

- ◆ **Papal Visit:**
Each Parish has now been advised the number of parishioners it can send to the two large scale events in England during the Papal visit. We have 114 places for the Prayer Vigil in Hyde Park on Saturday 18th September (afternoon and evening, it finishes at 9pm) and 35 places for the Papal Mass in Birmingham on Sunday 19th September. For Birmingham we must leave by coach at approximately 5.30am. If you wish to travel to either of these events, please apply in writing (email accepted). Applications must be returned to Fr Paul by 8pm on Sunday 1st August. If you wish to travel with a companion, please make that known on the application, giving names. Please be aware that you will probably not be seated and it will involve walking. In the event of oversubscription ballots will be drawn. Birmingham costs £25, all inclusive, Hyde Park £10 plus travel.
- ◆ **Fr John Elliott:** who has been in Holy Rood since his ordination three years ago has been appointed to another parish. Fr John will therefore be leaving us for his new parish in September. Another priest will be joining us then
- ◆ **Fr William Dun Dery:** a priest from the Diocese of Damogo in Ghana is coming to Holy Rood in the summer. He will be with us from July 26th until August 31st. Fr William first came to us as a student some years ago when we were asked to assist with his preparation for the priesthood. He feels very much at home in Holy Rood and has asked to be with us again for a few weeks.
- ◆ **Parish Meeting:** on Tuesday 20th July at 8pm in the Parish Centre we will have another Open Parish Meeting, official title **Parish In Council**. All Parishioners of Holy Rood are entitled to attend. If there is an item you wish to have on the agenda please put it in writing and post in presbytery door or give to one of the parish team.
- ◆ **The Passage:** Please support the excellent work which The Passage does for the homeless by attending the Garden Party in aid of The Passage which will take place on Wednesday 21st July from 5.30 to 8.30pm. Tickets £25 include buffet supper with wine and soft drinks, live music and prize raffle. Tickets available from The Passage, St Vincent's Centre, Carlisle Place, London SW1P 1NL.
- ◆ **Sponsored Bike 'n Hike:** Saturday 11 September from 10am to 6pm. Raise money for the repair of your local church or chapel by getting sponsorship for cycling or walking between churches in Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire. Anyone can take part and there is a choice of over 600 open churches and chapels for you to visit. Contact Bhaswar Baral on 01923 242312 or 07872027124, email: bhaswar.baral@ntlworld.com
- ◆ **Third World Coffee Shop:** Needs volunteers to do teas on Saturdays. A new rota starts in September. Contact one of the clergy.
- ◆ **Alcoholics Anonymous:** Do you have a drinking problem? Do you want help? Ring 01923 211122. Meetings on Friday at 8pm in the Parish Centre.

Stuart Seaton

Ordination Reception: if you are able to provide some dishes for the ordination reception on Saturday 31st July we will be very grateful. Please consult the lists at the back of the church and indicate what you can bring. Many thanks.

Prayers for Stuart and his family:

In thanksgiving to God and to support Stuart Seaton and his family as he prepares for ordination to the priesthood we will have times of prayer for them. These prayer times are on **Thursday 29th July from 6 –9pm** and on **Friday 30th July from 1pm until 3pm**. Before the exposed Blessed Sacrament we will thank God for calling Stuart to the priesthood and to ask him to guide him always in his priestly ministry. You are welcome to come for as long or as short a time as you are able to.

- ◆ **Parkinsons Disease:** A garden party to raise funds to help those who suffer from Parkinsons Disease will be held on Sunday July 25th at . 2–5pm.in the colourful Mediterranean Garden setting of **131, Hempstead Road, Watford, WD17 3HF** . All Welcome
- ◆ **Parish Camp: Our annual Outdoor event for all the family** Friday 27th August to Monday 30th August 2010. For those who are new to the parish and would like to know more please contact Jackie on 01923 230643 or Rosy on 01923 235348.
- ◆ **SPEC:** is seeking to appoint young men and women for a year-out experience working with children and young people. These full-time volunteers will live as part of the SPEC Community at All Saints Pastoral Centre in London Colney. They will have a particular focus on nurturing faith in young people through dynamic retreats, using games, nature, team-building activities, art, storytelling, dance and much more.Full training will be provided, along with professional accreditation through the YMCA and the opportunity to study for a foundation degree in Youth Ministry. For more information about the SPEC community and for an online application form visit www.spec.org.uk
- ◆ **Funeral:** Tony White of Rosecroft Gardens. Tuesday 27th July at 12 noon . May he rest in peace.
- ◆ **Music by Twilight** starring 'The Manfreds'. Open air concert in Long Lane, Chorleywood. Arrive 6.30pm for picnic. Concert starts at 8pm. Donation £25 admission per ticket. In aid of the Teenage Cancer Trust. To book call Sue on: 01923 282870. Bring your own hamper, chairs, rugs and warm clothes.
- ◆ **Sanctuary@walsingham:** International Youth Prayer Festival, 26-30 August. Please see website for more details: www.youth2000.org.

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