

Clergy Bulletin, October 2009

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Archdeacon Hedley

As I think you will already know, Hedley Ringrose retires as Archdeacon of Cheltenham at the end of this year after 34 years in the Diocese of Gloucester. Many people will want to join in giving Hedley and Rosemary a happy and memorable send off and there are two ways in which you can do this.

The first is by coming to share in the Farewell Eucharist in Gloucester Cathedral on **Friday 27 November** at 7.30pm, at which Archdeacon Hedley will be the preacher. Everyone is invited. No-one needs a special invitation or ticket. Please come. I hope the Cathedral will be full, but there will be room for everybody!

On that occasion we shall make a presentation to the Ringroses. And that is the second way you can be involved in making their departure happy and memorable for them. Contributions are invited to that farewell presentation from parishes and individuals who would like to be associated with it. Cheques should be made out to the Gloucester Diocesan Board of Finance and sent to The Bishop's Office, 2 College Green, Gloucester, GL1 2LR, with the envelope marked "Presentation to Archdeacon Hedley". Please try to ensure contributions arrive by Monday 23.

From Bishop John, 01242 680188 bshptewk@star.co.uk

Bishop John and Rosemary are leading a pilgrimage to Istanbul and the Seven Churches from 15 April to 26 April 2010. If anyone is interested in knowing more please contact Bishop John.

**From the Director of Social Responsibility, the Revd Canon Adrian Slade
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Tourist to Pilgrim

You are all invited to 'Tourist to Pilgrim', an event for those looking to improve and strengthen the welcome their church provides for tourists. Speakers at the event will be: Canon John Brown, Chair of National Churches Tourists Association, Andrew Braddock, Diocesan Missioner and Paul Cobb, member of Tourism Committee Steering Group. As part of the event a toolkit will be launched helping churches review how welcoming their church is. Date of the event is Friday 13 November 2009 at Christchurch Hall, Malvern Road, Cheltenham from 1.30pm to 4.30pm.

If you would be interested in attending and have other members of your church that would like to come to this with you, contact Adrian Slade. Download the poster here <http://www.gloucester.anglican.org/downloads/1207.doc>

Inter-faith week

The Government is encouraging all communities to develop events to contribute to a week celebrating different faiths and strengthen the relationship between faith communities. This week will be nationally launched on 12 November. To find out more see <http://www.gloucester.anglican.org/downloads/1197.doc>

From the Diocesan Missioner, the Revd Andrew Braddock
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Back to Church Sunday

Over 40 per cent of benefices across the diocese took part this year. Feedback is being collected and collated over the next few weeks so that we can learn from the experience. I hope to be able to share this in a future edition of *inspires*. If you have any thoughts or stories you want to share do get in touch with me.

Go Global: Inspiring vision for mission

This is the theme of an evening being organised by Redcliffe College on 11 November, 7.30pm to 9.15pm. It will look at how churches support mission in the UK and abroad and how local mission agency staff may be able to help you. Speakers include Steve Bell, National Director of Interserve in England and Wales. To book a place email events@redcliffe.org

Finding Happiness

The pursuit of happiness is a big theme in contemporary culture. Two books that approach this from a Christian point of view, but written to appeal to a broad popular readership, are 'Finding Happiness' by Abbot Christopher Jamison (Orion Books, 2008) and 'The 8 Secrets of Happiness' by Martin Robinson and Paul Griffiths (Lion Hudson, 2009 - orders of 10 or more get a 30 per cent discount). Both books could provide useful discussion starter materials for groups just beginning to explore the Christian faith and would be excellent to give to people on the fringes of faith. Download the press release for 'The 8 Secrets of Happiness' here <http://www.gloucester.anglican.org/downloads/1200.doc>

From the Children's Officer, the Revd Dr Sandra Millar, 01452 410022, ext 246 smillar@glosdioc.org.uk

News from the Diocesan Children's Adviser of courses and resources

"It's a gift: pampering for the soul." A quiet day for those who work with children on Saturday 28 November 10am to 4pm at the House of the Open Door, Childswyckham. Cost £15 including lunch and all refreshments. The day will be led by Canon Kathy Lawrence and Revd Dr Sandra Millar.. Booking essential – some places left. For more information see

<http://www.gloucester.anglican.org/downloads/1201.doc>

Theology Think Tank: Tuesday 1 December 7.45pm St. James, Upton St. Gloucester. This is a chance for anyone at all who is interested in reflecting on the work the church is doing with children whether in school, community or church. It's a low key discussion group with no 'right answers' and no trick questions. It simply gives time to go a bit beyond the business of running activities. Turn up – or phone 01452 835539 to indicate you are coming. FREE

Sunday 6 December is the feast of St. Nicholas and we are encouraging churches to celebrate children as a finale to the **Year of the Child**.

A full worship outline and suggestions for an activity morning are included in the new **Resourcing November** pack, available now for £5. Please contact us if you would like any other ideas or help in making the most of this day.

Other opportunities:

Saturday 7 November: “Children, church and change.” Wotton-under-edge Parish rooms from 9.30am to 1.30pm. Cost £7. A training morning thinking about new ways of reaching children and families and breathing new energy into tradition.

Saturday 21 November: “All-age worship” Northleach Church Rooms 9.30am to 12.30am This morning has been organized by Northleach, but if there are any others who would like a morning on all-worship, principles, practice and loads of ideas then please contact Revd Dick Woodger on 01451 860293 to check if there are places.

Resources available

Creating Christmas [published 2008] – a pick'n'mix selection of ideas to use in all kinds of Advent/Christmas/Epiphany services. Includes confessions, readings, talks, prayers and more.

Resourcing Christmas [published 2007] – complete all-age outlines for Advent, Christmas Day, Epiphany, Nativity play etc. There are lots of ideas that can be adapted. £4 each from the Resource Centre.

Also check out 'Paperless Christmas' at www.paperlesschristmas.org for something different. All the major publishers – Scripture Union, Kingsway, Barnabas, Lion, have fabulous Christmas resources. Phone us if you want some ideas!

From the Director of the Children and Young People's Department, Helena Arnold, 01452 835542, harnold@glosdioc.org.uk

The All Saints Academy for Cheltenham has now been given the green light from the Government and is scheduled to be open to students in September 2011. Consultation is currently taking place and building will start in January. To find out more, download the information leaflet at

<http://www.gloucester.anglican.org/downloads/I204.pdf>

From The Council of the Cathedral Church of St Peter and the Holy and Indivisible Trinity, Gloucester

The Council of Gloucester Cathedral wishes to make certain changes to the Constitution and Statutes of the Cathedral in order to allow the Bishop of Gloucester to appoint an incumbent priest within the Diocese of Gloucester as a Diocesan Residentiary Canon. The Constitution and Statutes currently only allow a holder of a diocesan office to become a Diocesan Residentiary Canon.

In accordance with section 29 of the Cathedrals Measure 1999 the Council has prepared draft instruments to give effect to these changes. These draft instruments can be inspected at, or copies obtained from, the Cathedral Office, 12 College Green, Gloucester GL1 2LX. Requests should be marked for the attention of the Chapter Steward.

Representations on the draft instruments are invited, marked for the attention of the Chapter Steward at the above address, to be received no later than 30 November 2009.

By order of the council, 20 October 2009

From the Communications Officer, Lucy Taylor, 01452 835515, ltaylor@glosdioc.org.uk

The diocesan magazine *inspires*, is being re-launched for Christmas 2009 in an online, digital format. This new version of *inspires* is like a virtual magazine allowing people to turn pages, like you would in a hard copy magazine, at the click of a button. Each church will still be provided with library copies of *inspires*, but there will be access online from the Diocese of Gloucester homepage.

All clergy and *inspires* distributors should have received a letter detailing the new arrangements and information about promoting the new version of the magazine. Supporting materials will be posted out to every member of clergy with the hard copies of *inspires* in early December.

Become a star this Christmas and win £1,000

As you may know, Ecclesiastical run an annual Church competition and this year is no different. They are requesting entries for their 2009 competition – The Christmas Factor. To enter, compose the lyrics and melody of a new carol, no longer than three verses in total, based around the theme of the Nativity. For more information visit www.ecclesiastical.com/christmasfactor or download the poster here <http://www.gloucester.anglican.org/downloads/1205.pdf>

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Clergy Terms of service

For the latest news and updates on Clergy Terms of service visit
<http://www.gloucester.anglican.org/ministry/terms/>

The clergy day on 3 November will be centered the around Clergy Terms of Service, so it will be an opportunity for you to discover more and ask any questions you may have.

For a national perspective and timetable you can visit -
<http://www.cofe.anglican.org/lifeevents/ministry/workofmindiv/dracsc/rctshomepage/>

From The Revd Leonard Doolan, Vicar of Cirencester, 01285 659317,
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Cirencester School for Faith has introduced a new and more varied programme for 2010 to help Christians expand their knowledge of their faith. The programme and booking form can be downloaded here
<http://www.gloucester.anglican.org/downloads/1202.doc>

From the Harnhill Centre of Christian Healing 01285 850283

For the autumn training days see
<http://www.gloucester.anglican.org/downloads/1203.doc>

General news

World Aids Day

NAT (National AIDS Trust) is calling for churches across the UK to come together in support of World AIDS Day 2009, by holding a special collection and raising awareness of HIV in the UK. They are asking you to consider donating your weekly collection from your Sunday service to NAT on 29 November, the weekend before World AIDS Day. You can order your free collection box and red ribbons by visiting www.worldaidsday.org Follow the link for red ribbons on the home page and complete the simple form.

Share the light

CMS is inviting churches to take part in the Share the Light scheme. To take part, give a candle to a friend, promise to pray for them a year and invite them to a special advent service at your church. Find out more at www.cms-uk.org/advent and <http://www.gloucester.anglican.org/downloads/1203.doc>

Clergy movers

The Revd Canon Paul Williams, Vicar of Tewkesbury with Walton Cardiff and Twyning will become Area Dean of Tewkesbury and Winchcombe, date to be confirmed.

The Revd Emma Aymes, part time Assistant Curate at Hucclecote, St Philips and St James has now taken on the role full time.

The Revd Ashely Collishaw will become a non-stipendiary Associate Priest for Holy Trinity and St Paul's Cheltenham with special responsibility for The Glenfall Fellowship

The Revd Canon John Evans will retire from his position as Priest in Charge of the Benefice of Hartpury with Corse and Staunton on 1 November. He will remain a Canon Emeritus of Gloucester Cathedral.

The Revd Edward Tufnell, Rector of Bourton-on-the-Water with Clapton and The Rissingtons will become Interim Area Dean of Stow from 1 November.

The Revd Ian Gardner, Non-stipendiary Assistant Curate, Dursley will become Non-stipendiary Associate Priest, Dursley on 25 October.