

Outlook



John Wesley School opens



THE FIRST PUPILS have moved into the first Anglican/Methodist maintained school in Kent – the John Wesley school at Ashford.

The formal opening is planned at Pentecost weekend in May with Bishop Stephen and the Chair of Methodist Conference

The project began 7 years ago but it still took round the clock working for the school to open on time on Wednesday 5

September. The school has admitted just over 100 children at present – with contractors still on site and staff and builders working round each other (below)!

The roll is expect to rise to 210 within three years and will eventually be 420 when further classrooms are built hopefully within five years - the hall and other support spaces have been built for a 420 pupil school

(two form entry). In addition a nursery on the site is due to be started this autumn to open next September.

The Rev Tim Wilson Chair of Governors & Rector of Great Chart with Singleton said “It has been challenging and rewarding being part of this wonderful new project, particularly to work closely with the local Methodist Churches and especially Rev

Richard Grocott, Ashford Methodist Superintendent Minister who is Vice Chair of the Governors. We are privileged to have an experienced and hardworking staff team led by Mrs Gail Spragg the headteacher (photo right with some of the pupils). They are all still smiling despite the pressures and long hours to open on time!”

Rupert Bristow, Diocesan Director of Education added “This is a fantastic new school that shows what is possible when dedicated people work ecumenically, harnessing local, diocesan, county-wide, and national expertise and funding for a school which is at the heart of the growing community of Singleton. Congratulations to Diocesan Architectural Services for their brilliant design, to Jenners the main contractor for all their hard work and to the school community for breathing life into a wonderful facility.”



...and what do the pupils think of their new school?

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THE BISHOPS' DAY FOR LAITY - 15 SEPTEMBER - AT THE TRINITY CENTRE, MARGATE

Sharing stories for Change

In an unplanned diversion the main speaker at the 2007 Bishops' Day for Laity, Ann Morisy (left) led her audience out of the Trinity Centre and perched on the garden wall outside, while she continued her talk during a (false) fire alarm!

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A baptised imagination

I have a favourite road sign. I saw it in an Australian magazine. It read 'Choose your rut carefully. You will be in it for the next 200 miles.'

Replace 'miles' with 'years' and we could put it outside our churches.

Our traditions are double edged.

At their best they are God's great gifts, which enable us to remain true to the Faith and to enjoy the benefit of God's goodness in previous generations.

At their worst they turn relatively short lived patterns of church life into the only way things can be done. Both worship and mission require us to remain true to the central convictions of our faith and to ask God for a renewed imagination.

We read in Ephesians that God 'is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, by the power at work within us.'

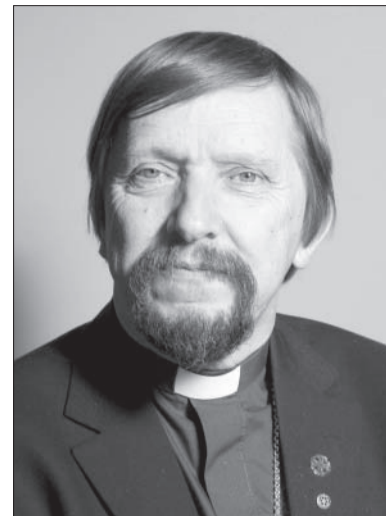
If God can do more than we can imagine, we should ask him to expand our imaginations.

In what previously unimaginable way could we serve our communities?

What previously unimaginable fresh expression of church could begin in our parish?

What, as yet unimaginable, initiative with young people, or the elderly might God have prepared for you?

As you worship and pray how might you encounter God in a way you had never previously imagined, but which takes you deeper into the traditions of our faith?



As we begin a new season of church life, let us pray for a baptised imagination.

+Graham



From our Outlook Area Reporters

Bethersden

St Margaret's church invites all farmers, cowboys and friends to 'Sing Along to Oklahoma' at the Village Hall on Saturday 27 October, 6.45 pm for 7.00 pm to include Cowboy Supper. Tickets £10 (u/12s half price) from Village Shop or in church. Dress up and sing along - take drinks, glasses and nibbles.

Dover

'Songs of Praise' on the sea front concluded the town's regatta on 12 August, organised by Christians Together in Dover and led by John Crowley with a choir and orchestra. Admiral Lord Boyce, Warden of the Cinque Ports, read a psalm.

Earlier that day the old standard of the Air Sea Rescue and Marine Craft Sections Club was laid up in St Mary's. The service was attended by airmen who had taken part in rescues of comrades who ditched in the Channel during WW2.

Headcorn

The parish church will be celebrating Harvest Thanksgiving at the morning All-Age Worship Service on Sunday 7 October. Afterwards there will be a 'bring and share' lunch at the Long Meadow Hall.

High Halden

An 'Auction of Promises', in aid of St Mary's church, is being planned for 1 March 2008. This may seem a long way ahead but there is a need to start collecting promises now so that a catalogue can be prepared in good time. Offers to Vera Hopkinson, at church by phone to 01233 850952, or email: verahopkinson@supanet.com



Canon Clare Edwards with the campaigners

Campaigning for trade justice

TO PROMOTE the Christian Aid Trade Justice Campaign, Daniel Monaghan, Sue Bones, Steve Wilkins and Mary Wood recently walked the 10 miles from Preston next Wingham to Canterbury Cathedral

There Canon Dr Clare Edwards invited them to the crypt to light a candle, to pray and to give a blessing for the strength of the campaign.

Mary Wood writes: Trade is a matter of life and death for

millions of the world's poorest people. We want to see a fairer balance in the international trade rules which are biased in favour of the rich countries. They are allowed to provide vast amounts of help to their farmers. Poor countries can not. Rich countries are allowed to protect their traders from competition, poor countries can not.

"The Trade Justice Campaign is not asking for

money, instead we want people to write to the Prime Minister expressing their concern over the unfair disadvantages and exploitation of the people in the world's poorest countries.

"The poor will have no chance unless the rules of international trade are changed."

For a copy of a suitable draft letter or further information, please contact Mary Wood on 01843 585360.

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Madagascar Calendars 2008

CAPTURING the spirit of the people - their everyday life, their celebrations, their faith and their hope, the pictures were taken during the Diocesan visit in June 2007 for the inauguration of St Matthews Cathedral in Atsiranana. They include pictures of the inauguration celebrations and projects supported by the Poverty and Hope appeal.

The calendars (£5 each) can be ordered from Canon Eileen Routh, 31 Tile Kiln Hill, Blean, Canterbury CT2 9EE. 01227 464052 email: eileen.routh@talktalk.net. Profit from sales go to a project in Madagascar.

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Unique insights into your Cathedral

On Tuesday 2 October Canterbury Cathedral stage its annual Open Evening from 5:30 pm - starting with Evensong - with a host of displays and presentations by the various departments.

Centre stage this year will be the work of the Archive Department. Documents on display will cover more than 1000 years of history, and include an early Tithe and City Map. Dating from circa 1642 this large map will be erected between pillars in the Cathedral Nave. It is rarely

taken out of the strongroom because of its unique importance.

Many other documents will also be on display, from the earliest Anglo-Saxon charter to an 18th century vicar's unflattering comments about some of his parishioners!

For the first time in many years, the Corona Tower will be open to the public. It offers a remarkable view of Canterbury and the surrounding area - and a remarkable insight into the restoration work that has already begun. Specialist stonemasons and glaziers will be on hand to describe the work and to answer questions.

The Open Evening really is an event for the whole family. Entry, activities and tours are all free, and everyone is welcome. For more information call the Friends' Office on 01227 865292.

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Hucking

St. Margaret's church harvest 'Songs of Praise' and buffet supper will be held on Sunday 30 September in the church. The service will begin at 6pm with the (optional) supper served immediately afterwards.

Leeds and Broomfield

The Friends of Leeds and Broomfield Churches will be holding a dinner with live entertainment at Leeds Castle on Friday 9 November, reception 7.30 for 8pm. Tickets are at £38.50 each, (black tie/lounge suits). To reserve call Jenny Hoy on 861280 or Pat Harris on 863460.

Maidstone – St Philip's

As part of the 150th Anniversary Celebrations, a quiz night will be held by St. Philip's on Saturday 6 October in the Collis Hall starting 7 for 7.30pm. Proceeds will be donated to Friends of St Philip's Community Centre to help improve facilities at the centre. Teams of up to six are invited but individuals, couples and small groups can make up scratch teams on the night. Tickets are £4 per head - take food and drinks. Contact Keith or Gill Ashford at the church or on 01622 761165.

Newenden

Friends of Saint Peter's Church are arranging for an Auction of Promises on Saturday 10 November and are looking for donations. Contact Ingrid Nilson on 01797 252247. Plans for a party after the auction are under discussion. The Friends are trying to cover as much as possible of the cost to rewire the church, so donations and new subscriptions would be welcome before the end of November. Contact Secretary Debbie Thomson on 01797 252036 for details.

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Murston's willow tree

THE WILLOW Tree Project in Murston was opened on Sunday 2 September by Rev Brian Shersby, Rector of Murston (with Bapchild and Tonge) until he retired in April.

Funded by the diocesan Mission Initiative Fund, the aim of the project is to provide a focal point in Murston where adults and young people can go for support, fellowship, spiritual guidance and general information.

The project is run by All Saints Church and is supported by Sittingbourne Deanery Synod whose Lay Chairman Christopher Gabriel, also spoke at the opening.



It is based in Murston Rectory where rooms have been decorated and furnished for use by individuals or groups of people. Rooms available include lounge, dining room, kitchen, office, cloakroom – all at ground level. The attached garage is being converted for use by small groups of young

people. There is also a large secluded garden. Drop in sessions are currently held on Tuesday mornings and Thursday evenings.

For information about the project or room bookings contact Dianne or Bill Smith on 01795 422697 or by email: Willowproject@aol.com

'Landlubbers' in Hawkhurst church

A SUCCESSFUL holiday club was held at St. Laurence Church, Hawkhurst in August.

Olivia Dyke (8) reports: "Landlubbers was based on pirates but was really about

Jesus. We all had great fun, adults and children. We did lots of craft things, like making lighthouses, treasure boxes and decorated eggs. We watched a DVD about Paul. Some of the adults gave us a drama show each day, and we played games. The church was decorated as a desert island; we even had our own pirate crews who each had a shelter. We also learned about Jesus and trying to be more like him as he's the light of the world."

Peggy Stone, who kept everyone fed and watered all week, said "I really enjoyed helping. Everyone was great and mixed well."

Laura Barber, St. Laurence Youth and Children's Worker, said: "The 'Landlubbers' week concluded with a Parish Family Service where the children took an active part, singing 'Sea Shanties', writing and reading the intercessions. They then watched the final part of the adult drama and searched for the treasure".



JOHN HUNT ARPS



CANON ANDREW WHITE (above), 'Vicar of Baghdad' was one of the speakers at this year's Detling Summer Conference at the beginning of August. This year's event was a great success with around 5,000 participants mainly from Kent.

Planning has already begun for the 2008 conference from 2-7 August at the Detling showground. Speakers will include RT Kendall and John Paul Jackson. The conference is titled After God's Own Heart and further details will be available shortly. As always the organisers are on the look out for volunteers. Anyone wishing to serve at the event should contact admin@revivalfire.org.uk or call 0870 901 7777.

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What's On

October

Tuesday 2 October

MAIDSTONE – Ploughman's Lunch with speaker Rev Noel McConnachie (Police Chaplaincy) at the Shalom Centre, Maidstone Community & Support Centre, Marsham Street, 12 noon-2pm

Wednesday 3 October

FOLKESTONE – Pilgrims Hospices Coffee Morning. Nearly new fashions etc, raffle and sales table -Holy Trinity Church Hall, Sandgate Road, 10am to 12 noon.

MAIDSTONE - Lunchtime meetings "Youth Matters - the Joys and Challenges of working with Young People". at St Faith's. Mike King, Youth Director of St Luke's Church at 1.00 pm. Hot drinks are available from 12.30 pm

Thursday 4 October

CANTERBURY - Organ Recital at St Paul's by Peter Litman (St Pauls, Canterbury) 7.30pm. Admission Free, retiring collection for Organ Restoration

Friday 5 October

HOLLINGBOURNE - All Saints harvest supper from 7.30pm. Tickets at £7.50 each, from 01622 880243, inc donation of £1 to the Diocesan Poverty & Hope Appeal. Bar available.

Friday 5 – Sunday 7 October

BRIDGE - Flower Festival - St. Peter's Church, open Fri 12 noon – 5 pm, Sat & Sun 10 am - 5 pm, Refreshments, Children's Quiz, Steam train rides. Details 01227 830668.

Saturday 6 October

HYTHE - CAUTLEY HOUSE – Day of Refreshment 10am-4pm. 'From behind the bars' led by two prison chaplains. All are welcome. Details: 01303 230762.

MAIDSTONE - Quiz night in aid of St Philip's Community Centre in the Collis Hall, 7 for 7:30pm. Teams of up to six or individuals for scratch teams on the night. Take your own food and drinks Tickets £4 per head from Keith or Gill Ashford, at the church or on 01622 761165.

Sunday 7 October

TUNSTALL – Harvest barn dance after Evensong £7.50 from 01795-427427 (eves).

Wednesday 10 October

MAIDSTONE – Healing Service at Shalom Centre, 10am-11am with guest Rev Oliver Harrison

Friday 12

– Sunday 14 October

BLEAN - Harvest Flower Festival "Global – Local Mission" Fri 2 – 5 pm, Sat 10 am – 5 pm, Sun 12 noon – 5 pm. Festival Service Sunday 6.15 pm. Refreshments available all day, stalls for plants, cakes and other produce.

Saturday 13 October

SALTWOOD - Parish Church Autumn Fair in Saltwood Village Hall 10 a.m. - 12 noon Cakes, jams, plants, Christmas stall, Bric a brac, clothes, Toys, Books, Refreshments. Free Admission

IWADE – Harvest Supper 7pm in Village Hall – also celebrating Golden Jubilee of hall. Tickets £5.50 from Con Kilby 01795 471932. Early booking advised.

LINTON - N: Vision on Tour featuring: Matt Redman and Mark Ritchie 5pm – 8pm Cornwallis School, Hubbards Lane. Tickets £6 (in advance), £8 (on the door). For more information contact N:Vision on 0775 707 6209, info@nvision.uk.net or visit www.nvision.uk.net

WYE & BROOK BENEFICE - Away Day at St. Mary's Brook with Roy Searle - Leader of Northumbria Community. 10am - 2pm - Coffee at 9.30am. Lunch in Agricultural Museum.

Tuesday 16 October

ULCOMBE - Tom Hart Dyke, author and broadcaster, will talk to the Ulcombe History Society on at 7.30 pm in Ulcombe Village Hall. The evening is open to all.

Thursday 18 October

CANTERBURY - Retired Clergy Association - meeting for St. Luke at All Saints - 12noon Eucharist, 1pm. Lunch (£6). Contact: Alan Ramsay 01233 813730.

Saturday 20 October

RAMSGATE - Autumn Charity Fair, St Mark's Church, 2.30 - 4.30 pm
ULCOMBE – Sutton Valence Choral Society 'come and sing event', at All Saints in aid of restoration appeal. Rehearsal 3pm, concert 7.30pm. Singers contact Mrs Alex Brown email: alex@chegworth.net or tel. 01622 853791. Audience tickets £7.50 from Church Office (01622 850604), Molly Poulter (01622 842988) or at the door.

HYTHE – Young Professionals Concert – a return visit from Jianing Kong (piano – Royal College of Music), St Leonard's Church, 7.30 pm, tickets £7 (01303 262370).

DEAL – Handel's 'Messiah' – come and sing with the Deal & Walmer Handelian Society; in St George's Church, High St; Rehearsal 1pm-5pm; concert 7.30pm; singers £10. audience £6.

BREDGAR - Concert by Bredgar Singers with friends in St John's Church at 7.30pm £7 (under 18 £1) to include wine and nibbles. Details/Tickets from 01795/410840

Sunday 21 October

CANTERBURY - US Gospel singer LD Frazier workshop (3pm) and concert (7.30pm) in the Shirley Hall, King's School Tickets are £10 (£5 students) – inc optional workshop – from the Festival Office, Christ Church Gate, The Precincts, Canterbury CT1 2EE or tel: 01227 378188.

EASTLING - Tea and Cakes Afternoon at Pinks Farm - between 3 and 6pm. Proceeds to support a Village Youth Worker and Save Canterbury Cathedral Appeal

SANDWICH – 'Anthems for a Festival' - a City of Canterbury Chamber Choir concert at 7.30pm in St Clements Church in aid of tower restoration appeal – a Canterbury Festival event. Tickets - £12 (£10 concs, £2 children) 01227 700673

Monday 22 October

MARGATE - Friends of St Johns' Organ Recital by Roy Woodhams, 7.30pm in the Church Tickets £6 and £5 for FoSJ. Refreshments provided.

Wednesday 24 October

CANTERBURY – AGM of the Council of Christians & Jews, Old Synagogue, King St, 7.15 for 7.30 pm. Malcolm Weisman OBE, Chief Rabbi to the Armed Forces speaks on "Interfaith Dialogue within the NATO Alliance". Everyone welcome.

Thursday 25 October

ADISHAM - An Evening With Charles Dickens - Holy Innocents Church at 7.30pm. John Tallents recreates Dickens' celebrated readings with extracts from the author's novels. Tickets: £8 (concessions £6) with refreshments, from The Canterbury Festival Box Office or on the door.

Saturday 27 October

ALLINGTON - The Parishioners present a murder mystery 'Death at Darjeeling' in St. Nicholas church hall at 7.30pm. Tickets are £15 each, inc three course meal and two bottles of wine per table of six. Tickets from Anne Sargent on 01622 764063.

BETHERSDEN - St Margaret's 'Sing Along to Oklahoma' at Bethersden Village Hall, 6.45 pm for 7.00pm. Tickets £10 (u/12s half price), inc supper, from Village Shop or Pam Wait or Doreen Healey at the church. Take your own drinks, glasses and nibbles.

November

Friday 2 November

AYLESFORD - Heart of Kent Hospice Choral Eucharist for All Souls Day – Faure Requiem 7.30pm at Aylesford Parish Church. Open to all. Phone 01622 790195 for free tickets. Collection for hospice.

Saturday 3 November

KINGSDOWN - St. John's Church Autumn Fayre, 10.30am - 2.00pm at Kingsdown & Ringwold School. Books, cakes, cards, craft, tombola, toys Refreshments

Tuesday 6 November

MAIDSTONE – Ploughman's Lunch with speaker Bishop Stephen Venner – 'Building Communities' - at the Shalom Centre, Maidstone Community & Support Centre, Marsham Street, 12 noon-2pm

Wednesday 7 November

MAIDSTONE - Lunchtime meetings "Youth Matters - the Joys and Challenges of working with Young People" at St Faith's. Paul Reynolds of Churches and Schools Together 'Good News in School' at 1.00 pm. Hot drinks from 12.30 pm

Friday 9 November

LEEDS CASTLE - Friends of Leeds and Broomfield Churches dinner with live entertainment. Tickets £38.50 each, (black tie/ lounge suits) from Jenny Hoy on 861280 or Pat Harris on 863460.

Saturday 10 November

FOLKESTONE - Christmas Fair at St Mary & St Eanswythe Church, The Bayle. 10am - 2 pm. Handmade Christmas Gifts, Cakes, Jewellery, Good-as-New Books, CDs, Bric-a-Brac Ploughmans Lunches available. All proceeds to church funds.

Wednesday 14 November

BOUGHTON - Annual Children's Society Christmas fair at Boughton Village Hall 10am to 4pm. Raffle, tombola and stalls.

Ongoing

Open churches:

BOBBING - St. Bartholomew's Church is open daily 8am – 6pm
BOUGHTON MONCHELSEA - St Peter's, open 2-4.30pm Sat/ Sun Wednesday and Bank Holidays.
FAVERSHAM - St Mary of Charity open daily 9am–5pm
IWADE - All Saints open 2nd Saturday every month 10-2pm. Hot drinks and cakes etc. available
MARGATE - St. John the Baptist Church, open Monday 11am-12.30 and Tuesday – Friday 10.30-12.30. Trinity Shop every 3rd Saturday 10-12 in the Community Centre
MARGATE - Holy Trinity open Monday-Friday 8.30am – 6pm. Trinity Café open 10am – 2.30pm serving hot and cold dishes.
MINSTER (Thanet) – St Mary's, open every day from 10am to 4pm

OTHAM - St. Nicholas Church open Saturday mornings 10 to 12 noon
RECVLVER - St Mary the Virgin open each day from 9am until dusk.
WOODNESBOROUGH- St Mary's church open every Sunday 2-4pm.

'Pop-ins'

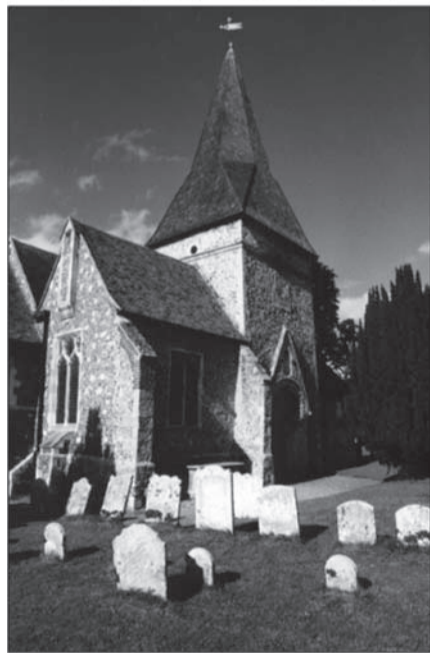
EASTLING - Coffee Pop-in in Village Hall Wednesdays 9-11am
SHELDWICH – Coffee morning in Village Hall 1st Tuesday every month, 10.30am
SITTINGBOURNE - Tea and Talk at St. Mary's Community Hall. Every 3rd Tuesday 2.30 - 4.30pm.
STURRY - Coffee Mornings every Thursday at St Nicholas' church, 9.45 - 11.45 am. Stalls and monthly craft workshop
Worship and prayer BADLESMERE – 'Great Silence of God' 3rd Fridays 7.15 pm Contemplative Prayer/Meditation.

CANTERBURY – Pray for Canterbury's Kids - every Wednesday, 9.30-10.15am, All Saints church, Military Rd, Canterbury – details 07828955708
HYTHE - CAUTLEY HOUSE Mondays: Service offering laying-on-of-hands with prayer for healing 7.30 pm Thursdays: Holy Communion with healing 10.30am Details: 01303 230762.
SITTINGBOURNE – 'Faith up the Street' short midweek service in St Michael's at 12 noon

Miscellaneous

MAIDSTONE – All Saints Market 10.30am to 12.30am every Saturday.
UPCHURCH – Porch sale – 2nd Saturday every month 9–11am . 'Good News Van' every 3rd Thursday 9.15-10.45 with books CDs video and tapes on free loan
WYE – Traidcraft in Methodist hall 1st Saturday each month 10-12noon.

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- communities in Burma?
- human rights in Sri Lanka
- education in Madagascar
- world peace and reconciliation?

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...about communities in Burma?

With support from churches in Britain, through USPG, the Anglican Church in Myanmar is providing practical help to all of Myanmar's communities, Buddhist and Christian alike. Myanmar (formerly Burma) suffers from extreme poverty. Life expectancy at birth is just 60 years, and less than half of all children are in education.

Christians make up around 5% of the population of the country. USPG is still one of the major financial providers of the province, providing much-needed help with practical projects, that give health care and education for marginalised communities, and train leaders in agricultural development.

Health care for marginalized communities

Myanmar spends less on health per person than any other country. Many areas have no health service at all. A vital part of the church's work is to train up village health workers, who provide basic health education and treatment. The training is having a measurable impact. People are starting to move away from the belief that



health is controlled by the spirit, and uptake of effective medicines is increasing.

Developing primary school education

Only a quarter of Myanmar's children complete primary education. In remote villages in Myanmar's border areas, there is little opportunity for children to get any sort of education.

The church is providing boarding schools so that children from isolated areas can learn to read and write, and opening primary schools in the remotest areas. These schools are open to all children, regardless of their faith, helping to improve relations between Buddhists and Christians.

Improving agriculture

Seventy percent of the population in Myanmar live in

rural areas, and need to grow their own food to survive. When they can learn better farming skills, and get access to more food, especially protein, it is a huge benefit to the community. USPG supports students to study agriculture in Japan. In 2007-2009, USPG will support leaders to train at the Asian Rural Institute, and will also support a project in Mandalay diocese which is helping to increase food production and help people have an adequate diet.

The need...

Myanmar's people need health care, education and a route out of poverty. The church is struggling to provide these for Christians and Buddhists alike.

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Bishop Graham writes:

There is an inseparable link between the gospel and Poverty and Hope. Jesus was sent to bring good news to the poor. He himself is the sole and final hope for the universe. In him alone it will be made new.

If this is true about Jesus it should be true of his followers as well. The church is to be good news to the poor and a sign and means of hope.

Money and prayer are not the only practical ways to fulfill this calling, but they are the place to start. I urge every parish to give generously to this year's projects and to pray for them regularly.

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...about human rights in Sri Lanka?

In Sri Lanka, many people depend on the tea industry for their livelihood. Plantation workers, the majority of whom are women, are an exploited workforce.

Until the 1990s plantations were run by the state, but since privatisation, working and living conditions have deteriorated. Coupled with a decline in the number of trade unions on the estates, people living and working in the plantation sector are currently among the poorest and most marginalised in Sri Lankan society.



Christian Aid's partner organisation the Institute of Social Development (ISD) has been a catalyst for the women on these plantations to come together and advocate for their rights.

Voices of Resistance

Chitrani is 51 years old and is the leader of a women's group on the Kobbsnills Estate. She earns 190 rupees (£1) per day. Chitrani was unable to read and write, but after attending literary classes run by ISD she is now able to sign and check her salary cards and make sure that other women are not being cheated out of their rightful pay. 'Most importantly I now have the courage to confront management and negotiate better conditions. I believe that by being empowered in this way we are able to speak out'.

Through ISD, Chitrani has also learned about her legal labour rights. Before, women worked barefoot on the rough terrain, but by having the courage to confront management by going on a three-day strike, women are now allowed to wear slippers.

Selvi had no baskets to collect the tea leaves in and had



to use her own money to buy plastic bags. ISD explained her legal rights to her and helped her complain to the management about the lack of baskets. She now receives money every six months to purchase bags.

Darkness into Light

Pushpam, who lives near Pussellawa and works on the Rochelle Estate, has a mission. She wants to make sure that 'women who are in the dark are brought out into the light.' Pushpam is one of ISD's project outreach workers and has set up a women's group which now has 15 members. They have worked together to persuade the management to allow pregnant women half a day's holiday to visit the doctor. Today, Pushpam feels empowered by what she does with the women's group. 'We should not be afraid to come forward, take risks and defend our rights,' she says. £58 pays a month's salary for one of ISD's project outreach workers.

Vallimail is one of the 100 or so women who have had literacy training in the past year. She believes that 'future generations should carry on this struggle for their rights and be empowered in the process'.

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eradication of poverty, and all that follows from it. Funds are used to support long-term projects channelled through trusted partners who are in close contact with the target projects. These projects are listed below. Please do not forget to give to the Appeal this year...

am I boVvered? ...about world peace?

Ask any celebrity what they'd do if they were world leader, and achieving 'world peace' almost invariably comes top of their imaginary manifesto.

But are we really bovered about it?

When Jesus said 'Blessed are the peacemakers, he was not talking about those who simply think peace is a good idea or a noble aim, but about those who actually do something about it. They are peacemakers, and the communities that enjoy the fruits of their peacemaking, are those who will be truly blessed.

CMS is committed to working tirelessly for peace and reconciliation in many communities around the world: for example in Sri Lanka, Burundi, and in the Middle East.

In Israel and Palestinian Territories CMS supports the work of Musalaha, a Christian peacemaking organisation that works with Arab and Jewish community leaders, women and young people.

The Musalaha Youth Camp

The situation in the country does not allow both sides to mix with each other on a daily basis. For the most part, Israelis only see Palestinians on a television screen. The only interaction many Palestinians have with Israelis is at the checkpoint. Although there is a Palestinian population in Israel, called "Israeli Arab," they too live segregated and in their own neighbourhoods. Living side by side does not necessarily mean that both sides interact.

That is why the camps are so vitally important. They are set up so Israeli and Palestinian children share dormitories and are able to get to know each other and play together in a safe and secure environment. Activities include crafts, sports, swimming, dancing, rocket making, and many mixed team games. It's also a great chance for the children to learn more about God, through the daily bible studies. At the end of each camp the children leave laughing and singing, with a new understanding of who their brothers and sisters are.

Many children have never talked to the 'other' before, let alone shared a room, prayed, worshipped, and played together.

One of the important factors in this camp was the team of counsellors - Israelis and Palestinians standing together as true friends working as a unit showing the kids unconditional love and acceptance. These role models are what they will remember.



For further information please contact:
Gaenor Hal, Church Relations Team, CMS, Watlington Road Oxford, OX4 6BZ 01865 787520 gaenor.hall@cms-uk.org www.cms-uk.org



am I boVvered? ...about health and education in Madagascar?

For a number of years now we have supported various projects in Madagascar. For the first time this year we will support two projects in one year. The first is very important in Madagascar's fight against Aids. Dr. Zoe Ravoniarisoa is director of the Diocesan Health and Development programme (Sahasoa).

The most recent programme is in regard to Education. Dr. Zoe is training people to go out and share with many of the communities in the diocese the

need to be aware of the dangers of sexually transmitted diseases. Money from the Poverty and Hope Appeal will secure this programme for the future.

Our Second project is in the new Diocese of Fianarantsoa. Bishop Gilbert Ratelison has

built a new school alongside his house at Manaotsara! The success of the schools programme, which we have supported in a previous year, has meant the necessity to build on 4 new classrooms.

For further information contact:
Colin Preece, The College, Church Yard, Ashford, Kent TN23 1QG 01233 620672 cpreece@globalnet.co.uk



am I boVvered? ...about global issues?

We live in one world. What we do in Kent affects others and what others around the world do affects us as never before. Globalisation affects the clothes we wear, the music we listen to, the food we eat, the jobs we do, and our environment.

To recognise that we are all members of a world community and have responsibilities to each other is a modern reality. It is therefore important for our children to learn about and understand the world they live in, so that they can be better 'global citizens'.

Children and young people are aware that they live in an increasingly interdependent world which affects all aspects of their lives. Many understand the power they have as individuals to make choices or take action.

Kent and the Wider World, a voluntary organisation work both in Kent and Medway.

By working in schools, youth centres, faith and community organisations, it raises young people's awareness of global issues and enables them to take action for a world that is more just and sustainable.

Kent and the Wider World aims to:

- raise awareness of global issues and the links between people in Kent and Medway, and the wider world
- enable people to take action for a world that is more socially just and environmentally sustainable.

Kent and the Wider World offers a range of services and activities including:

- resources for teachers, schools, youth, faith and community groups
- continuing professional development programme for teachers and facilitators
- workshops in schools and for youth, faith and community groups on global issues.

In 2006, Kent and the Wider World:

- delivered workshops to over 900 children and young people
- provided training for over 120 teachers, youth workers and other educators
- distributed thousands of newsletters and loaned resources and artefacts to teachers, youth workers, advisors, members and others.

Kent and the Wider World is a Commonwork project working towards sustainable solutions in farming, the environment and education

For further information contact KWW at
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For further information on how to support the Diocesan Poverty and Hope Appeal write to:
Diocesan House, Lady Wootton's Green Canterbury CT1 1NQ Tel: 01227 459401 Email: povertyandhope@diocant.org or visit www.canterbury.anglican.org/povertyandhope



Growing as disciples - a learning people...

ALM

Searching for Synonyms

SPEAKING with a colleague familiar with Kentish culture, I asked what local understanding of 'collaboration' was. He said that, thanks largely to WW2, it is the language of traitors and betrayal. Is that then the local understanding of collaborative ministry? I thought it was about ministering together in partnership for the Kingdom of God.

As the new Local Ministries Officer, I am curious how Christians in ministry work together and the kingdom of God is made visible. The richness and subtlety of discipleship expresses itself in a myriad of real life signs of God among us:

- * when we work together and 'do' something in partnership that we could not have done on our own,
- * when we produce a service together as a worshipping congregation,
- * when we treat the local community to a barbecue.



* and when we listen to the stories of others in the community in ways that begin to change us.

Then something is happening! It is a sign!

Maybe I am making too much of it, but the miracles of connecting faith and fellowship through working together re-create us in the image of Christ and we become something more than we were. Ministry is service when we serve together, however mundane the task or even grouchy the participants. The Holy Spirit is re-creating us...and through us his world. Maybe collaboration is more about God working with us, undermining our frequent tendencies to independence when we forsake the beauties of interdependence that the body of Christ stands for.

Is collaboration the opening for a virtuous cycle of discovery with each other in

celebration of God? Whether we use the word 'collaborative' or not to describe the way we work, learn, worship and play together is not the most important thing. I hope we are finding the words that work for us. And yes, maybe we need to acknowledge that the language of ministry has an air of conflict about it. But I trust that in moving together towards the 20/20 vision we are looking for ways to change the world with the hard edge of 'gracefully' discovering God and each other together.

In the future I want to feature examples of good practice in collaborative ministry so that others can share in it. If you have learned something about how you meet together, have structured your PCC, created your own style of Ministry leadership teams, or whatever, please let me know and we can share the learning!

Peter Ingrams, Local Ministries Officer 01227 459401 or email pingrams@diocant.org

Enneagram Courses

The Enneagram is a tool of compassion which helps us to understand ourselves and our motivations. It describes nine different personality styles and teaches that no one type is better than another but that each of us approaches life seeing it through a different lens of assumptions and perceptions. The Enneagram encourages us to make sense of our own personalities and to

Training for Parish Officers

This is the final course for Parish officers until 2008:

Experienced Treasurers
Saturday 29 September
9.30-13.00
Diocesan House
Cost : £10 including lunch

Changing Church: Tools for the Task

Course Leaders:
Michael Lofthouse,
Business School, Canterbury
Christ Church University
and Archdeacon Philip
Down

Wednesday 7 & Tuesday 27
November at Diocesan
House.

Two practical days for Area Deans, Lay Chairs and other key Deanery and Parish people in leadership roles giving greater understanding of the effects of change and basic models of management which can be useful when dealing with change.

access possibilities for change within ourselves.

A weekend Basic Enneagram course is available for those with no previous knowledge. On this course, the nine spaces will be explored through a variety of ways enabling participants to gain sufficient understanding to choose which personality type they belong to.

The next Basic Course will be from Friday evening 28 March to Sunday afternoon 30 March 2008 at Stelling Minnis Village Hall, Nr Canterbury (Friday 7.30-9.30pm; Saturday

Is your church "Too Small to Grow?"

This is a two-part event. The first part is for incumbents alone and the second will also include PCC and MLT members. Both parts will provide an opportunity to hear ideas that could help 'smaller' churches and to meet others, in the same situation. The event will also offer a strategy or two that could start to bring growth to your church.

Part One: Wednesday 31 October, 10am - 3.30pm at Charing Barn.

Part Two: Saturday 17 November, 10am - 3.30pm at Holy Trinity, Margate.

There is no cost for either of these two days.

To help us with planning, please register your interest in attending with Rosemary Dale at Diocesan House on 01227 450401 or rdale@diocant.org by 15 October.

10 -4pm; Sunday 2.30-4.30 pm)

Course Tutors are Rev Margi Walker and Rev Chris Wilkinson Cost is £45 including books. Details from Rev Margi Walker Tel: 01227 709318 Email: margi@margiwalker.wanadoo.co.uk.



From our Outlook Area Reporters

Smarden

Twenty two charities will bring a variety of cards and small gifts to the 23rd annual 'Charity Christmas Card Sale' in the Charter Hall on Saturday 27 October (10am to 4pm). Refreshments will be sold in aid of WI funds and slices of cake and gâteau in aid of Crisis, the homelessness charity. The event attracts people from all over Kent and raised over £5,000 last year! Donations of cakes or gateaux for sale should be taken to the hall on the morning of the sale. For more information call Gill Bromley 01233 770451 or e-mail to: gillbrom57@btinternet.com

□ As part of the Smarden Parish Church Christmas celebrations a Christmas Tree Festival is to be held and families, societies and businesses are invited to 'buy' and decorate and 'name' a tree. Further details can be obtained from Judith Hardy: 01233 770277 or Pat Palmer: 01233 770557.

Opportunities

To advertise your vacancy to people in Canterbury, Rochester or Southwark Diocese, telephone 01634 401611

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The successful candidate will be enthusiastic, numerate and prepared to work as part of a flexible team. Experience of Word and Excel applications would be an advantage..

Further details and application form from:
Gillian Marsh, Diocesan House,
Lady Woottons Green, Canterbury, CT1 1NQ
Tel: 01227 459401; email: gmarsh@diocant.org

**Closing date for applications - 5th October;
Interviews 12th October**



Wanted - Organist & Choir Trainer

St Mary's Church, Chartham is looking for a competent organist and choir trainer to lead our committed choir and contribute creatively to worship.

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Contact: Rev'd Clive Barlow 01227 738256
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St Michael & All Angels Church
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St Michael's is a growing 7/52 church serving the village of Kingsnorth and the new estates to the south of Ashford.

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Opportunity for accredited study.

further details see:

www.kingsnorth-cofe.co.uk

tel: 01233 620433 email: kingsnorth-cofe@tesco.net

Applications close 15 October 2007

St. Nicholas Church, Allington, Maidstone

Children's Worker (Part-time)

Enquiries are invited regarding the above post which will involve co-ordinating the church's work among the under-11s and their families, through a variety of activities based in St. Nicholas Church and in the local primary schools.

The qualities we are looking for include a lively, personal faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour, a desire to help children discover and grow in the Christian faith and an ability to communicate with and enthuse both children and their families. Relevant experience is highly desirable, as is the ability to take initiative and responsibility.

The post will be for 10 hours per week (46 weeks per year) and will be funded at 1.3 x National Minimum Wage.

For more details, please contact the Rector, Jim Perryman (01622 758704 - jim@me16.com).

Applications should be received by the end of October.

Growing in the World - a missionary people



'making Jesus known through word and action'

Words like 'mission' and 'evangelism' mean different things to different people, those meanings influenced by our experience, tradition and churchmanship.

For me, the following definition encapsulates the meaning of both words. It is the phrase - 'making Jesus known through word and action'.

I like this phrase! It contains within it all the essentials:

- ☞ That the focus of the task is making Jesus known.
- ☞ That we do this by being present and active in our communities (action) and through proclamation and persuasion (word).
- ☞ That we need both 'word' and 'action' for that task to be effective.

Yet, understanding the task may still not be enough if we are to be effective.

I have come to believe that if a church is to grow; making Jesus known through words and action has to be the undisputed and unrivalled top priority in a church's life. It has to be the value that infuses all others, and therefore informs every decision and action.

For example, is making Jesus known always the first item on the agenda of your P.C.C.? At least, is it on every agenda? What dominates the time and energy of your church? Is it making Jesus known or does the maintenance of the building absorb the little time, finance and energy available? Do you spend time in the PCC assessing the impact of your

church upon the community and how that can be improved? Does your church reflect together at all on making Jesus known or does everything else seem to come first.

Of course, it goes without saying that services, the building, paying the diocesan share and all the other things of a church life, are very important. There are so many items that we have to cover on our P.C.C. agendas. Nevertheless, we can allow all those things, and many more besides, to push making Jesus known down the list of priorities, if not literally off the agenda.

Effectively making Jesus known through word and

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action requires us to give it top priority. Is there anything else that is really more important?

May God bless you richly as you seek to make Him known. With warmest best wishes.

Richard King

PCCs - are you publishing the right information - and in time?

Parishes who fail to deliver their annual report and accounts on time are in danger of losing charitable status under new legislation.

The 2006 Charity Act placed a legal requirement on charities including churches to publish certain information and for churches that includes an Annual Report incorporating a set of annual financial statements.

The PCC has a duty to compile annual accounts for independent inspection which then must be laid before the APCM for approval.

Those PCCs who still haven't finalised their accounts by now are in breach of a legal requirement.

Moreover, Church Representation Rules state that Annual Reports and Accounts must be filed at the diocesan office within 5 months of the end of year.

At the time of publication 30 PCCs had still not sent theirs in - despite reminders sent to treasurers and incumbents.

If you are a PCC member it's in your interest to check that these documents have been sent and the Treasurer has the official letter of receipt from Diocesan House. Should the Charity Commission check they have an ultimate power to remove charitable status from PCCs which haven't complied!

The Charity Commission begins the process of registering PCCs as charities in 2008 and they will begin to deal with all PCCs directly in the future! All PCCs should await further instructions from the Diocese and not attempt to begin the registration process themselves at this stage.

Training for Treasurers in the production of reports and accounts is available from the diocese. Guidance for PCC Secretaries on compiling Annual Reports is included in their introductory training course.

Please contact Rob Trice, Diocesan Accountant (rtrice@diocant.org) for further information.

October in the Cathedral



Tuesday 2 October
Canterbury Cathedral Open Evening. Commencing at 5:30 with Choral Evensong, followed by displays and activities between 6.15 p.m. and 8.40 p.m. when a concert will be given by the Cathedral Choristers. The evening ends at 9.00 p.m. with Compline. Admission is free

Friday 5 October
14:00 Crypt closed for a Memorial Service in honour of the late Heather Jackson.

Saturday 6 October
12:00 South Trinity Aisle The Paladins of Chivalry will visit the Black Prince's Tomb and lay a Wreath

Tuesday 9 October
11:00 Quire closed for a service for the Inner Wheel

Friday 19 October
14:00 Quire closed for the Archbishops School Dedication Service.

Sunday 28 October
18:30 Crypt - United Nations Service.

Wednesday 31 October
19:30 Nave - All Saints Praise Celebration.



13 - 27 October
Tickets available from the Canterbury Festival Box Office on 01227 378188

13 - 25 October
Daily 9:00 - 15:00 Chapter House

Fragments: An exhibition of Sculptor Blake's work inspired by his experience of the aftermath of the Vietnamese war. Sculptures are sold in aid of in aid of

Landmine Clearance and Victim support. Free entry to exhibition but usual Precinct entry charges apply

15 - 25 October
Mon- Thur 14:00 - 16:00 Sat 11:00- 15:00 Cathedral Library.

Exemplary Lives and Memorable Acts: Women of the World. Held in the Howley - Harrison room this exhibition will explore the experiences of women in the domestic and public realms. Free entry to exhibition but usual Precinct entry charges apply

Sunday 14 October
15:15 Quire Festival Evensong Celebrating the 100th year since the birth of WH Auden. Admission Free.

Tuesday 16 October
19:30 Nave Nicola Benedetti with Alison Rhind. Young musician of the Year in 2004, Nicola Benedetti's recital will include Bach's Chaconne

from Partita No 2 and Brahms Violin Sonata No3. Tickets £18 £14 £11 £8

Friday 19 October
19:30 Nave.

Alfie Boe (Tenor) with Jill Farrow (Piano). A programme of Opera and Neapolitan Arias and songs from Alfie Boe's new album 'La Passione' Due to be released this Autumn. Tickets £18 £14 £11 £8

Saturday 20 October
19:30 Nave

Monteverdi Vespers- Ex Cathedra Choir, His Majesty's Sagbutts and Cornetts. The candlelit Nave will resonate to the sounds of Monteverdi's highly-charged solos, virtuosic vocal effects and sublime choral music. Tickets £25 £18 £12 £8

Monday 22 October
19:30 Western Crypt.

David Rees-Williams Trio uniting both Classical and Jazz. Tickets £14 £10

Wednesday 24th October
19:30 Western Crypt:

Heinavanker (Estonia) folk vocal ensemble UK debut. Heinavanker's inspiration comes from old sacred and Polyphonic music and Estonian Folk hymns Tickets £14 £10

Thursday 25 October
19:30 Nave

European Union Chamber Orchestra with Mark Simpson the 2006 BBC Young Musician of the year and the BBC's Proms Young Composer .

Tickets £20 £15 £12 £8

Saturday 27 October
19:30 Cathedral Nave

Canterbury Choral Society and Canterbury Philharmonic Orchestra mark the Finale of the Festival with special guests Anna Leese (Soprano) and Benjamin Bevan (Baritone)

USUAL CATHEDRAL SERVICES

Weekdays
Matins
Monday - Friday 7.30am
Saturday and Bank Holidays 9.30am

Holy Communion
Daily 8.00am
Wednesday 11.15am
Thursday 6.15pm
Major Saints' Days 11.15am

Bell Ceremony
Mon to Saturday 11.00am

Confessions
Friday 12.00noon -1.00pm

Choral Evensong
(occasionally said)
Monday - Friday 5.30pm
Saturday 3.15pm (occasionally 5.30)

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...and LD Frazier to Canterbury

American Gospel Singer LD Frazier is in the UK again, appearing at The Canterbury Festival on Sunday 21 October, in the Shirley Hall (King's School) next to the Cathedral. In 'We've Come This Far By Faith' he sings and plays his way through the story of Gospel Music. In the afternoon from 3pm he will run a workshop and those taking part can showcase their new-found skills on stage during the evening concert which starts at 7.30. Tickets are £10 (£5 students) – the workshop is free with concert ticket – from the Festival Office, Christ Church Gate, The Precincts, Canterbury CT1 2EE or tel: 01227 378188.



From our Outlook Area Reporters

Tenterden

Following the inclusion of St. Michael's into the united benefice the October issue of Tenterden Parish Magazine will be the first to incorporate the St. Michael's parish magazine.

To cover all the churches now included – St. Mildred's, St. Michael's, Tenterden, St John the Baptist, Smallhythe, and Tenterden Methodist Church - the number of pages will be increased and the editorial team is being enlarged.

Changes to the production process at the printers and new software for the editorial team will also result in better reproduction of photographs and, very soon, a new cover. Unchanged is the copy deadline - the first Sunday in each month.

Tunstall

St John's Church Harvest Barn Dance will be held in the Village Memorial Hall after evensong on 7 October at approx. 6.45pm.

Tickets will be £7.50 and will include the supper and first drink. There will also be a raffle. All tickets to be paid for at time of booking. Full details on 01795 471377 (daytime or) 01795 427427 evenings.

Art at Flint House...

You've probably seen many mosaics and icons especially in churches in Europe - but have you ever wondered if you could create one yourself, perhaps for your church or your home?

A weekend spent at Flint House near Broadstairs Harbour could make this possible.

This beautiful Georgian building - with its large sash windows and well-proportioned rooms - is the perfect setting for a range of art courses run by Martin Cheek - one of the country's top creators of mosaics - his wife, artist Margaret Foreman RBA and icon artist Peter Murphy.

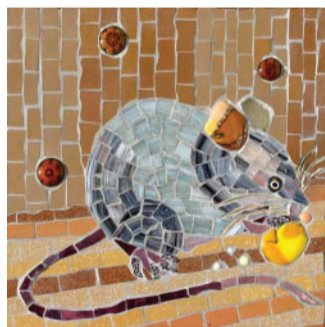
Mosaic Courses With Martin Cheek

Making mosaics is very time consuming but is also a very rewarding process that



will result in an end product that will give you lasting pleasure.

Three kinds of course are offered: beginners, advanced and new to 2007, a masterclass. The courses are designed to



suit the participants.

Martin teaches different methods using a variety of materials including glass and ceramic tesserae. The studio carries an extensive range of mosaic materials and students receive individual attention and help. During the course participants design and make a mosaic and are equipped to go home and tackle more and larger projects. Both beginners and experienced mosaicists are welcome.

The fee for 2 day beginners courses is £150.00, 3 day advanced course £225.00 and for the 7 day master Class is £525.00 (plus materials).

Icon Painting With Peter Murphy

Peter teaches traditional Byzantine icon painting techniques and early Italian panel painting techniques. The tempera paint used is made from scratch each day using eggs and dry pigments. To ensure that students receive individual attention, course numbers are strictly limited to ten participants..

The fee for the 3 day Icon Painting course (usually Friday – Sunday) is £225.00, including materials for your first icon



Portrait or Still Life Painting with Margaret Foreman

Margaret has been a professional painter for twenty five years - a highly acclaimed artist whose work is exhibited in the National Portrait Gallery. Her two day courses (Saturday & Sunday) provides a foundation for painting still life or portraits taking participants through the creative process one step at a time. Both beginners and experienced artists are welcome

The course fee for Portrait painting is £120.00 and for Still Life £150.00

To ensure that all participants receive the best level of tuition, numbers are strictly limited. The fees include all tuition, a daily buffet lunch, afternoon tea, refreshments and wine.

For further information visit the website at www.flinthouseart.com or telephone Martin Cheek on 01843 861958.

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From our Outlook Area Reporters

Ulcombe

Tom Hart Dyke, author and broadcaster, will talk to the Ulcombe History Society on Tuesday 16 October at 7.30 pm in Ulcombe Village Hall. Believing he was rich because he lived in Lullingstone Castle, guerrillas in South America took him and a friend hostage and held them for a year, hoping his parents would pay a very large ransom. In fact, they did not have the money! Since his release he has created a 'World Garden' at Lullingstone which is attracting tourists and horticulturists alike. The evening is open to all.

On Saturday 20 October Sutton Valence Choral Society will be leading a special concert in Ulcombe Church - a 'Come and Sing' event for anyone who wants to take part in singing Faure's *Requiem* and Vivaldi's *Gloria*.

Rehearsals will be from 3 pm to 6 pm in the church with tea in the village hall before the concert at 7.15 pm. Tickets are £8 for singers and £7.50 for 'audience'. To sing contact Mrs Alexandra Brown at Chegworth Manor Farm, Chegworth, Maidstone, Kent ME17. Email: alex@chegworth.net or tel. 01622 853791. Audience tickets are available from the Church Office (01622 850604), from Molly Poulter (01622 842988) or at the door.

Growing forward together towards 2020

Canon Karen Gorham

I have been asked to write something about my experiences in the Canterbury Diocese before I move to the Oxford Diocese to take up the post of Archdeacon of Buckingham very soon. My years in Maidstone have been very varied and it has been a privilege to have had a national, diocesan and local perspective on church life. This has not only renewed time and again my personal commitment to ministry within the Church of England, but also convinced me more of the importance of the church for 21st Century life.

My time in the Canterbury Diocese has seen us pass through the Growing Forward Together vision document phase and enter a new phase looking towards 2020. I leave just as key development work on that will begin. As I reflect on this and my time as Priest-in-Charge of St Paul's, Maidstone, Area Dean,



Assistant DDO, member of Archbishop's Council and General Synod Representative, four important factors spring to mind.

Firstly, the importance of the local in any plan or vision. The church structures exist to support day-to-day ministry in our parishes. If, at any level of church life, we lose touch with our fundamental calling to be Christians where we are then we cease to be effective witnesses to the gospel. It is vital that we learn to listen to one another, and the voice of ordinary churchgoers and parish clergy should be heard and respected wherever decisions are taken. The second factor is the importance of doing things together. Once we have acknowledged that it is no longer an option for churches to stay as they are, but to adapt to meet the challenges that we face, we need then to discover ways in which we can share our rich

resources together. If we are to be the Church, rather than local churches, let us affirm one another's strengths and support one another's weaknesses. Only then can we begin to be real missionary people in the places God has put us.

Thirdly I have seen the importance of developing ministry. Whatever age, whatever ability, we all have something to offer and gifts to be used in the service of Christ. Often by just giving people the opportunities and the encouragement they need we can bring to birth something significant and beneficial, bringing both joy and fulfilment to the individual and richness to the church. And my final factor, the importance of growing Christians. Most of all today we all need to be confident in our faith, to be able to live Christ-like lives 24/7 and to be able to share what we have with others. That takes teaching and training, and good role-modelling; it takes a commitment to prayer and worship and a personal relationship with God which permeates how we are, and how we do business. It's a tall order, and something I know I am going to go on learning. I will continue to pray for the Canterbury diocese as you plan ahead and I look forward now to seeing what life in Buckinghamshire holds as together we seek God's will for his church now and in the future.

Reflections on the Marsh

Rev Martin Dale

Over the last three years I have been Priest in Charge of three Benefices on Romney Marsh, the cluster being formed from separate Benefices when I arrived. In these short years, I believe we, as a Leadership Team, have achieved much. And I'd like to pay tribute to the fine support that all of my leadership team has given me.

We have been allowed to pioneer the concept of "Focal Ministers" in the Diocese and I have been fortunate to be able to build up and leave a strong team of seven Focal Ministers, two of whom are retired Priests and five are Readers.

Many of you might ask what is a "Focal Minister"?

I believe Focal Ministry could well be described as a Rural Fresh Expression of Church. In the countryside, until about 40 years ago, there used to be a single Stipendiary Priest for almost every village. However, with falling numbers in rural congregations and, concomitantly, less income, this luxury is no longer possible and we have seen the amalgamation of parishes (and even Benefices) under the care of a single Stipendiary Priest. As a result it is not uncommon to find five or more rural parishes the responsibility of a single Stipendiary Priest.

And as they say, necessity is the mother of invention.

The concept of the focal minister developed out of the recognition that each of the villages still needs a minister to act as the "first port of call" for pastoral matters. That in short is the role of a focal minister, who may be lay or ordained.

As our lay focal ministers are all well respected in their local communities (and have theological training as recognised by their Reader's licence) I have been asking our Bishops to ordain them as ordained local deacons so that they too can deal with all of the Occasional Offices (baptisms, weddings and funerals) in their parishes.

To give you an idea of the potential for mission of the Occasional Offices of my three Benefices, we had, last year, about 20 baptisms and 20 weddings - as well as 120 or so funerals.

I believe the focal minister experiment has worked extremely well in our parishes. For example over the three years, one of our smaller parishes has grown about four fold (from a fortnightly congregation of about six to a weekly congregation of 20-30) and another larger congregation by about 50%.

As a further part of the process of integrating the parishes of the three Benefices, we also introduced regular Churchwardens meetings, sometimes with up to sixteen churchwardens and deputies and some of the leadership team uncomfortably crowded into the Vicarage lounge! These meetings have allowed the churchwardens to share their Church's events with each other. It also helps to avoid unnecessary clashes and allows us to share best practice.

We have also recognized the importance that our medieval buildings can have for mission in the Community and to this end we have been working to keep the majority of our churches open during daylight hours from April to September.

In closing, can I say it has been a privilege to be part of this experiment here on the Marsh. Finding and growing a Focal Minister team has been exciting - and amusing at times too.

I recall asking the former Area Dean of Folkestone one day if he had any bored priests. He said "Yes" and I said "Then we'll have him!" And thus we found one of the most successful of Focal Ministers.

They say the Marsh people are a rum lot - perhaps a reflection on their tradition of smuggling! Maddy and I will miss them when we move on to Leicester.

From front page...

Sharing stories for change

Peter Ingrams, Local Ministries Officer writes:

In her talk Ann Morisy invited us to identify our 'prayer burden' and to follow the flow of how God speaks to us with a question, a face, a need, that won't let us go.

If we are particularly worried or hurting about an issue or if a particular person or circumstance is making us angry or exasperated, that may be our prayer burden, said one participant.

The rest of the day was spent being challenged by the call to ministry and mission

that the 2020 vision lays before us. How do we listen to the story God is telling us right now about ourselves and where we are?

The workshops ranged from Archdeacon Philip Down sharing the strategic envisioning of 20/20 which will transform our future patterns of church life; to Bible study with Bishop Graham on Acts 10 and 11; to Kerry Thorpe stimulating participants towards fresh expressions of 'doing and being church' and Church in Society speakers considering how our practical hospitality in the community can speak of the compassion of Christ.

Bishop Stephen set the tone for our day of journeying as a pilgrim learning community and later gathered us at the Eucharistic moment, sending us out with a greatly enriched, and shared, story. The Board of Ministry and Training team members provided a space for feasting and celebrating within the generous setting of Holy Trinity Margate's well-suited venue.

Ann Morisy asked in her workshop about the moment when the self-asked questions 'Could I? Should I?' confront us with doing something of 'burdened' importance. When someone hearing of our burden responds with 'I will, if you will', that's the signal that can make all the difference.

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Canterbury to Rome 'bike-ride' finished in style

TWENTY-SEVEN pilgrims arrived in Rome on the afternoon of the 26 August having travelled 1,200 miles by bicycle along the ancient Via Francigena from Canterbury.

Along the way they raised over £100,000 for the £50 million Save Canterbury Cathedral appeal and 20 charities. They 'fuelled up' with 600 loaves of bread, 1,500 bananas, 600 croissants, 600 bowls of pasta and probably 200 pizzas. They climbed over 50,000 feet, in temperatures from 5° to 40° Centigrade. The highest point they reached was the 8,200 feet of the Grand St Bernard Pass.

Canon Edward Condry, Canon Treasurer of Canterbury

Cathedral, and one of the organisers, said, "It has been a fantastic ride. 27 people, supported by six wonderful volunteers, have achieved a lifetime's dream. Wherever we have gone we have been met by great friendship. Towns have welcomed us with meals and entertainment. We have had grand official receptions as well as one unforgettable moment when on a hot day in a small French village we stopped and a man came out with a crate of beer for us to share."

The youngest rider was 16, and the oldest 66 – his birthday was on the day the party reached Reims, so they celebrated it in Reims Town Hall with local champagne.

There were six women and 21 men. Some were experienced cyclists and some had never cycled further than the nearest shop. Everyone trained hard for a year, and each one has achieved their goal.

On the final day, the weather was blisteringly hot. The pilgrims were escorted into St Peter's Square by members of the Rome Fire Service where they were warmly greeted by representatives of the British and Italian governments as well as by Cardinal Comastri, the Pope's Vicar of St Peter's. Members of the cyclists' families had also flown out to greet them as they arrived in Rome.

Cathedral Choir NEWS...

Six new Choristers were admitted to the Cathedral Choir at Evensong on Sunday 9 September by the Dean, the Very Rev Robert Willis. Five Side Leaders and the Senior Chorister were also given new responsibilities.

George Inscoc (the new Senior Chorister) has recently recorded a CD with his mother, the soprano, Penelope Martin Smith. The album 'Devotion' was recorded in the Crypt of the Cathedral

Joel Whitewood has reached the final for the BBC's Young Chorister of the Year competition to take place on 27 October at St Paul's Cathedral.

During October the Choir will travel to Italy, where they will perform in Capri and at the Palestrina Festival. They are also hoping to record a new CD during the next 9 months.

The annual Voice Trial to find future choristers will take place in Canterbury on the 10 November. For more information contact David Flood on 01227 865242.



Roly Bain couldn't resist walking the 'slack rope' when the Holy Fools UK held their 25th Anniversary Service in Canterbury Cathedral on Saturday 15 September. Some 30 'holy fools' took part in various ways in the celebration. The Holy Fools is a national organization which aims to use clowning, miming puppetry, dance and storytelling in ministry and worship.

David Kemp's farewell

The Service of Farewell for Diocesan Secretary David Kemp will take place in Canterbury Cathedral on Saturday 3 November at 5.30pm. All are welcome.

If you would like to contribute towards a farewell gift for David you can do so by post to:

Julian Hills, Diocesan Director of Finance, Diocesan House, Lady Wootton's Green, Canterbury CT1 1NQ or online at: www.canterbury.anglican.org/davidkemp

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