

# THE PORCH

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## WEEKDAY SERVICES 28 September to 16 October 2009

From 28 September to 16 October, there will be no weekday services except the Thursday morning communion service at 08:00 until 19 October when we will resume the normal pattern.

## AUTUMN SYMPOSIUM

**21 October 2009 19:30** Within the science establishment, the belief in a 'blind watchmaker' directing the universe in an essentially mechanistic and purposeless way is the orthodoxy. Rupert Sheldrake, a lucid and entertaining speaker, is one of the main opponents of this view, offering an alternative view of evolution. Reading list: *The Presence of the Past and A New Science of Life* by Rupert Sheldrake, published by Icon Books UK. [www.sheldrake.org](http://www.sheldrake.org)

## SWINE FLU AND THE CHALICE AT COMMUNION

We are continuing to follow the Archbishops' and Diocesan advice by not offering the chalice to people's lips during communion to avoid cross contamination. The Archbishops have made it clear that it is perfectly permissible only to take the wafer at communion and not the wine.

**ADULT CONFIRMATION** There is to be a confirmation service at the Old Royal Naval College on Thursday 19 November at 19:30. Jeremy Frost, the ORNC Chaplain, is holding a series of 8 preparation sessions (which began on Tuesday 15 September). If you would like to know more, please contact the Vicar.



"All good gifts around us are sent from Heaven above"

**SPONSORED BIKE RIDE TO MOROCCO** Liz Delap is joining a team to do a virtual bike ride to Morocco in support of a charity supporting education and young people in Africa. More details of the charity and the ride are at the back of the church. Liz hopes that some of the congregation will sponsor her in this venture.

**ADVENT WINDOWS, GREENWICH** Looking ahead to Advent Windows 2009, 15 or so people have signed up for Windows again this year. Please let Gill Moody and Jenny Edmunds if you would like to take part or if you know anybody else who wants to take part.

## BBC ANTIQUES ROADSHOW

1 October 09:30-16:30: Painted Hall, ORNC. Admission free.

**PARISH PASS TO WESTMINSTER ABBEY** We have been issued with a pass which admits up to four adults or young people up to 18 free of charge (children under 11 are free anyway). The pass can be used up to 6 times during a 12-month period. If you are a member of the church and would like to use the pass, please contact Jenny in the Church Office.

**CHRISTMAS SERVICES** Kate Steer has the dates for Christmas services: Nine Lessons and Carols and the Midnight service on Christmas Eve, also Christmas day. We need lots of volunteers for these services, so it would be much appreciated if you could let Kate know if you are able to do one or both of these. It would be great to get this organised now.

**For such a time as this**

**Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.** Matthew 6:33

**Lunch-time recitals (All start at 13:10 unless otherwise stated)**

**Looking forward**

**News from the Diocese**

Thursday 1 October  
Recital: Verity Thirkettle (harp and piano), Matthew McCombie (piano).

**CHORAL EVENSONG**  
Sunday 25 October 18:30, sung by the choir of St Alfege Church.

**BISHOP OF SOUTHWARK TO RETIRE** The Rt Rev Dr Tom Butler, the 9<sup>th</sup> Bishop of Southwark, has announced that he intends to retire as Bishop of Southwark on Friday 5 March 2010, when he reaches the statutory retirement age of 70.

Thursday 8 October  
Recital: Helen Nicholas (piano) performs music by Debussy, Mozart and Mendelssohn.

**CHRISTIAN READING GROUP**  
Wednesday 28 October 2009 19:30-20:30

**ST PAULS CATHEDRAL PUBLIC DEBATES - Money, Integrity and Wellbeing**

*Money: a crisis of value?*  
6 October 18:30-20:00

Saturday 10 October  
Recital: Kiyoka Ohara (flute) and Heejung Kim (piano) perform music by J S Bach, Mozart and Franck.

**CHURCH WORKING PARTY**  
The next Church Working Party will be on Saturday 31 October and again on 28 November.

Meditative Services: Faith and Money, from 4 October to 1 November at 18:00. Leaflets are at the back of church for more information.

Thursday 15 October  
Recital: Kyoko Murai (soprano) and Taro Takeuchi (lute and theorbo); music by Purcell and his contemporaries.

**CARDS FOR GOOD CAUSES**  
Monday 2 November 10:00-16:00  
Cards for Good Causes on sale in the church, until 19 December.

**REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**  
Sunday 8 November 2009

Saturday 17 October  
Recital: Roderick Seed (flute) and Yoon Chung (piano); music by Bach, Fauré, Beethoven (arr. Roderick Seed), and Gaubert.

**Late news**

**Christian Reading Group**, last Wednesday of the month, 19:30-20:30: 28 October, 18 November, 27 January. Contact Kate Steer.

**Dinner and auction of promises**, 14 November in the Hall. Tickets £10 from Jenny Edmunds. More information in November issue of *The Porch*.

**Handel's "Messiah"**: Sunday 13 December 2009, 19:00

*With items to be included in the church notices, contact Chris Todhunter. Deadline: 20:00 Thursday*

*To have people included in Those in Need, or the Departed, in the Service Sheet, contact: Judith Hutchinson*

**READER AND SPA MINISTRY: Open Evenings at Trinity House**

Information Evening about the Southwark Pastoral Auxiliary Ministry (SPA) on Wednesday 11 November 19:30.

Open Evening about Reader Ministry on Tuesday 17 November 18.30-20:00.

See posters at the back of church. Further information from *christine.crenell* @southwark.anglican.org tel 0207 7939 9400

Tuesday 20 October  
Recital: Haydn Symphony No 100.

Thursday 22 October  
Recital: music by Gabrielli, Pachelbel, Byrd and others

Saturday 24 October  
Recital: Ian Dingle (guitar and sax).

Thursday 29 October  
Recital: Mikako Sugamara (piano); music by Schubert and Schumann.

Saturday 31 October  
Recital: Sung-ah Kim (piano).