



BISHOP'S NOTICES

to Congregations from the Bishop of Edinburgh

7 November 2008

Appointment

The Revd Tembu Rongong was collated as Rector of St Philip and St James' Edinburgh on Thursday 6 November.

Bishop's Secretary maternity cover

£17,517 per annum pro rata

An enthusiastic, proactive person with good IT and PA skills is sought to provide an effective, efficient and confidential secretarial service to the Bishop, and contribute to the administration of the Diocesan Centre. 28 hours per week, with the possibility of more hours if the successful applicant has book-keeping skills.

Application forms and information packs can be obtained from the Diocesan Administrator, 21A Grosvenor Crescent, Edinburgh, EH12 5EL; tel.0131 538 7033; e-mail: office@edinburgh.anglican.org Closing date for completed applications is: Friday 21st November

Support for Orissa

Old St Paul's has supported an Indian charity called 'Olive Branch' since its foundation a few years ago by the Revd Dr Jagat Santra, who was formerly a member of the Old St Paul's ministry team and is now working in India. 'Olive Branch' has been recognized as a charity by the Indian Government, and is run by Jagat with other Orissan Christians. The charity aims to provide basic help – farming equipment, seed, building materials, domestic tools, school equipment - in poor and rural areas of Orissa State, to Hindus as well as Christians. Recent violence by extremists against Christians in Orissa and Karnataka has been widely reported in our press (including an article in The Scotsman on Monday: see <http://thescotsman.scotsmen.com/world/Killed-or-hounded-out-4611121.jp>) The violence has led to very many deaths and more than 50,000 people fleeing their homes and farms. Many are now returning home, but need help to rebuild their lives.

Many people have been praying for this situation and some have asked how they can offer financial help. 'Olive Branch' is trying to raise an initial £10,000 to help 100 families. They will use any donations for direct relief and rebuilding work in affected villages. Donations to support this work can easily be sent via Old St Paul's: c/o Treasurer, 39 Jeffrey St, Edinburgh EH1 1DH, made out to Old St Paul's and marked 'Olive Branch'. Alternatively, Old St Paul's can supply the bank details for transfer of funds to Olive Branch in India.

Please pray for reconciliation and healing between Christians and Hindus in Orissa and Karnataka. Any donations, large or small, will provide direct help for them.

Canon Ian Paton, Old St Paul's (0131 556 3332)

Celtic Christianity and Nature



**An Introduction to Celtic Christianity
with
Dr Mary Low**

**Saturday 29 November
Christ Church Centre
6a Morningside Road, Edinburgh**

**10.30 am - 3.30pm (coffee from 10.00am)
Cost £10 (£5 concession)
Please bring sandwiches to share at lunch.**

**A brief history of Celtic Christianity: the tourist route and the secret places;
the experience of God in and through nature (woods, mountains, water,
sunlight). God of the Elements and the King of Mysteries.
Prayers and traditions from *Carmina Gadelica*.**

Booking form for Celtic Christianity

Name.....
Address.....
.....Post Code.....
Email:.....Tel.....

Please return to: Elspeth Strachan, Adventures in Faith, 21a Grosvenor Crescent,
Edinburgh EH12 5EL; Tel 0131 538 7033; Email: adventures@dioceseofedinburgh.org