

## **Clergy newsletter – March 2008**

Dear Friends

Anne McLean, who would usually prepare and circulate the clergy mailing, has now retired after 22 years of service. I am sure you will join all of us in College Green to wish her a happy retirement.

I (Lucy Taylor, Diocesan Communications Officer) will now be taking on the clergy mailing. I would like to get some feedback from you on the style and content of the mailing. I would appreciate it if you could let me know if you would like to continue receiving this style of email. If not, one option would be to have a dedicated page on the website where we could place the latest news and notices, updating them regularly, which you could access any time you liked. I would still like to email you monthly, but that email could be directing you to the latest news on the website, rather than the current style of email.

It is important that we continue to improve lines of communication between College Green and members of clergy, so you are aware of any strategic changes, the latest news and messages from Bishop Michael. Your feedback is very important so please do contact me either by email, or call on 01452 835515.

Kind Regards  
Lucy Taylor.

### **Message from Bishop Michael**

Please find attached to this email a letter from Bishop Michael and details of his Gloucestershire Millennium Pilgrimage.

### **Diocesan Directory and Website**

The current hard copy of the diocesan directory is the 2005-2006 booklet. It was decided after producing this, that the next directory would be made available on the diocesan website rather than producing a hard copy. The main benefit of this is that an online directory can be updated on a regular basis, so the information people have will always be up to date.

As you know, the new Gloucester diocese website is up and running, but the work on this new online directory has taken longer than we had anticipated. A contributing factor to the delay is that in order to comply with the Data Protection Act, we need the written permission of every individual to agree for their information to be published on the website. You will be receiving the usual update forms this April after the AGM's. This year it will include a form for everyone to sign, agreeing to have their details published. We understand that not everyone will want their personal information being published on the website; however there will be an option to opt in to any printed directory but out of the website. Importantly, we would encourage all to sign this form and return it as soon as possible.

We would like to apologise to everyone for the delay in producing the new electronic online directory. Because of the delay, it has been decided that a hard copy of the directory will automatically be sent to every member of clergy and all PCC secretaries later in the year.

### **Inspires**

The Easter 2008 issue of inspires has now been delivered to all deanery collection points for pick up. Please can you encourage your congregations to collect their copies and to distribute as widely as possible. It is really important that people have the opportunity to read a diocesan wide publication, so they are aware of all the latest news and updates in the diocese.

For further information on where the collection points are, or information on inspires please contact me on 01452 835515 or email [ltaylor@glosdioc.org.uk](mailto:ltaylor@glosdioc.org.uk)

### **Local Ministry**

A service of Commissioning, Rededication and Celebration of Shared Local ministry, will take place in Gloucester Cathedral at 2pm on Saturday 5 April.

This year the service is being led by Bishop John and we would encourage all to attend the service in support of the Local Ministry Teams, who play a vital role in the life of many local churches and their communities.

For further information on the service, please contact the Local Ministry team on 01452 835544 or email [nstone@glosdioc.org.uk](mailto:nstone@glosdioc.org.uk)

### **Church Commissioners' Annual Return**

You will soon receive the Annual Return (pink stipend form) for April 2007 to March 2008. The validated form triggers your stipend increase (effective from April 2008) so please complete your form and return it to the diocesan office as soon as possible.

**From the Vocations Officer – Catherine Williams. [cwilliams@glosdioc.org.uk](mailto:cwilliams@glosdioc.org.uk)  
01452 835548.**

### **Vocation Sunday – Trinity Sunday - May 18<sup>th</sup>**

May I encourage you to combine Vocation Sunday with Trinity Sunday this year – celebrating both on 18<sup>th</sup> May. The theme is: '**Called to Work Together**' and suggestions for liturgy, sermons, talks etc will be on Diocesan website post-Easter.

### **Greenbelt 08 – 22<sup>nd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> August, Cheltenham Racecourse**

I have offered to set up and run a stand at Greenbelt 08 promoting **Young Vocations to Ordination** on behalf of the national church. If you are going to Greenbelt this year and can offer an hour or two to help on the stand please contact me. Note: church leaders who have not attended Greenbelt before many apply for a free weekend ticket to the festival. Check online for ticket details: [greenbelt.org.uk](http://greenbelt.org.uk)

### **Get a life!**

A 5-session course on vocation for young people, by Tim Sledge and Ally Barrett is now available. Aimed at 13-18 year olds it helps young people explore vocation, calling, gifts and passions. Ideal for youth groups, youth cells, or as a post-confirmation course. ISBN: 978 0 7151 4146 5 £8.99

### **Clergy Day – Date for your diary**

Clergy day is being held on Tuesday 22 April at Cheltenham Racecourse. Invitations will be sent out next week with a map and programme.

### **Three Counties Show - Clergy Training**

The Three Counties Show is held each year at the showgrounds in Malvern. This year the Show is on 13th, 14th, 15th June. The Diocese is a joint sponsor of the Church Marquee and one of the purposes of the Church Marquee is to provide training for clergy involved, or likely to be involved, in any sense in Rural Ministry. The training involves being taken round the show on the mornings of 13th or 15th by farmers, having a simple lunch in the Church Marquee, a brief discussion led by an agricultural chaplain and then being free to wander round the Show. The Three Counties Agricultural Society provides entry passes and the Church Marquee provides lunch. If you would like to attend this year's Show, please contact the Rev'd John Jessop on 01285 640782 or, preferably, email: [jjessop@onetel.net](mailto:jjessop@onetel.net).

### **Alec's Project**

Paintings of the late R. A. Brown MBE, known to many in the diocese of Gloucester for his art work and his generosity, will be sold in a special exhibition to raise money for local churches in and around Gloucestershire.

'Alec's Project' as he fondly called it, was his ambition to paint an original watercolour of every one of the 408 churches of Gloucester Diocese. He completed 240. This exhibition will be the first time that any of these paintings have been shown. The mounted originals will all be available for sale for £75-00, and prints can be ordered. The sale price of each painting and profits from the prints will be given directly to the PCC of that church. One suggestion we have is for the PCC to buy the original for £75-00, and then auction it themselves locally, as a fund raiser for the church.

The exhibition runs from April 5 – April 12 in the cloisters of Gloucester Cathedral open 10am until 5pm. Visit [www.RABwatercolours.co.uk](http://www.RABwatercolours.co.uk)

### **Fairtrade wine**

Los Robles launches first Fairtrade communion wine in the UK, find out more at

<http://www.gloucester.anglican.org/news/publications/others/>

### **Sandra Millar leaflet**

Log on to the website to read the latest news from the Diocesan Children's office

<http://www.gloucester.anglican.org/news/publications/others/>

## **Valiant Voices**

An invitation to each church in the worldwide Anglican Communion to celebrate the life of Ralph Vaughan Williams, who died 50 years ago, by singing one of his beautiful and noble hymns on 12 October 2008. This joyful celebration of the power of music to uplift and nourish our spirit is blessed by Archbishop Rowan. For more information visit [www.valiantvoices.com](http://www.valiantvoices.com)

**For all the latest events visit [www.gloucester.anglican.org](http://www.gloucester.anglican.org) and click on coming events under the news page.**

## **Recent Clergy Changes**

**The Revd Daniel Papworth**, who was the team Chaplain of the Royal Devon and Exeter NHS Foundation Trust, has been appointed as Associate Priest in the All Saints and Prestbury Team Ministry. He started on 30 January.

**The Revd Andrew Braddock**, Rector of Cringleford and Colney in the Diocese of Norwich, Rural Dean of Humbleyard Deanery, has been appointed as Diocesan Missioner in the Diocese of Gloucester. He will start on Friday 11 April. More information on this in the April issue.

**The Revd John Horan** resigned on 31 January from his post as NSM Associate Priest, St Philip and St James Leckhampton, but will remain Chaplain at the Charlton Lane Mental Health Centre, Cheltenham and Chaplain at Wotton Lawn Hospital in Gloucester.

**The Revd George Parfitt** resigned on 31 January as the OLM in Highnam, Lassington, Rudford, Tibberton and Taynton.

**The Revd John Seaman**, Vicar of Newnham with Awre and Blakeney has been appointed as House for Duty Priest at Whitwick in the Diocese of Leicester. He started on 24 February.

**The Revd Nick Tucker** has resigned from his post as Non-stipendiary Associate Priest, Nailsworth with Shortwood, Horsley and Newmington Bagpath with Kingscote.

**The Revd David Ackerman**, Assistant Curate, Fairford and Kempsford with Whelford, has been appointed as Priest in Charge of Sherborne, Windrush, Great Barrington with Little Barrington and Aldsworth and Associate Priest in the Northleach with Hampnett and Farmington, Cold Aston with Notgrove and Turkdean and Compton Abdale with Haselton Benefice. He starts on 24 April 2008

**The Revd David Bowers** Vicar of Deerhurst and Apperley with Forthampton and Chaceley, Tredington, Stoke Orchard and Hardwicke and Associate Diocesan Director Of Ordinands, has a new appointment as Vicar of the Benefice of South Cerney with Cerney Wick, Siddington and Preston.

**The Revd Robert Surman**, rector of Abenhall with Mitcheldean has been given the additional appointment of Area Dean of Forest North.

**The Revd Jacqueline Rodwell**, Non-stipendiary Assistant Curate, West Cheltenham Team Ministry has been appointed as Associate Priest, Emmanuel with St Stephen, Cheltenham. She starts on 30 April

**The Revd Brian Torode**, has been appointed as a Non-stipendiary Assistant Priest, at Emmanuel with St Stephen, Cheltenham. He officially starts on 30 April 2008.

**The Revd Jennifer Doores**, Assistant Curate of St Mary's Church, Old Swinford in the diocese of Worcester as been appointed as Vicar of Cam with Stinchcombe. She starts on 13 April 2008.

**The Revd Canon Michael** Irving retires as Rector of Minchinhampton with Box on 31 July 2008.

**The Revd Canon Anthony (Tony) Ross**, retires as Incumbent of Coln St Aldwyns, Hatherop, Quenington, Eastleach and Southrop on 31 July 2008.