



Revd James Percival was presented with a thank you gift and card by Bishop Christopher on behalf of the Southwark Mothers' Union Trustees on 2 December at the Trustees' annual buffet lunch. He completed his three year term of office as the MU Diocesan Chaplain at the end of December.

Prayer and Spirituality

Diary - February - June 2012

Faith, Hope and Love

Three evenings of prayer and exploration, based on Bishop Christopher's call to mission in 2012.

Wednesday 15 & 29 February and 7 March at St. Matthew's House, Croydon 7-9 pm
Thursday 15, 22 & 29 March at Trinity House, London SE1 1HW, 7-9pm



Planning the 2012 interfaith walks

South London Inter Faith Group (SLIFG) is planning to celebrate its 30th anniversary and the Olympics with a series of Interfaith Walks in south London on the same weekend 14/15 July.

Fifteen routes, each including visits to five or six different places of worship, in one day already exist. SLIFG's hope is that different groups will take up the route in their areas – or devise their own routes.

Anyone interested is invited to a planning meeting at the Education Centre, Southwark Cathedral on Wednesday 8 February 6.30-8pm.

The hope is that at least two people from every area/borough will be there to help get the planning started.

Please let Sarah Thorley know if you are able to attend – email: thorleysarah@yahoo.co.uk or tel: 020 8674 5447

Quiet Mornings

at St Alphege Centre for Prayer, Kings Bench St, SE1. **Second Saturday of each month from 10am to 1pm**

11 February - **The House of God and the Gate of Heaven** - a meditation on Jacob's dream (Genesis 28) and its implications for a modern understanding of the church with ancient roots. Led by John Ansell

10 March - **Christ's resurrection and the cosmic dance**: A reflection for Lent and Easter Led by Ursula Hodges

12 May - **Encountering the risen Jesus**: explore some of the accounts of Jesus' resurrection meetings with his disciples and others. Led by Jane Hoskins

9 June - **Benedictine Spirituality**: A reflection on the application of the monastic wisdom to life today. Led by Ray Andrews

All are welcome – booking is unnecessary

The evenings will focus on the experience of faith, hope and love within the development of our relationship with God and our active lives as Christians.

Led by Chris Chapman, Diocesan Spiritual Formation Adviser, each session will include prayer exercises, a biblical reflection and insights from the Christian spiritual tradition. All are welcome - booking is unnecessary

Wychcroft Residential Retreat: Praying and Serving

Friday 2 to Sunday 4 March 2012

A weekend retreat to explore prayerfully what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ in the contemporary world, using biblical meditations and reflections on the paintings of Vermeer. Led by Bishop David Atkinson, former Bishop of Theford and Archdeacon of Lewisham. Cost: £113.

For details of any of the above or to book for the Wychcroft Residential Retreat, contact Chris Chapman 020 7939 9474 or email: chris.chapman@southwark.anglican.org



a new website, to be launched by the Church of England on Ash Wednesday 22 February;

Pray One For Me

(www.prayoneforme.org) 'Pray One for Me' and its Facebook page: (www.facebook.com/prayoneforme)

A recent internet search for the word "Spirituality" returned 29 million UK web pages – and research by Tearfund suggests that 20 million adults in the country pray – 42% of the population. For many people, often those that the Church finds hard to reach, there clearly is a great desire to seek spiritual engagement away from what they might see as 'church'. These facts inspired

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And that's where you can help...

- How about a parish rota to monitor the site and pray the prayer requests?
- Could some people post stories on the Facebook page on how the prayers were prayed, where and by whom?
- And how about regularly using the prayers and prayer themes as part of intercessions in church and in private prayer?

You'll be praying alongside many thousands of others across the worldwide church including many of the closed prayer communities who are contributing their time to this new project.

2012 Sarum Theological Lectures



The Morality of New War

The Revd Dr Giles Fraser

With the rise of asymmetric warfare, does the traditional understanding of just war theory work in the 21st century? Does human rights legislation have a place on the battlefield? And has secularisation undermined the moral substructure of the British army?

Series of four lectures beginning Monday 30 April at 7pm in Salisbury Cathedral £24 for the series; £7 per lecture

Book for the whole week and enjoy being just steps away from Salisbury Cathedral.

The Revd Dr Giles Fraser lectures on ethics and leadership at the Defence Academy at Shrivenham. He is former chancellor of St Paul's Cathedral, London.



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