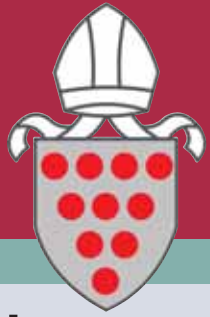


WORCESTER Diocesan News



March 2008

Meet Bishop John

John Inge is delighted to be in the Diocese of Worcester, and that is coming from a keen cyclist who has lately only had the Cambridgeshire fens to tackle. As we are talking he tells me that he would like to try to do a bit of cycling around the diocese to meet people; I glance out at the Malvern Hills and think too of the topography of the Black Country and wonder if he has checked out the local contours.

'The Diocese of Worcester is an exciting combination for me' he says, 'it's a mix of rural and urban which resonates with my experiences both of ministering for the last decade in the predominantly rural diocese of Ely and working before that in an inner city parish on Tyneside.' He has already been struck by the vibrancy and variety of the diocese, and in particular the friendliness of its people. 'Even without my dog collar on, I have found people extremely welcoming. It reminds me of the North East where people are renowned for their friendliness'.

March 1 will see him formally enthroned in Worcester Cathedral at the beginning of his public ministry here; however Bishop John wants the focus of the event to be on Jesus rather than him. He has a very strong belief in service, and talks of himself merely as a servant of God, as Jesus was; he believes that Christian leadership should always be seen through the lens of service. He wants the ceremony to be a means of encouraging

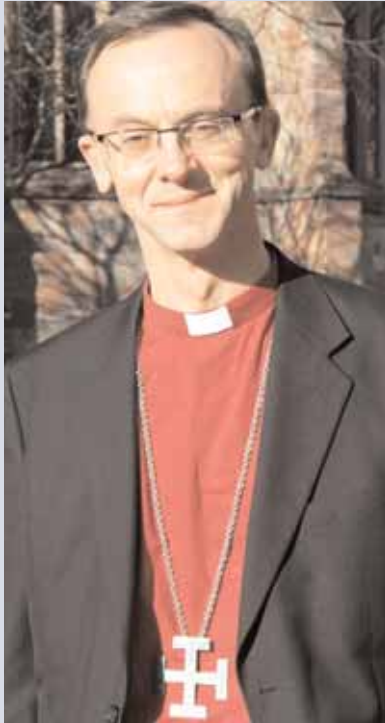
everyone present and promoting the work of the church throughout the diocese in achieving what God wants for all of us.

'Jesus came to bring life in all its fullness,' he reflects, 'I want everyone to be able to experience that fullness of life in Him. Human flourishing is what God wants and what the church should be about. That's what I work and pray for.' He comments that the Church of England is one of the few organisations involved in every community up and down the land: it has great potential to be alongside people in Christ's name in all sorts of ways, from prison visiting to lunch clubs for the elderly, from providing primary education for a quarter of the nation's children to offering lively and enlivening worship in its churches.

Bishop John is delighted to be in a diocese which is one of the few that is growing in worshipping population and believes that the future is bright for the Church of England. He is looking forward to the Diocesan Assembly planned for July 2008, which he thinks will be a great opportunity to focus

thought and for him a great opportunity to get to know people.

As I leave Bishop John's office, I am filled with a strong sense that the Malverns or any other of the beautiful hills around our Diocese won't be much of a challenge for our new cycling bishop, whose enthusiasm and enlivening commitment would carry him up any tricky incline.



People

The Bishop's Chaplain – The Revd Andrew White

Many of you will know that Andrew came to the Diocese in 1998. He spent six and a half years as Vicar within the Droitwich Team, before moving to Hartlebury to be Priest in Charge of the Parish and Chaplain to Bishop Peter. Sorry to be leaving the people of Hartlebury as their parish priest for nearly three years, but delighted to leave them in the safe hands of Peter Kerr, who is swapping his half time role as an advisor to the Bishop. Andrew has already begun work full time behind the scenes with Bishop John. He has smoothed the path of his induction into the Diocese and is working on preparation for the Enthronement. Andrew said that 'It's a privilege to be in a post centred on enabling the ministry of another. 'If I can make Bishop John's job a little easier, then he can spend more time helping to make the ministry of the diocese more fruitful'.

Andrew, Bishop John and his secretary Emma Woollaston are now all working in Worcester, awaiting their move into the Old Palace later this year.



Congratulations to...

The Revd Margie Schutte who was licensed as Chaplain to HMP Brockhill and Hewell Grange at Hewell Grange in January.

The Revd Roger Watson, who was licensed as Chaplain to the Beauchamp Community in January.

The Revd Canon Peter Kerr, currently Priest in Charge of Ombersley with Doverdale and the Bishop's Theological Advisor, is to remain Priest in Charge of Ombersley with Doverdale and also become Priest in Charge of Hartlebury, St James.

The Revd Louise Grace, currently Rector of Teme Valley South is also to become the Rural Dean of Stourport.

Retirement News

The Venerable Mark Dalby, previously Chaplain to the Beauchamp Community (Worcester) retired on 30th November 2007.

Leadership through the Lens of Service



Having arrived in Worcester at Christmastide I have spent these past few weeks meeting as many people as I can and, though this is supposed to be the ‘calm before the storm’, life has been quite busy. Amidst that busyness the overriding impression that Denise and I have gained of the Diocese is one of immense warmth and friendliness and we already feel happily settled here. We are enormously grateful for the good wishes and prayers of so many of you both prior and subsequent to our arrival.

The beginning of my ‘public’ ministry will be marked by my ‘Enthronement’ on St David’s Day. Some bishops choose not to use the term ‘enthronement’ since they feel it to be a bit grand. They opt instead for an instalment (which I’ve never liked since it makes me feel a bit like a washing machine) or some other circuitous

phraseology like ‘the inauguration of episcopal ministry’. I decided to use the traditional term of enthronement since that is what it is: the focus of the occasion is the seating of the bishop in his ‘cathedra’, or teaching chair.

However, I want this occasion – and all my ministry – to be about Christ rather than me, since it is about Christ that the bishop should teach, not only from his ‘cathedra’ but wherever he is. The bishop must teach not only by what he says but by what he does and, like every Christian, must endeavour, with the help of God’s Holy Spirit, to become Christ-like. To symbolise this at the Enthronement, I shall not only be seated in the ‘cathedra’ so as to be established as a teacher and leader, but will also follow Christ’s example of washing feet.

I hope that this can be a reminder to us all that, for the Christian, leadership must always be seen through the lens of service, as must all of life. As Jesus has made clear, whoever would be great must be the servant of all. I hope and pray that all of us who acknowledge Christ as Lord will be enabled by His Spirit to serve all those with whom we come into contact and so to make His love known to a broken world.

Bishop John

Dudley Circles



Archdeacon of Dudley is a member of the Steering Group, he says:

"I am very pleased to be involved with Dudley Circles both as a long time supporter of the Children's Society and as someone concerned about the well-being of vulnerable young people in the Dudley area. Justice and restoration are at the heart of our faith. This project has the potential to rescue many young people from acquiring a criminal record and guide them into a deeper understanding of the origins and consequences of their actions."

Dudley Circles, a new project funded by the Children's Society and the Youth Justice Board was launched in May 2007. It aims are to reduce the numbers of children in care who get into trouble with the law, reduce the numbers of first time entrants into the the criminal justice system, and help with the reduction of truancy and exclusion rates in schools. The project works closely with Social Services, Children's and Youth Services and Youth Offending Teams and is funded to work with residential staff, foster carers and schools. Working using restorative justice the project has two main areas of work; to provide training sessions in restorative practices for staff of children's homes in the Borough and to accept referrals of young people who have been involved in an offence and facilitate a restorative conferencing service that brings together all who have been affected in that offence. The person who committed the offence is given the opportunity to accept responsibility and explain why they committed it. The victim is supported to talk about the impact of the crime and to participate fully in the resolution of the conflict. Together, the person who caused harm and those harmed, agree a way forward and a way in which the harm can be repaired.

The Diocese of Worcester is involved in this project through its work with the Children's Society. The Venerable Fred Trethewey the



Photographs modelled for The Children's Society

'The Responsibility is Ours'

Over 100 people from all corners of England and Wales attended the 'Responsibility is Ours' conference in Bromsgrove in November 2007. The conference, organized by the Diocesan Criminal Justice Advisory Group, served to launch the group within the criminal Justice System.

The aim of the conference was to explore the implications of the Faith and Community and Voluntary Sector Alliance, which impacts on people throughout all parishes and communities. Some of the workshops, included Faith Action, Volunteering, and family support.

Pastor Richard Taylor, established author of 'To catch a Thief', BBC presenter and motivational speaker was invited to set the scene for the day, as he talked about his own life of drug addiction and crime, and how through faith he was able to move forward, putting the past behind him. He spoke of how he might have been helped at an earlier stage by community interventions.

Mike Moffat, the Christians Against Poverty Centre Manager from Solihull, talked about the work of his church based agency which offers support and financial guidance, and demonstrated in a practical



way how prisoners' families can feel supported by their local church and community. Nathan Dick, the National Community Chaplaincy Development Officer encouraged faith groups and community groups to work together to provide a holistic

approach to supporting offenders and ex-offenders in the communities in which they live. The community chaplaincy project was born from a need to help reduce re-offending by reintegrating ex-offenders back in to their local communities.

The criminal justice agencies are keen to include the Diocese as an equal partner, which will provide many opportunities to take the voice of the Church of England into this arena. A forum has now been created where the voice of the Worcester Diocese can be heard and listened to, and there is an opportunity for parishes to respond by reacting to concerns about justice issues in the local communities.

Worcester Cathedral

Services Daily (except Wednesday):

7.30am Matins, 8am Holy Communion, 5.30pm Evensong (except Thursday when Evening Prayer is said).

Tuesday: 1.05pm Prayers for Healing.

Wednesday: 8am Matins, 8.30am Holy Communion, 1.05pm Holy Communion: Friday 11.30am Holy Communion.

Sunday Services

7.30am Matins and 8am Holy Communion, 10.30am The Cathedral Eucharist, 4pm Evensong, 6.30pm Compline.

For further details contact the Chapter Office: 01905 28854, info@worcestercathedral.org.uk

Details of all events and services can be found at www.cofe-worcester.co.uk

Services in Worcester Cathedral During Holy Week 2008

16th March - Palm Sunday

7.30 am	Morning Prayer
8.00 am	Holy Communion
10.30 am	Palm Sunday Eucharist
4.00 pm	Choral Evensong
6.30 pm	Evening Service for Palm Sunday

17th – 19th March - Monday - Wednesday of Holy Week

7.30 am	Morning Prayer (8.00 am – Wednesday)
8.00 am	Holy Communion (8.30 am – Wednesday)
1.05 pm (Tuesday)	Prayers for Healing
1.05 pm (Wednesday)	Holy Communion
5.30 pm	Choral Evensong
7.30 pm	Sung Compline

20th March - Maundy Thursday

7.30 am	Morning Prayer
8.00 am	Holy Communion
12.00 noon	Diocesan Chrism Eucharist with Blessing of the Oils
5.30 pm	Evening Prayer
7.30 pm	Maundy Thursday Eucharist and watch of the Passion

21st March Good Friday

7.30 am	Morning Prayer and Litany
10.00 am	Children's Good Friday Service
12.00-2.00 pm	Good Friday Devotion
2.00 pm	The Good Friday Liturgy
5.30 pm	Evening Prayer
7.30 pm	Meditation in words and music for Good Friday

22nd March Holy Saturday

7.30 am	Morning Prayer
5.30 pm	Evening Prayer
10.30 pm	The Easter Vigil and first Eucharist of Easter

23rd March Easter Day

7.30 am	Morning Prayer
8.00 am	Holy Communion
10.30 am	The Cathedral Eucharist
4.00 pm	Choral Evensong
6.30 pm	Music and Readings for Eastertide

Events at the Cathedral

4 – 16 March – Exhibition – In Other People's Skins' – Virtual Last Supper. An interactive artwork by Terry Flaxton. You enter a space. There is a table with chairs around it. A meal is in progress and as you approach the table you can see twelve mysterious diners – virtual diners, projected images which play upon the surface of the table. You are invited to take a place at the table, to join in or simply observe, and to inhabit for a moment Other People's Skins. (South Transept)

10 – 31 March – Exhibition by Malvern Art Club (Dean's Chapel)

Thursday 13 March – 7.30pm – 'Music for Passiontide'.

A concert by St Mary's Convent, Worcester. Programme to include Stabat Mater, Brahms, Liszt and Ballard. Further information and tickets from the school – 01905 357786

Saturday 15 March – 7.30pm – Spring concert by Worcester Festival Choral Society.

Programme to include Orff – Carmina Burana, Walton – Prelude for Orchestra 'Granada'. Vaughan Williams – Five Mystical Songs. Tickets £20 - £5 with concessions) from Worcester Live Box Office 01905 611427.

Advance Notice

ST WULFSTAN DAY SCHOOL

Friday 30th May

10.00am – 5.15pm

A series of four talks to be held in the King's School Theatre

Worcester: The Cathedral and City at the time of Wulfstan

(Christopher Guy, Worcester Cathedral Archaeologist)

The Anglo-Saxon Churches of the historic Diocese of Worcester (Tim Bridges)

St Wulfstan: His Life and Times

(Professor Nicholas Brooks, University of Birmingham)

The Legacy of St Wulfstan

(Dr Katherine Lack)

Price: £20 including tea, coffee and packed lunch.

Forms are available on the Welcome Desk.

Prior booking through the Cathedral Chapter Office, 10A CollegeGreen, Worcester, WR1 2LH, tel 01905 28854, www.worcestercathedral.co.uk is essential.

Events in March

Events at Holland House in March

2 Mothering Sunday Afternoon Simnel Cake Tea Party and discussion of 'Lent and Easter Wisdom from Thomas Merton' 3pm. £3.

10-11 Quiet Days. Canon David Tilley. £21 per day. Seeing the Passion. Looking at the Passion of Jesus (overnight package £88).

19 "Father and Son – Son and Father" by Sinai Productions. Followed by Middle Eastern light buffet. £10.

Faith that Dares to Speakfor the Church to have a future

Three dinners: 31 March: The Revd Canon Adrian Slade. The Line in the Sand. Christian ethics in the world today. 28 April: The Revd Canon Jane Fraser Sexuality ... stepping over the line? 26 May: Canon Peter Middlemiss The end of the line. Final thoughts on the Laity. £10.

More information from Holland House 01386 860330, laycentre@hollandhouse.org or www.hollandhouse.org.

Advance Notices

Sunday Afternoon Organ Music at Holy Trinity Parish Church, Wordsley, Stourbridge - Monthly Series with Paul Carr.

First Sunday in each month at 3pm. Admission free. A retiring collection is taken to assist in funding the care and maintenance of the instrument. A view of the organ console is usually projected onto a large screen at the front of the church, giving excellent views of the performer. More information: www.paulcarr.co.uk.

Sunday 2 March: Transcriptions – A programme of music not originally written for the organ.

Sunday 6 April: Variations – Various themes treated in interesting ways ranging from Sweelinck in the sixteenth century to Briggs in the twenty-first century.

Sunday 4th May: English Organ Music – including works by Walton, Whitlock and Elgar.

Fashion Show arranged by the Bromsgrove Anglican Group - Wednesday 2 April

..... 7.30.p.m. at St. Godwald's Church, Finstall. Fashion Show by Gillian Pinfield of Spring and Summer clothes to view or buy while drinking a glass of wine. Tickets £5.40.

Julian Singers." Music and Words" Concert on 12 April

..... at St. Martin's Church, London Road, at 7.30pm. Sheila Quine conductor, Richard Quine Baritone, John Wilderspin and with readings by Gabrielle Bullock. Tickets £8 with a glass of wine. More information: 01905 350773.

Peru Links Celebration

Saturday, 12 April in St Michael and All Angels Parish Rooms, Stourport.

Bromsgrove Festival Art Exhibition

From Friday April 25 to Sun May 4, All Saints' Church, Bromsgrove will be hosting the Bromsgrove Festival Art Exhibition. About 150 artists from all over the West Midlands will be exhibiting, representing the large variety of Art Societies in the region. There will be a good

range of paintings and drawings together with a small amount of needlework, calligraphy and sculpture. Hours of opening are from 10am to 5pm, with temporary closure on Sunday mornings for the church service. To exhibit contact Tony Turpin on 01527 876659.

"Raising the Roof"

A flower demonstration by Sheila Hand at St Mary & St Milburgh, Offenham Nr Evesham on 25 April 2008 at 7.30pm. Tickets £7 to include a glass of wine & nibbles. All proceeds for the Church Roof Appeal. More information 01386 832676.

Teme Valley South at St Mary's Church Kyre

Still Waters Quiet Times vary in style but can be experienced as afternoons, single sessions or just drop in for as long as you wish. They are an opportunity for stillness and reflection for visitors of any faith or none. No booking is required and there is no charge for the days; on these days the surroundings gardens are also available for our use. Hot drinks are available all day in the Lady Chapel.

Planned Still Waters Quiet Times are on the Theme 'Stillness'. Join us on:

Sunday 27 April

Welcome from 2pm; 1st session 14.30-15.45

Sunday 22 June

15.45-16.15 space gives time for welcome

Sunday 14 September

before the 2nd session 16.15-17.30

Monday 19 May

Monday 21 July

1830-1930 drop into quiet

St Mary's Church is next to Kyre Park Gardens signposted from the B4214 Tenbury to Bromyard.

Churches Together in Bromsgrove – Forthcoming Event:

May 2-5 CTIB visit to Holland and Bulb Fields at Keukenhof, and to Amsterdam. More information and to book contact Kath Halfpenny as soon as possible 01527 873100.

Henry Fairs

.....organist at All Saints Church Bromsgrove, is performing a number of concerts of the work of Messiaen at the University of Birmingham on Sunday afternoons in the Great Hall at 3pm. Forthcoming dates are May 4, October 19, Nov 2, Dec 7. Admission at the door: £9, (concessions £4, students £2). More information: The Barber Institute on 0121 414 7333, Fairs is an organist of international repute, performing in Britain, Europe and America.

Join St Richard's Hospice on our 24th annual Malvern Hills walk

Please join us on our 24th annual walk on the beautiful Malvern Hills on Saturday, 17th May. This is one of our biggest annual fundraising events, with hundreds of walkers raising £25,000 in sponsorship last year. The event is suitable for all the family with 2, 5, or 11 mile walks. Please call the Fundraising Department for registration forms on 01905 763963 or email FundraisingAssist@strichards.org.uk

Flower Festival at Pedmore

St Peter's Church, Pedmore is to hold a Flower Festival on Friday, 13 June – Sunday 15 June 2008. More information from Mary Taylor 01562 883334.

Classified

Israel, Jordan and Sinai – 10 days in November 2008 with Canon Mel Smith

Three quiet and relaxed days in the Galilee around the Lake, daily Eucharist at different sites, into Jordan to Mount Nebo, Petra and Wadi Rum, on to climb Mount Sinai and watch dawn break, visit Saint Catherine's Monastery. Cost approx. £1,000 incl flights, half board, air conditioned coach travel, licensed guides, all entrance fees and tips. Information leaflets from Mel Smith, the Old Palace, Deansway, Worcester WR1 2JE. Please enclose a stamped, self addressed envelope.

Want to join our parish pilgrimage?

Parishioners of Claines will be on pilgrimage just before Easter 2009,

and we thought you might like to come along.

We will be visiting Galilee and the places associated with Jesus' ministry. Then we move to Jordan where we visit Jerash, one of the cities of the Decapolis, together with Mount Nebo, Madaba, Bethany beyond Jordan and Petra. Finally we will travel to Jerusalem and Bethlehem, visiting historic sites of pilgrimage, and meeting and worshipping with Christians who live in the Holy Land. On Palm Sunday we join with thousands of other Christians from around the world as we process down the Mount of Olives into the old city of Jerusalem.

We are excited about this pilgrimage and the arrangements are now well under way. But there is space if you would like to join us. If you want to

know more about this opportunity please contact Stephen Agnew by e-mail revsmagnew@yahoo.com or telephone 01905 754772. **These trips are organized by individuals not the Diocese of Worcester.**

Benefice Secretary Required

For Hallow and Grimley with Holt to work a minimum of eight hours per week. Basic computer skills and accurate typing essential. More information: Revd Robert Latham on 01905 748711.

Organist/Choir Director Required

At St Mary's, Hurst Hill, Sedgley. Good 2 manual tracker action organ, recently restored. Usual Sunday Services, occasional offices, and some feast days. More information Revd Elizabeth Smith 01902 883310.

DIARY – March 2008

1 Bach: St John Passion 7.30pm, St George's RC Church Worcester. The Elgar Chorale, conductor Donald Hunt. Tickets from Worcester Live (01905 611427).

2 Mothering Sunday Afternoon at Holland House. (See page 7)

2 Transcriptions – A programme of music not originally written for the organ. Sunday Afternoon Organ Music at Holy Trinity Parish Church, Wordsley, Stourbridge with Paul Carr. (See page 7)

4–16 Exhibition – In Other People's Skins at Worcester Cathedral (see page 6)

7 Women's World Day of Prayer - 10.30am Catshill Baptist Church: with Sheila Lancaster of Evesham. 7.30pm Bromsgrove Baptist Church showing of slides of Guyana.

8 Worcester Diocesan Assembly Forward in Faith AGM. 2pm at St James', Lower Gornal.

10-11 Quiet Days at Holland House. (See page 7)

10-31 Exhibition by Malvern Art Club (Dean's Chapel) (see page 6)

13 Worcs Cursillo. 7.30pm. More information – Sue - 01562 710709.

13 'Music for Passiontide'. At Worcester Cathedral (see page 6).

15 Worcester Festival Choral Society 'Orff Carmina Burana' at Worcester Cathedral (see page 6)

19 "Father and Son – Son and Father" at Holland House. (See page 7)

31 Evesham Deanery Mothers' Union Lady Day Festival Service at All Saints, Evesham 7pm.

31 Faith that Dares to Speakfor the Church to have a future: Dinner: at Holland House. (See page 7)

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