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## Bishop's Comment

### The Five Es of Vocation

Vocation Sunday, celebrated on April 12th, is a time when the Church encouraged people to reflect on their role as co-workers with God in the world.

One of the basic understandings of the Christian faith is that Jesus calls all his followers to participate in establishing God's rule of justice, peace, love and joy.

I was recently asked to reflect on the route my life has taken as a follower of Christ at a breakfast meeting with business people in Birmingham entitled 'From BP to Bishop'.

Perhaps some expected to hear that God called me out of an entirely secular occupation into a 'Christian' way of life as a member of the clergy. But what I actually spoke about was my calling in BP and how I lived out my vocation to be part of that business, at that time.

For me there are five marks of someone living out their vocation, as a disciple of Jesus Christ, in whatever context they find themselves. And, as you would expect from someone who preaches for a living, they all begin with the same letter!

The first is Excellence. As people who are participating in God's continuing work of creation we seek to excel. We do not put in half measures or remain content with mediocrity but reflect God's generosity, creativity and graciousness.

Next comes Ethics which means implementing our values in everything from our expense accounts to international trade. Values

in business are high up on the agenda in many workplaces in this region. Chaplains are often invited to have a key role in this and I have been delighted to chair discussions with senior business people who are taking these issues very seriously indeed.

Ethics in our professional dealings are followed by Engagement which is about the relationships we build at work..

Someone who is following the example of Jesus Christ devotes time and energy into building friendships, cares for the whole person when dealing with a team member or client and is someone who and becomes visible as a trusted and appreciated colleague.. This distinctive, loving presence may lead to curiosity and an invitation for what I call Evangelism – the fourth mark of vocation in my list. People of faith in the workplace have excellent opportunities to explore, with others, questions and challenges about belief and truth.

Following on from evangelism is Encouraging confidence.. This could mean simply ensuring the highest standards in normal business practices, persuading the company to consider a quadruple bottom line which includes a high degree of corporate responsibility and spirituality, starting a book club with some theological content or supporting a colleague who would like to establish a dedicated prayer room

I am convinced that places of work should be places of prayer and people of faith should not be shy of that. Just as we pray at home or in our places of worship we should offer to pray for colleagues in need or establish our own routine of prayer while we are at work.

Finding time to pray is not only the mark of someone who is following their vocation but also ensures we remain open to the deepest promptings and urgings which keep us moving on the journey of faith.

The recent National Trend Survey has shown what we probably always knew on some level. Being wealthier, and even being healthier, than before has not made people in Britain happier than they were in the 1970s.

The reasons why we are not happy are complex but living a life of co-working with God, following Jesus and responding to the urges of the Holy Spirit has for me, and for many that I meet, brought a deep joy and fulfilment, a sense of purpose, sometimes suffering, but in the end, real happiness.

+David Urquhart  
Bishop of Birmingham  
April 2008

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## Topical Comment

### **Military Policies adding to Pressure on Christians in the Middle East**

The military policy of the west, our policies on asylum seekers and Islamophobia are all adding to the pressure on Christian communities in the Middle East, supporters of the BibleLands Charity were reminded at a recent conference held at Lambeth Palace.

Archbishop Rowan Williams, Archbishop Paul Sayah, Maronite Archbishop of Haifa and the Holy Land and Patriarchal Vicar in Jerusalem and Bishop Angaelos, Bishop of the Coptic Orthodox Church in the UK all spoke at the conference entitled BibleLands: The Christian Presence.

I was lucky enough to attend in my small (one day a week) role as a Communications Officer for the Archbishop's Council (Special Projects) with a remit for looking at publicising Christian festivals. The conference was held on April 16th, six weeks after my return from a week long study tour of Israel and Palestine.

Archbishop Rowan Williams gave an overview of the history of Christian Presence in the Middle East and said that Christians as early as the Eighth Century had been "brokers of cultural goods." He said this role continued through the Ottoman Empire and into the 20th century despite persecution and genocide.

He reminded us that the Arab world has always been pluralist and not exclusively Muslim as many people, including Western Christians, believe. He said Christian Zionism was the most acute symptom of Western ignorance of the Middle East.

Describing the current situation he said: "There is an urgent need for people in the UK to wake up to the fact that Christians in the Middle East are living through a time of change more dramatic and more costly than anything that has been seen for a thousand years and more.

"Apart from the tragic situation of Christian refugees from Iraq, there is a quiet but numerically huge exodus of Christians - especially but not exclusively educated Christians - from the whole region. The remaining Christian communities are left exposed to violence or extremism in many countries, and the societies they live in are

deprived of some of their most creative and resourceful citizens."

The Archbishop pinpointed three causes of the pressure on Christian Communities in the Middle East that is leading to migration.

The first was the decline of Arab Nationalism after a peak in the 40s and 50s. This left a vacuum filled partly by Islamic Extremism. The second factor was the creation of the state of Israel and the third most recent factor was the military policy of the west. As the West is seen as Christian, recent wars have cemented the sense that Christianity is a foreign and aggressive religion causing more pain and distrust for the Christian communities of the Middle East, he explained.

Archbishop Paul Sayah agreed that as the West is perceived as Christian, what is done to Islam here has a backlash in the Middle East. His examples included the publication of the Danish Cartoons, the "War on terror" and the rise of Islamophobia and he urged for prophetic gestures towards Islamic people.

"It is the responsibility of the West to promote the evolution of Islam. The way Islam changes will be determined by the way the way West deals with it," he concluded.

Bishop Angaelos outlined the strengths of the Coptic Church and reminded the conference that the church in the Middle East has much to give. He said the church was continuously persecuted but was flourishing with 30,000 Sunday School teachers in Cairo alone, a strong youth ministry and an engagement with websites and multi-media for mission.

On my recent visit to Bethlehem, Jerusalem and Nazareth I met many Christian representatives of NGOs and churches who are keen to welcome Christians from the West.

I found my week in the Holy Lands stimulating, challenging and hugely moving on many different levels and came away encouraged to pray, to encourage pilgrimage and to support projects (that was 3 Ps from a Lutheran Pastor in Bethlehem)

If you are thinking of organising a pilgrimage to the Holy Lands please do give me a ring on 0121 426 0438.

Jessica Foster  
Diocese of Birmingham

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## News

### Just passing through

28 May 2008

Roy Smart of St. Mary's Selly Oak and a speaker for The Children's Society in Birmingham Diocese is planning to undertake a sponsored journey using the new national bus pass, using local bus services only, to raise funds for The Children's Society.

The Journey will take Roy from Durham Cathedral to the headquarters of The Children's Society - Edward Rudolf House in London. Roy will leave for Durham by train after giving a talk at St. Edmund Tyseley on 27th July. It is understood that he will be welcomed at the evensong service at Durham Cathedral. Roy will then pass through York and Birmingham on his way South.

If you would like to see Roy off at the start or meet him as he comes through Birmingham a fuller timetable can be obtained from either Roy on 0121 680 6787 or Allan Baldwin on 01827 897954. Also If you would like to sponsor Roy then sponsorship forms can also be obtained from Roy or Allan.

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### Whitsun Walkers to Bless City

30 April 2008

Christians from across the region will be converging on Birmingham Cathedral in a move to mark Pentecost, or Whitsun, with a special Hope 08 celebration.

The service will be hosted by Archbishop Vincent Nichols and Bishop David Urquhart and the Mayor of Birmingham, Cllr Randall Brew, the Leader of the Council and Cllr Mike Whitby are expected to attend.

Before the service, at 3.30 on 11th May, worshippers are being asked to walk to the Cathedral in small groups, praying for and blessing the city. Guides for prayer walking have been produced and are available on the Hope 08 website.

During the service there will be stories and prayers of hope, performances by bands and dancers and an address by Archbishop Vincent.

Bishop David said: "I am delighted that Christians from different

denominations are coming together in the centre of the city to mark this important day in the life of church. Whitsun is the day on which we remember the disciples being filled with the Holy Spirit and beginning to preach in different languages. It is often regarded as the church's birthday."

All are welcome to the service outside Birmingham Cathedral from 3.30pm to 5.30pm. Pentecost Praise is part of Birmingham's involvement in Hope 08 - a movement of churches who want to engage more fully with their neighbourhoods during 2008. Details of the service and Hope 08 are available at [www.hope08birmingham.org](http://www.hope08birmingham.org)

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### **Campaign Launched to bring Brummies Back to Church.**

28 April 2008

The Diocese of Birmingham is launching "Back 2 Church Sunday" campaign this week, building on the success of a pilot project run in 2007.

Last year, 14 churches joined the national initiative to welcome former churchgoers back on a designated Sunday in September using invitations given out by members of the congregation to their friends. In the Diocese of Birmingham 400 people came back to church – many are still coming regularly and some have gone on to be baptised, confirmed and married in church.

This year's campaign uses material designed by Birmingham designers John Morse-Brown and Richard Pearson. It is based on the many reasons given for going to church and resources include posters, invitation postcards and mugs.

Birmingham Diocese is now running a series of information and training evening for clergy and other church leaders to help them prepare for Back 2 Church Sunday on September 28th. Already, some 85 parishes across the diocese have signed up to take part in the initiative.

The Bishop of Birmingham, the Rt Revd David Urquhart, said: "We are delighted to be running Back 2 Church Sunday in the Diocese of Birmingham this year. It is a very simple idea but is a wonderful way of helping people reconnect with their Christian roots and give the church second look.

"Research has shown that it is much easier for people to go to church for the first time when they know other newcomers will be present and the welcome will be especially warm on September 28th.

"It is also a good way of reminding churches to remain constantly welcoming and outward facing so new people can join their services without feeling uncomfortable or out of place."

A Back to Church Sunday website will go live on Wednesday April 30th – the date of the first information and training. The website is [www.back2churchsunday.org](http://www.back2churchsunday.org)

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### **Prayers for asthma victims and sufferers**

28 April 2008

The George Coller Memorial Fund is a nationally registered children's asthma charity based in Great Barr in Birmingham. Its work has gone from strength to strength with various projects and awareness campaigns. The particular concern of the George Coller Memorial Fund is that of supporting families who have suffered as a result of asthma and most importantly bringing comfort to those who have lost children as a result of this debilitating illness.

World Asthma Day is held on the first Tuesday in May every year. The George Coller Memorial Fund is proposing to make Sunday May 4th an occasion when local churches in Birmingham will include prayers for asthma victims and sufferers and those who grieve as a result of losing a relative from asthma especially the parents.

The United Kingdom officially has some of the worst asthma in the world, whilst Birmingham has the worst asthma in the U.K.

Asthma is the most common long term health issue in children today

5.2 Million are currently being treated for asthma in the U.K

Every 7 hours someone dies due to asthma related illness in the U.K alone. 90% of these deaths are avoidable!

For more details see [www.georgecoller.co.uk](http://www.georgecoller.co.uk)

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## Update from the Church of England

28 April 2008

### Churches support survivors of abuse: resource launched

The Church of England and the Methodist Church are publishing a special resource this week designed to help churches support people who have suffered from the trauma of abuse, wherever this has occurred. Details [here](#)

### Violence against lesbian and gay people condemned by Archbishop of Canterbury

In response to reports of violence and threats towards Christians involved in the debate on human sexuality, the Archbishop has given the following [statement](#).

The context of the story can be found [here](#)

### "Leap of Faith" for Paras in Afghanistan

The Archbishop of York Dr John Sentamu takes the plunge, full story [here](#)

## Get a Life! Church of England tells young people to listen to God's voice

A five-session course, published by the Church of England, is encouraging groups of 13 to 18-year-olds to listen to God's voice for careers advice, before deciding what to do with their lives. Many churches and youth organisations will start running the course on or around Vocations Sunday 2008 (Sunday April 13). Full story [here](#)

### Celebrations as Festivals mark Common Worship's full house

*Common Worship: Festivals* has been published, the concluding volume of the largest liturgical publishing project ever carried out in this country. Details [here](#)

### Women in the Episcopate? An Anglican-Roman Catholic Dialogue

The House of Bishops' Theological Group and the Faith and Order Advisory Group have produced a set of reflections on the address given in 2006 by Cardinal Walter Kasper to the Bishops of the Church of England on the proposal to ordain women as bishops. Full details [here](#)

### 'Any Questions', BBC Radio 4: Archbishop of York

Dr John Sentamu joined the panel last Friday, April 11, with Alan Johnson, William Hague and Shirley Williams at St. Aidan's Church of England High School, Harrogate. Full transcript [here](#)

### New bishop for Chester Diocese

The Revd Robert Atwell, an author, spiritual director and former monk, is to be the new Bishop of Stockport. His appointment was announced on Monday 7 April by the Prime Minister's office. Full story [here](#)

### Paintings unveiled to put vocations in the frame

The Church of England has produced a set of reflective resources based on four devotional images to get people talking and thinking about vocations. Full

details [here](#)

### **Service of Thanksgiving for the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Leonard Cheshire Disability.**

The Archbishop of York Dr John Sentamu preaches at St Paul's Cathedral. Full story [here](#)

### **Bishops call for a greener EU Budget**

The EU Budget, in not matching up to the EU's' objectives, fails to provide sufficiently for the European Common Good, concludes the Church of England House of Bishops' Europe Panel in a submission to the European Commission's Budget Review exercise calling for a greener Budget. Full details [here](#)

### **Church figures set to shine to reflect the love of God**

The Bishops of Birmingham and Leicester and the Dean of Peterborough were among senior clergy preparing to roll up their sleeves and cassocks today to clean and polish the shoes of dozens of office workers in towns and cities across the country. Read the full story [here](#)

### **Children's Society Good Childhood Inquiry meets at Lambeth Palace**

The Archbishop of Canterbury has welcomed the members of the Good Childhood Inquiry panel to Lambeth Palace for a discussion about the emerging themes of the Inquiry's work. Full story [here](#)

### **Bishop of Blackburn to lead National work with deaf & disabled people**

The Bishop of Blackburn, the Rt Rev Nicholas Reade, is to lead the Church of England's work among deaf and disabled people. Full details [here](#)

### **Archbishop of Canterbury's Press Secretary to serve as Parish Priest**

Lambeth Palace has announced that the Revd Jonathan Jennings, Press Secretary to the Archbishop of Canterbury since 2001, will leave in the summer to take up a parish appointment. Full details [here](#)

### **Easter: Baptisms in the Snow, sermon at Canterbury Cathedral**

The Archbishop of York Dr John Sentamu baptises 25 on Easter Day, full story [here](#)

Dr Rowan Williams preaches at Canterbury, full text [here](#)

### **Nurturing new beginnings**

Church House Publishing is resourcing the Church for a range of new beginnings this Spring - from reflecting on God's calling to preparing couples for married life. For details on all publications click [here](#)

### **Communications courses in May - spaces still available**

**May 13**     *Spreading your message in cyberspace*

- Blogs/online groups 10 am - 1pm
- Websites 2 pm- 5 pm

**May 15** *Making your message memorable* 10 am - 5 pm

Information and an online booking form [here](#) or ring 020 7898 1465.

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### **20 years of action in the poorest communities: Church Urban Fund Sunday, 1st June 2008**

25 April 2008

Church Urban Fund is inviting churches across the country to join them in prayer and action and celebrate 20 years of supporting people in England's poorest communities. Over the years, this has amounted to more than £60 million worth of grants to over 6,000 community projects.

You are invited: to give thanks for the hundreds of churches and thousands of people who have put their faith into action in their local community; to pray for the 13 million people who still live in poverty today in this country - one of the world's fifth richest nations; and to make a gift so that Church Urban Fund can support more churches in the future as they reach out to the poor and marginalised in our communities.

A range of resources is available to support your celebration of our work, with enough to make your Sunday the start of a week of activities, including:

- The Big Brunch: fun, food and fundraising before or after your church service or on a Saturday morning
- The Big Question: a quiz night as a social activity for a Friday or Saturday evening – quiz resources available to download soon.
- Small Change, Big Change: collecting loose coins, or donating money saved by giving something up for a day
- Seeds of Hope: two specially designed puzzle books, suitable for 5 to 11 year olds, which offer a fun and educational sponsored activity for children in your Sunday school or a local school – a special seeds of hope will be available soon.

Find out more about Church Urban Fund Sunday, order or download resources at [www.cuf.org.uk/sunday](http://www.cuf.org.uk/sunday). Or feel free to contact us at [sunday@cuf.org.uk](mailto:sunday@cuf.org.uk) or call 020 7898 1667.

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### **Notification of Appointments**

23 April 2008

The Revd Gavin Douglas

Assistant Curate, Week St Mary Circle of Parishes (Truro)  
To be: Vicar, Ss Mary & Margaret Castle Bromwich (July)

The Revd Christopher Turner  
Priest in Charge, Christ Church Quinton  
To be: Area Dean of Edgbaston (April)

The Revd Helen Hingley  
Priest-in-charge, St Bernard Hamstead  
To be: Area Dean of Handsworth (June)

The Revd Peter Hibbert  
Vicar, St James Handsworth  
To be: Priest-in-charge, Altarnon & Borventor, Laneast & Clether  
(Truro) (August)

Patrick Gillon  
To be: ordained Deacon on 29 June  
To serve as: SSM Assistant Curate, St Mark Kingstanding

Leonard Cox  
To be: ordained Deacon on 29 June  
To serve as: Assistant Curate, St Luke Kingstanding

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### **The Quiet Garden Movement**

23 April 2008

Quiet Gardens offer a variety of local venues where there is an opportunity to set aside time to rest and to pray. These may be in private homes and gardens, which are open for occasional days of stillness and reflection; in retreat centres or local churches; or in inner city areas. Some simply offer a quiet space, others offer a more structured programme ranging from a brief introduction perhaps with a meditation to led quiet mornings or days.

A full description is available on the Quiet Garden website at:  
[www.quietgarden.co.uk](http://www.quietgarden.co.uk)

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### **Small Advertisements**

21 April 2008

### **Risograph - free to good home**

Crossover has a risograph in need of a new home - free of charge. A risograph is a large piece of kit the size of a photocopier which makes multiple copies of the same image very cheaply. It could be delivered for a small fee.

Please contact: Sue Round at Crossover, 0121 753 0668 or [sueround@hotmail.com](mailto:sueround@hotmail.com)

### **St Mary Magdalene Church Tanworth in Arden seeks an Organ Scholar**

This is a rare opportunity for a talented young musician to join a vibrant forward looking church in order to acquire and develop skills required in order to become a successful church musician.

The successful applicant will

- # be about 14 years old
- # have reached approximately grade 6 in piano/organ
- # have good sightreading skills
- # have an interest in singing
- # be prepared to work hard and be flexible

The successful applicant will

- # have frequent opportunities to play the organ
- # learn to accompany hymns, choir anthems and psalms
- # learn to work in an adult SATB choir
- # learn how to work with a developing children's choir
- # develop skills to work as part of a team
- # develop leadership skills

Apply in the first instance in writing to Rev Paul Cudby, The Vicarage, Vicarage Hill Tanworth in Arden B94 5EB

### **St Johns Church, Sparkhill has a house available for rental**

The house is fully furnished, equipped and is for use by mission partners (furloughs etc), people on placements and local church workers.

It is an end of row terraced house and has a sitting room, dining room, kitchen and bathroom on the ground floor and two bedrooms and a small room (additional bedroom, study or store) on the first floor. the garden is maintained by the church and used occasionally as a play area during the summer months for our children's groups (separate entrance). The rent of £560 a month includes utility bills (gas, electric, water), council tax, and TV licence. Telephone is provided at cost.

Contact John Self Email: [john.self@stjohnsparkhill.org.uk](mailto:john.self@stjohnsparkhill.org.uk) or [john.s@narthex.org.uk](mailto:john.s@narthex.org.uk) Phone: Church Office 01217531415 or Home 01214492760

**Wanted: chalice and paten**

A home for people with severe MS would like to buy a chalice and paten in memory of someone and would prefer old rather than new. If you know of any for sale please contact: Ann Crossley at [Anncottage@aol.com](mailto:Anncottage@aol.com)

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**CHURCH LEADERS, POLITICIANS AND A COMEDIAN  
LAUNCH DROP THE DEBT FAST**

17 April 2008

A fast for the worlds most indebted countries was launched in Birmingham on Saturday as the city began the countdown to the 10th Anniversary of the G8 Summit when protesters formed a human chain around the ICC as global leaders debated issues of world poverty and debt relief.

The 36-day rolling fast aims to encourage people to pray for the the countries most in need of debt relief as well as lobbying MPs and ministers to speed up the process of debt cancellation.

Chair of the Conservative party, Caroline Spelman MP and Steve McCabe MP for Hall Green spoke at the launch of the fast at St Martin in the Bull Ring Church on April 12th. They were joined by the Dean of Birmingham, the Very Revd Bob Wilkes and comedian, Tony Vino who runs Just Fair Laughs comedy club in Leeds.

The launch was part of a short service led by the Revd Canon Stewart Jones of St Martin's Church who was fasting for Liberia on April 12th. Other faith leaders taking part in the fast include the Very Revd Bob Wilkes, who will be fasting for Tajikistan, theologian Robert Beckford who will fast for Jamaica, Ann and Yann Lovelock who with other Buddhists, will be fasting for Mongolia, Quaker Elnora Ferguson who will fast for Kenya, Father Ray Collier and Jim Fleming with the congregation of St Catherine's Catholic church who will be fasting for the Philippines and members of the Jewish community who will fast for Moldova.

Young people attending Reunited on April 12th, a youth service attracting around 500 teenagers and young adults, were also encouraged to sign up for the fast and send postcards to Government

ministers calling for them pick up the pace on debt cancellation.

Stephen Rand, Co Chair of Jubilee Debt Campaign, said "The rich world needs to pick up the pace as these countries are still suffering under a huge debt burden, while millions of their people live in extreme poverty."

The fast began as the World Bank and International Monetary Fund hold their Spring Meetings, and ends on Sunday 18 May when the 10th anniversary of the Birmingham G8 human chain is being marked. Each day will focus on one country that urgently needs the chains of unpayable and unjust debts to be broken.

On the 18th May campaigners will gather again in Birmingham bringing white chains to symbolise the chains of debt that need to be broken. Chains are being made by faith and community groups across the city and the country - it is expected the chain will have thousand of loops and it will be part of a mass action in Centenary Square.

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### **Church Commissioners' loan schemes**

14 April 2008

The Church Commissioners' Assets Committee wishes to give notice of its decision, in principle, to close some of the Commissioners' loan schemes to new business (with existing borrowers unaffected) in the summer of 2009.

To read the note which sets out the Committee's reasoning see "news" section at [www.churchcommissioners.org](http://www.churchcommissioners.org)

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## **Courses**

**MA and Postgraduate Diploma in Applied Theology**

Would you like to evaluate your theological moorings? Are you interested in current developments in Christian thought and practice? Do you want to study at a higher level than before? Do you want to be part of a lively community from across the World Church?

We are keen to support such aspirations, and we know how important it is that clergy and church workers have the chance for professional development.

Validated by the University of Birmingham. Particularly suited for Professional Development. Full or part- time study available. Course structures enable choice and flexibility. Courses can lead to further, more advance studies.

These awards are available to those with previous theological qualifications. Those with second class degree in theology or religious studies are eligible. If you have a degree in another subject, and some theological education, you may also be admitted, with our agreement. The course, taken part time, usually lasts 2 years.

Website : [www.queens.ac.uk](http://www.queens.ac.uk)

**Venue:** The Queens Foundation for Ecumenical Theological Education, Somerset Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham B15 2QH

**Cost:**

**Organised by:**The Queen's Foundation for Ecumenical Theological Education

**For more information, contact:** Rosemary Maskell

**Telephone:** 0121 454 2600

**E-mail:** [r.maskell@queens.ac.uk](mailto:r.maskell@queens.ac.uk)

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### 3D Course

We are just beginning to plan for the next session of the 3D course which will start in September 2008. If you feel your Parish would benefit from holding a course, please get in touch with the Ministries Forum.

**Venue:**

**Cost:**

**Organised by:**Ministries Forum

**For more information, contact:** Jelena Cammack

**Telephone:** 0121 426 0435

**E-mail:** [jelena.cammack@birmingham.anglican.org](mailto:jelena.cammack@birmingham.anglican.org)

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### Leading your Church into Growth 2008

A 4 day course for clergy & lay leaders from across different traditions and denominations who are looking for help and encouragement in leading their church into growth.

**Venue:** York - 9 - 12 June Swanwick - 3 - 6 November

**Cost:** £225 per person inc full board with all course resources.

**Organised by:**

**For more information, contact:** Tracie Hunt

**Telephone:** 01274 604904 / 07799845954

**E-mail:** [Tracie.Hunt@englandbasketball.co.uk](mailto:Tracie.Hunt@englandbasketball.co.uk)

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### MA in the Theology of Mission and Ministry

The MA in Theology of Mission and Ministry is a 12 months full-time programme commencing in September. It may also be undertaken on a part-time basis over 24-48 months.

The course is designed for people working in ministry or involved in a Christian vocation, who have already studied theology to degree level or have a first degree in another subject and have 240 theology credits at certificate and diploma levels.

It enables you to bring together the resources of Bible and tradition and those of experience and context in creative and critical ways as part of your professional development.

Visit our website: [www.stjohns-nottm.ac.uk](http://www.stjohns-nottm.ac.uk) to find details of the above course St John's Courses.

**Venue:** St John's College, Chilwell Lane, Bramcote, Nottingham NG9 3DS

**Cost:**

**Organised by:** St John's

**For more information, contact:** Admissions

**Telephone:** 0115 968 3203

**E-mail:** [admissions@stjohns-nottm.ac.uk](mailto:admissions@stjohns-nottm.ac.uk)

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### The Midlands Centre for Youth Ministry

The Midlands Centre for Youth Ministry based at St John's Nottingham is looking for both students and placements for their courses in Youth and Community Work and Applied Theology.

Courses are offered at Further Education level (6 modules taught on 6 Saturdays over the year and a workbook to complete), Undergraduate - 3 year placement based degree (attendance at St John's two days per fortnight) and Postgraduate - Masters degrees for professional qualification or professional development (4 study weeks over two years and a dissertation). It is possible to get a relevant professional qualification at any level.

**Venue:** St John's Chilwell Lane Bramcote Nottingham NG9 3DS

**Cost:**

**Organised by:** St John's

**For more information, contact:** Gill Benson

**Telephone:** 0115 968 3222

**E-mail:** [g.benson@stjohns-nottm.ac.uk](mailto:g.benson@stjohns-nottm.ac.uk)

### **Postgraduate Diploma in Pastoral Counselling**

A part-time course, integrating professional counselling training with theological understanding of human process and development. Accredited with Nottingham University, this course, which takes a Gestalt approach, involves 20 taught days at college over an academic year, starting September 2008.

Designed for people working in the caring professions, clergy, church pastoral workers, and those considering a career in pastoral counselling, students have the option to exit after a postgraduate certificate or complete the full three year diploma and work towards BACP accreditation. A parallel version is available for non-graduates who have other professional training but all applicants must have studied basic listening skills either at St John's or elsewhere. Applicants normally attend an Open day for informal interviews.

Visit our website [www.stjohns-nottm.ac.uk](http://www.stjohns-nottm.ac.uk)

**Venue:** St John's College, Chilwell Lane, Bramcote, Nottingham NG9 3DS

**Cost:**

**Organised by:** St John's

**For more information, contact:** Alyson Ward

**Telephone:** 0115 925 1117

**E-mail:** [ext.studies@stjohns-nottm.ac.uk](mailto:ext.studies@stjohns-nottm.ac.uk)

**Greek in a week!**

Date: 14 - 18 July 2008

Do you ... want to read the New Testament in its original language to get closer to what it actually says? Preach regularly but have never had the opportunity to learn Greek? Hope to train for authorised ministry and want to get a head start?

This 'taster' will introduce you to the basics of New Testament Greek in a totally non-threatening environment! If you have started Greek and given it up this is the course for you! If you are studying A6, or planning to do so, you will enjoy meeting others in the same boat. The course is open to anyone.

**Venue:** St John's, Nottingham

**Cost:**

**Organised by:** St John's

**For more information, contact:** Extension Studies team

**Telephone:** 0115 925 1117

**E-mail:** [ext.studies@stjohns-nottm.ac.uk](mailto:ext.studies@stjohns-nottm.ac.uk)

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## Events

### Back to Church Sunday training event

01/05/2008

**Date:** 01 May 2008

**Venue:** Central Birmingham

Start: 7.30 pm.

**Cost:**

**Organised by:**

**For more information, contact:**

Name: Sally Bossingham

Telephone: 0121 262 1852

E-mail: [missionforum@birminghamcathedral.com](mailto:missionforum@birminghamcathedral.com)

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### Ascension Day Choral Eucharist Service

01/05/2008

**Date:** 01 May 2008  
**Venue:** Birmingham Cathedral

Start: 7.30 pm.

**Cost:**  
**Organised by:** Birmingham Cathedral

**For more information, contact:**

Name: Carol Currier  
Telephone: 0121 262 1840  
E-mail: [carol.currier@birminghamcathedral.com](mailto:carol.currier@birminghamcathedral.com)

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**Sri Lanka-Britain - making sense of Partnership in 2008**

01/05/2008

**Date:** 01 May 2008  
**Venue:** The Queen's Foundation, Somerset Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham B15 2QH

Start: 2.30pm. You are also welcome to attend the Service at 12.00 and/or lunch (£5) at 1.00pm if you wish. Programme 10.30 Friends of SOCMS Annual Meeting 11.15 Joint meeting of Friends of SOCMS & Queens to form united Friends group 12.00 Ascension Day Eucharist 13.00 Lunch 14.30- 16.30 A dynamic presentation on intercultural mission in 2008. Please register attendance for all or part of the day by 23 April.

**Cost:** There is no charge for the presentation but a contribution of £5 is requested if you wish to stay to lunch.

**Organised by:**

**For more information, contact:**

Name: Ruth Padley  
Telephone: 0121-452-2614  
E-mail: [r.padley@queens.ac.uk](mailto:r.padley@queens.ac.uk)

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**Cathedral Choir Patronal Festival Concert 'Month of Maying'**

02/05/2008

**Date:** 02 May 2008  
**Venue:** Birmingham Cathedral

Start: 7.30 pm.

**Cost:**

**Organised by:** Birmingham Cathedral

**For more information, contact:**

Name: Carol Currier

Telephone: 0121 262 1840

E-mail: [carol.currier@birminghamcathedral.com](mailto:carol.currier@birminghamcathedral.com)

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**Wholeness and Healing Service with Communion**

03/05/2008

**Date:** 03 May 2008

**Venue:** Birmingham Cathedral

Start: 9 am.

**Cost:**

**Organised by:** Birmingham Cathedral

**For more information, contact:**

Name: Carol Currier

Telephone: 0121 262 1840

E-mail: [carol.currier@birminghamcathedral.com](mailto:carol.currier@birminghamcathedral.com)

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**Open Day at St Stephen's House, Oxford**

03/05/2008

**Date:** 03 May 2008

**Venue:** St Stephen's House, 16 Marston Street, Oxford OX4 1JX

Time: 10.00am - 4.00pm Web: [www.ssho.ox.ac.uk](http://www.ssho.ox.ac.uk) Tea and coffee – available from 10.00am Tours of the College – 10.30am and 11.15am Sung Eucharist – 12.00 noon Buffet lunch – 1.00pm Vocations addresses – 2.00pm to 3.00pm An opportunity for those exploring lay ministry, ordained ministry, or the religious life to put questions to a panel of vocations advisers. Studying at Oxford – 2.00pm to 3.00pm Find out information about the range of courses that the college offers. Tea – 3.00pm Evensong and Benediction – 3.30pm Throughout the day there will be displays about the life of the House and a Theology book stall.

**Cost:**

**Organised by:** St Stephen's Hs

**For more information, contact:**

Name:

Telephone: 01865 247874  
E-mail: [enquiries@ssho.ox.ac.uk](mailto:enquiries@ssho.ox.ac.uk)

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### **Choral Eucharist**

04/05/2008

**Date:** 04 May 2008  
**Venue:** Birmingham Cathedral

Start: 11.00 am.

**Cost:**  
**Organised by:** Birmingham Cathedral

#### **For more information, contact:**

Name: Carol Currier  
Telephone: 0121 262 1840  
E-mail: [carol.currier@birminghamcathedral.com](mailto:carol.currier@birminghamcathedral.com)

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### **Christian Aid Display**

04/05/2008

**Date:** 04 May 2008  
**Venue:** South aisle of Birmingham Cathedral

Until 25/05/08

**Cost:**  
**Organised by:** Birmingham Cathedral

#### **For more information, contact:**

Name: Carol Currier  
Telephone: 0121 262 1840  
E-mail: [carol.currier@birminghamcathedral.com](mailto:carol.currier@birminghamcathedral.com)

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### **Lord Mayor attending service at St Stephen's Church, Rednal**

04/05/2008

**Date:** 04 May 2008  
**Venue:** St Stephen's, Rednal

Start: 10 am. The Lord Mayor will attend the service and then stay for coffee and chat afterwards.

**Cost:**

**Organised by:**

**For more information, contact:**

Name:

Telephone:

E-mail:

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### **Asylum Seekers Vigil in the Churchyard**

05/05/2008

**Date:** 05 May 2008

**Venue:** Birmingham Cathedral

**Cost:**

**Organised by:** Birmingham Cathedral

**For more information, contact:**

Name: Carol Currier

Telephone: 0121 262 1840

E-mail: [carol.currier@birminghamcathedral.com](mailto:carol.currier@birminghamcathedral.com)

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### **Tuesday Talks**

06/05/2008

**Date:** 06 May 2008

**Venue:** Birmingham Cathedral

Start: 1.10 pm.

**Cost:**

**Organised by:** Birmingham Cathedral

**For more information, contact:**

Name: Carol Currier

Telephone: 0121 262 1840

E-mail: [carol.currier@birminghamcathedral.com](mailto:carol.currier@birminghamcathedral.com)

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### **Child Protection Training Sessions - Working Safely with children and young people**

06/05/2008

**Date:** 06 May 2008

**Venue:** Church Hall, Knowle

Start: 7.00 pm. How to provide a safe physical environment when working with children and young people in church settings. For those who work directly with children and young people.

**Cost:** £10.00

**Organised by:** Diocesan Office

**For more information, contact:**

Name: Jenny Harris

Telephone: 0121 426 0437

E-mail: [jenny@birmingham.anglican.org](mailto:jenny@birmingham.anglican.org)

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**Back to Church Sunday training event**

06/05/2008

**Date:** 06 May 2008

**Venue:** St David Shenley Green

Start: 7.30 pm.

**Cost:**

**Organised by:**

**For more information, contact:**

Name: Sally Bossingham

Telephone: 0121 262 1852

E-mail: [missionforum@birminghamcathedral.com](mailto:missionforum@birminghamcathedral.com)

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**Changing Attitude -**

06/05/2008

**Date:** 06 May 2008

**Venue:** St Monica's Hall, The Old Church, Church Road B15 3DX

Start: 7.30 pm. Dr Nicola Slee reflects on a spirituality to sustain the long haul - her address to the LGCM Annual Conference.

**Cost:**

**Organised by:** Changing Attitude

**For more information, contact:**

Name: Stephen Barton

Telephone: 0121 429 2176

E-mail: [ca.bham@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:ca.bham@yahoo.co.uk)

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**First Aid Training for youth & children's workers**

07/05/2008

**Date:** 07 May 2008

**Venue:** Diocesan Office, 175 Harborne Park Road, Harborne

THIS IS NOW FULL. If you are interested in attending any future First Aid Courses please contact Jelena.

**Cost:**

**Organised by:**

**For more information, contact:**

Name: Jelena

Telephone:

E-mail: [jelena@birmingham.anglican.org](mailto:jelena@birmingham.anglican.org)

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**St Alban's Summer Lectures 2008: The Tractarian Divines**

07/05/2008

**Date:** 07 May 2008

**Venue:** St Alban & St Patrick Highgate Stanhope Street/Conybere St B12 0YF

Start: 7.30 pm. John Keble & the Ethos of the Oxford Movement Fr James Pereiro

**Cost:**

**Organised by:** St Alban's

**For more information, contact:**

Name:

Telephone:

E-mail:

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**Choral Communion - St Philip's Singers**

07/05/2008

**Date:** 07 May 2008

**Venue:** Birmingham Cathedral

Start: 1.10 pm.

**Cost:**

**Organised by:** Birmingham Cathedral

**For more information, contact:**

Name: Carol Currier

Telephone: 0121 262 1840

E-mail: [carol.currier@birminghamcathedral.com](mailto:carol.currier@birminghamcathedral.com)

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**ANGER: A day workshop for Readers, Commissioned Members of Pastoral Care Teams and Clergy**

08/05/2008

**Date:** 08 May 2008**Venue:** The Old Hall, Temple Balsall

Start: 10am – 4pm. Led by The Revd Susannah Izzard The workshop will be of interest to those working with individuals in a pastoral context, and also to those who have a preaching and teaching ministry in church communities. There will be a charge of Certificates of attendance will be available for those who charge this training as a working expense to PCC's. Those who wish to apply for a place should contact Andrea Stevens before Friday 11th April.

**Cost:** £10.00 per participant (including lunch).**Organised by:** Ministries Forum**For more information, contact:**

Name: Andrea Stevens

Telephone: 0121 426 0429

E-mail: [a.stevens@birmingham.anglican.org](mailto:a.stevens@birmingham.anglican.org)

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**Match, Mismatch and Rematch: An exploration of the Interactive Processes between Parent and Baby, and Therapist and Parent.**

10/05/2008

**Date:** 10 May 2008**Venue:** Birmingham

Time: 10 - 12.45 pm. Contemporary Jungians in Practice. Please book in advance. Visit website: [www.wmip.org](http://www.wmip.org)

**Cost:****Organised by:** Jungian Training Committee**For more information, contact:**

Name: Sue Harford

Telephone: 0870 7518828

E-mail: [jtc@wmip.org](mailto:jtc@wmip.org)

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**Fan the Flame Family Event**

10/05/2008

**Date:** 10 May 2008**Venue:** St Alphege Church

Time: 10 am to 12 noon Everyone is welcome to come and join the Children's Ministry team in the fun of learning and sharing together in worship, exploration, craft activities and birthday cake! There will be activities suitable for all ages. See website: [www.solihullparish.org.uk](http://www.solihullparish.org.uk)

**Cost:****Organised by:****For more information, contact:**

Name:

Telephone:

E-mail:

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**Affirming Catholicism in the West Midlands**

10/05/2008

**Date:** 10 May 2008**Venue:** Chapel of Unity, Coventry Cathedral

Beginning with a Eucharist at 12 noon then lunch, a guided tour and Evensong at 4pm. All welcome. Please let Rowena Pailing or Peter Kaye know if you intend to come: Tel: Rowena - 0121 356 7998 email: [rowena.pailing@queens.oxon.org](mailto:rowena.pailing@queens.oxon.org) or Tel: Peter - 0121 443 1371 email: [peterakaye@gmail.com](mailto:peterakaye@gmail.com)

**Cost:****Organised by:****For more information, contact:**

Name:

Telephone:

E-mail:

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**Pentecost Prayer Event**

11/05/2008

**Date:** 11 May 2008**Venue:** Birmingham Cathedral

Start: 4 - 5.30 pm Bishop David Urquhart and Archbishop Vincent Nichols host a city-wide prayer event in the grounds of the cathedral, with many planning to prayer walk into the city from surrounding areas. Full details on the website: [www.hope08birmingham.org](http://www.hope08birmingham.org)

**Cost:**

**Organised by:** Hope08

**For more information, contact:**

Name: Jane Jackman, Birmingham Missional Network

Telephone: 0121 262 1852

E-mail: [JaneJackman@bigfoot.com](mailto:JaneJackman@bigfoot.com)

**Child Protection Training Sessions - Child Protection Awareness Raising**

12/05/2008

**Date:** 12 May 2008

**Venue:** St Philip, Dorridge

Start: 7.00 pm. This course aims to address specific issues related to child protection in a church setting. For anyone who co-ordinates, supervises, leads or assists work with children and young people.

**Cost:** £10.00

**Organised by:** Diocesan Office

**For more information, contact:**

Name: Jenny Harris

Telephone: 0121 426 0437

E-mail: [jenny@birmingham.anglican.org](mailto:jenny@birmingham.anglican.org)

**Tuesday Talks**

13/05/2008

**Date:** 13 May 2008

**Venue:** Birmingham Cathedral

Start: 1.10 pm. With The Revd Canon Peter Howell-Jones

**Cost:**

**Organised by:** Birmingham Cathedral

**For more information, contact:**

Name: Carol Currier

Telephone: 0121 262 1840

E-mail: [carol.currier@birminghamcathedral.com](mailto:carol.currier@birminghamcathedral.com)

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### **Holy Communion**

14/05/2008

**Date:** 14 May 2008

**Venue:** Birmingham Cathedral

Start: 1.10 pm.

**Cost:**

**Organised by:** Birmingham Cathedral

#### **For more information, contact:**

Name: Carol Currier

Telephone: 0121 262 1840

E-mail: [carol.currier@birminghamcathedral.com](mailto:carol.currier@birminghamcathedral.com)

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### **Wholeness and Healing Service**

15/05/2008

**Date:** 15 May 2008

**Venue:** Birmingham Cathedral

Start: 1.10 pm.

**Cost:**

**Organised by:** Birmingham Cathedral

#### **For more information, contact:**

Name: Carol Currier

Telephone: 0121 262 1840

E-mail: [carol.currier@birminghamcathedral.com](mailto:carol.currier@birminghamcathedral.com)

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### **Back to Church Sunday training event**

17/05/2008

**Date:** 17 May 2008

**Venue:** St Mary's Acock's Green

Start: 2.30 pm.

**Cost:**

**Organised by:**

**For more information, contact:**

Name: Sally Bossingham

Telephone: 0121 262 1852

E-mail: [missionforum@birminghamcathedral.com](mailto:missionforum@birminghamcathedral.com)

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**Church Flower Arranging Demonstration**

17/05/2008

**Date:** 17 May 2008

**Venue:** Birmingham Cathedral

Start: 11.00am Including light refreshments, raffle of flowers afterwards Proceeds to Birmingham Cathedral Flower Fund

**Cost:** Tickets £5.00

**Organised by:**

**For more information, contact:**

Name:

Telephone: 0121 262 1840

E-mail: [enquiries@birminghamcathedral.com](mailto:enquiries@birminghamcathedral.com)

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**70th birthday celebrations at St. Leonard's Marston Green**

17/05/2008

**Date:** 17 May 2008

**Venue:** St. Leonard's Marston Green

Saturday and Sunday. A Flower Festival depicting "Weddings". The Church will be open 10am - 6pm Saturday and 11am - 6pm Sunday. There will also be a Market Day from 10am on Saturday with dancing by the local Infant School. On Sunday at 10am we all be having a united Parish Communion with our friends from the Baptist free Church in Marston Green.

**Cost:**

**Organised by:**

**For more information, contact:**

Name: Pauline Griffiths

Telephone: 0121 779 3588

E-mail: [rogergriffiths869@btinternet](mailto:rogergriffiths869@btinternet)

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**Visit to The Holocaust Centre, Nottinghamshire**

17/05/2008

**Date:** 17 May 2008

**Venue:** The Holocaust Centre Laxton, Newark, Nottinghamshire, NG22 0PA

Set off from Birmingham at 8am and from Nottingham at 4.00 pm. The Holocaust Centre provides a range of facilities for people to explore the history and implications of the Holocaust. It houses a permanent exhibition on the Nazi period and offers space for reflection in the Memorial Garden. You must book your place.

**Cost:**

**Organised by:** The Black & Asian Network

**For more information, contact:**

Name: Andrea Stevens

Telephone: 0121 426 0429

E-mail:

### **Journey to Justice**

18/05/2008

**Date:** 18 May 2008

**Venue:** International Convention Centre

Start: 2.30 pm. Its purpose is: to celebrate the 10 years since the Birmingham Human Chain, to discover the impact of debt cancellation so far and to demand a lasting solution to the debt crisis. For details and booking telephone or visit [www.journeytojustice.org](http://www.journeytojustice.org) Other events will be taking place in the Centenary Square, from 12.30pm onwards; speakers will include Shahid Malik, the first British-born Muslim MP and a Minister at the Department for International Development (DFID). Materials for Education and Worship are to be offered in pack form for all faith groups, by the beginning of April. Other materials can be found on the [WWW.jubileedebtcampaign.org.uk](http://WWW.jubileedebtcampaign.org.uk)

**Cost:** Tickets are available at £10 each (£5 concessions).

**Organised by:** Jubilee Debt Campaign

**For more information, contact:**

Name: Audrey Miller

Telephone: 0560 150 7359

E-mail: [jubileedebt@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:jubileedebt@blueyonder.co.uk)

**Not for Sale Sunday - Churches Alert to Sex Trafficking**

**across Europe**

18/05/2008

**Date:** 18 May 2008

**Venue:**

Clergy will be interested to know that free quality downloadable resources are now available on our website  
www.notforsalesunday.org • addressing 'Demand' • releasing resources • raising awareness • educating for a change • confronting sexual exploitation

**Cost:**

**Organised by:**

**For more information, contact:**

Name:

Telephone:

E-mail:

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**Asylum Seekers Vigil in the Churchyard**

19/05/2008

**Date:** 19 May 2008

**Venue:** Birmingham Cathedral

Start: 5.00 pm.

**Cost:**

**Organised by:** Birmingham Cathedral

**For more information, contact:**

Name: Carol Currier

Telephone: 0121 262 1840

E-mail: [carol.currier@birminghamcathedral.com](mailto:carol.currier@birminghamcathedral.com)

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**Tuesday Talks**

20/05/2008

**Date:** 20 May 2008

**Venue:** Birmingham Cathedral

Start: 1.10 pm. With The Revd Canon Peter Howell-Jones

**Cost:**

**Organised by:** Birmingham Cathedral

**For more information, contact:**

Name: Carol Currier

Telephone: 0121 262 1840

E-mail: [carol.currier@birminghamcathedral.com](mailto:carol.currier@birminghamcathedral.com)

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**Choral Communion - St Philip's Singers**

21/05/2008

**Date:** 21 May 2008

**Venue:** Birmingham Cathedral

Start: 1.10 pm.

**Cost:**

**Organised by:** Birmingham Cathedral

**For more information, contact:**

Name: Carol Currier

Telephone: 0121 262 1840

E-mail: [carol.currier@birminghamcathedral.com](mailto:carol.currier@birminghamcathedral.com)

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**Back to Church Sunday training event**

21/05/2008

**Date:** 21 May 2008

**Venue:** St Margaret's Short Heath

Start: 7.30 pm.

**Cost:**

**Organised by:**

**For more information, contact:**

Name: Sally Bossingham

Telephone: 0121 262 1852

E-mail: [missionforum@birminghamcathedral.com](mailto:missionforum@birminghamcathedral.com)

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**Corpus Christi Choral Eucharist**

22/05/2008

**Date:** 22 May 2008

**Venue:** Birmingham Cathedral

Start: 7.30 pm.

**Cost:****Organised by:** Birmingham Cathedral**For more information, contact:**

Name: Carol Currier

Telephone: 0121 262 1840

E-mail: [carol.currier@birminghamcathedral.com](mailto:carol.currier@birminghamcathedral.com)**Faiths for the City presents: Believing in our Environment**

26/05/2008

**Date:** 26 May 2008**Venue:** Birmingham Botanical Gardens, Westbourne Road,  
Edgbaston, Birmingham B15 3TR

Time: 1-5 pm Come and share the tranquil experience of the botanical gardens, interactive workshops and family activities. Together we can put our faith into action. To register your attendance please contact: [Christine.mills@birmingham.gov.uk](mailto:Christine.mills@birmingham.gov.uk)

**Cost:** Price: £2 donation (usual entry price £7)**Organised by:** Faiths for the City**For more information, contact:**

Name: Maud Grainger

Telephone: 0121 632 6909

E-mail:

**2008 Conference on Bible and Justice**

29/05/2008

**Date:** 29 May 2008**Venue:** Sheffield

This 4 day conference will bring together scholars from around the world to explore how the ancient texts of the Bible can play an active role in addressing twenty-first century social concerns. The purpose of the conference is to foster discussion about the relevance of the Bible to modern social issues, and promote bridges between the academic field of biblical studies and the various endeavours for a just world.

Please visit our website for more information and registration.

[www.sheffield.ac.uk/bibs/bibleandjustice/](http://www.sheffield.ac.uk/bibs/bibleandjustice/)**Cost:****Organised by:**

**For more information, contact:**

Name: Rev Matthew J M Coomber

Telephone:

E-mail: [bibleandjustice@sheffield.ac.uk](mailto:bibleandjustice@sheffield.ac.uk)

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**Child Protection Training Sessions - Child Protection Awareness Raising**

03/06/2008

**Date:** 03 June 2008

**Venue:** St Paul & St Barnabas, Quinton

Start: 7.00 pm. This course aims to address specific issues related to child protection in a church setting. For anyone who co-ordinates, supervises, leads or assists work with children and young people.

**Cost:** £10.00

**Organised by:** Diocesan Office

**For more information, contact:**

Name: Jenny Harris

Telephone: 0121 426 0437

E-mail: [jenny@birmingham.anglican.org](mailto:jenny@birmingham.anglican.org)

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**Laughing Sole Comedy Club**

03/06/2008

**Date:** 03 June 2008

**Venue:** The British Oak, 1364 Pershore Road, Stirchley

Start: 8.30 pm. Visit: [thelaughingsole.org.uk](http://thelaughingsole.org.uk)

**Cost:** Tickets £5

**Organised by:** The Laughing Sole

**For more information, contact:**

Name: Helen Tomblin

Telephone:

E-mail: [info@thelaughingsole.co.uk](mailto:info@thelaughingsole.co.uk)

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**Bishop's Study Day for Clergy**

04/06/2008

**Date:** 04 June 2008

**Venue:** St Philip's Cathedral, Birmingham

From 10am to 1pm - details to follow

**Cost:**

**Organised by:** Clergy Continuing Ministerial Education

**For more information, contact:**

Name: The Reverend Mark Pryce

Telephone: 0121 426 0400

E-mail: [M.Pryce@birmingham.anglican.org](mailto:M.Pryce@birmingham.anglican.org)

### **Do you administer Holy Baptism?**

05/06/2008

**Date:** 05 June 2008

**Venue:** CPAS HQ Athena Park, Tachbrook Drive, Warwick CV34 6NG

Time: 1.00 pm. - 4.00 pm. Baptismal Integrity invites you for an afternoon open conference on the theme HOLY BAPTISM—How is it for you? including "Implementing a Baptismal Policy". The event will be facilitated by Committee members with an emphasis on the sharing of experience by all present "Why have a policy?" "What are the "basics"?" "Enthusing the PCC" "PR in the parish" "Using the Thanksgiving for the Gift of a Child" "Pastoral Care before and after" Please call Roger Godin to book a space.

**Cost:** Free

**Organised by:**

**For more information, contact:**

Name: Roger Godin

Telephone: 01823 480606

E-mail: [roger.godin@baptism.org.uk](mailto:roger.godin@baptism.org.uk)

### **Can climate change save the West Midlands economy?**

11/06/2008

**Date:** 11 June 2008

**Venue:** Wesleyan Assurance, Colmore Circus, Birmingham B4 6AR

Start: 6.15 p.m. Refreshments from 5.45 p.m. Churches' Industrial Group Birmingham - AGM & public debate. We have a plan – the UK's first low carbon economic strategy. We can do industrial revolution – we've done it before. We have some good examples and proven ability. BUT ... Is it realistic? Are we and our leaders up for it?

Speakers: Dr. Simon Slater, Head of Sustainable Development, Advantage West Midlands. Professor Peter Braithwaite, Director of Sustainable Solutions, Arup. Please contact CIGB to confirm a place.

**Cost:**

**Organised by:** CIGB

**For more information, contact:**

Name:

Telephone: 0121 426 0425

E-mail: [cigb@birmingham.anglican.org](mailto:cigb@birmingham.anglican.org)

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### **A Conference for clergy - Celebrating St.Paul**

23/06/2008

**Date:** 23 June 2008

**Venue:** St Mary's University College, Twickenham, London

Looking at the importance and relevance of the preaching of St Paul.  
[www.smuc.ac.uk](http://www.smuc.ac.uk)

**Cost:**

**Organised by:** St Mary's University College

**For more information, contact:**

Name: Marie Fernandes

Telephone: 0208 240 4183

E-mail:

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## **Vacancies**

### **Centre Manager - Kings Norton Restoration**

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**Salary:** Scale SO1 £24,839 - £26,596

**Closing date for applications:** 14/05/2008

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**For further information**

**Contact name:**

**Telephone:** 0121 458 3289

E-mail: [parishoffice@kingsnorton.org.uk](mailto:parishoffice@kingsnorton.org.uk)

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## Marketing & Promotion Co-ordinator - Kings Norton Restoration

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**Salary:** Scale 6.28 £23,187 pro rata

**Closing date for applications:** 14/05/2008

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### For further information

**Contact name:**

**Telephone:** 0121 458 3289

**E-mail:** [parishoffice@kingsnorton.org.uk](mailto:parishoffice@kingsnorton.org.uk)

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## Finance & Administration Assistant - Kings Norton Restoration

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**Salary:** Scale 1.8 £13,778

**Closing date for applications:** 14/05/2008

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### For further information

**Contact name:**

**Telephone:** 0121 458 3289

**E-mail:** [parishoffice@kingsnorton.org.uk](mailto:parishoffice@kingsnorton.org.uk)

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## Duty Supervisor - Kings Norton Restoration

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**Salary:** Scale 3 £15900

**Closing date for applications:** 14/05/2008

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### For further information

**Contact name:**

**Telephone:** 0121 458 3289

**E-mail:** [parishoffice@kingsnorton.org.uk](mailto:parishoffice@kingsnorton.org.uk)

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## Organist - St Stephen the Martyr, Rednal

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**Salary:** £1700 - £1800 p.a. depending on experience and qualifications

**Closing date for applications:** 16/05/2008

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### For further information

**Contact name:** Parish Priest

**Telephone:** 0121 4533347

**E-mail:** [vicar.rednal@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:vicar.rednal@yahoo.co.uk)

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## Children and Families Worker - St Paul's Crossover, Bordesley Green

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**Salary:** £6.70 per hour / £2,814 per annum

**Closing date for applications:** 16/05/2008

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### For further information

**Contact name:** Mrs Sue Round

**Telephone:** 0121 753 0668 Ext. 211

**E-mail:**

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## Assistant Parish Administrator - St Philip's Parish Office, Dorridge Solihull

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**Salary:**

**Closing date for applications:** 17/05/2008

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### For further information

**Contact name:** Celia Gibb

**Telephone:**

**E-mail:** [parish.office@stphilipsandstjames.org](mailto:parish.office@stphilipsandstjames.org)

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## P/t Parish Assistant - St Luke's Church Centre

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**Salary:** Pay - £6.25 per hour

**Closing date for applications:** 27/05/2008

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**For further information**

**Contact name:**

**Telephone:**

**E-mail:**

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