

# WORCESTER Diocesan News



September 2007

## Goodbye Bishop Peter, we'll miss you

**The Right Revd Dr Peter Selby** was installed as the 112th Bishop of Worcester in September 1997. Over the last ten years his Ministry has touched hundreds of people throughout Worcestershire and Dudley. Here are just a few small comments from some of them.



"I was ordained by Bishop Peter in 2000 so I feel that he has 'been there' through key moments in my faith journey. His reflections and wisdom have been an inspiration but so too has his kindness at times when the road was a challenge. I send my prayers and best wishes for a happy retirement."

**Tricia Allsopp, Vicar of St Godwald, Finstall and Rural Dean of Bromsgrove**

"Bishop Peter is a man of enormous intellectual calibre and tremendous human warmth, often both affirming and challenging in the same breath. Most achieve at best one of those; his double gift has won him the affections of the wide spectrum of people privileged to cross his path."

**Bishop David**

"Taking each other as given by God in his Church is the context in which Bishop Peter has encouraged us all to ask rigorous questions about the way in which the Church should be renewed in mission and ministry to those who are not, or not yet, the Church's members. We thank God for giving Bishop Peter to us."

**Robert Higham, Diocesan Secretary**

"When we got confirmed it was a really good experience and knowing that it was the Bishop's last made it even more special."

**Ben Lambert and Sam Ryan from St. Nicholas Church, Warndon Village**

"I greatly value Bishop Peter as a critical friend - someone I can have an honest, open conversation with, who listens and speaks with a deep personal integrity nurtured by passionate desire for the wholeness of God's people."

**Chris Stuart, Curate in Pershore with Pinvin, Wick and Birlingham**

"Bishop Peter began and ended his ministry at Worcester in prison! Throughout his years here he has had an interest in and a heart for those locked away. He has always been keen to support Chaplains in their work, both as the Bishop to Prisons and as the Bishop of Worcester."

**Jeffrey Hayward, Chaplain at Long Lartin Prison**

"On behalf of the Chapter, Staff and Cathedral Community I wish Bishop Peter and Jan a healthy and fulfilling retirement. Thanking him for his support and wise counsel. We always looked forward to welcoming him to the Cathedral as our 'Visitor' and will miss both of them."

**Les West, Cathedral Steward**

**Say farewell to  
Bishop Peter on  
30 September**

Everyone is welcome to attend a Eucharist at 4pm on Sunday 30 September this year at Worcester Cathedral, to mark Bishop Peter's retirement and give thanks for his ten years of ministry among us

# People

## Ordinations 2007

On 1 July, thirteen people were ordained to serve in parishes across the diocese.

Ordained deacon were: **Angie Duckworth, Christine Holzapfel, Mike Rutter, Bruce Thompson, and Richard Harding.**

Ordained priest were: **Linda Bedford, Ruth Mary Heeley, Keith Johnson, Geoffrey Moore, Sheila Rosenthal, Andrew Stand, Christopher Stuart and Brother Nicholas Alan.**



## New Readers licensed

Eight people from across the diocese were admitted to the office of Reader on Saturday 16 June in the Cathedral. The Bishop of Dudley conducted the service, licensing the following individuals to minister in their home parishes:

**Rose Butt, Julia Davies, Libby James, Lisa Manser, Mary Newell, Denise Pollock, Jean Smallwood and Pete Thorpe**

## Congratulations...

to **Bishop Peter**, who became an honorary Doctor of Divinity at a service at the University of Birmingham in July.

to the **Revd Canon Peter Kerr**, vicar of Ombersley, who has been appointed Rural Dean of Droitwich. Peter took over from Alistair Fuller on 1 August.

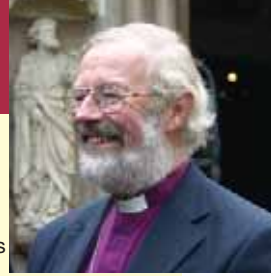
to the **Revd Andrew Hazlewood**, vicar of St Peter's Church, Pedmore, who has been appointed Rural Dean of Stourbridge. Andrew takes over from Simon Falshaw on 1 September.

to the **Revd Stuart Currie**, vicar of St. Stephen's Church in Worcester, who has been elected to represent the diocese at General Synod.

to the **Revd Canon Mark Strange**, who was elected as the 9th Bishop of the United Diocese of Moray, Ross and Caithness in the Church of Scotland. Mark previously served in Worcester as curate at St Barnabas with Christ Church and then as vicar of St Wulstan's.



Downing Street has announced that the **Rt Revd Dr John Inge** will be the next Bishop of Worcester. Bishop John is currently Bishop of Huntingdon in the Diocese of Ely. He will move to Worcester over the Christmas period and will be installed at a service in Worcester Cathedral early next year. More information is available on [www.cofe-worcester.org.uk](http://www.cofe-worcester.org.uk).



## The Art of Transition

It could not be clearer: we are in transition. The overlapping processes of resignation and departure on the one hand and appointment and welcome on the other are a work of art, a moving picture in which we all appear. We have just passed a crucial point in this onward movement: we've always known who was leaving, and now we know who is coming.

It is a movement full of feelings of all sorts. As we move from one diocesan bishop to another, we reflect the onward movement that is so much part of our lives and the lives of all people. Jan and I move south to our new life and Bishop John, with Denise and their daughters come among you to take their part in this onward movement. It's natural enough that our feelings are about the people involved, and the experiences of farewell and welcome: anything important in our life brings intense feeling with it. But the real rejoicing is about the movement, the transition in which we are all caught up, a source of joy to all who recognise that movement for what it is.

This is God's work of art, God's moving picture. We are not caught up in randomness or in a fate over which we have no control

and the direction of which is obscure to us. We are caught up in a movement of love, held in the constant prayer of Jesus to the Father that we may be drawn into the life of his kingdom.

That's the real meaning and the real hope that the movement from one diocesan bishop to another can display: precisely that it is not a sign of abandonment or an occasion of fear, but in fact yet another testimony to the love in which we are all held, a love that is taking us to the glory for which we are made.

How we handle transition is probably the most important way in which we show the difference faith makes to a world in constant transition. The turbulence is real for we are dealing with things that matter profoundly. But there is a still centre in it all, the stillness of a sense of purpose, in which God not only guards the Church but shows that the world's purpose is ultimately secure.

May this month of endings and beginnings be for us all a sign of the movement in which we are involved and the love in which we are held.

### Thanksgivings

*For our diocese, for those who have been part of it and served in it for more than 1300 years.*

*For the lives that have been touched by the Gospel down the generations.*

*For the guidance of the Holy Spirit that has been known in the discernment of Bishop John as the next Bishop of Worcester, and for all who were involved in that discernment.*

### Prayers

*For Bishop John as he prepares to come to the diocese, and for Denise and Eleanor and Olivia, that God will guard them through the turbulence of transition.*

*For Bishop David as he prepares to hold the responsibility of the diocese during the vacancy.*

*For all who move on to new chapters in their life, and among them, please pray for Jan and me.*

Bishop Peter

# Introducing the Department for Children, Youth and Education

The Board of Education is changing its name! From the 1st September the team will be known as the Department for Children, Youth and Education. It is hoped that this will better reflect the integrated service that those working in the department already provide to meet the needs of all children within the diocese.

The Revd David Morphy, Director of Education explains: "The new name shifts our emphasis slightly and highlights that although school is a major part of the lives of children and young people, it's not everything. As a diocese we have a mission to this

group wherever they happen to be found and in our department we provide services and support to meet the needs of all children and young people in Worcestershire and Dudley."

The change also mirrors the set-up of the local authorities to enable the team to work effectively with the relevant government departments. Parishes, schools and youth groups will still be able to access the same services through the department, but officers' skills will be used depending on the needs of the children involved, rather than sticking to their distinct areas of work. This is already happening in many situations as can be seen through the work the Youth Officer, Steve Martin, has been doing with Chaddesley Corbett School.

The department is based in the diocesan offices and is available to help anyone working with children and young people in a Christian context. If you would

like to contact them, call 01905 732825 or email [education@cofe-worcester.org.uk](mailto:education@cofe-worcester.org.uk).



## Case study: Chaddesley Corbett School

Youth Officer Steve Martin has been working with Chaddesley Corbett Endowed First School to help them build a closer relationship with St. Cassian's church, their next door neighbour. Although it isn't a church school, the school was keen to engage with the parish and Steve has helped the children to put together two services to lead the church in worship on Sunday mornings.

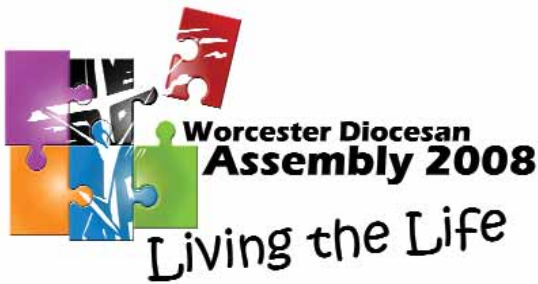
Steve said: "Churches often don't feel they have any young people in church, yet they generally don't engage with their local school other than at harvest festival or the Christmas carol service. I wanted to show that the children could lead other types of service and it would still be a religious experience – not just kids jumping around."

At Chaddesley Corbett, children from every year were enthusiastically involved in the

preparation, whether through dramatising the reading, presenting prayers or working with Drumlove. A third of the school took part and all the teachers were also present in church on the Sunday morning. Chaddesley Corbett vicar, the Revd John Cox, said: "It really was the children leading the service and ministering to the congregation.

They brought the school into church and presented a completely new way to worship. Lots of people have said how much they enjoyed it, the enthusiasm of the children and the atmosphere were really uplifting and it was a spiritually refreshing and meaningful service."





The booking period for Assembly 2008 is now well and truly open, so if you'd like to come along, don't forget to get a booking form from your PCC Secretary. There will be activities for children and young people of all ages so families are very welcome as well as individuals and couples!

Obviously not everyone will be able to come to the weekend next July, but we hope that lots more of you will take part in the other events planned in the run up to the Assembly. Please put the Candlemas celebration in the cathedral on 2 February in your diary – more information will be available on this soon. At the end of this month you will also be able to begin ordering the diocesan Lent Course, Living the Life 2008.

The Lent Course will run over five weeks and will follow the themes of the Assembly: Worship God, rid the world of poverty, care for the earth, build inclusive communities and share the gospel/ help people to faith. It's completely free and is suitable for both small and larger groups as well as those who run ecumenical Lent courses. Don't forget that Lent is very early next year, so make sure you order in plenty of time by emailing: [Assembly08@cofe-worcester.org.uk](mailto:Assembly08@cofe-worcester.org.uk).

### Bishops Certificate Course 2007-2008

Have you been meaning to do this course but haven't got round to ringing up?

There are several courses about to start in different parts of the diocese including Worcester, Kingswinford, Bromsgrove and Redditch. There may still be places available - if you'd like to check please contact Judy Baker:

[jbaker@cofe-worcester.org.uk](mailto:jbaker@cofe-worcester.org.uk) or 01905 732812.

Or if a group of you are interested in learning together there's still time to organise a course in your area. Again contact Judy Baker or the Revd Stephen Winter [swinter@cofe-worcester.org.uk](mailto:swinter@cofe-worcester.org.uk).

The course runs for a whole school year, one evening a week during term time and costs only £20 for materials.

### Badsey's German visit

In May, eight people from the benefice of Badsey with Aldington, Offenham and Bretforton visited their partnership churches in Halberstadt Ost region, part of the Magdeburg link. During their stay the group visited the Frauenkirche in Dresden for a service of reconciliation as well as having a good social time.

The culmination of the trip was a joint Eucharist at which two stoles made by the group were presented. The stoles are green with the partnership logo, which comprises a bridge (**British Deutsche Gemeindearbeit**), a rainbow, the dove of peace and an apple tree. Apple trees have been planted in both countries as a reminder of the friendship with another planted after the service in the churchyard at Hausneindorf.



# 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](http://www.cofe-worcester.co.uk)

## Events at the Cathedral

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### 8 September

#### Heritage Open Day

10am – 4pm.

Free events in and around the Cathedral, and places not normally open to the public. More information: 01905 28854.

### 10–30 September

#### Exhibition: Faith to Faith

DASH Arts exhibition and workshop for young people emerging from a year long photography project run in five faith schools.

### Turn up for a Tour

#### Monday to Saturday

11am and 2.30pm until end of October.

Tickets £3, accompanied children free.

Pay at the Cathedral Gift Shop prior to the tour and meet your guide in the Cloisters, outside the shop.



## “Stand Up and Speak Out”

is an anti-poverty event taking place from 10pm on 16 October to 10pm on 17 October. The UN and Global Call to Action against Poverty are hoping that this year 50 million people will take part, with congregations standing while a pledge is read, either by a whole group or by the service leader. The action is part of the global week of action on debt from 15 – 21 October.

Service materials, including information about the context of the action and the pledge statement, will be available from Maranda St John Nicolle, World Development Adviser for the Diocese of Oxford on 01865 378059 or [ccowinfo@fish.co.uk](mailto:ccowinfo@fish.co.uk). Some churches are considering incorporating their “Stand Up” event with a performance of the Poverty Requiem, a musical piece for 4 choirs (children’s, general mixed, male and one open to all). Details at [www.povertyrequiem.org](http://www.povertyrequiem.org).

# Advance Notices

## Concerts given by the Pearl of Africa Children's Choir from Uganda

- St James Church, Eve Hill, Dudley,

**Monday 1 October**

- St Marks Church, Pensnett,

**Wednesday 3 October**

7.15pm. Traditional Ugandan song and dance with infectious rhythm and enthusiastic vocal. These AIDS orphans are ambassadors for hundreds and hundreds of similar children back home in Uganda. Any collections taken will help better the lives of these children.

## Surplus Cassocks – re-scheduled concert

Halesowen Church, **Thursday 4 October**. Tickets: adults £7, under 16s free, from 0121 550 2190, 0121 550 3705, 0121 550 2190, Traidcraft Shop in Church or pay at the door. More information: G Knowles 0121 550 2190.

## Jazz at Little Malvern Priory with Perdido Street Quartet.

**21 October** at 3pm. Admission free. Retiring collection for Malvern Women's Refuge.

## Droitwich Salvation Army Band and Songsters

St Matthias and George, Astwood Bank, **3 November**, 7pm. Tickets £5. Proceeds to Church and local Royal British Legion.

## Andalucian Holiday: 13 to 22 November

Escorted trip visiting Granada (The Alhambra), Cordoba (The Mezquita), Nerja, Mijas and Antequera. Half-board in a four star hotel. £684 per person sharing a double or twin room. Proceeds to St James Church, West Malvern and the MS Society. More information: Mrs Sue Jacquet, 01684 574561, SueJacquet@aol.com. Please enter as subject "Diocesan News".

## Jesus for the Non-Religious

John Selby Spong, retired Bishop from New Jersey, USA will speak at St Matthias Church, Malvern Link on **Monday 15 October**, 7.30pm. Bishop Spong is author of best selling books, including: Rescuing the Bible from Fundamentalism, Why Christianity Must Change or Die and Jesus for the Non-Religious. Tickets £10 (£8 for Progressive Christianity Network members). Contact Peter Knight: 01684 566054, repeterknight@hotmail.com.

## Worcester Diocesan Anglican Cursillo

The next Cursillo Weekend takes place at Holland House from Thursday evening, **4 October to Sunday 7 October**. Information: R. Heeley 0121 550 7622  
robert.heeley@homecall.co.uk

## Retired Clergy Association – Meet our new

Dean. **Thursday 18 October**, 10.45am, Severn Room, Old Palace. The Very Revd Peter Atkinson will share experiences and his hopes for his ministry in Worcester. Coffee from 10.30am. All retired clergy, their husbands and wives, clergy widows and widowers are welcome. More information: the Rt Revd Christopher Mayfield, 01905 764822, caroline@mayfieldc.freeserve.co.uk.

## Harvest: Food Farming and the Churches

Diocesan Board for Mission, **Saturday 6 October**. The Revd Prof. Tim Gorringe of Exeter University will stimulate and challenge us. At the Old Palace, Deansway, Worcester. To book contact: Margaret Rutter mrutter@cofe-worcester.org.uk, 01905 732816

## Classified

### Two-manual Earlham Electronic Organ

With pedalboard and speaker, in working order. Would make a good practice instrument. Dimensions approx 1140mm x 1420mm x 1140mm. Freely given but donation to World Vision will be invited. 'Buyer' collects. More information: 01684 833152, wendythom@gmail.com.

### Free Clerical Clothing

- Clerical cloak. Suitable for person approx 5'9" tall.
- A Wippells double fronted alb with hood, suitable for person

5'9" tall, with generous girth.

Can be fastened to left or right.

- 2 dark grey Hammand and Harper clerical shirts, collar size 17". One still in wrapping.
  - Wide white cotton surplice.
- More information: Judith Grubb on: 0121 707 1806, judithgrubb1@btinternet.com.

### USPG

We are now calling ourselves USP: Anglicans in World Mission and can be contacted at: USP: Anglicans in World Mission, 200 Great Dover Street, London SE1 4YB, 0845 273 1701,

enquiries@uspg.org.uk,  
www.uspg.org.uk

### Every child deserves a good childhood this Christingle

The Children's Society is calling on people to come together between Advent and Candlemas to hold a Christingle service. Last year over £1.2 million was raised through Christingle helping the charity to defend, safeguard and protect the childhood of disadvantaged children. Call 0845 300 1128 for your free Create-a-Christingle pack or visit [www.christingle.org](http://www.christingle.org)

# Diary - September 2007

**31-2 September – Creative Arts Retreat Movement poetry and prayer retreat** at Holland House. Appreciate poetry, and find rest and reflection. £108 full-board. More information: 01386 860330, [www.hollandhouse.org](http://www.hollandhouse.org) or [laycentre@hollandhouse.org](mailto:laycentre@hollandhouse.org).

**1-2 – Flower Festival**, St Mary's Church, Himbleton. Garden walk on Sat only. Entrance £2.50, refreshments.

**2 – Sunday Afternoon Organ Music**, Holy Trinity Parish Church, Wordsley, Stourbridge by Paul Carr. 3pm. Toccata from composers incl Widor, J S Bach, Lanquetuit, Gigout.

**2 – Service of thanksgiving and blessing for animals and their carers**. All Saints, Evesham, 3.30pm

**8 – 'King of Instruments' a visual presentation with words and music**, St Philip's Church, Webheath, Redditch. By Trevor Tipple, Organ Builder and Director of Music at St Martin's Church, Worcester. 7.30pm. Admission £3 (conc. £2). More information: 01527 544068.

**8 – Fun Day at Holy Trinity, Old Hill**. All are invited to visit and enjoy barbecue lunch, bouncy castle, face painting and a programme of music. More information: Len 01384 412164.

**8 – Open day at St. Matthias' Church**, Church Road, Malvern Link WR14 1NP  
10am – 4pm. Lots to see and do, café, children's area and wheelchair access. Admission free. More info: [www.malvernlinkwithcowleigh.com](http://www.malvernlinkwithcowleigh.com)

**8-9 – Grand Scarecrow Festival**, Powick and Callow End. More information: Peter Gedge 01905 831089.

**8-9 – Heritage Open Weekend featuring Malvern's Victorian Churches**. 15 buildings of all denominations open at various times. More information: Malvern Tourist Information or [www.heritageopendays.org.uk](http://www.heritageopendays.org.uk).

**9 – Dodford Church Centenary**. As part of a series of events celebrating the Grade II\* Listed Church, a Folk Service led by a local group is taking place at 10am.

**9 – Still Waters Quiet Garden Day** at Kyre church, next to Kyre Park on B4214 between Tenbury and Bromyard. 2.30-5.30pm. More information: Maggie Kingston 01885 410431.

**14 – Wine and cheese evening** with illustrated talk by Chris Smith on his 16,500 mile cycle ride from Bewdley to Beijing. Abberley Village Hall, 7.30 p.m. Tickets £7 (incl glass of wine), from Muriel Nott: 01299 896392, [hafcoglan@aol.com](mailto:hafcoglan@aol.com).

**15 – Thomas Trotter: Organ Recital in support of World Vision's project in Ethiopia**. St Mary's Church, Longdon on the new Rodgers three-manual digital organ. Programme incl. Bach, Ligeti, Widor, Thalben-Ball and Vierne. Tickets £25, incl. wine and canapés, available from Wendy Thompson: 01684 833152, [wendythom@gmail.com](mailto:wendythom@gmail.com).

**15 – Last Night of the Proms** with The Magdalene Orchestra at St George's Church, Barbourne, Worcester, 7.30pm. Tickets: £8, conc. £6, under 16s free. From Worcester Live Box Office: 01905 611427 or on the door.

**18 – 'Women in the Life of the Bridegroom' – women in the Gospel of John** at Holland House, 11–12.30pm (also subsequent Tuesdays). Led by Liz Palin. £3 per week. More information: 01386 860330, [www.hollandhouse.org](http://www.hollandhouse.org) or [laycentre@hollandhouse.org](mailto:laycentre@hollandhouse.org).

**24 – Drop into silence day** led by Sue Rawlinson at Holland House 10–4pm. No charge – drop in a donation! More information: 01386 860330, [www.hollandhouse.org](http://www.hollandhouse.org) or [laycentre@hollandhouse.org](mailto:laycentre@hollandhouse.org).

**25 – "I'm not lost, I'm just not sure where I am"**. Humorous observations of a hill farmer on visitors to the Peak District from Mr Peter Slack. 10.30am, Abberley Village Hall. Tickets £12.50 (incl coffee and lunch). More information: Sue Manning 01299 896554.

**29 – Orchestral Concert**, 7.30pm, featuring Beethoven's Violin Concerto, soloist Rhys Watkins from the LSO, at St Peter's Church, Inkberrow. Tickets £7.50 from Mrs Powis 01386 792909. More information: [www.cofe-inkberrow.org.uk](http://www.cofe-inkberrow.org.uk).

**29 – "Climate for Change"** – a Malvern Link with Cowleigh Mission Day in The Link Room, St Matthias Church, Malvern Link. 10am-2pm Speakers: Dr Stephen Ayling (research scientist) and Revd Dr Caroline Wickens (biblical theologian). With excerpts from Al Gore and lunch.

**29 – St Andrew's Church, Cleeve Prior**, 12noon - 4pm in the village hall, table-top sale, cake stall, refreshments. etc.

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