



## ***BISHOP'S NOTICES***

*To Congregations from the Bishop of Edinburgh*

**17 April 2009**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Please remember in your thoughts and prayers Revd Geoffrey Hart who was Licensed as Priest-in-Charge at St Margaret of Scotland, Easter Road, Edinburgh on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April.

### **CLIMATE CHANGE RALLY – WEDNESDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> APRIL**

2009 is a pivotal time for climate change legislation. We are counting down to the talks in Copenhagen in December where world leaders will agree on future global emissions reductions. For many, this is seen as our last chance to get the world's greenhouse gas emissions under control - if we don't manage it this time we may have to deal with the devastating future consequences of runaway climate change. Scotland's Climate Change Bill could act as a lever in negotiations. It is due to become an Act just before Copenhagen, so could set the example for other countries to follow. Scotland could lead the way. With a target of 80% reductions in greenhouse gas emissions by 2050, our Bill is pretty strong, but it still needs toughening to give it more urgency. We need to influence our MSPs to make sure they propose and vote for amendments that sharpen up the Bill.

The Rally seeks to demonstrate to MSPs the widespread public support for a stronger Bill - so we need as many people as possible to turn up and show MSPs that people in Scotland really care.

#### **What's happening?**

The rally is on the **22nd April**, a Wednesday, because this is when most MSPs will be sitting in Scottish Parliament. We need them to understand the strength of public support for a strong Scottish Climate Change Bill so when they come to vote in the first parliamentary debate on the Bill - which will be soon after the Rally - they will vote in favour of a strong Bill.

The rally will start at midday and go on until 2pm. Come to all or part of this but **the crucial time is between 1 - 1.30pm.**

Further information can be found at [www.stopclimatechaos.org/scotland](http://www.stopclimatechaos.org/scotland)

## **DIOCESE OF EDINBURGH STEWARDSHIP**

**Fund Raising Seminar - Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2009**

*St Paul's and St George's, York Place*

Please note that the Fund Raising Conference being arranged by the Diocesan Stewardship Committee for Saturday 25th April has had to be **cancelled** owing to lack numbers. It is hoped that it might be possible to try again in the Autumn. Thanks to those who expressed interest and to those who worked towards this day.

### **INVITATION – SUNDAY 3 May 2009**

**Morningside Parish Church, Edinburgh**

The Presbytery of Edinburgh invites you to 'A Big Sing!' with John Bell on Sunday 3 May 2009 at 6.30pm at Morningside Parish Church, Cluny Gardens/Braid Road. All welcome.

### **GIFFORD LECTURES 2009**

**27, 28, 30 April and 4, 5, 7 May**

Professor Diana Eck will deliver the Gifford Lectures on the theme '**The Age of Pluralism**' at St Cecilia's Hall, Cowgate, Edinburgh at 5.30pm on each of the above dates.

Diana Eck is Professor of Comparative Religion and Indian Studies and the Frederic Wertham Professor of Law and Psychiatry, Harvard University



**To book a place at the Gifford Lectures phone the University on 0131 651 3166**

### **POST-GIFFORD LECTURE DISCUSSION – THURSDAY 7 MAY 2009**

Adventures in Faith and Edinburgh University Chaplaincy Centre  
invite you to a Post-Gifford Lecture Discussion

chaired by

**The Rt Rev Brian Smith**

Thursday May 7<sup>th</sup>, 7.30—9pm

Edinburgh University Chaplaincy Centre, 1 Bristo Square, EH8 9AL

For further information on this event, please contact Adventures in Faith on 0131 538 7033

**PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGED DATE FOR THE CHAIRED DISCUSSION**



## REMINDER: “HOLDING ON”

9<sup>th</sup> May 2009, 10am – 2pm

*Edinburgh International Climbing Arena, Ratho, EH28 8AA*

An event for **12-18 year olds** in the Diocese of Edinburgh to socialise, have fun and to find out about what the Diocese and Province has on offer for young people.

- 2 hours activity including climbing & aerial assault course
- Lunch will be provided
- Cost £10
- Further details and registration on the Diocesan website: [www.edinburgh.anglican.org](http://www.edinburgh.anglican.org)
- Book now to avoid disappointment – places are limited and are filling up fast.

*Preference will be given to young people who have not been involved in the Provincial Youth Network activities as yet.*

[www.eica-ratho.com](http://www.eica-ratho.com)

