

Episcopal Vicariate of Great Britain and Ireland

*Annual Conference
Pentecost weekend 25-28 May 2007*

‘Behold I Make All Things New’

For many years our Annual Conference has been a force of unity, a chance for the Diocese --and now the Vicariate-- to meet as a whole, for people to share--and grow in --our common faith.

Now we stand at a new threshold, and we can, in the words of one of our parishioners, “ look at this conference, falling as it does at Pentecost, the birthday of the Church, as the rebirth of our community, the birth of the Vicariate, and invoke the Holy Spirit..”

As most of you know, Rye St Antony School informed us with great regret last summer that they can no longer let out the school in the late May Bank Holiday. This was for reasons completely unconnected with events in our Church. We now have to make a new beginning and are extremely fortunate to have found another place for our conference: the Royal Alexandra and Albert School, set in beautiful and extensive grounds not far from Reigate.

The School has gone out of its way to make it possible for us to come, and the charges are extremely reasonable, far less than we could hope to find elsewhere. But they are higher than we are accustomed to., and this will affect some of our people.. In addition we have no access to our sinking fund, so we must start from scratch. If it is to be possible for those who cannot afford the full conference fee to attend, we will have to raise a substantial bursary fund.

This year perhaps more than any other it is important that everyone who wishes to should be able to attend the Conference--to gather together and unite as one body around our Bishop . We have the god-given opportunity to try to make this possible, to be creative in a situation which is new and challenging. Each one of us can play a part, no matter how small

Therefore we hope and ask:

- 1) That those who are able to will give as generously as possible to the Bursary Fund
- 2) That those who cannot afford the full conference fee will be encouraged to apply for help and not be shy about coming forward
- 3) That those who *can* just about pay will do so. If it will help you to pay in installments we will try to make that possible.

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How you can contribute to the Bursary Fund

If you are able to contribute to the Bursary Fund, whatever the amount, we would be grateful if you could send your contribution at your earliest convenience. We are asking this now because we need to know how many people we can help.

Cheques should be made out to:

“Episcopal Vicariate of Great Britain and Ireland”

for one of the following amounts, or whatever you can afford to spare:

£250 £200 £150 £100 £50 £25 £15 £10

If you are applying to attend this year’s conference you may send one cheque to cover both your donation and your registration fee.

Please send your donation to the following address:

***Vicariate Conference
20 Canada Road, London, W3 0NP***

Every donation will help a fellow member of the Vicariate to attend this Conference.. We hope you will contribute as generously as you can.

The Conference Committee

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