

## Cathedral Community Notices

**PILGRIMS TOGETHER SOCIAL EVENING**, part of the **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** - Saturday, 23 January 2010, 7-9pm, St Peter's Church, Delce Road, Rochester, social evening to raise funds for the work of the First Step Drop in Centre and Emmaus Medway. Come along and have fun together with family and friends. Enjoy the chance to Line Dance. There will also be an auction of Catherine Staziker's "Super Bowls".

**A Frogensian Christmas Tale** - Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> January, 5.30pm Rochester Cathedral. You are invited to the first public viewing of the widely acclaimed film, "**A Frogensian Christmas Tale**", a modern day take of the nativity story, set in Rochester, written and performed by Frogs, the Cathedral Youth Group. Tickets £3 (£10 family), avail in the crypt after the 10.30 service, / Lisa on 810073 (office hours) / Sugina tel 202898 (evenings). Light refreshments will be available as will DVD's, for sale at £3. Any profit will go to the building project at Gudular, South India. Please come and support our young people and the Cathedral's outreach project in India.

**Rochester Open Christmas 2009** - Quaker Meeting House, Northgate, Rochester. The Quaker Meeting House opened for three days over the Christmas period offering food, shelter and companionship in a festive environment to anyone alone or homeless at Christmas. With support from the Canon Pastor of Rochester Cathedral the event was managed as a shared project. Appeal posters were displayed in a variety of communities and the response was overwhelming. We received more than £600 in goods and cash. Sainsbury in Chatham also provided a large donation of food. We served more than 150 meals over three days to our guests, visitors and volunteers, and provided goody bags of food, toiletries and clothing to more than 40 people in need. The joint project saw 50 volunteers from a wide number of community groups working together to set up and run the event. A very big thank you to everyone involved.

**Palm Crosses** - in preparation for Lent, please return last year's palm crosses to the vergers so that the ashes can be prepared for the services at the Cathedral on Ash Wednesday.

**Confirmation** - contact the Canon Pastor, Philip Hesketh, 202898. Confirmations will take place at the Paschal Vigil on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> April at 5am

**Regular Giving** - if you would like an easy way to make a regular commitment to the work of the Cathedral, you can join our numbered envelope scheme or do a standing order from your bank. Please also consider gift-aiding your regular donation. For forms and further information please see Heather Sinclair or Margaret Ratcliffe.

**New CD** - the Cathedral Choir's new CD, "Sing Alleluia" is available from the Cathedral Welcome Desk, [www.rochestercathedral.org/singalleluia](http://www.rochestercathedral.org/singalleluia), or 01634 810061. Priced at £12.99, features favourites such as I was glad and Zadok the Priest.

**Rob Ryan, the Pioneer Curate** - is in the USA for a 3 week placement with The Church of the Apostles (COTA) in Seattle. The priest leading COTA, Karen Ward, is a pioneer in the Episcopal church with a similar remit to Rob's; that is to engage with people outside the church and create something new. In 7 years Karen has set up COTA, which describes itself as being 'a new church, at home in today's culture and in our neighbourhood as artisans of a new humanity. Our particular gifts for mission centre around monastic community, the creative arts and support for the arts as core means of our spiritual expression.' They do this in a variety of ways and now see 400 people at their services. Rob hopes to learn principles that will be usable in the UK. He would welcome your prayers while away, and flies to Seattle on Wednesday 13th Jan, retuning on Thursday 4th Feb.

# Second Sunday of Epiphany 17th January 2010



08.00

Holy Communion (BCP)

09.45

Choral Mattins (Boys' & Men's Voices)

Responses :

Rose

Psalm :

145: 1 – 7

First Reading :

Isaiah 49: 1 – 7

Te Deum :

Ireland in F

Second Reading :

Acts 16: 11 – 15

Jubilate :

Ireland in F

Hymn :

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10.30

The Cathedral Eucharist

15.15

Evensong and Blessing of the Plough

See separate booklet

