakenrod and St. Michael, Bamford; **Peter Waterson**, St. Paul, Astley Bridge; **Lyn Woodall**, benefice of Goodshaw and Crawshawbooth.

Please pray for those to be ordained **Deacon** at Petertide on **Sunday June 29** : **Tracy Charnock**, St. Chrysostom, Victoria Park; **Simon Cook**, Broughton Team Ministry; **Jasmine Devadason**, Christ Church, Didsbury and St. Christopher, Withington; **Ben Edson**, Christ Church, Brunswick and Sanctus 1; **Tony Ford**, Christ Church, Chadderton; **John Geary**, Heywood Team; **Avis Gordon**; **Frances Guite**, St. Peter, Westleigh; **Miles Howarth**, St. John, Failsworth; **Jenny King**, St. Clement, Chorlton-cum-Hardy; **Pat Lodge**, Team parish of Ashton; **Denise Luke**, St. Thomas, Leesfield; **Celia McCulloch**, parish of Cheetham; **Donald Maciver**, St. Martin, Norris Bank; **Nick McKee**, St. James and Emmanuel, Didsbury; **Elizabeth Plant**, St. Mary the Virgin, Deane; **Denise Smith**, benefice of Goodshaw and Crawshawbooth; **Bob Smith**, St. Paul, Withington; **Keith Stewart**, St. George, Stalybridge; **Maureen Stirzaker**, St. Matthew with St. Luke, Chadderton; **Mary Wadsworth**, Team Parish of Ashton ; **Steve Wilkinson**, Christ Church, Pennington.

GCSE success at Trinity merits BAFTA award

TRINITY CE High School has been presented with an award by the Specialist Schools and Academies Trust (SSAT).

Trinity was one of a limited number of schools in England to be given a special "Value Added" award in the 2007 GCSEs, which is a measure of progress made by students as they move from Year 7 to Year 11.

Elizabeth Reid, Chief Executive of the SSAT said, "I congratulate Trinity

for their outstanding achievement in adding value to their students' results.

"It is important that we recognise success in the education system as it is the product of hard work, good leadership and an innovative approach to teaching and learning.

"But most of all it means more young people are succeeding and realising their potential."

The award was presented to Trinity at the BAFTA in London.

Making history a



FOR THE first time in more than 400 years, the Church of England has seen three bishops consecrated in service, steeped in ancient tradition. On Friday April 25 a trio of new north west bishops, the Bishop of Manchester, the Bishop of Bolton and the Bishop of Middleton, were consecrated in York Minster by the Archbishop of York, the Most Revd and Rt Hon Dr John Sentamu.

The Revd Canon Robert Paterson, formerly chaplain to Archbishop Sentamu, became the new Bishop of Manchester and Man. He succeeds the Rt Revd Graeme Knowles. The Revd Chris Edmondson was consecrated as Suffragan Bishop of Bolton, succeeding the Rt Revd David Gillett who retired in January. The Ven Mark Edmondson was consecrated as the new Suffragan Bishop of Middleton. He succeeds the Rt Revd Michael Lewis who is Bishop of Cyprus and The Gulf.

On the Sunday following the consecrations, hundreds of people welcomed the new Bishops of Bolton and Middleton in a unique service at Manchester Cathedral. It was the first time that Manchester has welcomed three bishops at the same time. The Lord Lieutenant and the Lord Mayor of Manchester both spoke at the service. It was attended by representatives from civic and Christian bodies across Greater Manchester. The Dean of Manchester Cathedral, the Ven Rogers Govender, accompanied the Bishops to their seats in the Cathedral and 'ins



*ABOVE : The new bishops receive a blessing from their fellow bishops during the service at York Minster.
LEFT: Bishop Mark, his wife Joanne and son Tim. RIGHT : Bishop Chris and his wife Susan*



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CRUX meets **Susan Davies**,
Diocesan Rural Affairs Officer

**'Farmers have to
face many tough
issues these days
... often they
feel isolated'**



IT MAY seem strange, in a largely urban diocese, for Susan Davies to be appointed Rural Affairs Officer - yet she is very much in tune with the countryside

Coming from rural Monmouth (where the church was in the middle of a farmyard!) Sue lives in the Rossendale Valley. She was a teacher before being ordained, and served as a non-stipendiary minister before being appointed vicar of St Nicholas, Newchurch.

Sue told CRUX: "When the Bishop asked me to look after rural affairs it seemed a bit incongruous as rural issues do not feature prominently in our diocese.

"More rural dioceses, such as Cumbria and Lancashire, face quite different issues from ours - lack of public transport in remote areas, insufficient affordable housing, farming issues and the closure of local services such as post offices.

"In Rossendale, we are well served by local transport into the city and to local hospitals. There are also plenty of converted mill properties and terraced housing in good condition and reasonably priced.

"Part of my role is to meet with representatives of other dioceses in the north west to discuss and support one another in dealing with rural issues.

"At a recent meeting we discussed not only training for ordinands who may go into

rural parishes, but also our response in the event of a 'blue tongue' outbreak."

Farmers have had to face many tough issues over the last few years, including a foot and mouth crisis and bovine TB.

Sue says: "Fortunately these recent concerns did not affect our region. But traditional farming in the diocese has almost died out. I talked to a local farmer who said there used to be 30 dairy farms in the area, but now there are only five. They can't compete with supermarket prices and have to diversify.

"Many do not use the land to its full potential any more. Some breed cattle for beef instead of dairy and others raise ponies, run stables or riding businesses and offer bed and breakfast accommodation in their farm houses. Despite this, farmers often feel isolated and have worries about cash flow."

Sue is planning to travel and talk to those living in rural communities to find out what issues they face and how the church can help. She is encouraged that in other parts of the country church buildings are being used to provide local post office services, where these would otherwise be lost.

She welcomes contact from those living in rural areas, particularly if they have concerns they would like discussed at diocesan level.

Please get in touch with Sue, if you feel she can help you, on: 01706 219768.

What a weekend! But it's just the beginning

says BISHOP CHRIS



FRIDAY April 25 - the awesome setting of York Minster, and a sea of faces, including many familiar ones from the earlier years of my ministry, in Huddersfield, Halifax, Cumbria, Bradford, and most recently Lee Abbey, where Susan and I have lived and worked since 2002.

Sunday April 27 - the beautiful new 'home ground' setting of Manchester Cathedral, and again a sea of faces, most of them unknown as yet, but there, in what was an inspiring and moving service, to welcome and pray for Mark and myself, as we take on our responsibilities as bishops in the diocese.

And in between ...on Saturday April 26, back to York, where our older son Martin and his wife Anna live, to celebrate his 30th birthday in a café bar, along with our younger son Tim, and other family and friends. As I say, what a weekend!

Since that weekend, which was such a great start to this exciting and daunting new ministry to which God has called me, I have enjoyed beginning to meet people, both individually, as well as through visits to parishes and the four welcome services which have taken place in Bolton, Bury, Atherton and Eccles during May. Susan and I are grateful for all your expressions of welcome to us, and the assurance of your prayers, as we settle into a new area.

Our five and a half years at Lee Abbey - an international community and conference centre in north Devon - were immensely exciting, fulfilling and demanding years.

My responsibility was as warden - where the buck stops! Susan was conference manager, building on the work she did at Bradford University. But following the interview process, which was thorough and prayerful, and the subsequent invitation to become Bishop of Bolton, there has been a strong

sense that this is a right move, in terms of calling, timing and location.

As someone with a passion for mission, and seeing the local church as an agent for renewal, I feel privileged to have the opportunity to play my part in giving a lead to the outworking of the diocese's vision, 'Running the race, looking to Jesus, and passing on his faith, hope and love'.

Although as Christians we face many challenges, and have some choppy waters to navigate, after almost 35 years in ordained ministry, I remain an optimist!

Jesus hasn't given up on the church. It is his bride, and having just celebrated Pentecost, we need to remember too that the Holy Spirit has not been withdrawn! There are plenty of signs of him bringing change, healing and growth to individuals and communities.

Looking back to the consecration service in York, there were many moving moments, not least the laying on of hands by the Archbishop and my fellow Bishops, and the giving of the Bible 'as a sign of the authority of the church given you this day to build up Christ's Church in truth'.

But at the end of the service, receiving my pastoral staff from the Archbishop (specially made out of wood from my native Cumbria) and hearing these words, was particularly powerful:

'Keep watch over the whole flock in which the Holy Spirit has appointed you shepherd. Encourage the faithful, restore the lost, build up the body of Christ'.

As I begin my ministry among you, my daily prayer is that I will be faithful to this, and I look forward to seeing what God will do in us, through us and often despite us!

*The Rt Revd Chris Edmondson
is Bishop of Bolton*

Three-way cultural exchange



EXPERIENCING MANCHESTER : The visitors from Sweden and Finland meet the locals

VISITORS from churches in Strangnas Diocese, Sweden and Tampere, Finland spent a week in Manchester hosted by local church families in the first of three Contextual Theology placements.

Manchester, Strangnas and Tampere are participating in a three-way programme over the next six months to explore the similarities and contrasts of how church works in their different cultures and contexts.

Karolina and Lars from the parish of Sodertalje in Strangnas Diocese and Miika and Pauli from Tampere stayed with families in the parish of St James, Moss Side. They explored issues of ethnicity, faith and integration. They visited projects around Moss Side, attended a Formation Day on Christian/Muslim issues and experienced services in Urdu and Marathi languages.

In an action-packed trip, they also went to the World Swimming Championships, Old Trafford, the Lowry, did a tour of Greater Manchester including Oldham, Bolton and East Manchester, and visited the Town Hall.

The Scandinavian visitors found churches in Manchester operate with far fewer paid people. The Church Tax paid voluntarily by most people in Sweden and Finland means many parishes can afford to employ full-time musicians, church workers and some operate with budgets of millions of pounds.

However, due to declining congregations and younger people less inclined to pay the Church Tax, incomes are falling. Manchester churches offer ways of operating with a strong volunteer base which could offer a good model for how Scandinavian churches function in the future.

Miika was keen to ask church volunteers what motivated them. Answers included: "It's important to me, I enjoy it"; "I can serve God doing something I'm good at"; and "I can be Christ's hands, eyes and mouth."

Sodertalje has a high immigrant Iraqi and Syrian Christian population, most worshipping in Christian Orthodox churches.

Lars said: "We can learn a lot from Manchester about integration. We see how churches here offer the use of their buildings and accommodate different languages in services."

Four Manchester clergy will shortly visit Sodertalje and Tampere (which has a mostly white, Finnish population). Reports from all three visits will form the basis for a conference in September.

Karolina spoke for all the visitors when she said: "We've had a great time. It's been interesting and a lot of fun. Our hosts have looked after us well and our first trip to Manchester has made the world seem a smaller place!"

Bishop Nigel's eco-friendly horsepower



The Bishop of Manchester, the Rt Revd Nigel McCulloch, already noted for his environmentally friendly driving habits, swapped his hybrid car for a horse-drawn vehicle when he visited Prestwich as part of his Run the Race pilgrimage.

After visiting St George's, Simister, he was driven to St Margaret's Primary School in Prestwich in a two-seater exercise cart.

Priest-in-charge Revd Debby Plummer said, "Simister is a semi-rural community and is noted for having a substantial horse-riding community. Gary, the owner of the carriage, was delighted to convey the bishop in true Simister-fashion on his visit to our parishes."

The benefit of Christian counselling

Hannah Haynes reports for CRUX on the Introduction to Christian Counselling Course held at St Luke's Deepdish earlier this year.

THE course was packed with those eager to learn about different approaches to counselling, but Clive Taylor, the tutor from Philippi Trust Christian Counselling, was expert in balancing intensive instruction with practical sessions in small groups.

I am convinced counselling has much to offer in certain situations. Recent articles in the press suggest there is growing evidence that the prescribing of pills only medicates the symptoms of stress and depression. Counselling, on the other hand, is a growth

industry and most large establishments, are providing access to it for their staff.

The Philippi approach is a specifically Christian one, with Biblical truths and values as its inspiration and structure. The counsellor seeks to not only advise but also encourage clients to find the resources to solve their problems within themselves and to move forward, with the help of a God who wants us to bear each other's burdens.

He is able to empower healing and peace within, making the counsellor eventually redundant. The Philippi approach is a safe, secure and flexible form of counselling, which can bring therapeutic benefit.

CATHEDRAL DIARY

If you have queries regarding events at the Cathedral, ring 0161 833 2220.

TIMES OF SERVICES - SUNDAY : Morning Prayer 8.45am; Holy Communion 9am; Sung Eucharist (Common Worship - said with hymns when choir is on holiday) 10.30am; Evensong (sung - Cathedral Voluntary Choir. Said during school holiday periods) 6.30pm. **WEEKDAYS** : Morning Prayer 7.45am; Holy Communion 8am (Mon-Sat), Holy Communion 1.10pm (Wed, Fri and major Saint's Days), Evensong 5.30pm (said Mon & Fri, sung Tues, Wed & Thurs) Evensong 3.30pm (sung, Sat only).



EVENTS during JUNE AND JULY 2008

JUNE

- Wed Jun 4** 12.45pm Turning of the Leaves (Regiment Chapel)
- Thur Jun 5** 7pm Confirmation Course (Library)
- Sun Jun 8** 10.30am Sung Eucharist & Centenary Celebration for Cathedral Country Home
- Mon Jun 9** 7pm 'Seven' meeting (Library)
- Thur Jun 12** 12 noon Mothers' Union Thursday Prayer
7pm Confirmation Course (Library)
7.30pm LGF Service of Celebration
- Fri Jun 13** 7pm Church Lads & Church Girls Brigade Service
- Sat Jun 14** 7.30pm Brass Band Concert in aid of the choir fund.
- Sun Jun 15** 6.30pm Cathedral Confirmation
- Wed Jun 18** 12.45pm Turning of the Leaves (Regiment Chapel)
- Sat Jun 21** 11am 'Open for All' Event. Details from Pam Elliott on 0161 833 2220 ext. 336
- Tues Jun 24** 1.10pm Chetham's Lunchtime Concert.
- Fri Jun 27** 11.00am Veteran's Day Service
- Sat Jun 28** 2.30pm and 6.30pm Ordination of Priests
- Sun Jun 29** 10.30am Ordination of Deacons

JULY

- Tues Jul 1** 12.30pm Julian Prayer Group (Quire)
- Wed Jul 2** 12.45pm Turning of the Leaves (Regiment Chapel)
- Sun Jul 6** 12 noon Recital by Northern Kwa-Zulu Natal Youth Choir South Africa
- Thurs Jul 10** 12 noon Mothers' Union Thursday Prayer
- Sat Jul 12** 3pm Readers Licensing Service
- Sun Jul 13** 4pm Pre Lambeth International Service/Praise event
- Mon Jul 14** 7pm 'Seven' meeting (Library)
- Tues Jul 15** 7.30pm Hope 2008 prayer meeting
- Wed Jul 16** 12.45pm Turning of the Leaves (Regiment Chapel)
- Sat Jul 19** 10am Order of St Lazarus Coffee Morning
- Tues Jul 22** 12.30pm Julian Prayer Group (Quire)
- Sun Jul 27** 3pm Order of Women Freemasons Centenary Thanksgiving Service
- Wed Jul 30** 12.45pm Turning of the Leaves (Regiment Chapel)

Convocation News

CONGRATULATIONS to Simon Killwick on his election as Deputy Prolocutor of the Lower House of the Convocation of York.

Lambeth : Remember to pray for the Lambeth Conference which starts next month.

Small Ads

ORGANIST WANTED for St Hilda's Church, Prestwich. Traditional Catholic liturgy. Contact Fr Croft 0161 773 1642.

FLOWER FESTIVAL - St Philip's Church, Chatterton Road, Stubbins, Ramsbottom near Bury BL0 0PQ. 20 and 21 June. Craft, home produce, stalls and refreshments. 01706 829062. Admission £1.50, children free.

LLANDUDNO - KENMORE HOTEL, 28 Trinity Avenue. Special weekly terms for 2007 - £185 per person for dinner, bed and breakfast. All rooms en-suite, colour TV and tea-making facilities. Non-smoking hotel. Open all year. For brochure Tel: 01492 877774.

VISIT A lovely country church: St Leonard's, Warmingham near Sandbach. Open to visitors every Saturday 10am to 4pm until end of October. Flower Festival: 18-20 July. Tel. 01270 589068.

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