



Message from Bishop Michael

Please find attached a letter from Bishop Michael, updating you on his experiences of the Lambeth Conference so far.



Open Day

The Bishop of Gloucester invites you and your team to an Open Day on Thursday 9 October between 2 – 8pm. Come and meet diocesan staff in Gloucester Cathedral, to hear more about how we work with and support parishes.

It will be a great opportunity for you to help us serve you better.

From: The Vocations Officer, The Revd Catherine Williams, 01452 410022 ext 241 cwilliams@glosdioc.org.uk

Exploring Vocation Day – 11th October 2008

The next Exploring Vocation Day will be held at Abbey House, Tewkesbury on 11th October from 10am – 4pm. This is open to all who are thinking seriously about what God is calling them to do with their lives. Applications forms can be downloaded from the diocesan website – or give me a call. Places are limited and go very quickly, so please encourage those interested to apply early.

<http://www.gloucester.anglican.org/downloads/504.pdf>

Greenbelt 08 – ‘Call waiting... @ The Church of England’

Thanks to all who have offered help with the national vocation stand at Greenbelt this year. Once you have settled in on site and worked out what you wish to attend please visit the stand ‘Call Waiting...’ in the G-Source and sign up on the rota for a couple of slots during the weekend. Many thanks.

From the Ministry Department

How Different People View the World – The Enneagram Workshop

The Enneagram, meaning nine-sided-shape or nine writings, is a model of personality that helps us explore and follow our spiritual paths. It draws on a variety of faith traditions and psychological theories and is continually being developed by a wide range of people. For more information visit <http://www.gloucester.anglican.org/downloads/503.pdf>

For a booking form visit - <http://www.gloucester.anglican.org/downloads/501.pdf>

Rites on the Way Out

A fresh look at funerals and our care of the bereaved. Thursday 9th October 2008 10.30 a.m. – 3.15 p.m in Birmingham Cathedral. Registration & Coffee from 9.45 a.m. Cost of the day will be borne by the CME budget for those members who have a CME account in credit (you can check this with Lorraine Knowles on 01452 410022 ext. 255 or knowles@glosdioc.org.uk) For more information and a booking form visit <http://www.gloucester.anglican.org/downloads/506.pdf>

New Director of Children and Young People

We are pleased to announce that Helena Arnold has been appointed as the new Director of the Children's and Young People's Department.

Helena will officially start her new role in January 2009, but will be seen visiting the offices on an informal basis from this September.

Helena will come to us from Dyson Perrins Church of England High School, in Malvern Worcestershire, where she has been Deputy Head Teacher since 2006. Helena has held a number of managerial / leadership positions in four very different schools and also has experience working for a diocese as a member of the Worcester Diocesan Board of Education and Diocesan Education sub-committee.

From the Diocesan Missioner, the Revd Andrew Braddock

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One of my key roles is to support local churches in developing their opportunities for mission and evangelism. I am currently developing a number of resources for use with parishes including:

* ***Spiritual formation for mission*** – developing patterns of prayer to aid missionary discernment.

* ***Developing a welcoming church*** – both as congregations and in the way we use the church building to communicate the Gospel.

* ***Faith sharing*** – training on the basics of sharing our faith with others.

* ***Fresh Expressions*** – advice on beginning a fresh expression or developing existing groups into fuller 'refreshed' expressions of church life.

Do get in touch if you would like help with one of these areas or anything else mission related. I also have a number of Sunday preaching slots available for the autumn.

Fresh Expressions Vision Day at Worcester

Saturday 18th October 2008, 9.45am-4pm. Bishop Perowne College, Merriman's Hill Road, Worcester, WR3 8LE. £5 per person, please bring your own lunch. Contact jbaker@cofe-worcester.org.uk or 01950 732812

Sparks For Mission

A series of training days with nationally known speakers hosted at Minchinhampton Baptist Church. Saturday 20th September 'Mission and Small Groups', Lawrence Singlehurst. £10 per person. Contact info@sparksformission.org.uk or call Peter Farley 01453 884454.

Willow Creek Global Leadership Summit – this modest sounding event offers real quality as an inspiration conference for those in leadership in churches, organisations, business and the community. UK events are planned for Bristol and Stafford over the 3rd -4th October. Visit www.willowcreek.org.uk and select summit.

News from the Diocesan Children's Office

Messy Church Training Day with Lucy Moore, Wednesday October 18th from 9.30 – 3.00pm

At Tewkesbury Abbey. Cost £10 – to include lunch

Messy Church is an exciting and innovative way of working with families – it may even be a Fresh Expression! Lucy Moore of BRF is the person who created and developed the concept and is making her first visit to Gloucester Diocese to help churches here think about how this idea might work for them. Messy Church is good for small and large congregations, rural and urban contexts, and brings all ages together.

Publicity material will be sent out shortly. Booking will be essential

Hosted by Revd Dr Sandra Millar of the Children's Office

The Count down is on for the Year of the Child

There are 345 days until July 4th 2009:

Many things will be happening throughout the year, but this day is A BIG Event: please put it in the diary and remember the date when planning next year! More details soon...

Read the latest Resource Newsletter -

<http://www.gloucester.anglican.org/downloads/507.pdf>

EDUCATION FOR DISCIPLESHIP

Are you looking for ideas for groups this autumn? Have you got members of your congregation who want to go a bit deeper in learning about their faith? Education for Discipleship is a great resource with modules which can help people learn about the Bible, the story of the church, worship and spirituality and the faiths of others.

Over the last two years we have been revising and piloting modules based on the Diocese of Hereford's 'Framework for Faith' programme. We have had a very positive response from many of the groups who have so far used the material – one group is about to embark on their seventh module! Some groups have been parish based, some have served deaneries or clusters. Some are wanting to tackle all the modules, others just one or two that fit their needs.

There is a leaflet about Education for Discipleship which you can download and the Local Ministry Officers are happy to discuss with the programme with you and how it might be of help. <http://www.gloucester.anglican.org/downloads/502.pdf>

Water Company Policy

As some of you may be aware, the Water Companies are ignoring churches charitable status and starting to charge Churches for the amount of area (i.e. roofs and car parks) that will collect rainwater and discharge it into the sewer network. This will effectively raise most churches water bills by hundreds if not thousands of pounds. There is an online government petition that you can register on which, apparently, needs at least 15,000 to be noticed and at present stands at 2666! There are already a lot of signatures, but the more there are, the more chance that we will squash this.

The address to go to is <http://petitions.pm.gov.uk/ChurchWaterBills/>

Barbara Bridges, Rural Churches Advisor has changed her office, new contact details below -

5, Churchill Place, Fairford, Glos. GL7 4JT

Telephone 07813242144

email address unchanged at ruralchurches@aol.com

I look forward to hearing from you at my new office.

"Healing for the People ... Healing for the Planet"

A Quiet Day on the Feast of Luke the Physician 10am until 4pm on Saturday 18 October at Saint Aldate's church Gloucester

Coffee and tea available; bring your own sandwiches Enquiries 01452 523 906 and arkj.kcj@care4free.net Kingsley Jones, Diocesan Environment Officer

Inter-Diocesan Golf Tournament

The Diocese was represented at The 51st EIG Inter-Diocesan Golf Tournament at Frilford Heath Golf Club on Wednesday 2nd July 2008. The weather was fair, with just light showers for the four members of the team, John Holder, Tim Watson, Paul Harris and Stephen Wookey. Gloucester were first on the Blue Course, a notoriously difficult track, for the two rounds of golf. The format is a round of Singles and a round of Foursomes, both scoring points using the Stableford system. A good day's golf was had by the team, and we were presented with the Tomczyk Tankard for the best team in our division and John & Tim won best in their division for the foursomes.

The prizes were presented by Alison Nicholas, European Solheim Cup captain, on behalf of EIG. Twenty Four Dioceses were represented on the day.

Instance of casual callers seeking help

On Sunday 13th July 2008 at 1.30pm a young couple called at the Vicarage: a male in his late twenties/early thirties, somewhat shorter than average height, slim but strong build, shaved hair; and a female in her late twenties with pale complexion, freckles, shoulder length, curly red hair and pale eyes. The couple told me they had "a difficult family situation" and asked if I could give them advice. They refused to go into details until I had invited them in. – Click on the link below to read about the Revd Daniel Papworth's incident, to warn you for the future. <http://www.gloucester.anglican.org/downloads/505.pdf>

People on the move

The Revd Andrew Dow, Area Dean, Cheltenham Deanery Team Rector, Cheltenham St Mary with St Matthew has been given the additional appointment of Honorary Canon of Gloucester Cathedral. He will be installed 28 September 2008..

Canon John Young Honorary Lay Canon of Gloucester Cathedral retires from his post on 2 July 2008

The Reverend Juliet Stephenson, Team Curate of East Retford in the Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham has been appointed as Vicar of Newnham with Awre and Blakeney and starts on 1st September, 2008.

The Revd Leonard Doolan, Team Rector of Ifield, Diocese of Chichester has been appointed as Vicar of the Parish of Cirencester with Watermoor and starts on 19th October 2008.

The Revd Nicholas Lockett, Associate Priest of South Cerney with Cerney Wick, Siddington and Preston retires on 31 July 2008.

Bishop Donald McCalla, Senior Pastor and Regional Overseer South West England Church of God of Prophecy has been appointed as Ecumenical Canon of Gloucester Cathedral and will be installed on 22 November 2008.

The Revd Peter Cheeseman, Vicar of Frampton-on-Severn, Arlingham, Saul, Fretherne and Framilode retires on 30 September 2008

The Revd Stephen Bowen, Area Dean of Stonehouse has been appointed as Area Dean of Stroud and starts on 1 July 2008.

The Revd Catherine Williams, Diocesan Vocations Officer has been given the additional appointment of Assistant Diocesan Director of Ordinands. She starts Monday 1 September 2008

The Revd Stephen Ware Warden of Readers, has been given the additional appointment of Assistant Diocesan Director of Ordinands. He starts on Monday 1 September 2008.

Mrs Kathy Lawrence, Local Ministry Officer has been given the additional appointment of Honorary Lay Canon of Gloucester Cathedral. She will be installed on 28 September 2008.

The Revd Tom Clammer, Assistant Curate Gloucester, Longlevens has been appointed as Priest in Charge of the Benefice of Deerhurst and Apperley with Forthampton and Chaceley, Tredington, Stoke Orchard and Hardwicke and Diocesan Worship Officer. He starts on 22nd October 2008.

The Revd Elizabeth Nichols, Associate Priest of Boxwell, Leighterton, Didmarton, Oldbury-on-the-Hill, Sopworth, Badminton with Little Badminton, Acton Turville, Hawkesbury, Westonbirt and Lasborough has been given the additional appointment of Associate Priest of Horton. She starts on Tuesday 5 August 2008

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