

# THE e-BULLETIN

DIOCESE OF SALISBURY

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**This Sunday is the last Sunday before Advent and the Feast of Christ the King. Thursday is St Andrew's Day.**

## NEWS

- **National News**

### **Serious obstacles**

The Archbishop of Canterbury and Pope Benedict XVI have publicly acknowledged that "serious obstacles" stand in the way of their Churches' cooperating reports BBC News this morning. The Archbishop is on a short visit to Rome. In a joint declaration, they said it was a matter of urgency that talks continue on issues which divide them. It comes amid concerns in the Roman Catholic Church over women bishops and the gay issue. The Common Declaration was signed by Pope Benedict and Dr Williams during a formal audience at the Vatican. **BBC NEWS:** <http://news.bbc.co.uk/go/pr/fr/-/1/hi/uk/6176030.stm>

### **Archbishop attacks BA cross rules**

The Archbishop of York said British Airways' refusal to let a staff member openly wear a cross was "nonsense and urged BA to reconsider its decision. He said the ruling - allowing male Sikh staff to wear turbans and female Muslim staff to wear hijabs, as they cannot be worn under a uniform - was "flawed". **BBC NEWS:** [http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/england/north\\_yorkshire/6166746.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/england/north_yorkshire/6166746.stm)

### **Bishops back student fight for religious freedom on campus**

Some of Britain's most senior religious figures call today for an end to "intolerant and unlawful" attempts to restrict the rights of Christian Unions on university campuses. In a letter to The Times, eight bishops, as well as the former Archbishop of Canterbury, are among those who urge student associations and university authorities to take action to halt the alleged discrimination. Thousands of Christians on campuses across Britain claim that their right to freedom of expression is being challenged by student associations attempting to force Christian Unions to allow anybody, regardless of faith, ethnicity or sexuality, to sit on their ruling committees and to address their meetings. The Christian Unions say that they should be allowed to restrict committee membership to those who share their core beliefs. **THE TIMES:** <http://www.timesonline.co.uk/article/0,,2-2469153.html>

- **News from the Diocese**

### **Reflections on Palestine**

Sharen Green, a journalist who worships in Corfe Mullen, will offer reflections on a three month placement in Palestine on a World Council of Churches programme at St Mary's Church, Winterborne Whitechurch during at the evening service on Sunday 3 December (6.00pm). Following a fascinating, worrying and enlightening time in Palestine Sharen will be talking to groups of clergy, synods and others across the Diocese about the complex situation in the Middle East.

### **New Headteachers welcomed**

Diocesan Education Centre welcomed 14 Headteachers new to their posts in the Diocese this week. Chris Shepperd (DDE) and Gill Hunter (Adviser for School Improvement) led the day which included currently practising headteachers sharing their experiences. Other DEC staff held 'consultancy surgeries' in their particular field. **Visit:** [www.saled.org](http://www.saled.org)

### **Sharing and learning**

Children's Adviser, Janet Delaney will be attending the SW Children & Youth Advisers' Conference in Looe this weekend, an opportunity to bring back good ideas from around the region and spread some of our own to other Dioceses. **Visit:** [www.saled.org](http://www.saled.org)

### **Sarum Link**

The December Sarum Link is now available. This month's edition features the exciting launch of The Centre for Faith and Action in Society (CeFAS). Find out how your church will be better equipped to get involved with social issues! Don't let apathy rule on Fairtrade issues - get behind the campaign to attain Fairtrade status for our Diocese. Skaters take leap of faith in Trowbridge and much more. Pick up your free copy today.

- **News from the Cathedral**

### **Boy Bishop ceremony**

Twelve year old Joseph Wicks, Bishop's Chorister (head chorister) of the Cathedral Choir will assume the role of Boy Bishop during Evensong in the Cathedral on Sunday 10 December. As Boy Bishop, Joseph will lead the prayers, bless the congregation and receive the collection.

### **Voice trials 2007**

The next Voice Trials for children in Years 3 and 4 who would like to join the Cathedral Choir will be held on Saturday 20 January 2007 (boys) and Saturday 3 February 2007 (girls). For the first time this year there will also be a special workshop for prospective candidates and their parents in December. "Becoming a cathedral chorister is a great opportunity for a musically talented child," said David Halls, Director of Music.

### **Hark!**

The Cathedral Choir is performing a special candlelit Christmas celebration concert Hark! The Herald Angels Sing on Friday 15 December at 7.30pm. Tickets are £10.00.

For more information visit: [www.salisburycathedral.org.uk](http://www.salisburycathedral.org.uk)

- **Local News**

### **Furlong growth plans unveiled**

An artist's impression of the new Furlong Centre. A multi-million pound draft proposal to radically reshape Ringwood town centre was unveiled this week. The £4 million plan is expected to create up to 20,000 sq ft of new retail space, public open spaces and town centre residential accommodation in a bid to breathe new life into the area between the Furlong Centre and Market Place. The project is likely to take about a year to complete.

### **Knife survey leads to shock statistics**

An undercover survey has revealed more than one in three Wiltshire traders sold knives to underage teenagers, and three of the offending shops were in Salisbury. Trading Standards Officers at Wiltshire county council carried out the survey during half term week. They visited 54 retailers and found that 19 of those sold a knife to an underage person. It is an offence under the Offensive Weapons Act 1996 to sell knives, blades, axes or any other article with a blade to a person under 16 years old.

### **Fatal crashes claim lives**

Horrific crashes on Dorset roads have claimed 25 lives since April, latest figures have revealed. The tragic deaths of four people in just four days over the last week have highlighted the dangers faced by road users in the county. Head of road policing Rick Dowell stressed the circumstances of each crash were unique and said no common factor is to blame.

### **WATCH OUT FOR THIS:**

Saturday 9 December  
7.30pm  
Edington Priory Church

Bath Philharmonia Chamber Ensemble & Bath Minerva Choir perform an 'An English Christmas' with works by Handel & Vaughan Williams plus Carols for Choir and audience.

### **ON THE MOVE**

Revd Richard Wren, currently permission to officiate (this diocese); to be Voluntary Police Chaplain within the Ramsbury Episcopal Area (this diocese)

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**THEY SAID IT:** Pope Benedict XVI on the assassination Lebanese Maronite Christian politician Pierre Gemayel this week.

"Faced with the dark forces who are trying to destroy the country, I invite all Lebanese to not let themselves be vanquished by hate but instead to try to re-forge national unity, justice and reconciliation and to work together to build a future of peace,"

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